



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21, 2025



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: 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

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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 20 VIGIL—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Trudy Thomas (by The Troncone Family)

Sunday, December 21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Our Living & Deceased Parishioners

11:15 am, Holy Child: † Irene Frey (by Bob & Linda Nowak)

4:00 pm, Holy Child: Advent Penance Service

Monday, December 22 Advent Weekday

12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Bill & Bernard Stachowski (by Bernadine)

Tuesday, December 23 Advent Weekday

12:10 pm, Holy Child: † The Dead (by Society for the Propagation of the Faith)

Wednesday, December 24 VIGIL—THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Parish Christmas Flowers Intentions

Thursday, December 25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Parish Christmas Flowers Intentions

11:15 am, Holy Child: † Parish Christmas Flowers Intentions

Friday, December 26 St. Stephen, The First Martyr

No Mass

Saturday, December 27 VIGIL—HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Eugene & Rose Troncone

(by The Troncone Family)

Sunday, December 28 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Richard Morley (by The Family)

11:15 am, Holy Child: † Our Living & Deceased Parishioners

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Holy Child: † Kirk Euson & Barb Griswold

(by Frank & Elizabeth Baker)

St. Mary's: † Robert Stoudt, Jr. (by The Family)

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

December 21st, 4PM—Holy Child—Advent Penance Service

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 FOR DECEMBER 8-14. THANK YOU!

Sunday envelopes \$2,378.00

Loose 514.00

Holy Days 883.00

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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 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, 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-](http://community/marriage/natural-family-planning/)

family-planning/



heartoftiogga@gmail.com

24/7 ONLINE NURSE CHAT

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

heartbeatinternational.org/worldwide-directory

gabrielproject.org elizabethministry.org respectlife.org

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun 12/21	Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24
Mon 12/22	1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-8d Lk 1:46-56
Tu 12/23	Mal 3:1-4,23-24 Ps 25:4-5b,8-10,14 Lk 1:57-66
Wed 12/24	Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5,16-17,27,29 Acts 13:16-17,22-25 Mt 1:1-25
Thu 12/25	Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18
Fri 12/26	Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4,6,8ab,16bc-17 Mt 10:17-22
Sat 12/27	1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12 Jn 20:1a,2-8
Sun 12/28	Sir 3:2-6,12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21 Mt 2:13-15,19-23

Mark Your Calendar

Dec 11: Marian Ministries OLG Celebration, 7 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, 4:00 PM, Holy Child
Dec 24: Christmas Eve Mass, 4:00 PM, Holy Child
Dec 25: Christmas Day Mass, 9:00 AM, St. Mary's
Dec 25: Christmas Day Mass, 11:15 AM, Holy Child
Jan 1: Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses
12:10 PM at St. Mary's; 6:00 PM at Holy Child
 Jan 4: Knights MU Council, 6:30 PM, Holy Child Hall
 Jan 16: Health Ministry Meeting, 10:30 AM, Holy Child Hall

HOLY CHILD HEALTH MINISTRY

New members needed; all are welcome!



It's the most wonderful time of the year! The popular Christmas song says it all. The holidays are a time for family, food, presents, holiday parties and winter weather. As joyful as this time of year can be, for some it can take a toll on mental health. Stressors whether good or bad can steal some of the joy at this time of year. Learning how to navigate these feelings can make the season brighter. Dealing with family for some of us can deflate the most happiest bubble. You know who I mean, that family member who always finds something to complain about. The weather, too hot or too cold, politics (don't even begin that subject), money issues, health issues, you name it and they complain. Protect your peace and limit your exposure to those toxic people. Volunteering and helping others has a way of putting things back into perspective. This not only gets you out of the house but improves the spirits of those you've met and helped. So light the spark of joy for yourself and others this holiday season.



HOLY CHILD PARISH MASS INTENTIONS & CANDLE INTENTIONS 2026 CALENDAR NOW OPEN

Please use the Request Forms

available in our churches
and available to print from our website

(holychildparish.com... click "Mass Intentions" at the top).

Each family may request:

Up to a total of ten (10) Mass intentions per year,
including up to three (3) weekend Mass intentions per
year, one (1) First Friday, and one (1) First Saturday.
Up to ten (10) Sanctuary Candle intentions per year.

NAZARETH GROUP (w/ the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth)

11:00 AM-4:30 PM: Jan. 17, Mar. 21, Jun. 6

For young women, grades 9-12, who desire to learn more about the faith, to make wholesome friendships, and to grow in their love for Christ through prayer and hearing



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Tunkhannock; call Sr. Angela
(570) 836-2737. Mother of the Eu-
charist Convent, Williamsport;
call Sr. Clare (570) 745-3334.

Advent Penance Service

Sunday, December 21, 4:00 pm, Holy Child

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Wednesday, December 24, 4:00 pm, Holy Child

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Thursday, December 25, 9:00 am, St. Mary's

Thursday, December 25, 11:15 am, Holy Child

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, January 1, 12:10 pm, St. Mary's

Thursday, January 1, 6:00 pm, Holy Child



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CHRISTMAS | SACRED ART

Study the Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst, a famous painting revealing the Christ Child as the light of the world, with the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds as models of adoration to our humble Lord, who came into the world as a helpless baby.



WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE: CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS, SANTA CLAUS & THE 12 DAYS
Dr. Michael Barber answers some of the most asked questions about Christmas.



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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM OUR PASTOR

I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas! It is my hope that this Christmas will be an especially powerful celebration commemorating the unfathomable love of God. Hopefully, our Advent preparation has enabled us to celebrate this Christmas—the coming of the Lord—with a special joy!

For many in the world, the Christmas season begins following Thanksgiving (sometimes even sooner) and ends on Christmas Day, often with no acknowledgement of Advent.

As Catholics, we celebrate Christmas starting Christmas Eve and concluding with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Advent, the beginning of the Church year, is a necessary time to prepare for His coming among us. This ‘coming among us’ is not merely in some spiritual sense. Almighty God, the Word who made all things, became flesh (the Incarnation) in the person Jesus “The Christ,” such a monumental event that it requires both adequate preparation and celebration.

Advent is the beginning of the new Church Year, designated by the Church as a Year of Grace as we approach the 2,026th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, focusing on Year A readings on Sundays and Year II readings on weekdays. The coming year also marks the 800th anniversary of the passing of St. Francis of Assisi.

This year, Advent has been approximately 3.5 weeks, and the Christmas Season is approximately 3 weeks. The Church emphasizes the celebration of Christmas in a powerful way by extending intense Christmas Day celebration for 8 days – known as “The Octave of Christmas”. During this Octave we also remember St. Stephen, The First Martyr (after Jesus’ death); St. John The Evangelist, the Beloved disciple; The Feast of the Holy Innocents; The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph; and the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God.

The Christmas season extends even beyond the Octave of Christmas, to The Epiphany of the Lord (January 4, 2026) and The Baptism of the Lord (January 11, 2026). The Church’s liturgical calendar reveals God’s Will that we adequately celebrate the miracle of Christmas. A miracle so magnificent that it is necessary to ponder and celebrate for some time.

Christmas is not over on December 26, nor should our celebration be over. Rather, this should be a time of joy as we ponder the magnitude of God’s love for us. For He loved us so much, that in the fullness of time, He sent his only Son to be born of The Virgin Mary and dwell among us...*Emmanuel* (“God is with us”). He didn’t merely send an angel or appear to us in an apparition, but He took on human flesh, becoming fully human. He was the only human that pre-existed his birth. When He took on flesh in the Incarnation, He became fully human while remaining fully divine. Being fully human and fully divine, He would save us from the tyranny of the Devil, slavery to sin, and the tragedy of death. He would literally “save us.” He is the Savior of the World.

Almighty God came to dwell among us and became our savior at great cost to Himself. Becoming fully human, he would suffer the discomforts of all that entails. This was not necessary for Him to do. He did this out of love -- a Divine love -- a love that should comfort and strengthen us who currently dwell in the “land of darkness and the shadow of death” (Luke 1:79). May this Christmas ignite a hope in the personal realization of what the miracle of Christmas ultimately brings!

Merry Christmas!

Father Bryan

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS GIVEN IN MEMORY / HONOR OF:

The Baker Family, The Dowling Family, and The Reusch Family by Mr. Frank Baker, Jr.

The Ron Becker, Moore, and Troncone Families, and St. Mary’s (Tioga) Deceased by Mrs. Susan Becker.

Bud Boyce, Don Boyce, Dorothy Colegrove, and Margaret Hunter by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Boyce.

William & Mary Brennan, Bill Brennan, The Muldowney Family, and The Tengstrand Family by Mr. Charles Brennan.

Richard Clark, The Tormey Families, and The Dwyer Families by Ann Clark.

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Gene & Alice Abrams and Danny & Lucy Clementi by Cara Clementi.

The Coleman Family, The Draxler Family, and The Santarone Family by Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Draxler.

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The Mitchell & Novitski Families and The Frederick & Brooks Families by Evelyn Frederick.

Agnes Kliber and Nellie Frederick by Mr. & Mrs. Victor Frederick.

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Ann & Edward Morgan, Josephine & Edward Grala, Valorie West, and Marianne Bozzo by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Grala.

Leo & Leona Frederick by Mr. Anthony Hilfiger.

Leo & Leona Frederick and Tom & Catherine McNamara by Mr. & Mrs. David Hilfiger.

The Hmel Family and The Dynan Family by Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Hmel.

Private intention by Mrs. Patricia Hutcheson.

Carolyn Jaquish Bond, Andy Beaderman, David Jaquish, William & Mary Beaderman, & Shirley Skolny by Mrs. Nancy Jaquish.

Angeline Bubacz by Mary Ann Kendrick.

Robert Kucharski; Mary & John Kudlak; Elizabeth, Virginia, & John Kudlak; Frances & Bill Kucharski; by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kucharski.

Dominic & Monica Leone by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Leone.

Ed & Rose Bartolomei and Jim & Helen MacBlane by Mrs. Joan MacBlane.

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Charlotte Rogers, Pat Rogers, and Clarence Knutsen by Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Metallo.

Walter & Anna Tokarz by Robert & Florence Metarko and Family.

Ernest & Anna Russo, Arthur & Andrée Mitcheltree, Larry Green, & Marilyn Lapps by Mr. & Mrs. Lucien Mitcheltree.

Deceased members of The Mizdail & Hancher Families by the Mizdail Family.

Ed Modrzejewski, John & Janet Modrzejewski, and Lester & Florence Bennett by Mrs. Elaine Modrzejewski.

Private intention by Margaret Morgan.

Mr. & Mrs. John J. Neclerio by Mr. Matt Neclerio.

The Collins & Nowak Families by Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Nowak.

Irene Frey and Sylvester & Veronica Nowak by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Nowak.

James M. Parnick Sr. by Mrs. Connie Parnick.

Gabe Partyka, Walter & Jeannette Terhune, Paul & Anna Partyka, Larry & Judy Makarevich by Mrs. Doris Partyka.

Charlene S. Plowcha by Mr. Paul Plowcha.

John & Marian Ranck and Robert & Helen Horton by Mr. & Mrs. John Ranck.

Deceased members of the Morley & Ruberto Families by Leona Ruberto.

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Frank & Helen Signor, Harold & Gladys Dahlgren, & Marie Moroschok by Ronald & Susan Signor.

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In memory of Mary Mahosky and Mildred Morgan, and in honor of Marge Morgan by Pamela Thomas.

Jim & Rose Troncone, Trudy Thomas, and Craig Troncone by Mr. Chris Troncone.

The Stolinas Family and the Vacula Family by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Vacula.

Deceased members of the Tarszowicz and Vljajic Families by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Vljajic.

Private intention by Mr. Michael Wagner.

Stan & Betty Wasowicz by Kathryn Wasowicz.

JoAnn Weiskopff by Mr. James Weiskopff.

Stanley & Rita Mokrzynski, Alfred & Maxine Wilcox, Celia Levindofski, and Christine Wilcox by Samie & Sharon Wilcox.

Private intention by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wolbert.

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Eulogies are permitted during:

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

*Eulogies are not permitted during
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