



Holy Child Church

242 S Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933

Reverend Philip Rayappan

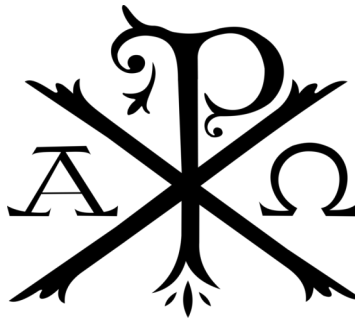
Pastor

Saint Mary of Częstochowa Church

144 St Marys St, Blossburg, PA

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 26, 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 3:00—3:30 pm Holy Child
- Sundays by request before 9AM Mass St. Mary's
- First Fridays during Holy Hour before Mass Holy Child
- First Saturdays during Holy Hour before Mass St. Mary's
- 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,

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	4:00	PM	Holy Child
Sunday	9:00	AM	Saint Mary's
Sunday	11:15	AM	Holy Child
Monday	12:10	PM	Saint Mary's
Tuesday	12:10	PM	Saint Mary's
Wednesday	8:30	AM	Holy Child
Thursday	6:00	PM	Holy Child
Friday	8:30	AM	Holy Child

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday—during the Holy Hour

First Saturday—during the Holy Hour

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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Ladies Guild: Patty Hutcheson 570-662-2034

St. Mary's Hall: 570-638-2783 Holy Child Hall: 662-9996



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 25 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Ilene Heil (by Lou & Olivia Mitcheltree)

Sunday, July 26 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am, St. Mary's: Our Parishioners

11:15 am, Holy Child: † Ruth Manning (by Tom Wierbowski)

Monday, July 27

Weekday

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: Jacob & Patricia Buck (by Darlene Buck)

Tuesday, July 28

Weekday

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Tom Mack (by Dave & Janie Hilfiger)

Wednesday, July 29

Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

8:30 am, Holy Child: † Ashley Lamoreaux (by Pontifical Mission Office)

Thursday, July 30

Weekday; St. Peter Chrysologus

6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Mary & Nykola Antoniow (by Elizabeth Giacco)

Friday, July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:30 am, Holy Child: † Rose Bunn

(by Rosemary, Adele, Marsha, Scott, & Families)

Saturday, August 1

First Saturday

9:30 am, St. Mary's: † Zachary Stager (by Sue Sleboda)

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Holy Child: Our Parishioners

Sunday, August 2 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Bill Montague (by The Hill Family)

11:15 am, Holy Child: † Kirk Euson (by Ann & Andrew Kulick)



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Holy Child: Jacob & Patricia Buck (by Darlene Buck)

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

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



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays—3:00-3:30 pm at Holy Child

Sundays—by request

First Fridays & First Saturdays—

during the Holy Hour preceding each Mass

~ Or By Appointment ~

PARISH OFFERINGS FOR JULY 13—19

Sunday envelopes \$2,917.00

Loose 773.00

Tax & Insurance 20.00

Total \$3,710.00

Diocesan—Care & Education of Priests 10.00

Thank you for your generosity!

A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

Please consider a gift to our Parish in your will or living trust. Known as a *charitable bequest*, all that is needed are a few sentences. Share this sample language with your estate planner:

"I, [name], of [city, state, zip], give, devise, and bequeath to Holy Child Parish, Mansfield, PA [dollar amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] for its unrestricted use and purpose."



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun 7/26 1 Kgs 3:5,7-12 Ps 119:57,72,76-77,127-130
Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Mon 7/27 Jer 13:1-11 (Ps) Dt 32:18-21 Mt 13:31-35

Tue 7/28 Jer 14:17-22 Ps 79:8-9,11,13 Mt 13:36-43

Wed 7/29 Jer 15:10,16-21 Ps 59:2-4,10-11,17-18
Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Thu 7/30 Jer 18:1-6 Ps 146:1b-6b Mt 13:47-53

Fri 7/31 Jer 26:1-9 Ps 69:5,8-10,14 Mt 13:54-58

Sat 8/1 Jer 26:11-16,24 Ps 69:15-16,30-31,33-34
Mt 14:1-12

Sun 8/2 Is 55:1-3 Ps 145:8-9,15-18
Rom 8:35,37-39 Mt 14:13-21

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:

Martha Aston, Judi Bonk-Guy, Ann Clark, Brian Earley, Richard Faber, Bernice Frederick, Catherine Gallagher, Ann King, Patrick Lindquist, Tony Lupkowski, Tom MacBlane, Joyce & Jim Maloney, Christopher Mortensen, Richard Niemczyk, Mike Scotto, Lori Sherant, Yolanda Tacka, Jack Watson, Samantha Wilcox, and Patricia Wright
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) visits local residences & care homes, to spend time with people who seek company. To arrange, please call Mary.

PRO-LIFE RESOURCES

Natural Family Planning (NFP)

dioceseofscanton.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
uscbb.org/prolife/diocesan-pro-life-offices

WELCOME, FATHER PHILIP RAYAPPAN!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am grateful to God for the opportunity to serve Holy Child parish. As I begin this new assignment, I would like to share a little about my vocation and journey of faith.

My vocation to the priesthood began when I was 18 years old. I entered the minor seminary in Chennai, India, where I spent one year discerning God's call. I then continued my religious formation in the Kingston Jamaica, West Indies. After two years, I returned to India to recruit young men for our religious order. This ministry required careful discernment, and by God's grace, many of those candidates faithfully answered His call. Today, some serve as religious brothers and others as priests. I was also privileged to assist in the formation of candidates preparing for religious life and the priesthood.

During this time, I participated in building homes for the poor in the ghettos of Kingston, Jamaica also caring for dying destitutes. The work often placed us in dangerous situations where our lives were at risk, yet I experienced God's constant protection and providence.

Later, I was sent back to India to establish our religious order's first mission there alongside another West Indian priest. Because I was familiar with the language and culture, I was entrusted with leading the mission during its early years.

Eventually, my superiors discerned that God was calling me not to remain a religious brother but to continue toward the priesthood. I began my priestly formation in Kingston, Jamaica, and completed my theological studies in Ottawa, Canada. I was ordained to the priesthood on March 28, 1998.

My first priestly assignment was in Cap-Haïtien, Haiti. There, with the grace of God and the support of many generous people, we renewed the mission by improving roads, providing clean water, introducing solar electricity, establishing a reliable food supply with assistance from organizations abroad, including the United States, and expanding educational opportunities for children.

From Haiti, I was sent to Kampala, Uganda, where I established a new formation house for religious brothers and helped build two homes for the dying destitute. By God's grace, the funding needed for these projects was secured, allowing this ministry of compassion to become a reality.

Through these years of missionary service, I gradually realized that God was calling me to dedicate myself more fully to the ministry of administering the sacraments and caring for God's people. While many important works can be carried out by others, the priest has the unique privilege and responsibility of celebrating the Eucharist, celebrating the sacrament of penance, anointing the sick, and accompanying people throughout every stage of life.

For the past 24 years, I have been blessed to serve in the United States in several parish assignments in the Diocese of Scranton. Along the way, I have experienced

the joys and challenges of parish life, including parish consolidations and the changing needs of the Church. My years in the missions and in parish ministry have left me with many blessings, valuable experiences, and a few scars that have strengthened my faith and deepened my trust in God's providence.

As I begin this new assignment, I humbly ask for your prayers, understanding, and support. Together, let us join hands in building a vibrant parish community rooted in faith, hope, and love. May we work together as one family in Christ so that God's will may be accomplished among us.

I look forward to getting to know each of you and walking with you on our journey of faith.

May God bless you and your families.

In Christ,

Fr. Philip Rayappan

Mark Your Calendar

Aug 2 Knights of Columbus, 6:30 PM, Holy Child Hall

Aug 23 Parish Beef Dinner & Basket Raffle! St. Mary's Hall

FIRST SATURDAY: HOLY HOUR, MASS, & SOCIAL

First Saturday will be celebrated on Saturday morning, August 1st, at St. Mary's. **Holy Hour** will begin at 8:30 am (Adoration, Confession, Benediction). **Mass** will begin at 9:30 am. Following Mass, Marian Ministries will host a light **social** in St. Mary's Hall to meet & welcome Fr Philip.

Please join us!



PARISH ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER & BASKET RAFFLE!



**Sunday, August 23rd
11:30 AM—2:00 PM**

St. Mary's Hall, 144 St. Mary's St., Blossburg, PA

*** BASKETS ARE NEEDED FOR THE RAFFLE ***

Please drop them off in St. Mary's Hall

August 10th—19th, 11 am—3 pm

or any Sunday when the church is open

PARISH DONATIONS TO HEART OF TIOGA TOTALED ~\$1,400

Thank you for joining us in our 2026 Heart of Tioga Baby Bottle Campaign! It's because of Churches, Businesses and Individuals like you - who believe that Moms, Dads, and Babies matter - that we can offer all of our services completely free of charge! We are so thankful for your partnership in equipping and empowering parents in our community with life-affirming and compassionate peer-based counseling, medical services, education and essential resources! We seek to share with each individual that we encounter, "It is good that you exist!" Thank you for caring for individuals in the community, and thank you for supporting our ministry so that we can care for these individuals more! "And God saw everything He had made, and behold, it was very good." -Genesis 1:31. Please continue to pray for the women and families in need, and for God to continue to provide for & work through Heart of Tioga.

Brianna Thompson

Executive Director, Heart of Tioga

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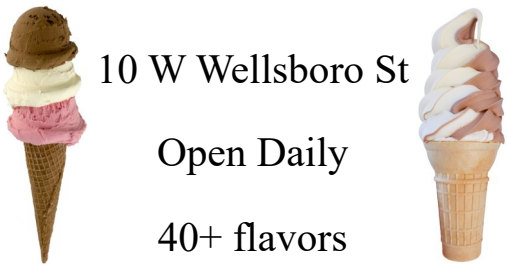
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