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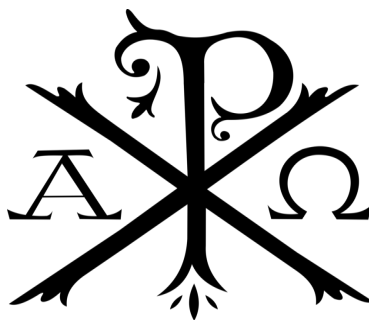


Reverend Bryan B. Wright
Pastor



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

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 5, 2025



PARISH OFFICE
Mon, Tue, Fri: 9:30am - 2:30pm
237 S. Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933
Phone: 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: 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, please 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
Secretary: Cara Clementi 570-662-3568
Director of Religious Education: Darlene Buck
Good Samaritans: 570-662-3568
Health Ministry & Medical Equipment Loaning:
Dotty Welsh 570-662-2057
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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
~ prior to all Masses ~



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 4 **St. Francis of Assisi; First Saturday**
9:30 am, St. Mary's: Tressa & Joyce Wilcox & Family
(by Their Friends)

VIGIL—27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Our Living and Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, October 5 **27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Pauline Morley (by The Family)
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Roger Druck (by Tish Fiamingo)

Monday, October 6 Weekday; *St. Bruno, Priest*
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Frank & Helen Dadas
(by Gene & Marilyn Kurzejewski)

Tuesday, October 7 **Our Lady of the Rosary**
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: Elizabeth Zilbauer & Family (by Cara Clementi)

Wednesday, October 8 Weekday
No Mass

Thursday, October 9 Weekday; *St. Denis, Bishop, Companions, Martyrs*
6:00 pm, Holy Child: † The Dead (by The Scranton Diocese Society
for the Propagation of the Faith)

Friday, October 10 Weekday
8:30 am, Holy Child: † Bob & John Cook (by Dave & Cathy Slusser)

Saturday, October 11 **VIGIL—28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Our Living and Deceased Parishioners

Sunday, October 12 **28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Alfred & Betty Jean Stachowski (by Bernadine)
11:15 am, Holy Child: † George Kump (by Anita Kump)



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Holy Child: † Bob & John Cook (by Dave & Cathy Slusser)
St. Mary's: † Parishioners

*The Sanctuary Candle 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—9:15 am—Holy Child Church
First Saturdays—10:15 am—St. Mary's Church
~Or By Appointment~

PARISH OFFERINGS: SEPTEMBER 22-28. THANK YOU!

Sunday envelopes	\$ 3,064.00
Loose	607.00
Dues	45.00
Fuel	457.00
Total	\$ 4,173.00
Diocesan: Care & Education of Priests	51.00

Thank you for your generosity!

OUR DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (2025)

8% of Holy Child parishioners have made gifts amounting to 14% of our goal. If you've already made a gift... *thank you!*



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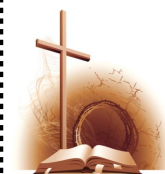


PRAYER LIST

Please pray... for deceased parishioners, family, & friends. 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. Bless those who need special prayers:

Judi Bonk-Guy, Linda Cloos, Kirk Euson, Richard Faber, Bernice Frederick, Catherine Gallagher, Lance Hall, Ann King, Patrick Lindquist, Tony Lupkowski, Tom MacBlane, Christopher Mortensen, Richard Niemczyk, Sandy Parker, Lori Sherant, Yolanda Tacka, Jack Watson

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



To request prayer for someone due to illness, surgery, hardship, or other reason, 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 (seifriedmaryjane@gmail.com or 570-549-7550) or Dotty (dhjrw@ptd.net or 570-662-2057).

The 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.



PRO-LIFE RESOURCES

Natural Family Planning (NFP)
[dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/
community/marriage/natural-
family-planning/](http://dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/community/marriage/natural-family-planning/)



heartoftioga@gmail.com
24/7 ONLINE NURSE CHAT

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun 10/5	Hb 1:2-3,2:2-4 Ps 95:1-2,6-9 2 Tm 1:6-8,13-14 Lk 17:5-10
Mon 10/6	Jon 1:1—2:2,11 (Ps) Jon 2:2-5,8 Lk 10:25-37
Tue 10/7	Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130:1b-4ab,7-8 Lk 10:38-42
Wed 10/8	Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-6,9-10 Lk 11:1-4
Thu 10/9	Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-4,6 Lk 11:5-13
Fri 10/10	Jl 1:13-15;2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3,6,8-9,16 Lk 11:15-26
Sat 10/11	Jl 4:12-21 Ps:1-2,5-6,11-12 Lk 11:27-28
Sun 10/12	2 Kgs 5:14-17 Ps 98:1-4 2 Tm 2:8-13 Lk 17:11-19

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heartbeatinternational.org/worldwide-directory

gabrielproject.org/ elizabethministry.org/

usccb.org/prolife/diocesan-pro-life-offices

Project Rachel Helpline: for help after abortion; 888-456-HOPE

hopeafterabortion.org/ ~Keep me in your wallet!~

Respectlife.org/articles

for USCCB guidance regarding:

- Pregnancy & Motherhood
- Abortion
- Adoption
- Infertility & Reproductive Technologies (e.g. IVF)
- Down Syndrome
- Advance Medical Directives
- Sickness & Death
- Assisted Suicide
- Hope, The Gospel of Life, & The Culture of Life
- Priorities at the Polls

How to Build a Culture of Life

Read the full version at
respectlifeprogram.org/culture-of-life.

Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. *How do we respond?* Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts. When we encounter Christ, experience His love, and deepen our relationship with Him, we become more aware of our own immeasurable worth and that of others. His unchanging love is the source of our God-given dignity, which, therefore, cannot be taken away. When someone is facing great trials, we need to walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however He directs. We simply need to follow where He leads.

Our mission field is daily life.

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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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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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Healing within Marriage from an Abortion

Read the full version at
respectlifeprogram.org/healing-in-marriage.

When Susan's* husband, Juan, told her about the abortion he was involved in during college, she finally understood why he was so depressed and had trouble bonding with their children. The devastation of abortion brings with it many challenges. Often, the people who have participated in an abortion are unaware of the countless ways it is affecting their lives. It is scary to tell a spouse or fiancé(é) about a past abortion. It requires great trust in that person's love and trust in God. But with the help of an abortion healing ministry, couples can successfully work through abortion-related challenges. God's grace can bring true healing to the relationships of those who trust in His infinite mercy.

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An Adoption Love Story

Read the full version at
respectlifeprogram.org/adoption-love-story.

Having children and raising a family had always been our expectation. We soon learned, however, that our chances of becoming pregnant were small. It wasn't long before we started talking about the possibility of adoption. I wondered if my heart was big enough to love an adopted child as I would have loved a biological child. But with prayerful discernment, we decided to start the process. On Christmas Eve, Bill* and I left the hospital with Andrew. It didn't take long before there was no doubt in our minds that he was our son, the greatest gift from God! We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew.

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Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility

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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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Children as Commodities

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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.

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God, born of
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Mark Your Calendar

Oct 5: Life Chain, 2-3 pm, Route 6 and Main St., Mansfield
 Oct 13: Mass (9AM) and Public Rosary (10AM), Holy Child
 Oct 14: Ladies Guild, 6 pm, Holy Child Hall
 Oct 23: Finance Council starting with 6pm Mass, Holy Child
 Oct 22-30: Respect Life Month Novena; respectlife.org
 Nov 2: Knights MU Council, 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall
 Nov 5: Health Ministry Meeting, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall



-- OCTOBER --

**Dedicated to the Holy Rosary
 and a Respect for Human Life
 from Conception to Natural Death**

LIFE CHAIN — THIS SUNDAY! OCTOBER 5

All are welcome to gather at the intersection of Route 6 and Main St. in Mansfield from 2-3 PM.

Every year since 1987, Life Chains form in cities nationwide to make a public, prayerful, peaceful stand for Life. Stand with thousands of pro-lifers throughout the USA. You'll be a light in a darkened world as you build a culture of life through prayer. Rain or shine. Water, lawn chairs, and umbrellas are welcome. Please do not park in front of an open business. Signs provided.

FATIMA DAY MASS & ROSARY—MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

On October 13, 1917, Our Lady of Fatima worked the Miracle of the Sun, so that all might believe. Please join us on Monday, October 13th (Columbus Day) for Mass at Holy Child at 9 AM and an outdoor Rosary at 10 AM.

RESPECT LIFE NOVENA—OCTOBER 22-30

Join thousands of Catholics across the country praying for the protection of human life from conception to natural death. Visit respectlife.org for novena details.

FROM SEEDS OF HOPE:

Our Hope Room is filled with lots of practical items that provide hope and support for local families in need! Currently, we are running low on cleaning supplies:

- laundry detergent
- all-purpose cleaners
- toilet paper
- paper towels
- men's deodorant
- Kleenex

If you are looking for a way to show support to families in our community, please consider donating some of these supplies. Donations can be dropped off in the designated collection bin in the vestibule at Holy Child Church. Monetary donations to purchase supplies can be sent to: 1873 Shumway Hill Road, Wellsboro, PA 16901. Thank you for your generosity to those in need of a little hope!



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YOUNG ADULTS

KICK OFF NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

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the world, now and forever. St. Jude, worker
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.

**Your Ad
Here!**

**Please contact
the Parish Office**
570-662-3568

Book Recommendation
from Father Bryan...

The Exorcist Files
By Father Carlos Martins

Reminder for Funerals...

Eulogies are permitted during:

- ♦Funeral home vigil services
- ♦Graveside committal services
- ♦Luncheons (after Funeral Masses)

*Eulogies are not permitted during
Funeral Masses (CCC1688). Thank you.*



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reserved in the
Tabernacle.**

*Please help to
maintain a prayerful*

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First Alert System, Foot Bath, Hospital Bed, Hoyer Lift, Ice Therapy Machine,
Knee Crutch, Knee Scooter, Toilet Chairs, Raised Toilet Seats, Toilet Handles,
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