



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



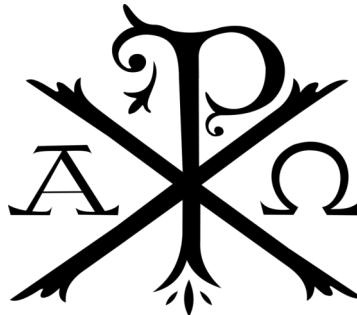
Reverend Bryan B. Wright
Pastor



Saint Mary of Częstochowa Church
144 St. Mary's St, Blossburg, PA

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 8, 2026



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 7

9:30 am, St. Mary's: † Amanda Stevens (by The Ostapowicz Family)

First Saturday

VIGIL—5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Sarah Snyder (by Scott & Dawn Egan)

Sunday, February 8

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Frank & Helen Signor (by Ron & Sue Signor)
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Our Parishioners

Monday, February 9

Weekday

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † The Raymond Haddow Family
(by The Family)

Tuesday, February 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † George Jones (by The Ostapowicz Family)

Wednesday, February 11

Weekday; Our Lady of Lourdes

10:00 am, Holy Child: † Dotty Welsh (by Doug & Kathy Draxler)

Thursday, February 12

Weekday

No Mass

Friday, February 13

Weekday

No Mass

Saturday, February 14 VIGIL—6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Our Parishioners

Sunday, February 15

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † James Makovitch
(by Cousins, Nancy & Bernadine)
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Patrick Kump (by Anita Kump)



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Holy Child: † Ann Cook Tilly (by Cathy & Dave Slusser)
St. Mary's: † Cindy Satizahn (by Robert Stoudt & Family)

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 JAN. 26—FEB. 1. THANK YOU!

Sunday envelopes	\$4,266.00
Loose	434.00
Dues	72.00
Fuel	300.00
Ash Wednesday	25.00
Total	\$5,102.00

Diocesan—Care & Education of Priests 158.00

Diocesan—Church in Latin America 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.

PRO-LIFE RESOURCES

Natural Family Planning (NFP)

dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/natural-family-planning/

heartoftioga@gmail.com

24/7 ONLINE NURSE CHAT

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

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

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

heartbeatinternational.org/worldwide-directory

gabrielproject.org elizabethministry.org respectlife.org

usccb.org/prolife/diocesan-pro-life-offices

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun 2/8	Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-9 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16
Mon 2/9	1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13 Ps 132:6-10 Mk 6:53-56
Tue 2/10	1 Kgs 8:22-23,27-30 Ps 84:3-5,10-11 Mk 7:1-13
Wed 2/11	1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6,30-31,39-40 Mk 7:14-23
Thu 2/12	1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4,35-37,40 Mk 7:24-30
Fri 2/13	1 Kgs 11:29-32;12:19 Ps 81:10-11b,12-15 Mk 7:31-37
Sat 2/14	1 Kgs 12:26-32;13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7,19-22 Mk 8:1-10
Sun 2/15	Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37

LENT at Our Parish

ASH WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 18)

Masses: 12:10 PM at St. Mary's, 6:00 PM at Holy Child

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

- * **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence (from eating meat).
- * **Fridays during Lent** are obligatory days of abstinence (from eating meat).
- * Abstinence from eating meat is obligatory for all Roman Catholics beginning at age 14 years.
- * Fasting is obligatory for all Roman Catholics ages 18-59 years; a person is permitted to eat one full meal, and two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



- * *The Light is On for You!*
Mondays, 5:30-7:00 PM at Holy Child.
- * Saturdays, 2:15-3:00 PM at Holy Child.
- * First Fridays & First Saturdays (see Mass schedules) during Adoration.
- * Penance Services:
 - Mar. 15, 4:00 PM, St. Peter's Church, Wellsboro
 - Apr. 1, 7:00 PM, St. Boniface Church, Williamsport
- * By appointment (call the Holy Child Parish Office).

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



- * Daily; see schedule on the bulletin cover.
- * First Friday & First Saturday, 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
- * St. Mary's Hall / Holy Child Hall
- * Fridays following Stations of the Cross (except Good Friday)
(see 'Stations' schedule above)

LECTIO BIBLE STUDY: *Divine Mercy*

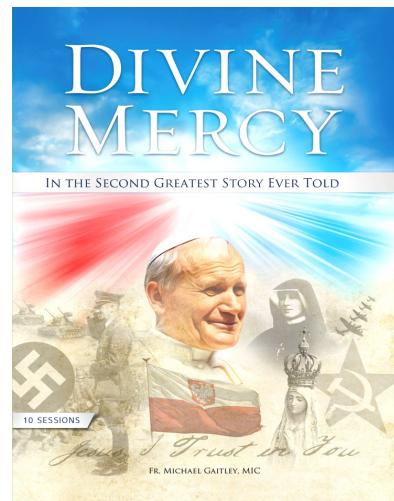
The Second Greatest Story Ever Told

Sundays during Lent
in Holy Child Hall.

Refreshments &
Fellowship @ 12:15 PM.
Lectio @ 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)

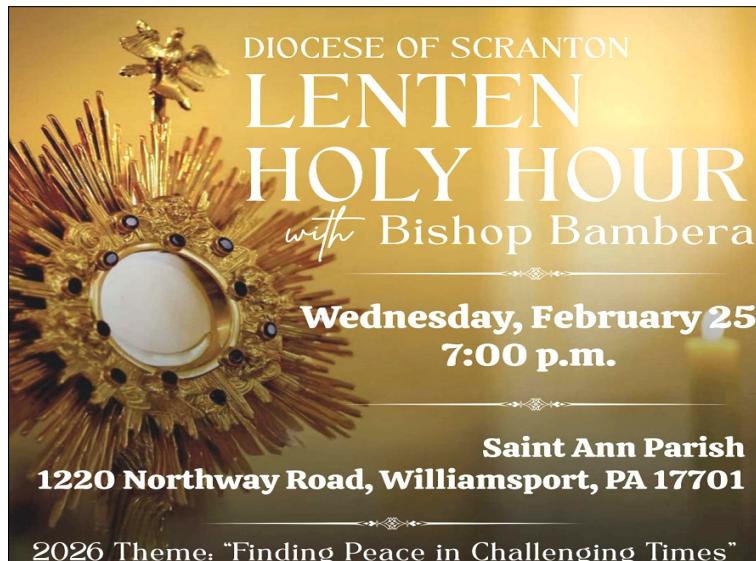
Sunday, March 22:

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)



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK MASS



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026
12:10 P.M.

CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PETER, SCRANTON
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WINTER OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26
6:00 pm - 7:00 PM

<https://tinyurl.com/NDHSWinterOpenHouse26>

TEACH US TO PRAY

How can I communicate with God?

What gets in the way?



Lenten Men's Retreat

March 13-14, 2026

Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center
1000 Seminary Rd, Dalton, PA

Includes Mass, Adoration, and Reconciliation

\$85 meals and accommodations, \$60 commuters, \$50 students

Register online at www.beacatholicman.com

Questions? Call Joe Adcroft at 570-380-5070

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
and you shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful,
by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise
and ever rejoice in his consolation.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FR. PATRICK MARY BRISCOE, OP
FOREWORD BY JONATHAN ROUMIE

WITNESS



A GUIDED LENT
JOURNAL FOR PRAYER
AND MEDITATION

MARIAN MINISTRIES

Lenten Book Study

This coming Lent, join Marian Ministries for a special book study. This study will be through email. Sharing is encouraged. We will be using the book *Witness* (Ave Maria Press). Contact Linda Sampson or Chris Troncone. Cost is \$10 per book. We begin on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18.

"This Lent, walk the road to Calvary with those who witnessed the Passion firsthand. Dominican friar and popular Godsplaining podcaster Fr. Patrick Mary Briscoe, OP, is your guide on that journey in this daily Lenten devotional. *Witness* brings you face-to-face with the people of the Bible who encountered Christ in his Passion—saints and sinners, friends and enemies, the faithful and the afraid. From the Good Thief to Pontius Pilate, Martha to Barabbas, these figures reveal the depths of the human heart—flawed, fearful, hopeful, and deeply loved."

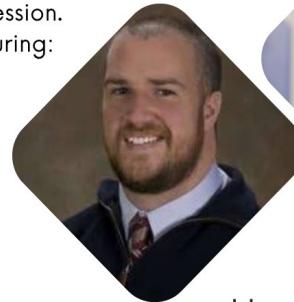
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Rev. Alex Roche



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Hosted by the Diocese of Scranton Vocations Office

MARCH 6-7, 2026

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026

THE CAPUCHIN SISTERS OF NAZARETH INVITE WOMEN AGES 15-27 TO A

Come and See Retreat Weekend



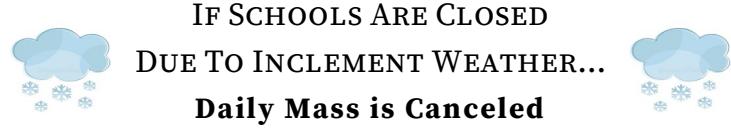
Friday, April 17- Sunday, April 19
3:00 PM Friday- 11:30 AM Sunday

Mother of the Eucharist Convent,
6100 Jacks Hollow Road,
Williamsport, PA 17702

"Love Him totally, who gave Himself totally for your love."
Saint Clare of Assisi

Please call Sister Christina
(570) 745-3334
Reservations Required.

Calls are received
Monday-Thursday, Saturday
9-11:30am 1-4:30pm 7-8:15pm



Mark Your Calendar

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

HOLY CHILD HEALTH MINISTRY

New members needed; all are welcome!



January came to a close with the loss of a key member of our Parish Health Ministry. **Dotty Welsh** was a vital part of this all-volunteer ministry for a number of years. She helped maintain an inventory of all medical equipment available for loan to those in need. She will be sorely missed by Health Ministry and by all parishioners and community members whose lives she touched.

Well, the snow has been on the ground for a while. The trees are bare. Songbirds are quiet. Punxsutawney Phil has seen his shadow. Maybe the four walls feel like they're closing in! **"Cabin fever"** is common this time of year. Less sunshine & more confinement can lead to depression, sometimes severe.

One of the best ways to combat this malady is **exercise**. You don't have to do jumping jacks or run long distances. There are many different types of exercise for many different types of folks. *Moderate* exercise increases your heart and breathing rates to ~50-70% of their maximum. A simple way to tell if your exercise is *moderate* is the "talk test" – when you can still talk, but you cannot sing.

Exercise will help your mental AND physical health. It will help you sleep better, have a brighter outlook on life, and reduce stress and anxiety. Exercising with friends aids in social interactions and helps keep your mind sharp.

"The family that prays together, stays together."

Pray the Rosary Every Day

NAZARETH GROUP (with the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth)

11:00 AM-4:30 PM: Mar. 21, Jun. 6

For young women, grades 9-12, who desire to learn more about the faith, to make wholesome friendships, and to grow in their love for Christ through prayer and hearing inspirational talks. Reservations required. Two locations:



Mother of God Convent,
Tunkhannock; call Sr. Angela
(570) 836-2737. Mother of the Eucharist Convent, Williamsport; call Sr. Clare (570) 745-3334.

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