



Holy Child Church

240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA



Reverend Bryan B. Wright

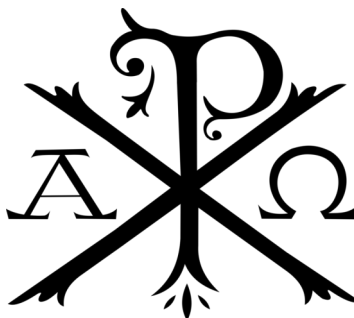
Pastor



Saint Mary of Częstochowa Church

144 St Mary's St, Blossburg, PA

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME July 27, 2025



PARISH OFFICE

Mon, Tue, Fri: 9:30am - 2:30pm
237 S. Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933
Phone: **570-662-3568**
hlychild@ptd.net
holychildparish.com

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

United with the Pope, we the members of Holy Child Parish seek to be a welcoming church, which fosters spiritual development and expresses charity by living in word and deed the life of Christ. Under the leadership of the bishop, our goals are to implement effective ministries through word, worship, and the sacraments, to enhance the spiritual growth of our parish family, and to encourage, through works of love and faith, the unity of the Church.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office to schedule a meeting with the Pastor and to schedule the ceremony.

Reconciliation: Confessions are heard on:

- Saturdays: 2:15-3:00 pm Holy Child Church
- First Fridays: 9:00-10:00 am Holy Child Church
- First Saturdays: 10:00-11:00 am Saint Mary's Church
- By appointment—please contact the Parish Office.

Holy Communion: Those preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time, please call the Parish Office.

Matrimony: Couples should contact their Pastor at least six months before the planned wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick: For the infirm & homebound. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a visit.

New Parishioners: Welcome to Holy Child Parish! New parishioners are asked to register by contacting the Parish Office. Registration is required for our religious education programs and for the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Matrimony.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	4:00 PM	Holy Child
Sunday	9:00 AM	Saint Mary's
Sunday	11:15 AM	Holy Child

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday	3:00 PM	Holy Child
Sunday	8:30 AM	Saint Mary's
Sunday	10:45 AM	Holy Child
Monday	11:30 AM	Saint Mary's
Tuesday	11:30 AM	Saint Mary's
Thursday	5:15 PM	Holy Child
Friday	8:00 AM	Holy Child



DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS

Monday	12:00 PM	Saint Mary's	The Angelus
Monday	12:45 PM	Saint Mary's	Miraculous Medal
Tuesday	12:00 PM	Saint Mary's	The Angelus
Tuesday	12:45 PM	Saint Mary's	Saint Jude
Thursday	6:00 PM	Holy Child	The Angelus

PARISH CONTACTS

Financial Secretary: Darlene Buck 570-662-3568
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Director of Religious Education: Darlene Buck
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Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057
Knights of Columbus:
Scott DiMarco; srdimarco@hotmail.com
Ladies Guild: Patty Hutcheson 570-662-2034
St. Mary's Hall: 570-638-2783 Holy Child Hall: 662-9996

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
~ prior to all Masses ~



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 26 VIGIL—17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Gene & Ginny Fessler (by Scott & Lori Fessler)

Sunday, July 27 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Deceased members of the Kanaley & Bortone Families (by Edward & Maryann Kanaley)
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Our Living & Deceased Parishioners

Monday, July 28 Weekday
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Merton & Theresa Saunders (by The Family)

Tuesday, July 29 Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † JoAnn Weiskopff (by Jim Weiskopff)

Wednesday, July 30 Weekday; *St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor*
No Mass

Thursday, July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Dennis Mizdail (by His Sons & Daughters)

Friday, August 1 First Friday; *St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor*
8:30 am, Holy Child: Daniel Clementi (by Cara Clementi)

Saturday, August 2 First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary
9:30 am, St. Mary's: † Jack & Joan Miller (by Theresa & Scott Delmotte)
VIGIL—18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Sarah Snyder (by Scott & Dawn Egan)

Sunday, August 3 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Floyd & Genevieve Stachowski (by Bernadine)
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Our Living & Deceased Parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK



Holy Child: † Tarzowicz & Vljajic Families
(by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Vljajic)

St. Mary's: † Deceased members of the Kanaley & Bortone Families (by Edward and Maryann Kanaley)
The Sanctuary Candle burns to remind us of the Real Presence of Christ reserved in the tabernacle.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays—2:15 pm—Holy Child Church
First Fridays—9:15 am—Holy Child Church
First Saturdays—10:15 am—St. Mary's Church
~Or By Appointment~

PARISH OFFERINGS: JULY 14-20. THANK YOU!

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,313.00
Loose	659.00
Dues	362.00
Summer Drive	50.00
Total	\$4,384.00
Diocesan—Care & Education of Priests	75.00
Diocesan—Peter's Pence	20.00

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38% of Holy Child parishioners have made gifts amounting to 84% of our goal. If you've already made a gift... *thank you!*



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PRAYER LIST

PLEASE PRAY...We pray, always, for deceased parishioners, family, friends, and benefactors. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. For those serving our country: Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families in our time of need. Bless those who need special prayers:

Judi Bonk-Guy, Kirk Euson, Richard Faber, Bernice Frederick, Catherine Gallagher, Lance Hall, Ann King, Tony Lupkowski, Tom MacBlane, Christopher Mortensen, Richard Niemczyk, Sandy Parker, Lori Sherant, Kenneth Simpson, Yolanda Tacka, Jack Watson, Ron Yanuzzi

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



To request prayer for someone due to illness, surgery, hardship, or other reason, please contact the Parish Office. To respect parishioners' privacy, please ask and specify if their names are to be put in the bulletin, added to the Prayer Chain, or both.

"SPARE A PRAYER" PRAYER CHAIN

Contact: Maryjane Seifried at seifriedmaryjane@gmail.com or 549-7550 or Dotty Welsh at dhjrw@ptd.net or 662-2057.

The Lord is always listening.

VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion, a Pastoral visit, or a mailed bulletin, please contact the Parish Office.

Would you or someone you know enjoy a friendly visit, a partner to play cards or games with, someone to read to them, or simply keep company? As an outreach of Marian Ministries, Mary Hohman has offered to visit local residents and nursing homes, to spend time with people who may feel alone. Contact Mary at (717) 203-9090.



PRO-LIFE RESOURCES

Heart of Tioga Crisis Pregnancy
Center: 570-948-2020



Project Rachel Helpline: for help after abortion; 888-456-HOPE.

heartoftioga@gmail.com
24/7 ONLINE NURSE CHAT

Abortion Pill Reversal 24/7 Hotline: 1-877-558-0333

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun 7/27	Gn 18:20-32 Ps 138:1-3,6-8 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13
Mon 7/28	Ex 32:15-24,30-34 Ps 106:19-23 Mt 13:31-35
Tue 7/29	Ex 33:7-11;34:5b-9,28 Ps 103:6-13 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Wed 7/30	Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5-7,9 Mt 13:44-46
Thu 7/31	Ex 40:16-21,34-38 Ps 84:3-6a,8a,11 Mt 13:47-53
Fri 8/1	Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37 Ps 81:3-6,10-11b Mt 13:54-58
Sat 8/2	Lv 25:1,8-17 Ps 67:2-3,5,7-8 Mt 14:1-12
Sun 8/3	Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17 Col 3:1-5,9-11 Lk 12:13-21

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 31: Finance Council, starting with 6 pm Mass, Holy Child
Aug 3: Knights MU Council Meeting, 6:30 pm Holy Child Hall
Aug 6: Health Ministry Meeting, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall



PARISH ANNUAL

ROAST BEEF DINNER & BASKET RAFFLE

Sunday, August 24th, St. Mary's Hall

Now is the time to plan and gather donations for your baskets! The dinner & raffle are very popular, with many creative and desirable baskets every year.

Baskets can be delivered to St. Mary's Hall or to the Parish Office during the two weeks before the dinner.

This is a fun and important fundraiser for our Parish. Stay tuned for details!

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Mark Your Calendars...

Marian Day of Reflection

Holy Child Church

Saturday, October 11th

Theme: ***"Enkindle Hope:
The Flame from
Mary's Heart to Yours"***

Watch for details in
upcoming bulletins.

AMATA (BELOVED) RETREAT

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September 12th-14th

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TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFO:

Contact Jill Salvi at youthminister@qopchurch.org

Or call 610-681-6137... extension 117.

Registration deadline: September 5th.



Pursue a lasting love ...

MARRIAGE

Create hope for the future!

Natural Family Planning...supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage



NFP AWARENESS WEEK — JULY 20–26TH

Pursue a lasting love ... Marriage.

Create hope for the future! Natural Family Planning...

Supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) is an umbrella term for certain natural methods used to achieve or postpone pregnancy. It is based on scientific research and day-to-day observations of the signs and symptoms of fertility that occurs as part of each menstrual cycle.

Want to learn more about the methods of NFP?

See this week's bulletin insert and visit:

<https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/natural-family-planning/>

"The family that prays together, stays together."

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Catholic Social Services is holding a "Christmas in July" donation event to help prepare for our annual Gifts for Kids Program in December.

Please scan the following QR Code to donate a toy from our Amazon wish list through August 1. The gifts will be sent directly to our office for distribution.

Catholic Social Services Scranton Office



**Pursue a lasting love ...
Create hope for the future!**

*Natural Family Planning...supporting God's
gifts of love and life in marriage*

What Does it Mean to Pursue a Lasting Love?

As men and women caught in the responsibilities of daily life, it's easy to lose sight of the fact that we are destined for eternity. The thought that God's love *endures forever* is something difficult for our time-bound selves to comprehend. It's a lofty claim that can be easy to leave on the shelf as an "ideal"—rather than a truth we intentionally integrate into our marriage, here and now.

Because of the consequences of original sin, we do not come into this world knowing how to love as God loves. Instead, we receive and experience God's love for us throughout our lives, even as we learn to model that love in how we treat others. As Pope Francis says:

When a person discovers God, the true treasure, he abandons a selfish lifestyle and seeks to share with others the charity which comes from God. He who becomes a friend of God, loves his brothers and sisters, commits himself to safeguarding their life and their health....
(Pope Francis, Homily, 2014)*

Learning from the Trinity

A key way we can learn more about God's love is by examining the Trinitarian relationship between God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Trinity is three distinct persons united in one Godhead. The inner life of the Trinity is interpersonal, self-giving, and communicative.

As Christians, we are challenged to have faith that is "the confidence of what we hope for and the assurance of what we do not see" (Heb. 11:1). The first step in pursuing a lasting love, with the Trinity as our example,

is the belief that a lasting love is possible—that we truly can and do daily participate in a divine reality that is beyond what can be seen on the surface.

Love is Free, Total, faithful, and Fruitful!

Church teaching maintains that married love must be free, total, faithful, and fruitful. This is exactly how the Trinity loves!

In the Trinity, love is freely given between the three persons. The persons of the Trinity willingly place themselves at the service of their communion. There is no coercion or ulterior motive.

The total gift of each person to the other allows for the one-ness of the Trinitarian relationship.

Secondly, the persons of the Trinity give themselves totally to one another. Though each person of the Trinity retains their unique personhood, they hold nothing back from the participation in Trinitarian love. The total gift of each person to the other allows for the one-ness of the Trinitarian relationship.

Third, Trinitarian love is faithful. The steadfastness of the Trinity is an indispensable part of a love which endures for all eternity. And finally, love is fruitful. The love of the Trinity is life-giving. All of creation, all of mankind, all goodness, all beauty results and flows from the love of the Trinitarian relationship.

The Human Person as Gift

It is only from the foundational understanding of love that we can come to know what a person is. The human person is made by love and for love. St. John Paul II phrases it beautifully in what is known as his personalistic norm. He states that human beings are subjects and not objects. Objects are meant to be used. Subjects are meant to be received as a gift. When we see our spouse and our children as gifts, the way that we relate to them shows just how much we value them.

Our families are especially called to be an icon of Trinity—where our hearts are stretched by loving one another and we are prepared to participate in eternal love. Then, spouses are called in a unique and intimate way to enter into a lasting love through the reception of one another as a gift in the sexual embrace. Spouses are called to open their hearts to God in marital intimacy such that each marital act be oriented towards the openness to life and the good of one another.

Natural Family Planning, an Expression of Love

With this end in mind, it is also important to note that there are times when, for serious reasons, it may not be prudent for a couple to have a child. In keeping with the vision of a lasting love that is free, total, faithful, and fruitful, the Church proposes Natural Family Planning (NFP) as a practical and morally permissible method for married couples to avoid or achieve pregnancy.

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, practicing NFP allows spouses to be responsible parents and at the same time “respect God’s design for life and love.” NFP is based on the natural times of fertility and infertility experienced throughout the course of a woman’s menstrual cycle. In seasons where it may be imprudent for a couple to have a child due to psychological, financial, physical, or other serious reasons, the couple abstains from intercourse during the woman’s fertile time. At the same time, NFP can also be used to achieve pregnancy.

NFP is not contraception because it does nothing to alter or block the body’s natural rhythms of fertility. Instead, NFP relies on scientifically proven methods of tracking a woman’s menstrual cycle so that a couple can make an informed decision guided by faith and reason.

NFP depends on the couples’ free choice to abstain or engage in intercourse based on the good of the spouses and the good of the family as a whole.

When spouses engage their free will to communicate in this way, they are choosing to see each other and future children as gifts and saying yes to a love that is free, total, faithful, and fruitful—answering the call to be an image of lasting Trinitarian love.

Learn More

Visit the US Bishops’ NFP Program at www.usccb.org/nfp.

To learn more about Catholic teaching on marriage, married love and responsible parenthood, see www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/church-teaching.

Read the US bishop’s document *Married Love and the Gift of Life* at www.usccb.org/resources/Married%20Love%20Final%20Text%20Nov06%20for%20Website%20-%20Copy.pdf

To learn more about NFP see www.usccb.org/topics/naturalfamily-planning/what-natural-family-planning.

Want to learn a method of NFP? Visit www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning/nfp-national-providers.

*Quote from Pope Francis’ homily during Mass on the occasion of the Feast day of St Ann, Patron Saint of Caserta (26 July 2014).

www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2014/documents/papa-francesco_20140726_omelia-caserta.html.

Questions?

Write to nfp@usccb.org

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025

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One hundred years ago, Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King in response to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempts to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would have disastrous consequences. Today, as our Catholic faith becomes increasingly marginalized by society, we publicly acclaim that Jesus Christ is King of our hearts, our homes, our work, and our public actions.

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Bishop Joseph Bambera



David Bereit founded 40 Days for Life, a movement responsible for 14,643 lives saved, 177 abortion employees quitting, and 96 abortion centers closing. Today he directs the Life Leadership Conference, a National coalition which seeks to maximize the impact of the Pro-Life Movement. David is a husband and father.



Fr. Charles Connor, a Scranton Diocesan priest, is an expert in Church history. He is the host of several television series on EWTN including Historic Catholic Converts. He has authored many books including Defenders of the Faith in Word and Deed and Classic Catholic Converts.

Contact: Mike Kilmer 570-721-0872 • mkilmer@hbkilmergroup.com
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from Father Bryan...

The Exorcist Files

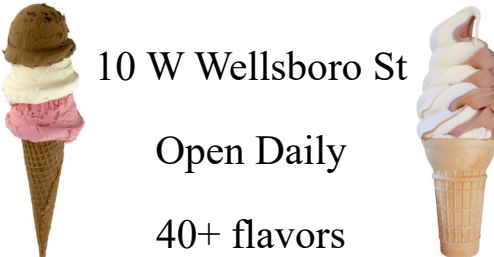
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Tub Handle, Tubing, Walkers, Walker with Seat,
Wash Basin, Wheelchair, Wheelchair Cushion,
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Seat, Bed Rails, Safety Gate

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored,
glorified, loved, and preserved throughout
the world, now and forever. St. Jude, worker
of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the
homeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times
a day, by the 8th day your prayers will be
answered (if it be God's will).
It has never been known to fail.
Thank you, St. Jude. Amen.

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maintain a prayerful*

SILENCE AND REVERENCE



Reminder for Funerals...

Eulogies are permitted during:

- ♦Funeral home vigil services
- ♦Graveside committal services
- ♦Luncheons (after Funeral Masses)

*Eulogies are not permitted during
Funeral Masses (CCC1688). Thank you.*