



Holy Child Church

240 S. Main St, Mansfield, PA

Reverend Bryan B. Wright

Pastor

Saint Mary of Czestochowa Church

144 St. Mary's St, Blossburg, PA

**FIRST SUNDAY
OF LENT**

February 22, 2026



PARISH OFFICE

237 S. Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933

Mon, Tue, Fri: 9:30am - 2:30pm

Phone: 570-662-3568

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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: 662-3568
- 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, February 21 **VIGIL—FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Carol Dalton (by Robert Dalton)

Sunday, February 22 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
9:00 am, St. Mary's: Our Parishioners
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Ted Tilly (by Cathy & Dave Slusser)

Monday, February 23 Weekday; *St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr*
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Raymond Haddow Family (by The Family)

Tuesday, February 24 Lenten Weekday
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Alice Abrams (by The Family)

Wednesday, February 25 Lenten Weekday
No Mass

Thursday, February 26 Lenten Weekday
6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Leo & Leona Frederick
(by Dave & Janie Hilfiger)

Friday, February 27 Lenten Weekday; *St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Doctor*
8:30 am, Holy Child: † The Levindoski & Ostapowicz Families
(Living and Deceased) (by The Ostapowicz Family)

Saturday, February 28 **VIGIL—SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Robert Dalton Jr. (by Robert Dalton)

Sunday, March 1 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Gladys Dahlgren (by Ron & Sue Signor)
11:15 am, Holy Child: Our Parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Holy Child: † Theresa Saunders
(by The Jim Thomas Family)

St. Mary's: † Tom & Catherine McNamara
(by Dave & Janie Hilfiger)

The Sanctuary Candle burns to remind us of the Real Presence of Christ reserved in the tabernacle.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday—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 FOR FEBRUARY 9-15. THANK YOU!

Sunday envelopes	\$6,148.38
Loose	592.51
Fuel	65.00
Dues	28.00
Ash Wednesday	10.00
Total	\$6,843.89
Diocesan—Care & Education of Priests	65.00
Diocesan—Central & Eastern Europe	15.00
Priest Retirement Fund	20.00

Thank you for your generosity!

For a 2025 Financial Statement, please notify the Parish Office.

PRAYER LIST

Please pray... for deceased parishioners, family, & friends. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. For troops & first responders: Lord, hold them 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, Ann Clark, 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, please contact the Parish Office. To respect privacy, please 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; 570-549-7550).

The Lord is always listening.

Visiting the Sick and Homebound

For Communion or a Pastoral visit, please contact the Parish Office (570-662-3568).

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 our Parish Ministries, Mary Hohman (717-203-9090) and Matt Neclerio (808-551-8845) visit local residences & care homes, to spend time with people who seek company. To arrange, please call Mary or Matt.

Please pray for our recently deceased.

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen**



Ruth Manning

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun 2/22	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Ps 51:3-6,12-13,17 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11
Mon 2/23	Lv 19:1-2,11-18 Ps 19:8-10,15 Mt 25:31-46
Tue 2/24	Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7,16-19 Mt 6:7-15
Wed 2/25	Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19 Lk 11:29-32
Thu 2/26	Est C:12,14-16,23-25 Ps 138:1-3,7c-8 Mt 7:7-12
Fri 2/27	Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26
Sat 2/28	Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8 Mt 5:43-48
Sun 3/1	Gn 12:1-4a Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22 2 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9

LENT at Our Parish

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

- * Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of *fasting* and *abstinence*.
- * Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of *abstinence*.
- * *Abstinence* (from eating meat) is obligatory for Catholics ages 14 years and older.
- * *Fasting* is obligatory for Catholics ages 18-59 years; 1 full meal and 2 smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



- * Mondays (*The Light is On for You!*), 5:30-7PM, Holy Child Church
- * Saturdays, 2:15-3PM, Holy Child Church
- * First Fridays & First Saturdays (except Good Friday & Holy Saturday)

* Penance Services:

- Mar. 15, 4:00 PM, St. Peter's Church, Wellsboro
- Apr. 1, 7:00 PM, St. Boniface Church, Williamsport
- * By appointment.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



- * Daily; see schedule on the bulletin cover.
- * First Fridays & First Saturdays, after Mass.
- * *The Light is On for You!* (see above)
- * Lenten Holy Hour with Bishop Bambera Feb. 25 at 7:00 PM; St. Ann Church, 1220 Northway Rd, Williamsport

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



- * Thursdays at 7 PM at Holy Child.
- * Fridays at 4 PM:
 - Feb. 20, Feb. 27, & Mar. 6 at St. Mary's
 - Mar. 13, Mar. 20, & Mar. 27 at Holy Child
 - Apr. 3 (Good Friday) at St. Mary's

MEAGER MEALS



- * Soup, sandwiches, and fellowship
- * Fridays following Stations of the Cross (except Good Friday) (see "Stations" schedule above)

Mansfield Ministerium's Annual Lenten Luncheons

Bring your lunch & share in Meditation, Prayers, & Fellowship

Thursdays, February 19-March 26, 12 Noon

First Baptist Church, 7 Sherwood St., Mansfield, PA 16933

Speakers...

February 19: Pastor Candice Chase, First United Methodist

February: 26: Pastor Mara Wilcox, Church of the New Covenant and United Campus Ministry at MU

March 5: Rev. Janis Yskamp, St. James Episcopal

March 12: Pastor Joshua MacClaren, Christ Church Mansfield

March 19: Rev. Bryan Wright, Holy Child

March 26: Rev. Cheryl Filson, First Baptist

For more information call 717-372-7678

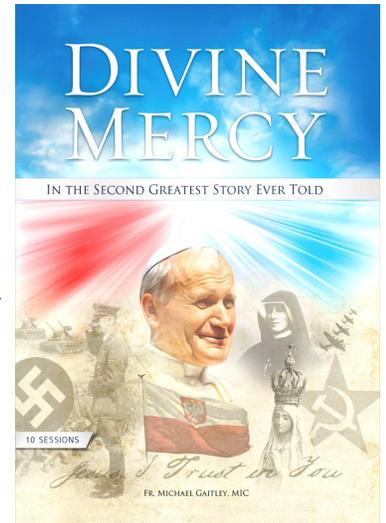
LECTIO BIBLE STUDY: *Divine Mercy* *The Second Greatest Story Ever Told*

Sundays during Lent
in Holy Child Hall.

Refreshments &
Fellowship @ 12:15 PM.
Videos @ 12:45 PM.

All are welcome.

"Experience a breathtaking film journey that combines history, Scripture, prophecy, and personal sacrifice to show God's merciful desire for you."



Sunday, February 22:

Episode 1 (17 min) - **God's School of Trust** (Old Testament)

Episode 2 (23 min) - **Behold, This Heart** (New Testament; The Church)

Sunday, March 1:

Episode 3 (16 min) - **Suffering Servant** (Nation of Poland)

Episode 4 (30 min) - **Faustina** (Message of Mercy; World War II)

Sunday, March 8:

Episode 5 (33 min) - **Proclaim This Message** (Pope John Paul II)

Sunday, March 15:

Episode 6 (20 min) - **Fatima** (A World at War)

Episode 7 (26 min) - **Secret of Divine Mercy** (Triumph Over Evil)

Sunday, March 22:

Episode 8 (23 min) - **God's Master Plan** (Triumph Over Communism)

Episode 9 (25 min) - **Mary's Knight** (Maximilian Kolbe)

Sunday, April 12 (Divine Mercy Sunday):

Episode 10 (25 min) - **The Final Question** (How to Enter into Mercy)

DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
**LENTEN
HOLY HOUR**
with Bishop Bambera

**Wednesday, February 25
7:00 p.m.**

**Saint Ann Parish
1220 Northway Road, Williamsport, PA 17701**

2026 Theme: "Finding Peace in Challenging Times"

Mark Your Calendar

Mar 1: Knights MU Council, 6:30 PM, Holy Child Hall
 Mar 4: Health Ministry Meeting, 10:30 AM, Holy Child Hall
 Mar 19: Pastoral Council starting with 6PM Mass, Holy Child



What gets in the way?



Lenten Men's Retreat

March 13-14, 2026

Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center
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Friday, April 17- Sunday, April 19
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Calls are received
 Monday-Thursday, Saturday
 9-11:30am 1-4:30pm 7-8:15pm

Diocese of Scranton
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 Rev. Alex Roche



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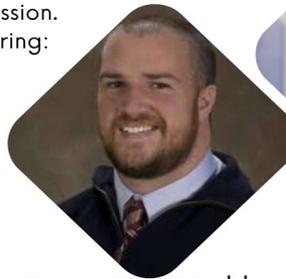


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 Bryan, possibly asking for help... *please disregard.*
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The De Profundis (Psalm 129/130)

The *De Profundis* ("of the depths") is the famous Psalm 130 of anguish and sorrow for sins, set to music by many great composers. It is a penitential psalm that is used by the Roman Catholic Church, sung as part of Vespers (evening prayer), in Masses for the dead, in prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory (the Church Suffering), and to express remorse for our faults to Christ, a beautiful expression of repentance.

Out of the depths I have cried to Thee, O Lord:
Lord, hear my voice.

Let Thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.
If Thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities:
Lord, who shall stand it?

For with Thee there is merciful forgiveness:
and by reason of thy law, I have waited for Thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on His word,
my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch even until night,
let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy:
and with him plentiful redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

V/. Lord, hear my prayer.

R/. And let my cry come unto Thee.

V/. Let us pray. O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful; grant to the souls of Thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that by our devout supplications they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired. Who livest and reignest, world without end.

R/. Amen.

V/. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

R/. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

V/. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R/. Amen.



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NAZARETH GROUP (*with the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth*)

11:00 AM–4:30 PM: Mar. 21, Jun. 6

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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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