

**Holy Child Church** 240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA



Reverend Bryan B. Wright



Saint Mary of Częstochowa Church

144 St Mary's St, Blossburg, PA

# 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 24, 2025



#### **PARISH OFFICE**

Mon, Tue, Fri: 9:30am - 2:30pm 237 S. Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933 Phone: <u>570-662-3568</u> 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**

<u>Baptism</u>: 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.

<u>Matrimony:</u> 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

Secretary: Cara Clementi 570-662-3568

Director of Religious Education: Darlene Buck

Good Samaritans: 570-662-3568

Health Ministry & Medical Equipment Loaning:

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, August 23 VIGIL—21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Ron & Maryann Egan (by Scott & Dawn Egan)

21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday, August 24

9:00 am, Holy Child: † The Stevens & Alexander Families

(by Dan & Jean Stevens)

11:15 am, St. Mary's: † Our Living & Deceased Parishioners

Weekday; St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest Monday, August 25 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Mary Antoniw (by Chris King)

Tuesday, August 26 Weekday

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: Benjamin Alessi (by Marie Egli)

Wednesday, August 27 St. Monica No Mass

Thursday, August 28 St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church 6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Ann Marie Mimlitsch (by Heather Morgan)

The Passion of St. John the Baptist Friday, August 29

8:30 am, Holy Child: † Ardith Matreski (by Joseph & Cecelia Tokarz)

Saturday, August 30 VIGIL—22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4:00 pm, Holy Child: †Dorothea Jane Curasco (by Robert Curasco)

22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday, August 31

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Our Living and Deceased Parishioners 11:15 am, Holy Child: † Bob Swinsick (by Tish Fiamingo)



#### SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Holy Child: Scott Egan (by Dawn Egan) St. Mary's: † Dolores Thomas (by The Family) 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: AUGUST 11-17. THANK YOU!

Sunday envelopes	\$2,921.00
Loose	675.13
Cemetery maintenance	327.00
Summer Drive	50.00
Dues	5.00
Assumption	1,143.00
Total	\$5,121.13
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Thank you for your generosity!

#### **DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (2024)**

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



The altar flowers in Holy Child Church August 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> were donated in memory of † The Stevens & Alexander Families.



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#### PRAYER LIST

Please pray... for deceased parishioners, family, & friends. 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 Mac-Blane, Christopher Mortensen, Richard Niemczyk, Sandy Parker, MaryAnn Salvitti, Lori Sherant, Yolanda Tacka, Jack Watson

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 (seifriedmaryjane@gmail.com or 570-549-7550) or Dotty (dhjrw@ptd.net or 570-662-2057).

The Lord is always listening.

#### VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND

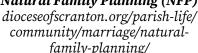
If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion, a Pastoral visit, or a mailed bulletin, please contact the Parish Office.



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 Natural Family Planning (NFP)





heartoftioga@gmail.com 24/7 ONLINE NURSE CHAT

*Heart of Tioga* Crisis Pregnancy Center: 570-948-2020 **Project Rachel** Helpline: for help after abortion; 888-456-HOPE **Abortion Pill Reversal** 24/7 Hotline: 1-877-558-0333

SCRIPTURE READINGS			
Sun	Is 66:18-21 Ps 117:1b-2		
8/24	Heb 12:5-7,11-13 Lk 13:22-30		
Mon	1 Thes 1:1-5,8b-10 Ps 149:1b-6a,9b Mt 23:13-22		
8/25	1 Thes 1.1-5,8b-10 PS 149.1b-6a,9b Mt 25.15-2		
Tue	1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-6 Mt 23:23-26		
8/26	1 111es 2.1-8 FS 137.1-0 Wit 23.23-20		
Wed	1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-12b Mt 23:27-32		
8/27	1 Thes 2.9-15 PS 159.7-12D Mt 25.27-52		
Thu	1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5a,12-14,17 Mt 24:42-51		
8/28	1 Thes 5.7-15 13 70.5-5a,12-14,17 Wit 24.42-51		
Fri	1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1,2b,5-6,10-12 Mk 6:17-29		
8/29	1 111c3 4.1-0 13 77.1,2D,0-0,10-12 WIR 0.17-27		
Sat	1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1,7-9 Mt 25:14-30		
8/30	1 11103 7.7 11 13 70.1,7-7 Wit 23.17-30		
Sun	Sir 3:17-18,20,28-29 Ps 68:4-7,10-11		
8/31	Heb 12:18-19,22-24a Lk 14:1,7-14		



## PARISH ANNUAL BEEF DINNER & BASKET RAFFLE



**This Sunday!** August 24th 11:30 AM—2 PM St. Mary's Hall \$15.00 for Adults. \$7.00 for Kids ages 12 & under.
This is a fun and important fundraiser for our Parish.
Please join us!

\*\*\*MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE ON SUNDAY, 8/24\*\*\* 9:00 AM @ HOLY CHILD /// 11:15 AM @ ST. MARY'S

"The family that prays together, stays together."

#### PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

All are welcome to join the Holy Child Parish Health Ministry. New members are needed.



Meetings are the first Wednesday of every month at 10:30 am.

First meeting of the new year:

Wednesday, September 3rd at 10:30 am in Holy Child Hall.

#### **Medical Equipment available through Health Ministry:**

Basket for walker, Canes, Crutches, Emesis Basin, Foot Bath, Hospital Bed, Hoyer Lift, Ice Therapy Machine, Knee Crutch, Knee Scooter, Toilet Chairs, Raised Toilet Seats, Toilet Handles, Rising Frame for Chair, Rollator Walker, Shower Bench, Shower Chair, Transfer Bench, Transfer Board, Tub Handle, Foldable Transport Ramp, Tubing, Walkers, Walker with Seat, Wash Basin, Wheelchair, Wheelchair Cushion, Baby Items: Bath Tub, Booster Seat, Bed Rails, Safety Gate; Newly Available: Freedom Alert Personal Emergency Responder, Adult Diapers size Large

**NOTE...** School bells will soon be ringing, and the Fall allergy and cold season will begin. How to protect yourself and your children? Keep your immune system working in full gear. Plenty of fresh air and exercise, fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables, and plenty of rest are key components to ward off illness. Teach young people how to cover their coughs and sneeze in their elbows. Also remember that handwashing with warm soap and water is the best defense a body has against illness. Hand sanitizers are a good way to remove germs too. Remind everyone to keep their hands away from their eyes, mouth, and nose. Unfortunately, if you do become sick, remember to stay home to avoid spreading it to others. Have a healthy and happy school year!



Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 Religious Education program! Please contact the Office 570-662-3568.

#### **NEXT WEEKEND—SECOND COLLECTION**

Humanitarian Relief and Pastoral Support in Gaza (Catholic Relief Services & Catholic Near East Welfare Association)

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Aug 24: 9:00 AM Mass at Holy Child, due to the Beef Dinner Aug 24: 11:15 AM Mass at St. Mary's, due to the Beef Dinner

Aug 24: 11:30 AM—2 PM, Beef Dinner & Basket Raffle, St. Mary's Hall

Sep 3: Health Ministry Meeting, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall

Sep 7: **NO** Knights MU Council Meeting Sep 9: Ladies Guild, 6:00 pm, Holy Child Hall

Sep 21: Parish Picnic, after 11:15 am Mass, Holy Child

Oct 5: Knights MU Council, 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

All men of our Parish are invited to join the Knights of Columbus. Meetings are the First Sunday of every month at 6:30 pm at Holy Child.



First meeting of the new year—after our Annual Parish Picnic



## Sunday, September 21st, following 11:15 Mass Holy Child Church

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips, and Drinks provided

Bring your favorite side dish / dessert!

Please join us!

#### PARISH LADIES GUILD

We invite all women in our parish to join the Holy Child Parish Ladies Guild. Our primary ministry is to



raise funds in support of Holy Child Parish, its parishioners, & Pastor. *Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6pm.* 

#### First meeting of the new year: Tuesday, September 9th at 6:00 pm in Holy Child Hall

Annual Membership: September through August.

Annual Dues: \$5.00.

Return this form & dues payment in the collection basket or mail to: <u>Kathy Draxler</u>, <u>Guild Treasurer</u>, 1482 Route 549, <u>Mansfield</u>, PA 16933.

Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	



## Pray the Rosary Every Day

#### AMATA (BELOVED) RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL AGED YOUNG WOMEN with the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth

September 12th-14th

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Contact Jill Salvi at <u>youthminister@qopchurch.org</u>
Or call 610-681-6137... extension 117.
Registration deadline: September 5th.





#### WEEK OF AUGUST 24, 2025

**THE CONFESSIONS OF ST. AUGUSTINE**A child, a sinner, a saint. The story of St.
Augustine, tailored to children, as he wrestles with God & comes to the faith.

#### **FEAST OF ST. MONICA**

Throughout her life, St. Monica constantly prayed for the conversion of Augustine, her beloved son. Monica's tearful prayers helped build her son into the Doctor of Grace. In this video, we discuss this great Saint.

#### THE CONFESSIONS OF ST. AUGUSTINE

This play is astonishingly relevant for our own times. Augustine struggled with promiscuity, fathered a child out-of-wedlock and dabbled in a "new age"





style cult. Be inspired by his relentless pursuit of Truth and encouraged by the prayerful perseverance of his faithful mother, Monica.

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#### THE ANGELUS

To be prayed daily at 6:00 AM, 12:00 PM, and 6:00 PM.

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it done unto me according to Thy word. Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh: And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.



Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

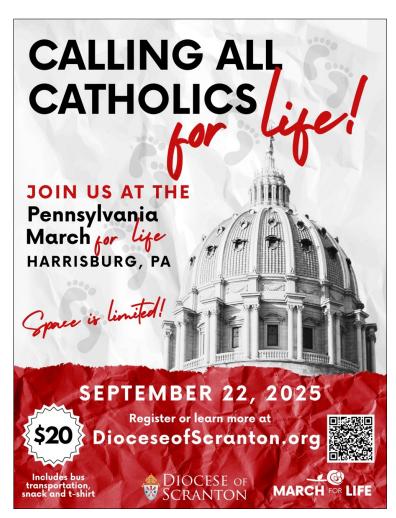


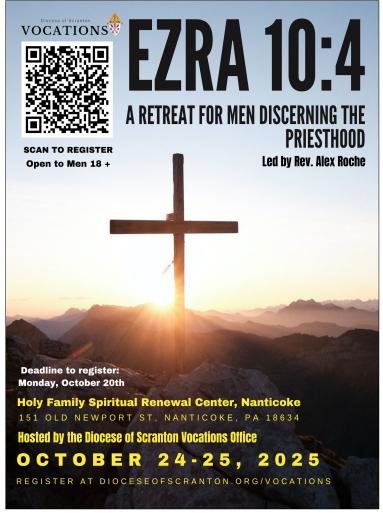
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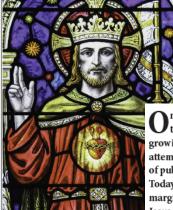
Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother; to you do we come; before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer them. Amen.







ne 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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## LIC MAN CONFER



# **Saturday, OCT. 4, 2025**

8 AM - 3:00 PM Holy Redeemer High School 159 South Penna. Ave., Wilkes-Barre, PA 1870



Mike Aquilina, originally from Kingston, Pa., is a Catholic author of more than 70 books, has hosted 11 televisions series on EWTN, and is co-founder

of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology in Steubenville, Ohio. He has co-written songs performed by many headliners. He and his wife Terri have 6 children.



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 Diocesen 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.



Bishop Joseph Bambera

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#### 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.



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