



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



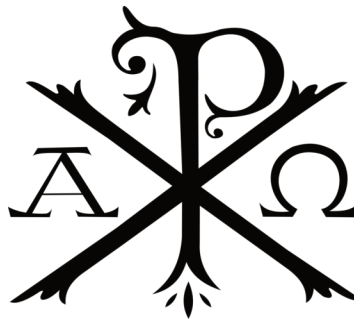
Reverend Philip Rayappan
Pastor



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

27th Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 4, 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: Regina Bonneville 570-662-3568
- Secretaries: Cara Clementi, Denise Grishka 570-662-3568
- Director of Religious Education: Christine King
- 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 / Opt. Memorial	Date	Mass Time Location	Intention	Daily Readings
Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday	Sat Oct 3	8:30 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
VIGIL, 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		4:00 pm Holy Child	† Richard "Dick" Clark (by Ann Clark)	Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:9,12-16,19-20 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43
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)	
St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest	Mon Oct 5	12:10 pm St. Mary's	† Joe McSparron (by Pauline McSparron)	Gal 1:6-12 Ps 111:1b-2,7-9,10c Lk 10:25-37
St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin	Tue Oct 6	12:10 pm St Mary's	† Rose Marie Bigby (by Evelynn Frederick)	Gal 1:13-24 Ps 139:1b-3,13-15 Lk 10:38-42
Our Lady of the Rosary	Wed Oct 7	8:30 am Holy Child	Elizabeth Zilbauer (by Cara Clementi)	Gal 2:1-2,7-14 Ps 117:1bc,2 Lk 11:1-4
Weekday	Thu Oct 8	6:00 pm Holy Child	† Mary Ann Griscavage (by Ann & Andrew Kulick)	Gal 3:1-5 Ps (Lk) 1:69-75 Lk 11:5-13
St. Denis, Bp. & Companions, Martyrs; St. John Leonardi	Fri Oct 9	8:30 am Holy Child	† Irene Walsh (by Holy Child Good Neighbors)	Gal 3:7-14 Ps 111:1b-6 Lk 11:15-26
VIGIL, 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sat Oct 10	4:00 pm Holy Child	Allen Perry (by Dar Buck)	Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Phil 4:12-14,19-20 Mt 22:1-4 or 22:1-10
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Sun Oct 11	9:00 am St Mary's	† Frank & Helen Dadas (by Marilyn & Gene Kurzejewski)	
		11:15 am Holy Child	Our Parishioners (Pro Populo)	
Sanctuary Candle Intentions This Week			Allen Perry (Holy Child) (by Dar Buck)	† Leona Berzinski (St. Mary's) (by The Jim Thomas Family)
Altar Flower Intentions This Week			-----	Blessed Virgin Mary (St. Mary's) (by Sharon & Samie Wilcox)

***On First Fridays and First Saturdays, Holy Hour begins at 8:30 am and Mass begins at 9:30 am.**

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 21-27. Thank you!

Sunday Envelopes: \$3,142.00 Loose: \$1,183.00
Dues: \$151.00 Fuel: \$374.00 Candles: \$226.00
Religious Education: \$98.00
Diocese--Care & Education of Priests: \$85.00
TOTAL: \$5,259.00
Cemeteries: \$100.00



Diocese of Scranton Catholic Ministries Appeal

Our Goal: \$29,618.00 To-Date: \$13,737.00
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.

Prayer Chain... New Prayer Warriors Wanted!

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

~Carry me in your wallet to share as needed~



heartoftioga@gmail.com

24/7 ONLINE NURSE CHAT

Mark Your Calendar

Oct 13 Ladies Guild, 6:00 pm, Holy Child Hall
 Nov __ Knights of Columbus, 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall
 Nov 6 First Friday Holy Hour (8:30a), Mass (9:30a), Holy Child
 Nov 7 First Saturday Holy Hour (8:30a), Mass (9:30a), St. Mary's
 Nov 11 Health Ministry Meeting, 10 AM, Holy Child Hall
 Nov 14 Marian Ministries Paint & Pray, Holy Child Hall



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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 Bambara



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) Studens \$15, Priests/Deacons/Seminarians FREE



Youth Rally

JOHN 2:5
Do whatever He tells you

SAT, NOV 7

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ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST COME THROUGH THE PARISH





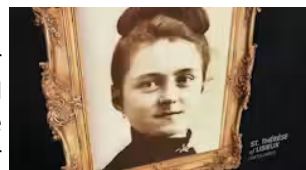



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Faustina & The Spread of Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy & the Second Greatest Story Ever Told episode. How a saint from Poland embarked on one of the greatest missions in the history of the Church, becoming a catalyst for the message of Divine Mercy.



Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi

In this 10-part audio drama, listeners can dive into the life of St. Francis of Assisi as he goes from being a son of wealth and privilege to a man who gave up everything for the sake of Christ.



Into Great Silence

Nestled deep in the postcard-perfect French Alps, the Grande Chartreuse is considered one of the world's most ascetic monasteries. In 1984, German filmmaker Philip Gröning wrote to the Carthusian order for permission to make a documentary about them. They said they would get back to him. Sixteen years later, they were ready.



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Pray the Rosary Every Day

Nazareth Group—with the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth Saturday, November 21st 11:00 AM–4:30 PM

Also 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!

From the Desk of Patricia Wright

Dear Staff and Parish Family,

Thank you for your many cards and get-well wishes. But most of all for your prayers!!

Many blessings to all of you!

Pat Wright

"The family that prays together, stays together."

ENDOW Reflections on Pope St. John Paul II's *Letter to Women*. Chapter 3: Obstacles to Freedom

"It's not the culture's job to tell us where we should be. God knows what's best for us and where He needs us. As long as we're listening to His voice, prioritizing His will over all else, we're in exactly the right place." (Endow)

Many of us who live in Tioga County are somewhat sheltered from issues like sex trafficking and prostitution. But even so, modern culture bombards us with images of what beauty and success should look like. Practices like abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and capital punishment have become society's solutions to moral dilemmas. Sometimes we unknowingly participate in this "culture of death" through the books we read, the programs we watch, the music we listen to, and more.

What are some of the subtle ways our society encourages a culture of exploitation? Where and how are these messages communicated on a daily basis?

"God loves all His children, no matter what choices they've made or what sufferings they've endured. He wants to heal us; He wants to pour out His mercy upon us and make us whole again. In His eyes, no matter what we've done, we are always precious. We are always beloved." (Endow)

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

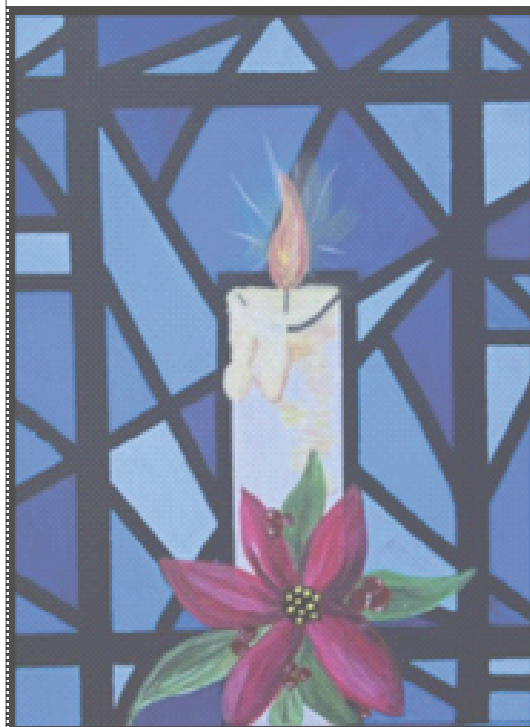
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To register visit <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/williamsport-deanery-womens-retreat> or scan the QR code

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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Paint & Pray: "The Light of Christ"

Saturday, November 14th
Holy Child Parish Center
10 am -2 pm Cost: \$35.00

Paint & Pray with Sandi Spencer is one of Marian Ministries' most popular events. Registration closes at 20 participants, so reserve your seat soon. A fee of \$35 includes all painting materials and a catered lunch.

Deadline to Register: November 5th. Make checks payable to "St. Peter's Church" (with Marian Ministries on the Memo line). Drop them in the collection basket at Holy Child or St. Peter's or mail them to:

St. Peter's Church
38 Central Avenue
Wellsboro, PA 16901

Heart of Tioga

Pregnancy and Parenting Support

SHINE 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

RESPECT LIFE

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defender of life,
pray for us!*

respectlife.org



Children as Commodities

Read the full version at
respectlifeprogram.org/children-commodities.

At seventeen, Natalie* discovered that her parents had contracted with another woman to become pregnant using her father's sperm and the woman's own egg. Natalie became estranged from her parents, hurt that money, rather than the physical expression of married love, was the context in which she was brought into the world. Since the advent of IVF (in vitro fertilization), the floodgates have been opened to bringing about reproduction through egg and sperm donation and surrogate pregnancies. Yet these technologies are fraught with medical, legal, and moral complications. Children deserve to not be created as a product of reproductive technology, but to be given by God, and to be born through married love.

**Children
deserve to
be given by
God, born of
married love.**

*Name changed for privacy. This is a summary of a USCCB Respect Life Program article by the same name and is reprinted with permission. © 2019, USCCB, Washington, D.C. All rights reserved.

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Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility

Read the full version at
respectlifeprogram.org/navigating-infertility.

We often assume parenthood happens easily after "I do," but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility: after giving birth to one or more children, they are unable to have another. If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that God is with you, and that He has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.

**God is with
you, and
His Church
desires to
walk with
you.**

You are not alone; His Church desires to walk with you. The full article at the website listed above contains compassionate, practical guidance, intended primarily for married couples struggling with infertility, though others may also find it to be informative.

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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.*
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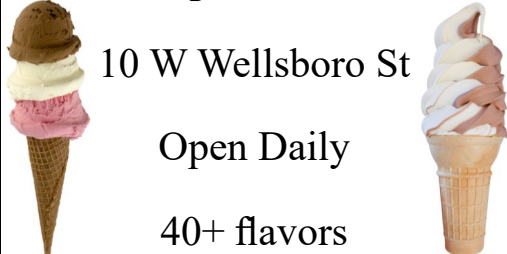
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Rising Frame for Chair, Rollator Walker, Shower Bench, Shower Chair, Transfer
Bench, Transfer Board, Tub Handle, Foldable Transport Ramp, Tubing, Walk-
ers, Walker with Seat, Wash Basin, Wheelchair, Wheelchair Cushion;
Baby Items: Bath Tub, Booster Seat, Bed Rails, Safety Gate