



**Holy Child Church**

240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA



**Reverend Bryan B. Wright**

Pastor

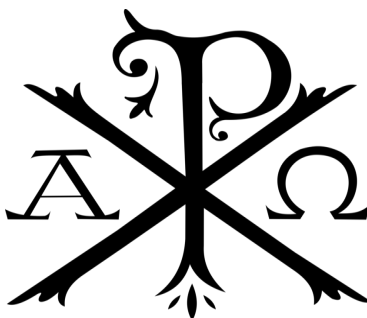


**Saint Mary of Częstochowa Church**

144 St Mary's St, Blossburg, PA

## 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**September 21, 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

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, September 20 VIGIL—25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Angeline Bubacz (by Mary Ann Kendrick)

**Sunday, September 21 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Our Living and Deceased Parishioners  
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Brad Brown (by The Family)

**Monday, September 22** Weekday  
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Deceased members of the Kanaley & Bortone Families (by Edward & Maryann Kanaley)

**Tuesday, September 23** Weekday  
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Ardith Matreski (by The Good Samaritans)

**Wednesday, September 24** Weekday  
No Mass

**Thursday, September 25** Weekday  
6:00 pm, Holy Child: † The Dead (by The Scranton Diocese Society for the Propagation of the Faith)

**Friday, September 26** Weekday  
8:30 am, Holy Child: Tammy Colegrove (by Holy Child Parish Office)

**Saturday, September 27 VIGIL—26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Deceased members of the Nance & Miller Families (by Mary Nance)

**Sunday, September 28 26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Our Living and Deceased Parishioners  
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Rachel del Castillo (by Joseph & JoAnn Stello)



### SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Holy Child: † Brad Brown (by The Family)  
St. Mary's: † Deceased members of the Kanaley & Bortone Families (by Edward & 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: SEPTEMBER 8-14. THANK YOU!

Sunday envelopes	\$4,011.00
Loose	783.00
Religious Education	425.00
<b>Dues</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,239.00</b>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (2025-2026)

7% of Holy Child parishioners have made gifts amounting to 10% of our goal. If you've already made a gift... *thank you!*



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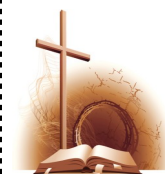


### PRAYER LIST

*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, Linda Cloos, Kirk Euson, Richard Faber, Bernice Frederick, Catherine Gallagher, Lance Hall, Ann King, Patrick Lindquist, Tony Lupkowski, Tom MacBlane, Christopher Mortensen, Richard Niemczyk, Sandy Parker, 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)**  
[dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/  
community/marriage/natural-  
family-planning/](http://dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/natural-family-planning/)



[heartoftioga@gmail.com](mailto: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 9/21	Am 8:4-7 Ps 113:1-2,4-8 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13
Mon 9/22	Ezr 1:1-6 Ps 126:1b-6 Lk 8:16-18
Tue 9/23	Ezr: 6:7-8,12b,14-20 Ps 122:1-5 Lk 8:19-21
Wed 9/24	Ezr 9:5-9 (Ps) Tb 13:2-4,7-8 Lk 9:1-6
Thu 9/25	Hg 1:1-8 Ps 149:1b-6a,9b Lk 9:7-9
Fri 9/26	Hg 2:1-9 Ps 43:1-4 Lk 9:18-22
Sat 9/27	Zec 2:5-9,14-15a (Ps) Jer 31:10-12b,13 Lk 9:43b-45
Sun 9/28	Am 6:1a,4-7 Ps 146:7-10 1 Tm 6:11-16 Lk 16:19-31



## Mark Your Calendar

Oct 1: Health Ministry Meeting, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall  
Oct 5: Life Chain, 2-3 pm, Route 6 and Main St., Mansfield  
Oct 14: Ladies Guild, 6:00 pm, Holy Child Hall  
Oct 22-30: Respect Life Month Novena; [respectlife.org](http://respectlife.org)  
Nov 2: 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:**

## Parish Picnic

**THIS SUNDAY!** Following 11:15 Mass at Holy Child

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chips, & Drinks provided.

**We invite you to bring a favorite side dish / dessert!**

~ Please join us! ~



### -- OCTOBER --

**Dedicated to the Holy Rosary  
and a Respect for Human Life  
From Conception to Natural Death**

#### **RESPECT LIFE MASS—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH**

Bishop Bambera will celebrate a Respect Life Sunday Mass at 10am at the Cathedral of St. Peter, Scranton. Open to the public & available on diocesan social media.

#### **LIFE CHAIN—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH**

**All are welcome to gather at the intersection of Route 6 and Main St. in Mansfield from 2-3 pm.**

Every year since 1987, Life Chains form in cities nationwide to make a public, prayerful, peaceful stand for Life. Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA. You'll be a light in a darkened world as you help put an end to abortion through prayer. Rain or shine. Water, lawn chairs, and umbrellas welcome. Please do not park in front of an open business. Signs provided.

#### **FATIMA DAY MASS & ROSARY—OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

On October 13, 1917, Our Lady of Fatima worked the Miracle of the Sun, so that all might believe. Join us at Holy Child for Mass (9 AM) and a public Rosary (10AM).

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## Marian Day of Reflection

Holy Child Church

**Saturday, October 11th**

**10:30 am—4:00 pm**

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

**Featured Speaker: Jill Metz**

**\$25/person; \$40/couple**



The Church celebrates Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7, and the entire month is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.

The "Year of Hope 2025" refers to the Jubilee Year 2025, proclaimed by Pope Francis, with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." The Jubilee serves as an opportunity for spiritual renewal, reconciliation, and renewed hope for the world.

**In honor of Our Blessed Mother and the "Year of Hope," men, women, and families are invited to this Marian Day of Reflection: two presentations by Jill Metz, Lunch, Adoration, Confession, Benediction, and Mass.**

Mail registration fee to St. Peter's Church, 47 Central Avenue, Wellsboro, PA, or drop it in your collection basket.

**Registration Deadline: September 25th.**

**Jill Metz** is a Catholic convert, sacred artist, and the U.S. National Director of the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Movement. She lives in Fort Wayne, Indiana, with her husband, Ken of 26 years. Together, they have two young adult children and have joyfully served the Church in youth ministry, RCIA, pro-life work, Eucharistic ministry, diocesan fundraising, and as members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem.



Jill entered the Catholic Church in 2010 and quickly found herself drawn to deeper union with Jesus through Marian Consecration. Her faith came alive through the healing love of Mary, especially during a life-changing pilgrimage to Medjugorje, where she gave her wholehearted "yes" to Our Lady's cause of saving souls. *"Spreading the Flame of Love isn't a role—it's a response to grace! It's the driving force behind everything... to bring souls to Mary, with love, so that she can ignite the Flame. The Flame is ignited heart to heart, we all need to respond!"*

She began her work with the Flame of Love IHM Movement in 2019 as Communications Director and was appointed National Coordinator in 2023. Jill brings contagious joy and unwavering passion to her mission, living a life dedicated to helping hearts encounter the love of Jesus through Mary and spreading the fire of her Flame of Love across the nation.



### Paint and Pray

Holy Child Hall

**Saturday, November 8th**

**11:00 am—2:00 pm**

**Theme: "Giving Thanks"**




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**Oct 8 & 15**



**FATHER DIAS ANTONY**  
SPEAKER

**St Lawrence Parish Hall**

Stay tuned for more details...



## St. Peter's

Parish Center  
50 Central Ave  
Wellsboro

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### POLISH DINNER

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**Friday**  
September 26, 2025  
4:30 - 6:30 PM

Dine In or Take Out



**Pierogies**  
**Kielbasa**  
**Hot Dogs**  
**Halupki**  
(Stuffed Cabbage)  
**Sauerkraut**  
**Applesauce**  
**Desserts**


**\$15.00 -ADULT**  
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**Free - 3 & UNDER**

## PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

New members are needed! All are welcome.

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

**Health Ministry Notes...** Oh my aching joints! The "itis" brothers came to visit. You know them as arthritis, gout and bursitis. They are very busy as they travel from joint to joint. But there are some ways to stop and delay their pain, swelling and joint deformity. One of the easiest is to avoid certain foods that are known to cause inflammation in the joints. This includes members of the nightshade family. Vegetables such as peppers, tomatoes, eggplant and white potatoes. Foods high in sugar also cause joint inflammation. Foods to enjoy as they have ingredients that protect joints include asparagus, eggs, garlic and onions. Increasing your daily fiber is another way that has been shown to slow down the effects of joint inflammation. Exercise is another way to slow the damage from arthritis. Joints that don't move often will become "frozen" and may require surgery to regain their mobility. You do not need to do jumping jacks, weight lifting and other strenuous exercises, there are exercises that can be done in a chair that gets all your joints moving without the impact. So this fall get moving, enjoy the changing season and tell the "itis" brothers to find somewhere else to live.



Diocese of Scranton

**VOCATIONS**



**SCAN TO REGISTER**  
Open to Men 18 +

# EZRA 10:4

## A RETREAT FOR MEN DISCERNING THE PRIESTHOOD

Led by Rev. Alex Roche



**Deadline to register:**  
**Monday, October 20th**

**Holy Family Spiritual Renewal Center, Nanticoke**  
151 OLD NEWPORT ST, NANTICOKE, PA 18634

**Hosted by the Diocese of Scranton Vocations Office**

**OCTOBER 24-25, 2025**

REGISTER AT [DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG/VOCATIONS](http://DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG/VOCATIONS)

*Pray the Rosary Every Day*





# CHRIST IS KING

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.



10th Annual  
Diocese of Scranton

*Viva Cristo Rey!*

## BE A CATHOLIC MAN CONFERENCE



**Saturday, OCT. 4, 2025**

**8 AM - 3:00 PM** Holy Redeemer High School  
159 South Penna. Ave., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701



**Mike Aquilina**, originally from Kingston, Pa., is a Catholic author of more than 70 books, has hosted 11 television 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.



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.

Information & Online Registration: [BeACatholicMan.com](http://BeACatholicMan.com)  
Contact: Mike Kilmer 570-721-0872 • [mkilmer@hbkilmergroup.com](mailto:mkilmer@hbkilmergroup.com)  
\$40 (Early Bird \$30 until 9/15/25), Student \$15, Priest/Deacon FREE Morning coffee & box lunch included

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# SILENCE AND REVERENCE

### FROM SEEDS OF HOPE:

Our Hope Room is filled with lots of practical items that provide hope and support for local families in need! Currently, we are running low on cleaning supplies:

- laundry detergent
- all-purpose cleaners
- toilet paper
- paper towels
- men's deodorant
- Kleenex

If you are looking for a way to show support to families in our community, please consider donating some of these supplies. Donations can be dropped off in the designated collection bin in the vestibule at Holy Child Church. Monetary donations to purchase supplies can be sent to: 1873 Shumway Hill Road, Wellsboro, PA 16901. Thank you for your generosity to those in need of a little hope!



Don't forget your food pantry donations of *non-perishable* items.

Boxes are in both churches for donations. Thank you for supporting our Food Pantries.



### SCAM ALERT

If you receive a text message, email, or phone call from an unknown number or email claiming to be Father Bryan, possibly asking for help... *please disregard. If Father needs you, he will speak with you directly.*

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON VOCATIONS

# YOUNG ADULTS

KICK OFF NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

## Leave a Mark 2025

**NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
5pm Mass - Cathedral of St. Peter, Scranton





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Saturday 10:30am-4pm

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Book Recommendation  
from Father Bryan...

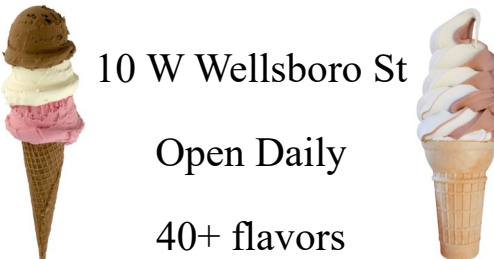
The Exorcist Files  
By Father Carlos Martins

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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, Wheel-  
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*May the Sacred Heart of  
Jesus be adored, glorified,  
loved, and preserved through-  
out the world, now and fore-  
ver. St. Jude, worker of  
miracles, pray for us. St.  
Jude, help of the homeless,  
pray for us. Amen.*



**The Blessed  
Sacrament is  
reserved in the  
Tabernacle.**  
*Please help to  
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.