



**Holy Child Church**  
240 S Main St, Mansfield, PA

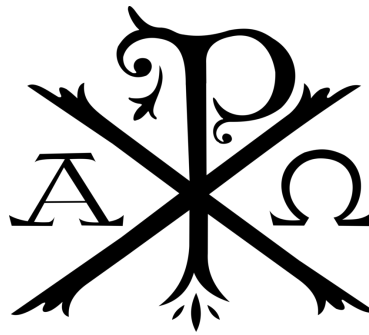


**Reverend Bryan B. Wright**  
Pastor



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

# 18TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME August 4, 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](mailto:hlychild@ptd.net)  
Web: [holychildparish.com](http://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

- Financial Secretary: Darlene Buck 570-662-3568
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- Director of Religious Education: Darlene Buck 570-540-1332
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Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057
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Scott DiMarco; [srdimarco@hotmail.com](mailto:srdimarco@hotmail.com)
- Ladies Guild: Patty Hutcheson 570-662-2034
- St. Mary's Hall: 638-2783 Holy Child Hall: 662-9996

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*  
~ prior to all Masses ~



**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

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)

Monday, August 5  
**Father Bryan Away:** † Vincent & Dorothy Smichowski  
(by Paula Smichowski Tacka)

Tuesday, August 6  
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Joseph Dzikowski (by Chet)

Wednesday, August 7  
No Mass

Thursday, August 8  
6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Dr. Richard Black (by Mary Nance)

Friday, August 9  
8:30 am, Holy Child: † Theresa Saunders  
(by The Jim Thomas Family)

Saturday, August 10 **VIGIL, 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Thomas, Emma, Wilbur, & Janet Miller  
(by Bernie & Marie Sabol)

Sunday, August 11 **19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Warren Miller  
(by Linda Dishman & Mary Kay Hawn)  
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Charlene Ploucha (by Paul & Adam)

**SANCTUARY LIGHT INTENTIONS: THIS WEEK**



Saint Mary's: health & blessings for Robert Stoudt  
(by his wife Barbara & children)  
Holy Child: † Thomas, Emma, Wilbur, & Janet Miller  
(by Bernie & Marie Sabol)

*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~

*Pray the Rosary Every Day*

**PARISH OFFERINGS RECEIVED JULY 22-28. THANK YOU!**

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,843.00
Loose	579.00
Dues	18.00
Summer Drive	25.00
Parish Charity	480.00
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$3,945.00</u>

*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:

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| * 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 | * Judi Bonk-Guy    |

*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.*

**VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND**

If you or someone you know would like to receive Holy Communion, a Pastoral visit, or a mailed bulletin, please contact the Parish Office.



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 company? As an outreach of Marian Ministries, Mary Hohman has offered to visit local residents and nursing homes, to spend time with people who may feel alone. Contact Mary at (717) 203-9090.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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
Mon 8/5	Jer 28:1-7 Ps 119:29,43,79-80,95,102 Mt 14:13-21
Tue 8/6	Dn 7:9-10,13-14 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10
Wed 8/7	Jer 31:1-7 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Mt 15:21-28
Thu 8/8	Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:12-15,18-19 Mt 16:13-23
Fri 8/9	Na 2:1,3; 3:1-3,6,7 (Ps) Dt 32:35c-36b,39abcd,41 Mt 16:24-28
Sat 8/10	2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2,5-9 Jn 12:24-26
Sun 8/11	1 Kgs 19:4-8 Ps 34:2-9 Eph 4:30—5:2 Jn 6:41-51

## 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

\*\*\*\*\* THIS WEEK \*\*\*\*\*

Wednesday, August 7 @ 6:30 pm

St. Peter's Catholic Church, Wellsboro, PA

## Exploring the Shroud of Turin



Come explore the greatest  
mystery of our time...

Special presentation by  
Dr. Cheryl White

Professor of History and Shroud Scholar



### ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER AUGUST 25! (RAFFLE BASKETS DUE AUGUST 18)

Please join us for the Annual Roast Beef Dinner at Saint Mary's. 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! **Raffle baskets are due by Sunday August 18** to the Parish Office. Or to Ann Davis (8/14 1-4pm; 8/15 11-3pm; 8/16 1-4pm; 8/17 12-3pm; or 8/18 at St. Mary's).

### BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

There's still time to return baby bottles distributed for the Heart of Tioga fundraiser. Any unreturned bottles can be left in our churches or in the Parish Office.



### PRO-LIFE RESOURCES

Heart of Tioga Crisis Pregnancy Center: 570-948-2020  
Project Rachel Helpline: 888-456-HOPE for help after abortion  
Abortion Pill Reversal 24/7 Hotline: 1-877-558-0333

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of My heavenly Father." (Matthew 18:10)



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24/7 ONLINE NURSE CHAT

## THIS WEEKEND: WELCOME, FATHER JONES! SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend, we welcomed Father Jones Gyabaa-Yeboa. Thank you for your contributions to the Second Collection.



"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 km<sup>2</sup>. 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 & 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 Mokrzynski 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.



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Fr. Jon Bielawski

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**Aug 10th:** DIOCESAN PASTORAL CENTER  
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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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

TO REGISTER SCAN QR CODE OR VISIT:

[dioceseofscranton.org/genesis-mission/](http://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\**



## WEEK OF AUGUST 4, 2024

### BIBLE STUDY-LUMINOUS MYSTERIES: THE TRANSFIGURATION

Have you ever wanted to grow in understanding and devotion to the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary? Join this walk through the Transfiguration, helping you to enter more deeply into its richness.



### OUR MOTHER MARY

What is Mariology? Learn about this fascinating topic in this interview with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville.



### ST. DOMINIC

During times of corruption and heresy in the world, great saints arise to bring renewal. Learn about the life of St. Dominic, who founded the Dominican Order and lived to promote the integration of the intellectual life and the life of poverty.



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## 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](http://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](http://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](http://tiogahomeless.org)

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**Pathways Forward**  
By Ralph Martin

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The local food  
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Thank you for your support!

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 Elec-  
tions 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. †