



Holy Child Church

242 S Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933

Reverend Philip Rayappan

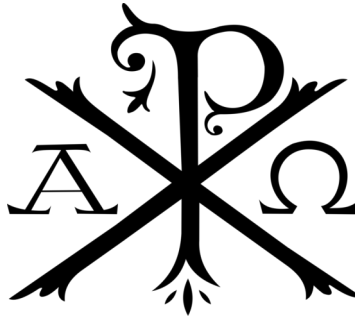
Pastor

Saint Mary of Częstochowa Church

144 St Marys St, Blossburg, PA

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 2, 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 at Holy Child Church
- Sundays by request before the 9:00 AM Mass
- First Fridays & First Saturdays, during Holy Hour before Mass
- 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.

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, 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)

Monday, August 3 Weekday

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Benjamin Wierbowski & Joe Granville
(by Tom Wierbowski)

Tuesday, August 4 St. John Vianney, Priest

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: Mary Lou Neally (by Her Friends)

Wednesday, August 5 Weekday; Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

8:30 am, Holy Child: † Mary Lauer (by Pontifical Mission Office)

Thursday, August 6 **The Transfiguration of the Lord**

6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Ruth Manning (by Ladies Guild)

Friday, August 7 First Friday; St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions

8:30 am, Holy Child: † Dorothy Hall (by Rosemary, Adele, Marsha, Scott, & Families)

Saturday, August 8 **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Dolly Garvelli (by Ralph Garvelli)

Sunday, August 9 **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

11:15 am, Holy Child: † Anthony Primerano (by JoAnn & Joseph Stello)



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Holy Child: Brian Budjanec (by Self)

St. Mary's: Our Parishioners

*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 Holy Hour before Mass

~ Or By Appointment ~

PARISH OFFERINGS FOR JULY 20—26. THANK YOU!

Sunday envelopes	\$2,377.00
Loose	417.00
Dues	105.00
Summer Drive	80.00
Parish Charity	180.00
Feast of the Assumption	20.00
Total	\$3,179.00

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 8/2	Is 55:1-3 Ps 145:8-9,15-18 Rom 8:35,37-39 Mt 14:13-21
Mon 8/3	Jer 28:1-17 Ps 119:29,43,79-80,95,102 Mt 14:22-36
Tue 8/4	Jer 30:1-2,12-15,18-22 Ps 1-2:16-23,29 Mt 14:22-36
Wed 8/5	Jer 31:1-7 (Ps) Jer 31:10-12b,13 Mt 15:21-28
Thu 8/6	Dn 7:9-10,13-14 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9
Fri 8/7	Na 2:1,2; 3:1-3,6-7 (Ps) Dt 32:35c-36b,39abcd,41 Mt 16:24-28
Sat 8/8	Hb 1:12—2:4 Ps 9:8-13 Mt 17:14-20
Sun 8/9	1 Kgs 19:9a,11-13a Ps 85:9-14 Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33

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)

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

A SPECIAL INVITATION

Dear Parish Family,

I warmly invite you to join us on **Saturday, August 8, at the 4:00 p.m. Mass** as our Regional Vicar, **Fr. Glenn McCreary** celebrates the **Rite of Installation**, formally entrusting me with the ministry of Pastor of Holy Child Parish.

This celebration is more than a ceremony—it is an opportunity for us to gather as one parish family, to thank God for His many blessings, and to pray for our shared journey of faith. I am grateful for the warm welcome you have already extended to me, and I look forward to growing together as we worship, serve, and proclaim the Gospel.

Your presence and prayers would be a great blessing as we mark this important moment in the life of our parish. I hope you will be able to join us.

May God continue to bless you and our Holy Child Parish family.

Fr. Philip Rayappan

NAZARETH GROUP—with the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth

Saturday, September 26th: 11:00 AM—4:30 PM

Also November 21st, January 30th, April 17th, and June 5th



Inviting all young women (grades 9–12) to join us on Saturday, September 26, 2026, from 11:00AM – 4:30PM. Come and learn more about the Faith, make wholesome friendships, and grow more in love with Jesus through prayer and hearing inspirational talks. For more information or to RSVP by September 24, please call Sister Angela in Tunkhannock at 570-836-2737 or Sister Clare in Williamsport at 570-745-3334. Calling times are Mon-Thurs & Sat - 9am-11:30am; 1pm-4:30pm; 7pm-8:15pm. Please join us!

Mark Your Calendar

- Aug 1 First Saturday Holy Hour (8:30a), Mass (9:30a), St. Mary's
- Aug 2 Knights of Columbus, 6:30 PM, Holy Child Hall
- Aug 7 First Friday Holy Hour (8:30a), Mass (9:30a), Holy Child
- Aug 8 Rite of Installation of Fr. Philip, 4:00 PM Mass, Holy Child
- Aug 23 Beef Dinner & Basket Raffle, 11:30a-2:00p, St. Mary's
- Sep 1 Health Ministry Meeting, 10 AM, Holy Child Hall

FIRST FRIDAY: HOLY HOUR, MASS, ANOINTING

First Friday will be celebrated on Friday morning, August 7th, at Holy Child. **Holy Hour** will begin at 8:30 am (Adoration, Confession, Benediction). **Mass** will begin at 9:30 am. Following Mass, Father Philip will offer anointing.
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
Dinner Price: \$20 (Adults); \$12 (for 12 & under)

*** 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



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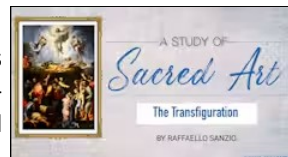
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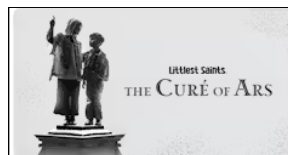
THE TRANSFIGURATION | SACRED ART

Dr. Ben Akers & Taylor Kemp discuss Raffaello Sanzio's painting "The Transfiguration," its theological meaning, and how it can speak to us today.



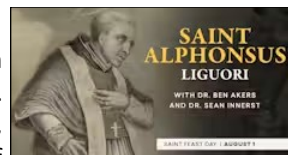
THE CURÉ OF ARS: ST. JOHN VIANNEY

The Church investigates the life of the Curé of Ars to see if he should become a saint. Will the evidence of his holiness pass the test?



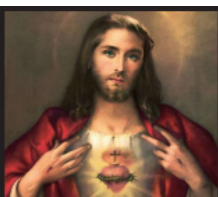
ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

Born to a noble Italian family and known as the "Prince of Moral Theologians", St. Alphonsus Liguori was a great preacher, lawyer, bishop, theologian, and Doctor of the Church. In this episode of Catholic Saints, Augustine Institute professors Dr. Sean Innerst and Dr. Ben Akers discuss this holy man, drawing wisdom from his life and works to aid Catholics today.



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11TH ANNUAL DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

BE A CATHOLIC MAN CONFERENCE



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SAT., OCT. 10, 2026, 8 AM - 3:00 PM

Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Penna. Ave., Wilkes-Barre

Speakers: Bish. Joseph Coffey, John Martignoni, Brian Holdsworth

Adoration, Reconciliation, Exhibitors, Mass- Bishop Bambera

Stand fast with the Church founded by Jesus Christ, Who "is the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Through the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, God has called men, not to be lukewarm, but to become strong in order to contend with a hostile world.

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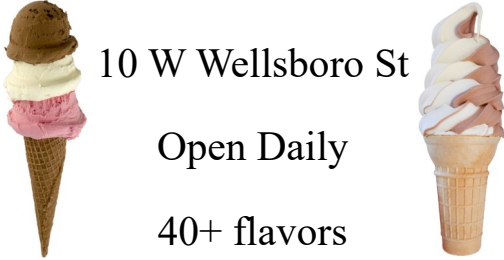
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Bench, Transfer Board, Tub Handle, Foldable Transport Ramp, Tubing, Walk-
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