

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2026

Parish Office

Mon, Tue, Fri 9:30am - 2:30pm
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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, 8:30 AM Holy Hour
- 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

**subject to change; please see page two for current week*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Fridays & First Saturdays, during the Holy Hour

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
Secretaries: Cara Clementi, Denise Grishka
Director of Religious Education: Christine King
Good Samaritans: Florence Metarko, Leona Ruberto
Health Ministry Medical Equipment Loaning: 570-404-9303
Knights of Columbus: Scott DiMarco
Ladies Guild: Patty Hutcheson, Heather Morgan

Mass Schedule & Intentions

SOLEMNITY, FEAST, Memorial, *Opt. Memorial*	Date	Mass Time, Location	Intention	Daily Readings
Weekday; *BVM* First Saturday	**Sat Nov 7**	*8:30 am St Mary's	**† Mary & Nykola Antoniw** (by The Ostapowicz Family)	Phil 4:10-19 | Ps 112:1b-2,5-6,8a,9 | Lk 16:9-15
VIGIL, 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		**4:00 pm Holy Child**	**Our Parishioners** (Pro Populo)	**Wis 6:12-16 Ps 63:2-8 1 Thes 4:13-18 Mt 25:1-13**
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	**Sun Nov 8**	**9:00 am St Mary's**	**† Gary Ruberto** (by The Family)	
		11:15 am Holy Child	**† The Himlin Family** (by Sue & John Sleboda)	
DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA	Mon Nov 9	12:10 pm St Mary's	**† The William Winder Family** (by Darlene Buck)	Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12 | Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 | 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17 Jn 2:13-22
St. Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church	Tue Nov 10	**10:00 am** St Mary's	**† Bernice Frederick** (by Mike & Connie McNamara)	Ti 2:1-8,11-14 | Ps 37:3-4,18,23,27,29 | Lk 17:7-10
St. Martin of Tours, Bishop	Wed Nov 11	**6:00 pm** Holy Child	**† All Veterans**	Ti 3:1-7 | Ps 23:1b-6 Lk 17:11-19
St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr	Thu Nov 12	6:00 pm Holy Child	**† Frances Catherine Bernhardt Noll** (by Kyle & Rebecca Chamberlain)	Phlm 7-20 | Ps 146:7-10 Lk 17:20-25
St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin	Fri Nov 13	8:30 am Holy Child	**† Gene & Peggy Kump** (by Anita Kump)	2 Jn 4-9 | Ps 119:1-2,10-11,17-18 | Lk 17:26-37
VIGIL, 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	**Sat Nov 14**	**4:00 pm Holy Child**	**Rebecca & Kyle Chamberlain Family** (by Theresa & Scott Delmotte)	**Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 Ps 128:1-5 1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30**
33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	**Sun Nov 15**	**9:00 am St Mary's**	**Our Parishioners** (Pro Populo)	
		11:15 am Holy Child	**† Merton & Theresa Saunders** (by The Jim Thomas Family)	
Sanctuary Candle Intentions This Week			**† The Himlin Family** (by Sue & John Sleboda)	**† The William Winder Family** (by Darlene Buck)
Altar Flower Intentions This Week			**† The Souls in Purgatory** (by Darlene Buck)	-----

On First Fridays and First Saturdays, Holy Hour begins at 8:30 am and Mass begins at 9:30 am, with Anointing available after Mass.
*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 & presence in the darkness, inviting prayer & adoration. To request a Mass, candle, or flower intention, please use the request forms provided in our churches.*

Parish Offering -- Oct. 26--Nov.1 -- Thank you!
Total Received: $5,518.76 Weekly Goal: $6,730.00

Diocese of Scranton Catholic Ministries Appeal
Our Goal: $29,618 To-Date: $17,347
2026-2027 AnnualAppeal.org *Thank you!*

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."

Second Collection Next Week (Nov. 14-15)
Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Please Remember in Your Prayers

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 add someone's name, please contact the Parish Office.

Prayer Chain... New Prayer Warriors Wanted!
contact Maryjane (seifriedmaryjane@gmail.com; 570-549-7550)

Spiritual Adoption Prayer by Bl. Fulton Sheen

**Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much.
I beg you to spare the life of the preborn baby I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.**

During your earthly life, this spiritually adoption will be known only to God, but in the life to come, it is hoped you will meet the child whose life was spared by your prayers. Traditionally prayed daily for nine months.

November: A Month of Prayer for the Departed Souls

The month of November invites us to remember our departed brothers and sisters and to pray especially for the souls in Purgatory. As Catholics, we believe in the Communion of Saints and in the power of prayer offered for those who have died in God's grace but are still being purified before entering the fullness of heaven.

The **Holy Mass is the most powerful prayer we can offer for our departed loved ones.** Through the Eucharistic sacrifice, we entrust them to God's infinite mercy and love. During this month, let us offer Masses for the deceased, remember them in our personal prayers, and perform acts of charity for their intentions.

May our prayers express our love and gratitude for those who have gone before us, strengthen our hope in the resurrection, and remind us that death does not end our communion in Christ. Let us pray with faith: *"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen."*

Learn to Recognize the Presence of God

Many Catholics believe in God's presence but have not learned to recognize Him in the ordinary moments of daily life. We believe He is with us, yet we can move through our days distracted, worried, or preoccupied, missing the countless ways He draws near to us.

We must help people move from simply believing in God's presence to living with an awareness of His presence. This is at the heart of a vibrant spiritual life.

Teach people to seek Jesus in Sacred Scripture, encounter Him in the Eucharist, listen for Him in silence, discover Him amid suffering, recognize Him in family life, serve Him in the poor and lonely, reflect His mercy through forgiveness, honor Him through ordinary work, welcome Him in unexpected encounters, marvel at Him in creation, and respond generously to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

God is not present only in church or in moments of prayer. He walks with us through every day. Sometimes He speaks through His Word; sometimes through another person's kindness; sometimes through a difficult situation that calls us to deeper faith, patience, or surrender. The challenge is not that God is absent, but that we are often too distracted to notice Him.

Let us encourage everyone to make this a daily spiritual practice.

Each morning, begin with the question:

"Jesus, where are You inviting me to notice You today?"

At the end of the day, pause in prayer and ask:

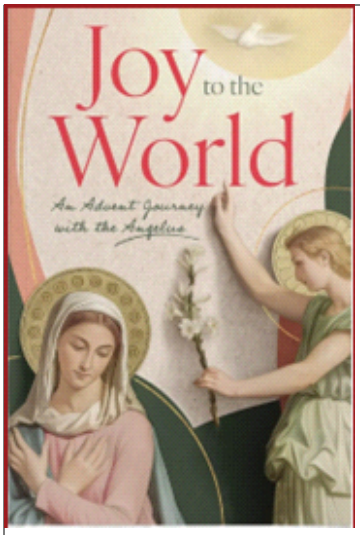
"Lord, where did I encounter You today? Where did I miss Your presence? How are You inviting me to love You more tomorrow?"

These simple questions can gradually transform the way we see, think, pray, and live. They help us become more attentive to grace, more patient in suffering, more compassionate toward others, and more responsive to God's call.

Our goal is not merely to speak about God, but to help people live every moment with Him. When we learn to recognize His presence, ordinary days become opportunities for holiness, difficult moments become invitations to trust, and encounters with others become opportunities to love Christ Himself.

Let us become people who seek Him, recognize Him, and respond to Him—not just on Sundays, but every day, in every circumstance, and in every person we meet.

"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:9)



Joy to the World
An Advent Journey with the Angelus

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This Advent, *Joy to the World* invites us to explore what it means to live with true Christian joy—not as a passing feeling, but as the settled conviction that God is faithful. Featuring reflections from Fr. Mike Schmitz, along with Scripture, the lives of the saints, the *Angelus*, and honest reflections on the blessings and crosses of everyday life, *Joy to the World* will guide us to recognize God's presence and work in our lives, even when our circumstances haven't changed. Because the promise of Christian joy isn't a life without difficulty. It's knowing that through all of it, God is with us.

Books will be available in mid-November. A suggested donation of $10 will assist with the cost.Deadline to register: **Sunday, Nov. 8th.** Checks payable to: St. Peter's Church; memo: Marian Ministries. Please include your email address. Drop them in the collection or mail: St. Peter's Church, 47 Central Avenue, Wellsboro, PA 16901.

https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/joy-to-the-world-advent-online-book-study

SCRANTON TRIBUNAL NEWS: The forms used to petition for marriage annulments have recently been updated and placed online. The petition for a declaration of marriage nullity due to lack of canonical form has also been updated to a single page and placed online. These easy-to-use and simplified forms may be completed on your personal computer and printed before being brought to a priest or deacon to be notarized. Currently, no fees are attached to these petitions. Visit the Office of the Tribunal on the Diocese of Scranton website to see the new paperwork and the information needed to petition for an annulment after a divorce: https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/directory/offices/diocesan-tribunal/ Your parish priest or deacon can assist you in beginning the annulment process. You may also call the Tribunal with your canon law questions, 570-207-2246.

24TH ANNUAL
COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER
AT HOLY CHILD CHURCH



Pick Up, Delivery and Eat In!
Thanksgiving Day 12:00 PMto 2:00 PM
Please make reservations by
November 19th
570-662-3568.
If no one answers, please
leave a message.

Name:_____

Phone:_____

YES, I'D LIKE TO VOLUNTEER!

___Move & set tables; slice pies; organize (Tue & Wed)

___Make a dessert (drop off by 8 AM on Thanksgiving)

___Prep kitchen, slice pies (8:00-9:15 AM)

___Organize deliveries & pick-ups (9:15-10:20 AM)

___Deliver meals (10:30-11:30 AM)

___Serve meals (12:00-2:00 PM)

___Clean up (2:00-3:00 PM)

YES, I'D LIKE TO RESERVE DINNERS! (by Nov 19th)

Number of meals: _____ Dine-in (12:00-2:00 PM)

_____ Pick-up (10:30-11:30 AM)

_____ Delivery to homebound (10:30-11:30 AM)

Delivery Address (Mansfield / Covington / Bloss areas):

_____

Please complete this form and return it in the collection basket. Or call the office 570-662-3568.

Mark Your Calendar

Nov 7,8 Second Collection: Care & Education of Priests
Nov 10 Ladies Guild, 6:00 pm, Holy Child Hall
Nov 11 Health Ministry Meeting, 10 AM, Holy Child Hall
Nov 11 Veterans Day Mass (6p) & Potluck, Holy Child
Nov 14 Paint & Pray, 10a-2p, Holy Child Hall
Nov 26 Thanksgiving Mass (9a) & Dinner (12-2p), Holy Child
Dec 4 First Friday Holy Hour (8:30a), Mass (9:30a), Holy Child
Dec 5 First Saturday Holy Hour (8:30a), Mass (9:30a), St. Mary's
Dec 5,6 Second Collection: Care & Education of Priests
Dec 6 Knights of Columbus, 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall
Dec 12,13 Second Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

Get to Know Our Seminarians

Ken Francis is a first-year Seminarian studying at the newly refurbished St. Pius X Seminary in Scranton.

If you could give one piece of advice to someone discerning their vocation, what would you tell them?

Be patient and trust in God. His plans are rarely linear.

If you could have dinner with one person living/deceased/fictional, who would it be? (Not Jesus or Mary)

Saint Joseph

What is your favorite image/symbol for the Church?

My favorite symbol for the church is a fishing net. We are meant to gather all people into Christ's church.

What book of the Bible has had the greatest impact on your spiritual life?

Paul's letter to Philemon, I believe it gives one of the best examples outside of the Gospels on how we should live as Christians.

What is your favorite song? Why?

"The Masters Call" by Marty Robbins. It's an old western ballad about a young outlaw, a cattle stampede, a near-death experience, and a vision of Christ that leads him to turn his life around.

Please pray for Ken & all seminarians!

An Update from Our Parish's Ambassador for the Annual Diocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal

Thank you to every family that made a donation so far! 30% of our parishioners have donated or pledged 63% of our goal! (as of October 30th) If you haven't made your donation yet, please consider doing it this month as we prepare for Thanksgiving, thanking God for all we have been given, and before beginning the gift purchasing rush for Christmas! We are a generous Parish!

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Cabrini



From Alejandro Monteverde, award-winning director of Sound of Freedom, comes the powerful epic of Francesca Cabrini, an Italian immigrant who arrives in New York City in 1889 and is greeted by disease, crime, and impoverished children. With broken English and poor health, Cabrini builds an empire of hope unlike anything the world had ever seen.

The Afterlife | Eternal Rest | Episode 2



What happens after the moment of our death? Once the soul has been separated from the body, then what? What is heaven, hell, and purgatory? This session looks at the truth about what awaits the human person on the other side of death.

How to Advent | Episode 2



The Advent wreath is an invitation to enter into the waiting and preparation for the birth of our Savior! As we explore the meaning of the Advent wreath – its light, colors, and components – we can better grasp how we should be preparing our hearts. As the light from the candles grows brighter and brighter throughout the four weeks of Advent, so too grows our longing for the coming Light of Christ.

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and use zip code 16933 to search for and select our parish.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-HourChild Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis . To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551. Additional Safe Environment Compliance information may be found at https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/child-protection-victim-assistance/.

Aviso Respecto Reporte de Abuso Sexual de un Menor de Edad

Es política de la Diócesis de Scranton informar cualquier alegación de abuso sexual de un menor a las autoridades. Si usted es víctima de abuso sexual cometido por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso o empleado laico o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton, se le anima a denunciar el asunto de inmediato a la policía. Si algún sacerdote, diácono, religioso, empleado laico o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton tiene motivos o razones para sospechar que un menor ha sido objeto de cualquier forma de abuso, incluido el abuso sexual infantil, se informará el asunto a las autoridades.

También es política de la Diócesis adherirse a todos los reglamentos civiles y estatales. De acuerdo con las Leyes de Servicios de Protección Infantil del estado de Pensilvania, los informes de sospecha de abuso infantil también deben realizarse de inmediato por teléfono a la línea directa de abuso infantil las 24 horas (ChildLine) al 1-800-932-0313 o electrónicamente en www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis . Con este fin, la Diócesis está igualmente comprometida a adherirse a las normas del Código de Derecho Canónico y a defender los principios del Documento para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes de la USCCB, que incluye apoyar a las víctimas de abuso sexual en su búsqueda de bienestar emocional y bienestar espiritual. Como tal, la información sobre una acusación de abuso sexual de un menor también debe informarse a la Coordinadora de Asistencia para Víctimas, Mary Beth Pacuska, al 570-862-7551. Información adicional de reporte e información sobre el cumplimiento de Ambientes Seguros se puede encontrar en https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/child-protection-victim-assistance/.

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Collection bins are in both churches.
Thank you for your support!

Health Ministry—Available Medical Equipment:
Walker w/ seat; Walker with sliders; Walker w/ sliders & wheels;
Walker no wheels no sliders; Single-handed walker; Rollator;
Wheelchair; Transport chair; Knee scooter; Swivel stool;
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