



Holy Child Church
240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA

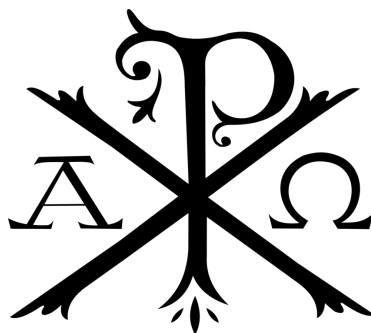


Reverend Bryan B. Wright
Pastor



Saint Mary of Częstochowa Church
144 St Mary's St, Blossburg, PA

17TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME July 28, 2024



PARISH OFFICE
Mon, Tue, Fri: 9:30am - 2:30pm
237 S. Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933
Phone: 570-662-3568
Email: hlychild@ptd.net
Web: 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: 2:15-3:00 pm Holy Child Church
First Fridays: 9:00-10:00 am Holy Child Church
First Saturdays: 10:00-11:00 am Saint Mary's Church
By appointment: please contact the Parish Office.

Holy Communion: Those preparing to receive Holy Communion for the first time are asked to call the Parish 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.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	4:00 PM	Holy Child
Sunday	9:00 AM	Saint Mary's
Sunday	11:15 AM	Holy Child

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday	3:00 PM	Holy Child
Sunday	8:30 AM	Saint Mary's
Sunday	10:45 AM	Holy Child
Monday	11:30 AM	Saint Mary's
Tuesday	11:30 AM	Saint Mary's
Thursday	5:15 PM	Holy Child
Friday	8:00 AM	Holy Child



DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS

Monday	12:00 PM	Saint Mary's	The Angelus
Monday	12:45 PM	Saint Mary's	Miraculous Medal
Tuesday	12:00 PM	Saint Mary's	The Angelus
Tuesday	12:45 PM	Saint Mary's	Saint Jude
Thursday	6:00 PM	Holy Child	The Angelus

PARISH CONTACTS

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St. Mary's Hall: 638-2783 Holy Child Hall: 662-9996

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

~ prior to all Masses ~



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 27 VIGIL, 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Dolly Garvelli
(by Lou & Olivia Mitcheltree)

Sunday, July 28 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parishioners
11:15 am, Holy Child: † James Parnick Sr. (by Rita Hanson)

Monday, July 29 Ss. Mary, Martha, & Lazarus
10:00 am, Holy Child: † JoAnn Weiskopff Funeral Mass

There will be NO DAILY MASSES THIS WEEK.
The Daily Mass Intentions, below, will be said by Father Bryan
while he is away this week. Next weekend (August 3-4),
we welcome Rev. Fr. Jones Gyabaa-Yebo, who will say our
regularly scheduled weekend Masses: 4pm, 9am, 11:15am.

Tuesday, July 30 St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Father Bryan Away: † Jerry & Dan Kostovick (by The Family)

Wednesday, July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Father Bryan Away: † Celia Levindofski
(by Samie & Sharon Wilcox)

Thursday, August 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
Father Bryan Away: Intentions of Michael & Suzanne Miller
(by Mary Nance)

First Friday Mass, August 2 St. Eusebius of Vercelli
Father Bryan Away: † Charles Chamberlain
(by Doug & Kathy Draxler)

First Saturday Mass, August 3 Blessed Virgin Mary
Father Bryan Away: † JoAnn Weiskopff (by Parishioners)

Saturday, August 3 VIGIL, 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Parishioners

Sunday, August 4 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Stanley Mokrzynski
(by Samie & Sharon Wilcox & Family)
11:15 am, Holy Child: † James Parnick, Sr.
(by Doug & Kathy Draxler)



SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK
Saint Mary's: † JoAnn Weiskopff (by Parishioners)
Holy Child: † Karen Silvaney Benson (by The Family)
*The Sanctuary Light burns to remind us of the
Real Presence of Christ reserved in the tabernacle.*



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
SATURDAYS—2:15 PM—HOLY CHILD CHURCH
FIRST FRIDAYS—9:00 AM—HOLY CHILD CHURCH
FIRST SATURDAYS—10:00 AM—ST. MARY'S CHURCH
~OR BY APPOINTMENT~

PARISH OFFERINGS RECEIVED JULY 15-21. THANK YOU!

Sunday Envelopes	\$3,579.00
Loose	641.50
Dues	392.00
Summer Drive	135.00
Parish Charity	10.00
Total:	\$4,502.50
Care & Education of Priests:	60.00

Thank you for your generosity!

PRAYER LIST

PLEASE PRAY... We pray, always, for deceased parishioners, family, friends, and benefactors. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. For those serving our country: Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families in our time of need. For those who need special prayers:

* Kirk Euson	* Terri Nash
* Richard Faber	* Richard Niemczyk
* Bernice Frederick	* Sandy Parker
* Catherine Gallagher	* Ethel Sandstrom
* Lance Hall	* Lori Sherant
* Ann King	* Kenneth Simpson
* Tony Lupkowski	* Yolanda Tacka
* Tom MacBlane	* Jack Watson
* Jane Mahonski	* Ron Yanuzzi
* Christopher Mortensen	

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



To request prayer for someone (e.g. due to illness, surgery, hardship, other) please contact the Parish Office. To respect parishioners' privacy, please ask and 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 Seifried at seifriedmaryjane@gmail.com or 549-7550 or Dotty Welsh at dhjrw@ptd.net or 662-2057.

Our Lord is always listening.

Please pray for our recently deceased.

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen**



JoAnn Weiskopff

**Viewing: Sun. 6-8p @
Tussey-Mosher**

Funeral: Mon. 10a @ Holy Child

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun 7/28	2 Kgs 4:42-44 Ps 145:10-11,15-18 Eph 4:1-6 Jn 6:1-15
Mon 7/29	Jer 13:1-11 Dt 32:18-21 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Tue 7/30	Jer 14:17-22 Ps 79:8,9,11-13 Mt 13:36-43
Wed 7/31	Jer 15:10,16-21 Ps 59:2-4,10-11,17-18 Mt 13:44-46
Thu 8/1	Jer 18:1-6 Ps 146:1-6 Mt 13:47-53
Fri 8/2	Jer 26:1-9 Ps 69:5,8-10,14 Mt 13:54-58
Sat 8/3	Jer 26:11-16,24 Ps 69:15-16,30-31,33-34 Mt 14:1-12
Sun 8/4	Ex 16:2-4,12-15 Ps 78:3-4,23-25,54 Eph 4:17,20-24 Jn 6:24-35

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Aug 8: Parish Council following 6pm Mass at Holy Child
 Aug 22: Finance Council following 6pm Mass at Holy Child
 Aug 18: Raffle Baskets due for Roast Beef Dinner
 Aug 25: Parish Annual Roast Beef Dinner, St. Mary's Hall
 Sept 8: Tentative: Annual Parish Picnic, after 11:15 Mass

THE 1ST FRIDAY & 1ST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS



TO JESUS & MARY

LOCAL FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY MASSES—AUGUST

There will be no First Friday or First Saturday Masses for August in our Parish. Please note the following options nearby:

St. Mary's Church

155 State St., Corning, NY

First Friday: 11:40a-12:10p

Confessions; 12:15 pm Mass

First Saturday: 9:00 am

St. Peter's Church

47 Central Ave., Wellsboro, PA

First Friday: 12:10 pm

St. Michael's Church

106 N. Washington St., Canton, PA

First Friday: 7:00 am Mass, Adoration until 7:00 pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

800 Mulberry St., Montoursville, PA

First Friday: 9:00 am Mass

First Saturday: 9:00 am Mass, Confession, & Adoration



ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER (AUGUST 25)...

START PLANNING YOUR RAFFLE BASKETS!

Just a reminder that our Parish's annual Roast Beef Dinner and Basket Raffle will soon be upon us... a good time to plan and gather materials for your baskets! **Baskets due Sunday August 18th in Parish Office.** The dinner and raffle are very popular, with many excellent and creative baskets every year. This is a fun and important fundraiser for our Parish. Stay tuned for details!

HOLY CHILD PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass Intentions Calendar for 2024 is full.

The Calendar for 2025 will be opened later this year.

In the meantime, please note the following options:

- Association of Marian Helpers, Marians of the Immaculate Conception, Stockbridge, MA; marian.org
- Association of the Miraculous Medal, Perryville, MO; amm.org; 1-800-264-MARY
- Seraphic Mass Association, Pittsburgh, PA; myMassRequest.org; 1-877-737-9050
- Society of the Little Flower, Darien, IL; littleflower.org; 800-621-2806
- The Blue Army, U.S.A. World Apostolate of Fatima, Washington, NJ; bluearmy.com; 908-689-1700
- Sisters of Saint Joseph Guild, Flourtown, PA; 215-248-7838
- Dominican Nuns, Monastery of Our Lady of the Rosary, Summit, NJ; summitdominicans.org
- Carmel of JMJ Fairfield, 327 Water St., Fairfield, PA; fairfieldcarmelites.org/masscards-3

NEXT WEEKEND:

WELCOME, FATHER JONES!

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, we welcome Father Jones Gyabaa-Yebo, who will celebrate our weekend Masses. There will be a Second Collection; thank you!



"On behalf of the Most Reverend

Matthew K. Gyamfi, the Catholic Bishop of Sunyani, Ghana, I thank you for inviting me to conduct our annual Mission Appeal in your parish on the weekend of August 3&4, 2024.

The Catholic Diocese of Sunyani, Ghana, West Africa, was established in 1973. It covers an area of 19,500 km². Most of it is situated in poor rural areas, where most of the people are peasant farmers. These areas have lagged behind the rest of the country in education, basic infrastructure, and healthcare delivery. Because of this, the Diocese, when it was created, decided to make social development a major part of and tool for the evangelization of the people in the diocese.

The faithful are relatively young; mainly young families. They are mostly first- and second-generation Christians. In many areas, there is need for primary evangelization. Fortunately, the response to the Faith is tremendously encouraging. The people accept the Faith and join our local Church in large numbers. Some people tend to remain in the traditional religion, but the young are accepting the Faith. Thus, our congregation is mainly composed of young people. We have over 300,000 baptized in the Diocese. This number represents a third of those who attend the Church, but do not receive the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist for one reason or another.

The Diocese believes in the holistic development of the human person: primary evangelization, provision of safe drinking water, quality healthcare delivery, and education. In addition to preaching the Gospel, we:

- *Drill water wells to provide clean, safe drinking water*
- *Establish schools at the elementary, high school, and tertiary levels to provide quality Catholic education*
- *Train and develop the leadership qualities of our local catechists who are at the forefront of our evangelization efforts*
- *Open new parishes by building new churches and rectories*
- *Organize vocation rallies to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life*
- *Support seminary education of our college seminarians*
- *Organize workshops on awareness and prevention of diseases such as breast cancer and screening, typhoid fever, HIV AIDS, and many other communicable diseases through our health institutions across the diocese/region*

The coronavirus pandemic and the challenging economic conditions of our country have destroyed and halted almost all economic activities in the country. The diocese has been affected financially so much that we count on friends like you for support. Some of the funds we raise in your parish would be used to support the mission of the Diocese including the training of Priests and Religious. Currently, the diocese has 90 Major Seminarians at various stages of Priestly formation in different Seminaries in Ghana and abroad.

Sharing our experiences as a mission Church with your parishioners will ignite and re-invigorate their missionary spirit. Additionally, funds raised in your parish will enable us to better serve the people of God in our local church.

Trusting in your cooperation, we ask the intercession of the Immaculate Virgin Mary and the Lord's blessings for you."

HISTORY OF SAINT MARY'S (OUR LADY) OF CZESTOCHOWA CHURCH, BLOSSBURG, PA

BY PETER LUPKOWSKI



The history of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church and Parish begins before the 1874 founding, with the men and women that followed their faith and dreams to a new country.

Predominately from the Western part of Poland near Poznan these immigrants left their homeland with its economic troubles, famines and religious persecution from continued partition of their country and hoped to find prosperity and acceptance.

In fact there was no country named Poland in the 1860s. From 1795 until after WWI in 1918 a truly independent Poland did not exist.

Imagine living under an occupation for two generations. Being forced to speak another language and have your Polish language, traditions and heritage suppressed. That is the history of our great grandparents and their families. All together a subsistence agrarian life further complicated by oversight by outsiders. And yet keeping the preeminence of your faith and family. Certainly the Polish National Anthem reflects this as it starts out:

*Jeszcze Polska nie zginela, Kiedy my zyjemy
Poland has not yet perished, so long as we live.*

Word had reached Poland that hard work in the United States of America provided an opportunity for many. So with civil war and other troubles pushing them, these peasant families made their way to ports and eventually across the Atlantic in about 1869.

They arrived in the Scranton Diocese and continued the hard work that they knew in their homeland. Spurred by visions of plentiful jobs some settled in Nanticoke and some in Blossburg. Blossburg became a beacon for the travelers as the natural resources were exploited and a demand for workers of diverse occupations seemed limitless. The mines in Blossburg, Arnot, Morris Run, Fallbrook, and Antrim were operating at peak output. The railroad repair shops had just returned to Blossburg and large saw mills, glass factories, and tanneries scattered through the area.

In Blossburg they attended Saint Andrew's Church celebrating Sacraments and sharing in Catholic identity. In fact the first Baptism of a Pole is recorded at St. Andrew's in October 1871. Edward Szpotanski son of Marcin and Malgorzata.

But they had difficulty understanding the Word of God in English and they began to hold religious meetings led by a fellow miner Franciscan Brother Augustine Zeytz with discussion of the bible, sacraments, song, and rosary in Polish.

During this time circuit riding priests also made visits on horseback to say mass in Polish, hear confessions, and provide Catholic leadership for these families. They came irregularly from as far away as Shenandoah, Father Strupinski and Cincinnati, Father Kozlowski. Yes, Ohio.

Finally at one of their meetings discussions began about starting a Polish Parish for the faithful. Meticulous minutes were kept and I paraphrase:

After Mass they sought the aid of Father Kozlowski and The Holy Ghost, they began God's work having as their only aim to give spiritual and corporal assistance to our neighbors, and especially to establish a Polish Parish.

That their aim might be realized and be able to fulfill its worthy obligation they decided to choose a patroness. They placed their organization under the patronage of Our Lady of Czestochowa, who is noted for her miracles in the Kingdom of Poland and wish to remain under her care.

Five men gave \$5 each (about \$200 now) and started the work of founding a new parish. Eventually 70 more men and their families joined them and a request was made to the Bishop of Scranton to authorize a new parish in Blossburg. Records of the request show that approval from Bishop William O'Hara was cheerfully given.

Land was purchased for a small church and then a cemetery, both being added to over time. Our parish records show the first child baptized here was Joseph Ignatius Michochonski son of John and Anna on April 4, 1875 by our first resident priest Rev Anthony Klawiter. The first wedding between Ladislaus Milczewski and Julia Stanoszek October 31, 1875. The first funeral service was for the son of Michael and Maryanna Mokrzyński Pawlak. The boy was buried November 25, 1876. Some of you will recall these family names that still live on here. I would also like to mention that the first of 22 priests that came from Blossburg was the son of Edward Szpotanski, the first Pole baptized at St Andrews, Rev Monsignor Stanislaus Szpotanski. Who later worked for the Pope.

Our Lady of Czestochowa became the Mother Church whose pastors administered spiritually to the Poles disbursed through Morris Run, Arnot, Antrim, Redburn (near Ralston) and Trout Run. In fact some complained that their Priest was gone too often tending to the needs of others and they could not have daily Mass here in Blossburg.

"When the breezes sweep through the second growth of forests in the Blossburg Region they may tell of the joys and sorrows of the scores who are lying peacefully in the little valleys hemmed in by mountains: they may bring back memories of colorful ceremonies commemorating Polish historical events; they may speak out with pride which swelled the hearts of Blossburg when they raised the "kopiec" (mound) in honor of President Wilson, the friend of Poles. And may it continue to carry our praise of God." - quote from the 75th Diamond Jubilee.



GENESIS Mission WORKSHOP

International Presenters



Michele Thompson



Fr. Jon Bielawski

\$30 to Attend

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
3 LOCATIONS:

Aug 8th:

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH
800 WEST CENTRAL AVE.
SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT

Aug 9th:

DIOCESAN PASTORAL CENTER
330 WYOMING AVE, SCRANTON

Aug 10th:

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Calling Catholics more fully into the life and mission of the Church is critical for creating vibrant parish communities.

This meaningful and engaging session will cover topics vital to confidently sharing the faith and accompanying others.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Regina Wright | Parish Renewal @ (570) 207-2213

TO REGISTER SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT:

dioceseofscranton.org/genesis-mission/



SPONSORED BY MARIAN MINISTRIES:

Mt. Saviour Monastery Retreat

Saturday, September 21, 2024 ♦ 9am—3pm

Tioga County Deanery Women's Retreat

Saturday, October 19th, 2024

Immaculate Conception Church, Williamsport, PA

Details in upcoming bulletins



9TH ANNUAL "BE A CATHOLIC MAN" CONFERENCE

October 5, Holy Redeemer High School
159 South Pennsylvania Ave. Wilkes Barre,
PA 18701



"Come Follow Me"

7:00am: Registration, Coffee, Rosary

8:00am-3:00pm: Program; Adoration+Confessions Available

1:45 PM Closing Mass with Bishop Bambera

The conference features three outstanding speakers:

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers: guest on numerous international Catholic programs; host or co-host of several popular series on EWTN; member of the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars and the Confraternity of Catholic Clergy; award-winning author of five books, including *Behold the Man: A Catholic Vision of Male Spirituality*.

John Edwards: "Like so many men, I vowed to be a better person, husband and father time and time again. It wasn't until I felt the presence of Jesus as I walked out of a jail cell that I realized how much I wanted to change and how I could only do that with His help. Since that time, I've taken a journey to grow closer to Christ. I invite other Catholic men to accompany me." justaguyinthepew.com

Father Bill Casey: nationally renowned speaker; frequent guest on EWTN; former officer in the U.S. Army; was ordained a priest in the Congregation of the Fathers of Mercy. Father has a love for Sacred Scripture and a strong devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Regular Conference fee: \$40 (Early Bird \$30 until 9-15-24), Students \$15, Priests/Deacons/Seminarians are FREE

Register: www.BeACatholicMan.com Or send your name, address, email & parish, and check payable to "Be a Catholic Man, Inc" with "Men's Conference" in the memo to: "Be a Catholic Man, Inc", P.O Box 669, Wyalusing, Pa. 18853
For more information: Mike Kilmer at 570-721-0872

FROM TIOGA COUNTY HOMELESS INITIATIVE

Dear Church Partner— As our new facility becomes reality, TCHI is praying that the churches of Tioga County will assist us in providing the following items.

Twenty-eight wardrobe closets

for the new building's guest bedrooms. If your church sends funding (~\$140.00 per closet), we will place a dedication tag on it, naming your church.

Monthly food supplies (guests will cook their own meals):

- Beef, pork, chicken, turkey, hot dogs
- Milk, eggs, margarine / butter, bread, non-perishables

Volunteer opportunities:

- Help sort and organize supplies—TCHI receives a lot of donated items and supplies from everywhere.
- Cover the entrance desk—answer phones, take messages, direct individuals to staff, simple office duties (filing).
- Other opportunities will be posted as needed.

Sincerely, Abby Thorborg, TCHI Director of Operations
570-724-9001 or 570-439-9383 or tiogahomeless.org

Email: tiogacountyhomelessinitiative@yahoo.com



THIS WEEK ON
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WEEK OF JULY 28, 2024

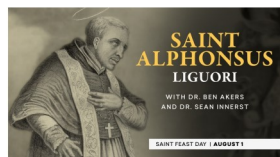
SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Founder of the Jesuit order, St. Ignatius of Loyola is known as the "Soldier for Christ." During the turmoil of the Protestant Reformation, Ignatius offered the Church a new spirituality of devoted service to Christ and evangelization.



ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

Born to a noble Italian family, the "Prince of Moral Theologians", St. Alphonsus Liguori, was a great preacher, lawyer, bishop, theologian, and Doctor of the Church. We discuss this holy man, drawing wisdom from his life and works to aid Catholics today.



CONVINCED: WHY BE CATHOLIC?

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May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored,
glorified, loved, and preserved throughout
the world, now and forever. St. Jude, work-
er of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, help of
the homeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9
times a day, by the 8th day your prayers
will be answered (if it be God's will).
It has never been known to fail.
Thank you, St. Jude. Amen.

**The Blessed
Sacrament is
reserved in the
Tabernacle.
Please help to
maintain a prayerful**
SILENCE AND REVERENCE



**Binding Prayer for Fair & Moral
Elections by Father Chad Ripperger**
By the Power of the Precious Blood, with
the intercession of the Blessed Virgin
Mary, I petition Our Lord Jesus Christ,
to bind any spirit that interferes with fair
and moral elections in the United States,
to go to the foot of the Cross and receive
† their sentence. Amen. †