



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

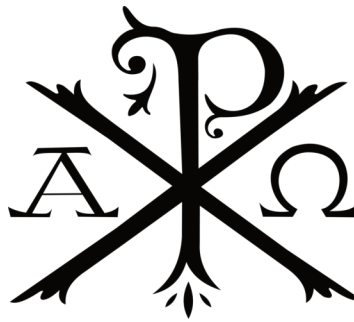


Reverend Philip Rayappan
Pastor



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

25th Sunday In Ordinary Time September 20, 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

SOLEMNITY / FEAST / Memorial / <i>Memorial</i>	Date	Mass Time Location	Intention	Daily Readings
VIGIL, 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sat Sep 19	4:00 pm Holy Child	Our Parishioners (Pro Populo)	1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49 Ps 56:10c-12,13-14 Lk 8:4-15
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sun Sep 20	9:00 am St Mary's	† Leo & Leona Frederick (by Dave & Janie Hilfiger)	Is 55:6-9 Ps 145:2-3,8-9,17-18 Phil 1:20c-24,27a Mt 20:1-16a
		11:15 am Holy Child	† Christina Lynn Wilkins (by The Family)	
ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST	Mon Sep 21	12:10 pm St Mary's	† Dotty Welsh (by Anonymous)	Eph 4:1-7,11-13 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 9:9-13
Weekday	Tue Sep 22	12:10 pm St Mary's	Brian Budjanec (by Self)	Prv 21:1-6,10-13 Ps 119: 1,27,30,34-35,44 Lk 8:19-21
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	Wed Sep 23	8:30 am Holy Child	† Erma and Francis Mitchell	Prv 30:5-9 Ps 119: 29,72,89, 101,104,163 Lk 9:1-6
Weekday	Thu Sep 24	6:00 pm Holy Child	Helen & Ed Haberberger (by Linda Brown)	Eccl 1:2-11 Ps 90:3-6,12- 14,17bc Lk 9:7-9
Weekday	Fri Sep 25	8:30 am Holy Child	Theresa & Scott Delmotte (by Mary Nance)	Eccl 3:1-11 Ps 144:1b,2abc,3-4 Lk 9:18-22
VIGIL, 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sat Sep 26	4:00 pm Holy Child	† Dotty Welsh (by Maryjane & John Seifried)	Eccl 11:9 - 12:8 Ps 90:3-6,12- 14,17 Lk 9:43b-45
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sun Sep 27	9:00 am St Mary's	Our Parishioners (Pro Populo)	Ez 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-9 Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 Mt 21:28-32
		11:15 am Holy Child	† Ruth Manning (by The Wivell Family)	
Sanctuary Candle Intentions This Week			† Christina Lynn Wilkins (by The Family) (Holy Child)	† Leo & Leona Frederick (by Dave & Janie Hilfiger) (St. Mary's)
Altar Flower Intentions This Week			---	---

The graces that come with having a **Mass** offered for a special intention are immeasurable... "the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls"... especially for the dead, since they can no longer pray for themselves (CCC 1032; Pope Francis). The **Sanctuary Candle** burns to remind us that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist in the tabernacle, offering hope and presence in the darkness, inviting prayer and adoration.

Parish Offerings for September 7-13. Thank you!

Sunday Envelopes: \$1,904.00

Loose: \$1,360.00 Dues: \$10.00

TOTAL: \$3,274.00

Cemeteries: \$15.00 Charity: \$10.00

Diocese -- Care & Education of Priests: \$35.00



Diocese of Scranton Ministries Appeal

2026-2027 AnnualAppeal.org

We hope you'll consider a **gift to our Parish in your will** or living trust - 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."

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.

Please Remember in Your 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



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.

Pro-Life Resources Natural Family Planning (NFP)



heartoftioga@gmail.com
24/7 ONLINE NURSE CHAT

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

HOLY CHILD PARISH FIVE YEAR TREND: FY 2025/2026
internally generated
**Proposed
Budget**

	<u>FY21/22</u>	<u>FY22/23</u>	<u>FY23/24</u>	<u>FY24/25</u>	<u>FY25/26</u>	<u>FY26/27</u>
REVENUE						
Collections	231172	257982	276109	273673	258531	263350
Faith Formation Fees	315	118	118	0	0	0
Fundraising/Development	3865	9117	173066	7302	2560	11000
Other Income	6822	14160	7463	7615	48818	50000
Desig Income/Grants/PPP/Loans	0	0	4873	2280	489	
Trans Savings Acct/Other	22740	12717	13520	43000	10000	
Diocese Special Collections	6508	14128	13875	12730	14198	
Total Revenue	271422	308222	489024	346600	334596	354350
EXPENSES						
Administration	140066	134508	137432	152365	169393	178000
Rectory	7870	5679	8663	10599	6539	15800
Liturgy	23247	18958	25262	26031	25756	23050
Faith Formation	23636	24333	24529	19202	22892	28025
Social Justice	547	1735	135	555	0	0
Operation & Maintenance	42546	43704	47285	46733	52231	46250
Fixed Expense	25232	26283	25821	32203	33872	34192
Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	25293	14794	10033	42700	0	0
Desig Expense/Trans Out	134	3110	13520	24578	26156	
Cath School Assessment	22989	21936	18293	24636	9715	
Diocese Special Remittance	6696	12429	15070	11100	14198	
Total Expense	318256	307469	326043	390702	360752	325317
Parish Surplus/Deficit- Cash Basis	-46834	755	162981	-44102	-26156	29033
Increase/Decrease Diocese Obligation	-2583	9579	-8318	75	0	
Actual Parish Net Surplus/Deficit	-49417	10334	154663	-44027	-26156	
End of Year Unpaid Diocese	9574	-5	8313	8238	0	
Start of Year Unpaid Diocese	6991	9574	-5	8313	8238	
Increase/Decrease Diocese	-2583	9579	8318	75	0	

Mark Your Calendar

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

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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 stthomasekland@outlook.com

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Saint Matthew | Catholic Saints

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We are all familiar with the four Gospels, but what makes them stand out from the rest? Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber as they discuss St. Matthew, the great Apostle and evangelist.



Bible Study: Matthew 1:1-25

Join Tim Gray & Michael Barber as they begin studying the Gospel of Matthew by introducing St. Matthew and looking at chapter 1 of this incredible gospel.



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MARIAN MINISTRIES

Mt. Saviour Thank You



A caravan of twenty-two pilgrims travelled to Mt. Saviour on Friday, September 11th, for an evening of prayer and reflection. All experienced the peace and solitude of this holy place. Special thanks to Fr. Philip and Fr. Don Curtiss for praying with us and hearing our confessions.

First Saturday Devotions

First Saturdays at St. Mary's Church in Blossburg provide a time of healing and grace to begin each new month. Adoration, the Rosary, the Litany of Loreto, Confession, Benediction, Mass, and holy anointing from Fr. Philip following Mass. Invite your friends and join the First Saturday family on October 3rd for a time of peace and healing beginning at 8:30 am.



Save the Dates:

Paint & Pray, Saturday, November 14th, at Holy Child Parish Center. Registration begins in October. Watch for details.

"Tea with Saint Therese," Saturday, October 17th, at Our Lady of Lourdes in Montoursville, 9am. See details in the flyer below, or visit "Our Lady of Champion PA Retreats" on Facebook.

Saturday, October 17, 2026
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
100 Mulberry St. Montoursville, PA 17754

Beginning with 9am Registration
Concluding with Holy Mass at 4pm

Tea with Saint Thérèse
Presented by the Williamsport Deanery Women's Ministry

This retreat focuses on Saint Thérèse of Lisieux's "Little Way", how it fits in with our call to holiness and Christ's commandment to Love One Another. We will explore together how best to live this in our daily lives.

Meditations & Discussions
Luncheon
Rosary
Adoration & Reconciliation
Vendors to shop

To register visit <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/williamsport-deanery-womens-retreat> or scan the QR code

Cost: Adults 18+: \$35 (EB \$25)
Students: \$20 (EB \$15)
Religious: Free
(EB) Early Bird Price Ends 9/17
Make checks payable to St. Ann RCC
mail to: Parish Offices, 326 Washington Blvd. Williamsport, PA 17701

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- ♦ Pregnancy & Motherhood
- ♦ Adoption
- ♦ Down Syndrome
- ♦ Sickness & Death
- ♦ Advance Medical Directives
- ♦ Abortion
- ♦ Assisted Suicide
- ♦ Infertility & Reproductive Technologies (e.g., IVF)
- ♦ Hope, The Gospel of Life, & The Culture of Life
- ♦ Priorities at the Polls



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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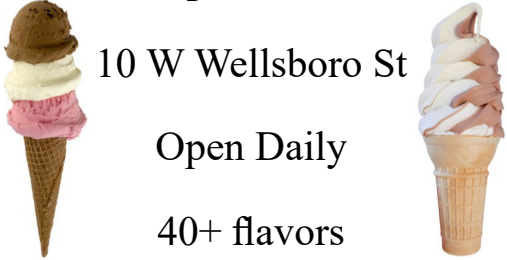
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First Alert System, Foot Bath, Hospital Bed, Hoyer Lift, Ice Therapy Machine,
Knee Crutch, Knee Scooter, Toilet Chairs, Raised Toilet Seats, Toilet Handles,
Rising Frame for Chair, Rollator Walker, Shower Bench, Shower Chair, Transfer
Bench, Transfer Board, Tub Handle, Foldable Transport Ramp, Tubing, Walk-
ers, Walker with Seat, Wash Basin, Wheelchair, Wheelchair Cushion;
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