



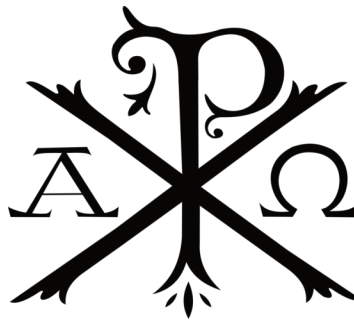
Holy Child Catholic Church
242 S Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933

Reverend Philip Rayappan
Pastor

Saint Mary of Częstochowa Catholic Church
144 St Marys St, Blossburg, PA 16912

23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

September 6, 2026



Parish Office

Mon, Tue, Fri: 9:30am - 2:30pm
237 S Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933
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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
Saturday—during the Holy Hour before Mass

Devotional Prayers

Monday	12:00 PM	Saint Mary's	The Angelus
Monday	after Mass	Saint Mary's	Miraculous Medal
Tuesday	12:00 PM	Saint Mary's	The Angelus
Tuesday	after Mass	Saint Mary's	Saint Jude
Thursday	6:00 PM	Holy Child	The Angelus

Parish Contacts

- Financial Secretary: Darlene Buck 570-662-3568
- Secretaries: Cara Clementi, Denise Grishka 570-662-3568
- Director of Religious Education: Darlene Buck
- Good Samaritans: 570-662-3568
- Medical Equipment Loaning: Sophie Schwoyer 570-404-9303
- 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

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, September 5 *St. Teresa of Calcutta*, First Saturday
9:30 am, St. Mary's: † Crystal Webster (by Terrie Thomas)
Vigil, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00 pm, Holy Child: Our Parishioners

Sunday, September 6 **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Thomas & Marcella Williams
 (by Brenda Brewster & Laura Williams)
 11:15 am, Holy Child: † Ruth Manning
 (by Kyle & Rebecca Chamberlain)

Monday, September 7 Weekday
10:00 am, St. Mary's: † George Silvaney (by Betty Silvaney)

Tuesday, September 8 THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Bernice Frederick
 (by Nieces, Patty Andrews & Kathy Parmley)

Wednesday, September 9 St. Peter Claver, Priest
 8:30 am, Holy Child: † Mary Lauer (by The Pontifical Mission Office)

Thursday, September 10 Weekday
 6:00 pm, Holy Child: † The Wade Gill Family (Living & Deceased)
 (by Carolyn Antoniow & Nicole Ostapowicz)

Friday, September 11 Weekday
 8:30 am, Holy Child: † Leona Berzinski (by The Jim Thomas Family)

Saturday, September 12 **Vigil, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 4:00 pm, Holy Child: Our Parishioners

Sunday, September 13 **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Aisley Faber (by Theresa Faber)
 11:15 am, Holy Child: Daniel & Charol Clementi (by Cara)



Sanctuary Candle Intentions This Week

Holy Child: † Leona Berzinski (by The Jim Thomas Family)
 St. Mary's: † Williams & Darrow Families (by Brenda Brewster)
*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: Holy Hour before Mass
 ~ Or By Appointment ~

Parish Offerings for August 24-30. Thank you!

Sunday Envelopes: \$3,020.00
 Loose: \$690.00
 Summer Drive: \$30.00
 Beef Dinner: \$50.00
 TOTAL: \$3,790.00
 Diocesan - Venezuela Earthquake Relief: \$818.00
 Diocesan - Care & Education of Priests: \$50.00

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 2026-2027 AnnualAppeal.org



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 9/6	Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20
Mon 9/7	1 Cor 5:1-8 Ps 5:5-6,7,12 Lk 6:6-11
Tue 9/8	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Ps 13:6abc Mt 1:1-16,18-23
Wed 9/9	1 Cor 7:25-31 Ps 45:11-12,14-17 Lk 6:20-26
Thu 9/10	1 Cor 8:1b-7,11-13 Ps 139:1b-3,13-14b,23-24 Lk 6:27-38
Fri 9/11	1 Cor 9:16-19,22b-27 Ps 84:3-6,12 Lk 6:39-42
Sat 9/12	1 Cor 10:14-22 Ps 116:12-13,17-18 Lk 6:43-49
Sun 9/13	Sir 27:30-28:7 Ps 103:1-4,9-12 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35

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, Catherine Gallagher, Ann King, Patrick Lindquist, Tony Lupkowski, Tom MacBlane, Joyce & Jim Maloney, Christopher Mortensen, Terri Nash, Matt Neclerio, Richard Niemczyk, Mike Scotto, Lori Sherant, Yolanda Tacka, Jack Watson, Samantha Wilcox, & 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 them company? As a Parish Ministry, 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/
Heart of Tioga Crisis Pregnancy Center: 570-948-2020
Abortion Pill Reversal 24/7 Hotline: 1-877-558-0333
Project Rachel Helpline: help after abortion; 888-456-HOPE
 heartbeatinternational.org/worldwide-directory
 gabrielproject.org elizabethministry.org respectlife.org
 usccb.org/prolife/diocesan-pro-life-offices



heartoftioga@gmail.com
 24/7 ONLINE NURSE CHAT

Mark Your Calendar

Sep 8 Ladies Guild, 6:00 pm, Holy Child Hall
 Sep 13 Religious Education begins, 10:00 am, Holy Child Hall
 Sep 13 Parish Picnic, following 11:15 Mass, Holy Child
 Oct 2 First Friday Holy Hour (8:30a), Mass (9:30a), Holy Child
 Oct 3 First Saturday Holy Hour (8:30a), Mass (9:30a), St. Mary's
 Oct 4 Knight of Columbus, 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall
 Oct 6 Health Ministry Meeting, 10 AM, Holy Child Hall

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 each 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: _____

Knights of Columbus



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



The Knights are hosting our annual Parish Picnic, Sunday, Sept. 13th, following 11:15 Mass. Hot dogs, hamburgers, & drinks provided.

We invite you to bring a snack, side dish, or dessert!

Please join us!

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

Fall Fest Benefitting St. Thomas Parish

Firemen's Field on Market St. in Knoxville PA

Saturday, September 12th, 10-4

Cow Pie Bingo, Vendors, Chicken BBQ, Food,

Basket Raffle, Gun Raffle, Live Music.

Benefits St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Elkland, PA.



Religious Education

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

"The family that prays together, stays together."

Sponsored by Marian Ministries



Beginning Thursday, September 17th, Marian Ministries will sponsor a six-week

study on **Pope St. John Paul II's Letter to Women**, a small-groups program exploring the dignity of women, the "feminine genius", and the essential role of women in the family, Church, and society.

The study will run from **4:30pm-6:00pm on Thursdays thru October 22nd**. Participants will meet alternately at **Holy Child Hall and St. Peter's Parish Center**.

Marian Ministries will provide a "heavy hors d'oeuvre" for dinner (cheese & crackers, meat & cheese platter, etc.) and participants will be asked to bring a small snack/side dish to share. **A suggested \$25 donation** will assist with the cost of books and food.

To register, or for more information, call or text Laurie Coffee (703) 470-2975 or Linda Sampson (570) 404-2180 or email marian-ministries@outlook.com.

Deadline for Registration: September 8th, 2026

Core Themes of the Study

Innate Human Dignity: Explores the truth that a person's worth is a God-given gift rooted in creation, not something earned.

The "Feminine Genius": Highlights unique qualities like intuition, sensitivity, generosity, fidelity, and a profound capacity to prioritize persons over things.

Gratitude & Apology: Reflects on the Pope's gratitude for women in various roles (mothers, wives, workers, consecrated women) and his acknowledgment of historical societal injustices against women.

A Call to Action: Encourages women to transform culture and structural relationships through an authentic, loving presence.

Endow (Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women) is a Catholic educational apostolate and small-group program. Rooted in the teachings of Pope St. John Paul II, it aims to help women discover their God-given dignity, understand the "feminine genius", and study the intellectual tradition of the Church through peer-led group discussions.

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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 whole-some 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!

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Casino Bus Trip

To Seneca Allegany Casino, Salamanca, NY

Wednesday, October 21st

Pick-up at: Benedicts Bus Terminal,
Mansfield CVS Plaza, and Elkland Firehall.

\$65 (includes \$30 Free Play, \$10 food, tip for the driver)

Reservations and full payment due by October 1st.

Contact St. Thomas Parish Office to reserve your spot: 814-258-5121 or stthomaselkland@outlook.com

Hurry! Space is limited.



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If Father needs you, he will speak with you directly.

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Info and registration:

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Marian Ministries will use this wonderful Diocesan platform to advertise our upcoming events. Be sure to subscribe!



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- ◇ Pregnancy & Motherhood
- ◇ Adoption
- ◇ Down Syndrome
- ◇ Sickness & Death
- ◇ Advance Medical Directives
- ◇ Abortion
- ◇ Assisted Suicide
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- ◇ Priorities at the Polls

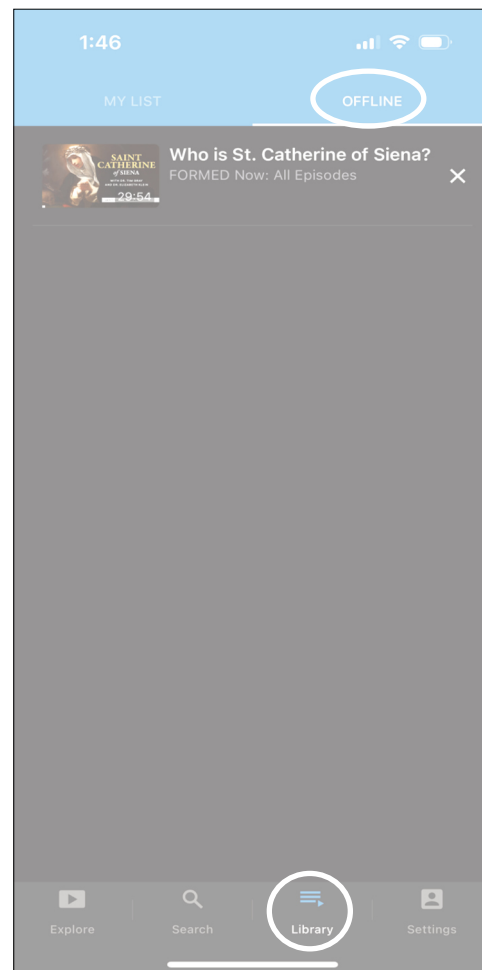
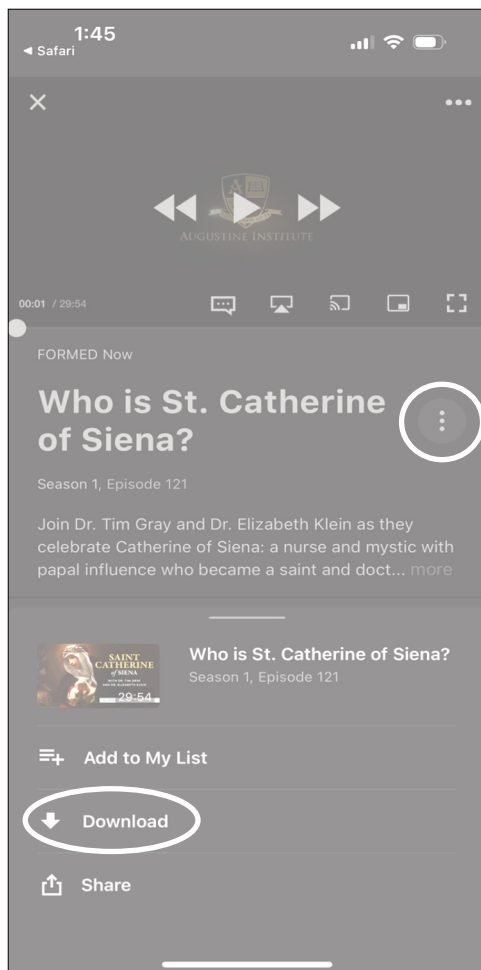
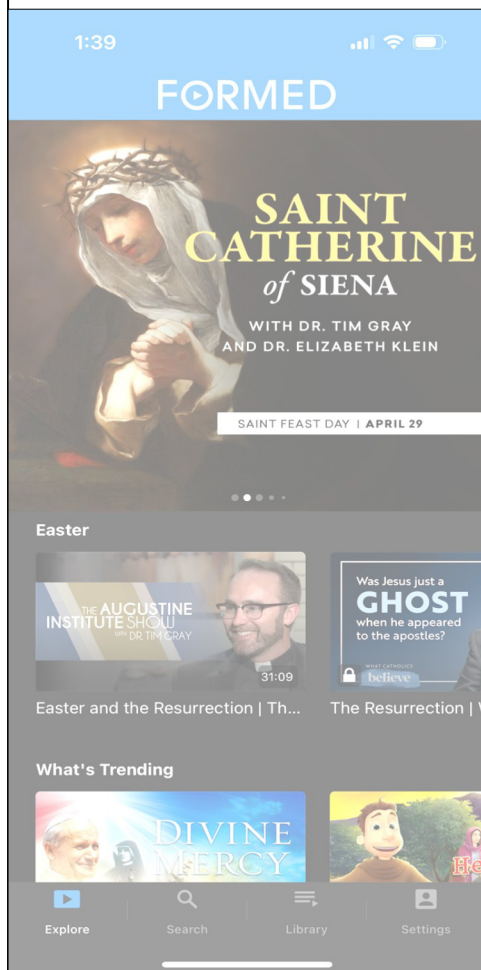


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Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, our Mother; to you do we come; before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer them. Amen.

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.

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What Catholics Believe About Mary:

Immaculate Conception, Virginity, & the Rosary

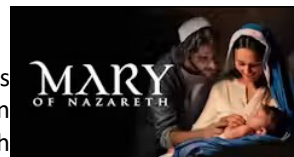
Who is Mary? Why do Catholics pray to Mary?

How could she be a virgin if Jesus had brothers and sisters according to the Bible? Dr. Edward Sri answers these and more questions in this episode of What Catholics Believe.



Mary of Nazareth

What would it have been like to have known the Mother of God? Watch this beautiful film portraying the life of Mary in order to contemplate Mary's profound faith and the mysteries of her life.



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In this episode, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



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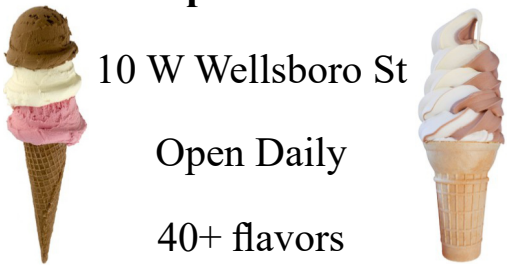
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