



**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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**December 7, 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, December 6** First Saturday  
9:30 am, St. Mary's: The Chamberlain & Nance Families  
(by Mary Nance)

### VIGIL—SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Jack & Joan Miller (by Mary Nance)

**Sunday, December 7** SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Our Living & Deceased Parishioners  
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Carolyn Jaquish Bond & David Jaquish  
(by Nancy Jaquish)

### Monday, December 8 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: Our Living & Deceased Parishioners

6:00 pm, Holy Child: Deacon Michael & Suzanne Miller  
(by Theresa & Scott Delmotte)

**Tuesday, December 9** Advent Weekday; *St. Juan Diego*  
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Jerry & Dan Kostovick (by Dolores Kostovick)

**Wednesday, December 10** Advent Weekday; *Our Lady of Loreto*  
No Mass

**Thursday, December 11** Advent Weekday; *St. Damasus I, Pope*  
6:00 pm, Holy Child: † The Dead (by Society for Propagation of the Faith)

**Friday, December 12** Our Lady of Guadalupe  
8:30 am, Holy Child: The Valencia-Shelton Family (by Cara Clementi)

**Saturday, December 13** VIGIL—THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
4:00 pm, Holy Child: Adam & Marsha (by John F. Frederick Jr.)

**Sunday, December 14** THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Anna Tokarz (by The Family)  
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Our Living & Deceased Parishioners

### SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Holy Child: Gail Keating (by John & Sue Sleboda)

St. Mary's: Carolyn Jaquish Bond & David Jaquish (by Nancy Jaquish)

*The Sanctuary Candle burns to remind us of the Real Presence of Christ reserved in the tabernacle.*



### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday—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: NOV 17-30 (TWO WEEKS). THANK YOU!

Sunday envelopes	\$7,501.00
Loose	1,050.00
Fuel	20.00
Advent	333.00
Thanksgiving	805.00
Christmas flowers	75.00
Cemetery maintenance	30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,814.00</b>
Diocesan—Care & Education of Priests	70.00
Propagation of the Faith	20.00

### OUR DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (2025)

27% of Holy Child parishioners have made gifts amounting to 75% of our goal. If you've already made a gift... *thank you!*

### PRAYER LIST

Please pray... for deceased parishioners, family, & friends. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. For troops & first responders: Lord, hold them 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, 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, 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.

### "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

For Communion or a Pastoral visit, 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. Mary can be reached at (717) 203-9090.



### PRO-LIFE RESOURCES

#### Natural Family Planning (NFP)

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

Abortion Pill Reversal 24/7 Hotline: 1-877-558-0333

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

heartbeatinternational.org/worldwide-directory

gabrielproject.org elizabethministry.org respectlife.org

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

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun 12/7	Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17 Rom 1:4-9 Mt 3:1-12
Mon 12/8	Gn 3:9-15,20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38
Tu 12/9	Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3,10ac,11-13 Mt 18:12-14
Wed 12/10	Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4,8,10 Mt 11:28-30
Thu 12/11	Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1,9-13ab Mt 11:11-15
Fri 12/12	Zec:14-17 or Rv 11:19a;12:1-6a,10ab (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc,19 Lk 1:26-47
Sat 12/13	Sir 48:1-4,9-11 Ps 80:2ac,3b,15-16,18-19 Mt 17:9a,10-13
Sun 12/14	Is 35:1-6a,10 Ps 146:6-10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11



## NEXT WEEKEND—SECOND COLLECTION

### Retirement Fund for Religious

[retiredreligious.org](http://retiredreligious.org)

Annual effort aids more than 21,000 elderly sisters, brothers, & religious order priests in the U.S.

## Mark Your Calendar

Dec 7: Knights MU Council, 6:30 pm, Holy Child Hall  
Dec 11: Marian Ministries OLG Celebration, 6 pm, Holy Child  
Dec 16: Ladies Guild Dinner, 5 pm, Corey Creek Golf Club  
Dec 18: Pastoral Council starting w/ 6 pm Mass, Holy Child  
**Dec 21: Advent Penance Service, 4 pm, Holy Child**  
**Dec 24: Christmas Eve Mass, 4 pm, Holy Child**  
**Dec 25: Christmas Day Mass, 9 am, St. Mary's**  
**Dec 25: Christmas Day Mass, 11:15 am, Holy Child**  
Jan 7: Health Ministry Meeting, 10:30 am, Holy Child Hall

## HOLY CHILD HEALTH MINISTRY

*New members needed! All are welcome. We meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 10:30 am.*

Health Ministry is collecting **BATH TOWELS** and **TWIN SIZE MATTRESS COVERS** for the Tioga County Homeless Shelter. Donations can be dropped off in the collection bins in Holy Child Church or in the Parish Office **by next Sunday, December 14th.**

Recovered from Thanksgiving and all of the after holiday shopping? Our Parish's Thanksgiving Dinner was a success. Many thanks to all who donated pies and helped with cooking, set-up, delivery, and clean-up. As we gather with family and friends, remember the basics of keeping healthy. Avoid touching your face unnecessarily. Cover your coughs and sneezes in the crook of your elbow. Frequently wash hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds; hand sanitizers can be used in a pinch but handwashing is best. Get plenty of rest. Eat well balanced meals. If you become ill, avoid spreading it to others. Share the joy of the season with one and all!



## 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    toilet paper    Kleenex**  
**all-purpose cleaners    paper towels    men's deodorant**

If you are looking for a way to support 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!



## MARIAN MINISTRIES

### Join Us in Celebrating *Our Lady of Guadalupe* Mother of America

On **Thursday, December 11th**—the eve of the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe—Marian Ministries will renew their consecration to Our Lady of Guadalupe at the 6pm Mass at Holy Child. In celebration, a social will follow in Holy Child Hall. All are welcome to join Marian Ministries for a cup of homemade chili, dessert, and conversation.



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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH**  
**11:00AM through 5:00PM Mass**  
**ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER, WILLIAMSPORT**

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1000 Seminary Rd, Dalton, PA 18414


Register at [dioceseofscranton.org](http://dioceseofscranton.org)

**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL**  
through  
**DECEMBER 5TH!!!**

\*Registration closes January 16, 2026\*

 **Annette Bergeon**  
Keynote Speaker

 **Michael Corsini**  
Worship Leader



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the world, now and forever. St. Jude, worker  
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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!**  
**\$5 per weekend**  
**\$20 per month**  
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Book Recommendation  
from Father Bryan...  
The Exorcist Files  
By Father Carlos Martins

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*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.*



**The Blessed**  
**Sacrament is**  
**reserved in the**  
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*Please help to*  
*maintain a prayerful*

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**Food Pantry**

The local food  
pantries need  
our donations of  
*nonperishable*  
items.

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

**Health Ministry—Available Medical Equipment:**  
Basket for walker, Blood pressure monitor, Canes, Crutches, Emesis Basin,  
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