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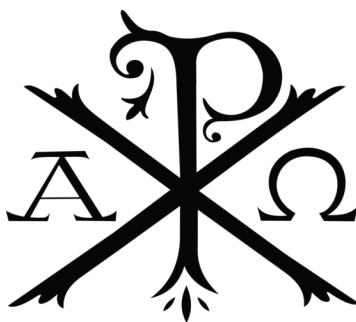


Reverend Philip Rayappan
Pastor



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

24th Sunday In Ordinary Time September 13, 2026



Parish Office

Mon, Tue, Fri: 9:30am - 2:30pm
237 S Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933
570-662-3568
hlychild@ptd.net
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 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 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)

Monday, September 14 THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Vincent & Dorothy Smichowski
(by Paula Tacka)

Tuesday, September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Gerald Dalton (by Robert Dalton)

Wednesday, September 16 Ss. Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop
8:30 am, Holy Child: † Mary Lauer (by The Pontifical Mission Office)

Thursday, September 17 Weekday; Ss. Bellarmine & Hildegard of Bingen
6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Joe McSparron (by Pauline McSparron)

Friday, September 18 Weekday
8:30 am, Holy Child: † Dolly Garvelli (by Joe & Maryann Maresco)

Saturday, September 19 VIGIL, 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Holy Child: Our Parishioners

Sunday, September 20 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Leo & Leona Frederick (by Dave & Janie Hilfiger)
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Christina Lynn Wilkins (by The Family)



Sanctuary Candle Intentions This Week

Holy Child: † Aisley Faber (by Theresa Faber)
St. Mary's: Birthday Blessings for Anna Bogaczyk (by The Family)
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 Aug 31--Sep 6. Thank you!

Sunday Envelopes: \$4,588.00
Loose: \$821.00
Cemetery: \$10.00
TOTAL: \$5,419.00
Diocesan - Care & Education of Priests: \$216.00

Diocese of Scranton Annual Appeal

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 9/13	Sir 27:30-28:7 Ps 103:1-4,9-12 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35
Mon 9/14	Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1b-2,34-38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17
Tue 9/15	1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a Ps 100:1b-5 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Wed 9/16	1 Cor 12:31 - 13:13 Ps 33:2-5,12,22 Lk 7:31-35
Thu 9/17	1 Cor 15:1-11 Ps 118:1b-2,16-17,28 Lk 7:36-50
Fri 9/18	1 Cor 15:12-20 Ps 17:1b-d,6-7,8b,15 Lk 8:1-3
Sat 9/19	1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49 Ps 56:10c-12,13-14 Lk 8:4-15
Sun 9/20	Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3,8-9,17-18 Phil 1:20c-24,27a Mt 20:1-16a

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, Duane Morgan, Christopher Mortensen, Terri Nash, Matt Neclerio, Richard Niemczyk, Mike Scotto, Lori Sherant, Yolanda Tacka, Jack Watson, Samantha Wilcox, & Patricia Wright

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. 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
uscbb.org/prolife/diocesan-pro-life-offices



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24/7 ONLINE NURSE CHAT

A Heartfelt Thank You To Holy Child Parish

Dear friends in Christ,

As I begin my ministry among you as your new pastor, I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you.

From the very beginning, I have been deeply touched by the warmth, love, and kindness you have shown me. Your thoughtful notes, gifts, sweets, invitations to dinner, words of encouragement after Mass, warm smiles, and simple words of welcome have all meant so much to me. Each gesture, whether big or small, speaks of something beautiful about the spirit of this parish.

Sometimes, even a smile or a sincere word of "thank you" can brighten someone's day. Through these simple expressions of kindness, I have already experienced the greatness of the Holy Child Parish community.

More importantly, I have experienced something deeper among you: a genuine spirit of holiness and a sincere love for God. Your faith is not simply something you profess; it is something I can feel in the way you welcome others, serve one another, participate in the life of the Church, and care for your parish community. Your zeal for God and your love for the Church are truly inspiring.

I feel blessed and humbled to walk with you on this journey of faith. I look forward to getting to know you more closely, celebrating the Eucharist with you, praying with you, and serving you and your families.

Thank you for welcoming me so generously and for making me feel at home. Please know that you are already in my prayers, and I ask that you keep me in yours as we begin this new chapter together.

May the Child Jesus continue to bless Holy Child Parish, our families, and our entire parish community. May He strengthen us in faith, unite us in love, and help us grow together in holiness.

With a grateful heart and prayerful blessings,

**Your Pastor,
Fr. Philip**

Mark Your Calendar

Sep 13 Religious Education begins, 10:00 am, Holy Child Hall
Sep 13 Parish Picnic, following 11:15 Mass, Holy Child
Sep 17 Parish Finance Council following 6pm 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
Oct 13 Ladies Guild, 6:00 pm, Holy Child Hall

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 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!

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.*

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 13th 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

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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:

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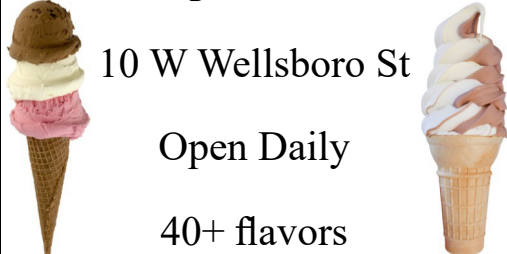
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Health Ministry—Available Medical Equipment:

Basket for walker, Blood pressure monitor, Canes, Crutches, Emesis Basin,
First Alert System, Foot Bath, Hospital Bed, Hoyer Lift, Ice Therapy Machine,
Knee Crutch, Knee Scooter, Toilet Chairs, Raised Toilet Seats, Toilet Handles,
Rising Frame for Chair, Rollator Walker, Shower Bench, Shower Chair, Transfer
Bench, Transfer Board, Tub Handle, Foldable Transport Ramp, Tubing, Walk-
ers, Walker with Seat, Wash Basin, Wheelchair, Wheelchair Cushion;
Baby Items: Bath Tub, Booster Seat, Bed Rails, Safety Gate



Scam Alert

If you receive a text message, email, or phone call from an unknown number or address claiming to be Father Philip, possibly asking for help...*please disregard.*
If Father needs you, he will speak with you directly.

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