



Holy Child Church

242 S Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933

Reverend Philip Rayappan

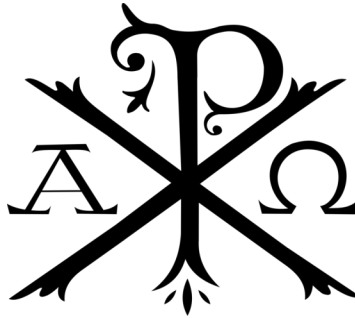
Pastor

Saint Mary of Częstochowa Church

144 St Marys St, Blossburg, PA

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 16, 2026



PARISH OFFICE

237 S. Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933

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

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 before Mass
First Saturday—during the Holy Hour before Mass

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

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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 15 ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

not a holy day of obligation this year

VIGIL—TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Ilene Heil (by Tom Heil)

Sunday, August 16 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Mason Matthew Skolny (by Rob & Sandy Skolny)

11:15 am, Holy Child: Our Parishioners

Monday, August 17

Weekday

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Marguerite Bombaski (by Ann Clark)

Tuesday, August 18

Weekday

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Joseph Dzikowski (by Chet)

Wednesday, August 19

Weekday, St. John Eudes, Priest

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

Thursday, August 20 St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Ron & MaryAnn Egan (by Scott & Dawn Egan)

Friday, August 21

St. Pius X, Pope

8:30 am, Holy Child: † Vincent & Dorothy Smichowski

(by Paula Tacka)

Saturday, August 22 VIGIL, TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Dominic & Monica Leone

(by Ken Leone & Mary Kay Ward)

Sunday, August 23 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 am, Holy Child: † Leo & Leona Frederick

(by Dave & Janie Hilfiger)

11:15 am, St. Mary's: Our Parishioners



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS

Holy Child: Fr. Philip Rayappan (by Our Parishioners)

St. Mary's: † Betty Ann Lupkowski (by Peter & Deb Lupkowski)

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 Church

Sundays—by request

First Fridays & First Saturdays—during Holy Hour before Mass

~ Or By Appointment ~

PARISH OFFERINGS FOR AUGUST 3-9. THANK YOU!

Sunday envelopes	\$3,055.00
Loose	612.00
Dues	1.00
Assumption	12.00
Cemetery Maintenance	22.00
Summer Drive	546.00
Total	\$4,248.00
Diocesan—Care & Education of Priests	25.00

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 8/16	Is 56:1,6-7 Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 Rom 11:13-15,29-32 Mt 15:21-28
Mon 8/17	Ez 24:15-23 (Ps) Dt 32:18-21 Mt 19:16-22
Tue 8/18	Ez 28:1-10 (Ps) Dt 32:26-28,30,35c-36b Mt 19:23-30
Wed 8/19	Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 20:1-16
Thu 8/20	Ez 36:23-28 Ps 51:12-15,18-19 Mt 22:1-14
Fri 8/21	Ez 37:1-14 Ps 107:2-9 Mt 22:34-40
Sat 8/22	Ez 43:1-7ab Ps 85:9ab,10-14 Mt 23:1-12
Sun 8/23	Is 22:19-23 Ps 138:1-3,6,8 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20

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.

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**



**Bernice
Frederick**



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)

MASSES THAT DAY: 9:00 at Holy Child, 11:15 at St. Mary's

BASKETS NEEDED FOR THE RAFFLE

*Please drop them off in St. Mary's Hall,
now through August 19th, 11 AM — 3 PM*

Volunteers Needed for Set-Up (starting at 9 AM), Clean-Up

Desserts Needed for the Dessert Table!

OUR PARISH BEEF DINNER, A TIME TO COME TOGETHER

Dear Parish Family of Holy Child,

Our upcoming Parish Beef Dinner is much more than a dinner. It is an opportunity for us to come together as one parish family—to share a meal, enjoy one another's company, and strengthen the bonds that unite us as brothers and sisters in Christ.

At a time when our parish and our Church are experiencing many changes, it is especially important that we remain close to one another. We need to know each other, support one another, and remember that we are not simply individuals who attend the same church. We are a Catholic family, gathered around Christ and entrusted to the loving care of His Blessed Mother.

This dinner is an expression of that family spirit. It is a chance to meet someone you may not yet know, reconnect with an old friend, welcome a new parishioner, and simply enjoy being together. Our presence matters. Our friendship matters. Our willingness to stand together in faith matters.

Holy Child has a special place in this community, and we have a responsibility to preserve and strengthen its Catholic identity for the generations to come. Especially in these changing times, we must remain rooted in the Eucharist, faithful to our Catholic heritage, devoted to Our Blessed Mother, and united in Christ.

So, please come—not because you feel an obligation, and not simply because it is a parish event, but because you are part of the Holy Child family. Bring your family, invite a friend, and come with a spirit of joy and fellowship. May this gathering remind us of what we can accomplish when we stand together in faith, charity, and love.

Let us continue to build not merely a stronger parish, but a strong Catholic presence and a faithful spiritual home for this community.

I look forward to sharing this time with all of you.

With prayers and blessings,

Fr. Philip

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



All men of our Parish are invited to join the Knights of Columbus. *Next meeting:*
Sunday, August 30th at 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

I would like to extend a sincere and heartfelt **thank you to Carl Smith and Bob Hartlove of the Knights of Columbus** for generously giving their time and talent to paint the bathroom at the rectory. Your kindness and willingness to help not only made the bathroom look wonderful, but also helped me feel truly **welcomed and at home** in our parish. I am very grateful for your generosity and friendship.

Carl and Bob are wonderful examples of the spirit of the **Knights of Columbus—men of faith who put their faith into action by serving others**. There are many opportunities to help, serve, and make a difference in our parish and community. I encourage other men of our parish to consider joining the Knights of Columbus. **Come be part of a group of men who pray together, serve together, and do good for others.**

Thank you again, Carl and Bob, for your wonderful example and for all that you do!

Fr. Philip



The Knights are hosting our annual Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 13th, following 11:15 Mass
Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, & Drinks provided.

We invite you to bring a snack / side dish / dessert!

Please join us!

LADIES GUILD



We invite all women in our parish to join the Holy Child Parish Ladies Guild. Our primary ministry is to raise funds in support of Holy Child Parish, its parishioners, & Pastor. *Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6pm.*

First meeting of the new year:

Tuesday, September 8th at 6:00 pm in Holy Child Hall
Annual Membership: September through August

Annual Dues: \$5.00

Return this form & payment in the collection basket or mail to:
Kathy Draxler, Guild Treasurer, 1482 Rt. 549, Mansfield, PA 16933

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

LABOR DAY COUNTRY-STYLE HAM & TURKEY DINNER

Monday, September 7th, Noon—5pm at Immaculate Conception Parish Center, Jacks Hollow Rd, off Rt 654 in Bastress.

Ham, turkey, sandwiches, fries, funnel cakes, ice cream, soda, plus a few small games of chance and Bingo!

We will have a variety of homemade jams, jellies, & fudge for sale.

Tickets: \$14 Adults \$6 Children 4-12, free for children 3 & under
Takeouts available around 12:30 pm.

EVENING AT MOUNT SAVIOR



Marian Ministries will sponsor an Evening at Mt. Saviour Monastery on Friday, September 11th, beginning with Evening Prayer at 6:30pm and closing with Compline at 8:15pm. Boxed lunches will be provided and Fr. Philip will be available to hear Confessions. Carpools will leave Mansfield and Wellsboro at 5pm. A suggested donation of \$15 will cover the cost of a boxed meal and a donation to the monastery.

Participants may walk the grounds, browse the bookstore, pray in the crypt, and enjoy each other's company. Votive candles are available in the crypt for a donation of \$4. Bring check books or cash in case there's no cashier at the bookstore.

To register, call/text Linda Sampson (570-404-2180) or Laurie Coffee (703-470-2975) or email marian-ministries@outlook.com. Deadline to register: Friday, September 4th. Please indicate if you are willing to drive and what type of sandwich you would like. (Ham, Turkey, Tuna, Veggie).

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!



Religious Education

Religious Education will begin on **Sunday, September 13th** at 10:00am in Holy Child Hall. To register, call 570-662-3568.

FATHER PHILIP'S INSTALLATION MASS—THANK YOU

With a heart full of gratitude, I sincerely thank all the parishioners of Holy Child Parish who came in such great numbers to be part of my Installation Mass as your pastor. Your presence, prayers, encouragement, and joyful support touched me deeply and made this beautiful occasion truly special.

I am humbled and blessed to begin this pastoral journey with you. Your presence was a wonderful expression of faith, unity, and love for our parish community. Please know that I carry each of you in my prayers, and I look forward to walking together in faith as we continue to grow closer to Christ and to one another.

From the depths of my heart, **thank you for your warm welcome, your generosity, and for making me feel truly at home.** May God bless you and your families abundantly, and may the Holy Child Jesus continue to guide and unite us as one parish family.

With prayerful gratitude and affection,

Fr. Philip

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WEEK OF AUGUST 16, 2026

SAINT BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

Who was St. Bernard of Clairvaux? In this FORMED Now episode, Dr. Ben Akers is joined by Dr. John Sehorn to discuss this great saint and Doctor of the Church.



THE QUEEN MOTHER | LECTIO: MARY | EPISODE 4

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A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

As I continue to settle into the wonderful family of Holy Child Parish, I am especially grateful for the gift of life and for the many blessings God has shared with me along the way.

On **Sunday, August 23**, I will quietly celebrate a special milestone—my **60th birthday**. I am deeply thankful to God for the grace of these years and for the privilege of beginning this new chapter of my priestly ministry with all of you.

Your prayers, kindness, and warm welcome have already meant so much to me. Please know that I will be remembering the parish family with gratitude as I celebrate this special day.

With prayerful thanks,
Fr. Philip

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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.



Info and registration:

BeACatholicMan.com

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LOOKING AHEAD...

HOLY CHILD COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

As the summer starts to end and fall is in the air, I wanted to share the value of the Holy Child Community Thanksgiving meal. For the last 26 years a group of volunteers have helped for a week of service to prepare, serve, deliver and help make lots of pies for approximately 300+ residents in the eastern portion of the county. Everyone has their own story how they started. For some, it was community service for religious ed, some just love to bake, some enjoy the company, and some because they knew someone that needed a friendly face for thanksgiving so that they were not alone.

Every helper is needed, and we are so grateful for the ministry that is provided by this service. Covid and rising food cost changed us a little bit with more families picking food up to help continue family traditions while the rising age of our parish has invited families to join us as their primary cook has passed & a family can still enjoy a meal together.

Basic needs for Thanksgiving are always helpers, especially bakers for pies, since what is Thanksgiving without Pumpkin or Apple pie. Help during the week starting on Tuesday as we start making the stuffing, turkeys, setting up the parish hall. Thursday for cleanup and helping with meal preparation, as well as any financial contributions. If you have a skill or willing to learn a skill we would welcome a discussion to find the perfect fit for you.

We look forward to sharing more about this opportunity to serve our community.

-Parishioner, Dawn Hull Wolf



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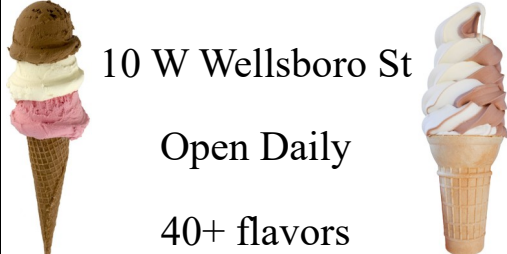
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