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242 S Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933

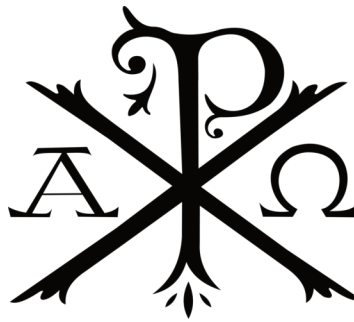


Reverend Philip Rayappan
Pastor



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

26th Sunday In Ordinary Time September 27, 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.

Regular Schedule of Masses

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	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 / Obl. Memorial / Memorial	Date	Mass Time Location	Intention	Daily Readings
VIGIL, 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sat Sep 26	4:00 pm Holy Child	† Dotty Welsh (by Maryjane & John Seifried)	Ez 18:25-28 Ps 25:4-9 Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 Mt 21:28-32
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sun Sep 27	9:00 am St Mary's	Our Parishioners (Pro Populo)	
		11:15 am Holy Child	† Ruth Manning (by The Wivell Family)	
St. Wenceslaus, St. Lawrence Ruiz, Companions, Martyrs	Mon Sep 28	10:00 am St. Mary's	† Stanley Dzikowski (by Chet)	Jb 1:6-22 Ps 17:1bcd,2-3,6-7 Lk 9:46-50
Ss. MICHAEL, GABRIEL, & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS	Tue Sep 29	12:10 pm St Mary's	† Bernice Frederick (by Gerry Mack & Family)	DI 7:9-10,13-14 / Rv 12:7-12ab Ps 138:1-5 Jn 1:47-51
St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church	Wed Sep 30	8:30 am Holy Child	† Mary Lauer (by The Pontifical Mission Office)	Jb 9:1-12,14-16 Ps 88:10-15 Lk 9:57-62
St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church	Thu Oct 1	6:00 pm Holy Child	† Thomas & Marguerite Dwyer (by Ann Clark)	Jb 19:21-27 Ps 27:7-9,13-14 Lk 10:1-12
Holy Guardian Angels; First Friday	Fri Oct 2	9:30 am Holy Child	† Bob Cook (by Cathy & Dave Slusser)	Jb 38:1,12-21;40:3-5 Ps 139: 1-3, 7-10,13-14ab Mt 18:1-5,10
Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday	Sat Oct 3	9:30 am St. Mary's	† Frances Catherine Bernhardt Noll (by Mary Nance)	Jb 42:1-3,5-6,12-17 Ps 119:66, 71,75,91,125,130 Lk 10:17-24 Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:9,12-16,19-20 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43
VIGIL, 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		4:00 pm Holy Child	† Richard "Dick" Clark (by Ann Clark)	
27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sun Oct 4	9:00 am St Mary's	† William & Mary Beaderman (by Nancy Jaquish)	
		11:15 am Holy Child	Our Parishioners (Pro Populo)	
Sanctuary Candle Intentions This Week			† Bob Cook (Holy Child) (by Cathy & Dave Slusser)	† Dolores Thomas (St. Mary's) (by The Jim Thomas Family)
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 14-20. Thank you!

Sunday Envelopes: \$3,812.00

Loose: \$873.00 Summer Drive: \$10.00

TOTAL: \$4,695.00

Cemeteries: \$100.00

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



Diocese of Scranton Catholic 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)

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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heartoftioga@gmail.com

24/7 ONLINE NURSE CHAT

FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. PHILIP

October: A Month of Devotion to Our Blessed Mother

October is a beautiful month dedicated in a special way to **Our Blessed Mother & the Holy Rosary**. Through Mary, we are drawn closer to her Son, Jesus. As a parish family, let us come together in prayer & ask Our Blessed Mother to intercede for our families, our parish, and all those in need.

Beginning in October, **the Rosary will be prayed 25 minutes before each of our three weekend Masses**. We warmly invite everyone to arrive early and join us in this beautiful devotion.

Please make this a family devotion. Bring your children & loved ones. Let us teach the next generation the beauty and power of praying the Rosary together.

As we honor Our Blessed Mother throughout October, may her loving intercession bring many blessings, graces, peace, & renewed faith to our parish & every family in our parish community.

Come, pray the Rosary with us, and entrust our parish and our families to the loving care of Our Blessed Mother.

A Note of Gratitude and Welcome

We express heartfelt gratitude to **Darlene Buck**, who has faithfully served our Parish as financial secretary and Director of Religious Education (DRE). Darlene has decided to leave these positions due to family obligations. Her dedication, commitment, and many years of service to our parish have been greatly appreciated.

We welcome **Regina Bonneville** as our new **financial secretary**. Regina comes from a wonderful Catholic family, and she and her husband, Judson, are parishioners. We warmly welcome Regina to the parish office, and we are grateful for her service to our parish.

We welcome **Christine King** as our new **Director of Religious Education (DRE)**. We are grateful that she has accepted this important ministry. Please join us in welcoming Chris and supporting her as she begins her service to our parish.

As we welcome Regina and Chris and thank Darlene, let us keep them in our prayers:

May God bless Darlene, Chris, and Regina with His abundant blessings, guide them in their work and ministry, and strengthen them each day. May the Lord bless their families and all their future endeavors. Amen.

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

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Week of September 27, 2026

Saint Therese | Littlest Saints

Which flower in Jesus's garden is the best? The most beautiful? St. Therese gives us her "little" answer to these questions.



Saint Jerome | Catholic Saints

An early Church Father from the 4th century, St. Jerome translated the Bible into Latin with the desire to make Scripture more accessible. St. Jerome is the patron of biblical scholars, translators, and archivists and famously said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."



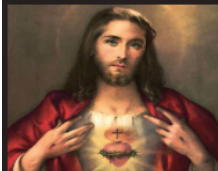
Who Are the Archangels?

Drs. Akers and Klein discuss archangels and what role they have in our lives.



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11TH ANNUAL DIOCESE OF SCRANTON

**BE A CATHOLIC MAN
CONFERENCE**



JUST BE CATHOLIC

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.

Info and registration:

BeACatholicMan.com

\$40, (Early \$30 by 9-21-26) Students \$15, Priests/Deacons/Seminarians FREE



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.

Reflections
from:

Endow

Chapter 1: A Letter to All Women: Pope St. John Paul II

Edith Stein said it best,
*"Everywhere a woman meets
a human being, she will find
opportunity to sustain, to
counsel, to help."*

What does a vocation to
holiness mean? We wear our
vocations like cloaks and
take them with us wherever
we go. They reflect what we
believe, whether in a
classroom of rambunctious
kids, a long line at Walmart,
or a brush with a total
stranger. Through our
vocations, *"We make visible
what is invisible: the spiritual
and divine, both resembling
and reflecting our Creator."*
(Endow)

Our call to holiness is 24/7.
*"Every relationship, every
day, every situation is an
opportunity to image God
by making a gift of
ourselves."* (Endow)

How do you make a gift of
yourself in ordinary
situations and how have
others made Christ visible to
you?

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*

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Cost: Adults 18+: \$35 (EB \$25)
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Religious: Free
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Make checks payable to St. Ann RCC
mail to: Parish Offices, 326 Washington Blvd. Williamsport, PA 17701



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Chapter 2: An Act of Contrition

"As mature Christian women, we have to choose daily how we will see ourselves. Will we see ourselves as valuable, important, and loved, possessing a God-given dignity that no one can take away?" (Endow)

Whether a man, woman, leper, Gentile, Jew, saint, or sinner - no one was beyond the reach of Jesus' mercy and compassion, especially women - at a time in history when a woman's word was worthless. Think about the bleeding woman, the Samaritan woman, the woman caught in adultery.

"He walked with them and talked with them, calling from the crowds and looking at them with eyes of love. No matter what they had done, no matter how broken or wounded they were, He saw them as precious." (Endow)

Is there a woman in the New Testament you can relate to? Who and why? Think about how Jesus sees *you*, broken or beautiful, always forgiven.

Respect,
protect, love
and serve life,
every human life!

The Gospel of Life, 5

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Heart of Tioga

Pregnancy and Parenting Support

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Our 6th Annual Fundraiser Banquet

Guest Speaker - **Bryce Asberg**
Executive Director of Helping Hands Pregnancy
Resource Center in Hillsdale, MI
Saturday, October 24th, 2026 at 5:00 PM
The Church of the New Covenant
310 Extension St, Mansfield
Details & Reservations--CALL 570-404-8308
or email heartoftioga@gmail.com

What to Do When a Friend is Considering Abortion

Read the full version at
respectlifeprogram.org/l-o-v-e.

When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How do we respond in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby? First, prioritize listening over speaking. Ask her about her feelings, thoughts, values, beliefs, and wants. When her story is fully shared, it is your turn to provide factual information, in a loving and caring way. Encourage her.

**Reassure her
that she is
not alone.**

Help her set goals that extend beyond her due date to help her see life beyond her pregnancy. Reassure her that she is not alone, and provide practical support. Pray with her, offering Christ's love at a crucial life-saving and life-defining moment.

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10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting

Read the full version at
respectlifeprogram.org/support-her.

As a mom who had my first baby in college, I know that an unexpected pregnancy can sometimes bring fear, shame, and doubt. Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. I encourage you to support her in her new journey of being a mother.

**Your support
may be the
only support
she receives.**

It's okay if you don't know the perfect words to say. Let her know you are there for her, and ask how you can support her. Assist her in lining up practical help. She may not feel she "deserves" to show happiness; reassure her it's okay (*and good*) to be happy. Your support might be the only support she receives. You can make a difference in her life. Will you?

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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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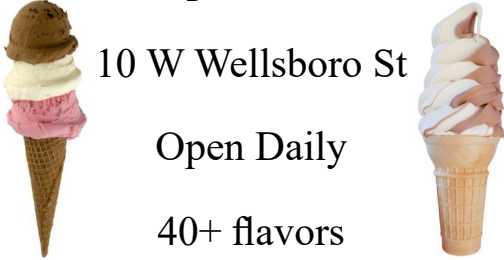
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Rising Frame for Chair, Rollator Walker, Shower Bench, Shower Chair, Transfer
Bench, Transfer Board, Tub Handle, Foldable Transport Ramp, Tubing, Walk-
ers, Walker with Seat, Wash Basin, Wheelchair, Wheelchair Cushion;
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