



### 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

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

**December 28, 2025**



### PARISH OFFICE

237 S. Main St, Mansfield, PA 16933

**Mon, Tue, Fri: 9:30am - 2:30pm**

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**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

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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 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

**Monday, December 29 FIFTH DAY, OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**  
**No Mass**

**Tuesday, December 30 SIXTH DAY, OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**  
**No Mass**

**Wednesday, December 31 SEVENTH DAY, OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**  
**No Mass**

**Thursday, January 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**  
**(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)**

**12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Deacon Michael & Suzanne Miller**  
(by Theresa & Scott Delmotte)  
**6:00 pm, Holy Child: † Our Living & Deceased Parishioners**

**Friday, January 2 Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen,**  
**Bishops, Doctors of the Church; First Friday**  
8:30 am, Holy Child: † Diana Valencia (by Cara Clementi)

**Saturday, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus; First Saturday**  
9:30 am, St. Mary's: † John & Joan Miller  
(by Theresa & Scott Delmotte)

### VIGIL-THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Our Living & Deceased Parishioners

**Sunday, January 4 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Floyd & Genevieve Stachowski  
(by Bernadine)  
11:15 am, Holy Child: Donna Hillary (by Denise Grishka)

### SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Holy Child: † The Morley Family (Deceased)  
(by The Family)

St. Mary's: † Frank Frederick & Arlene VanValkner  
(by The Family)

*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 FOR DECEMBER 15-28**  
**WILL BE REPORTED NEXT WEEK. THANK YOU!**

### OUR DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (2025)

32% of Holy Child parishioners have made gifts amounting  
to 81% 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 troops & first responders: Lord, hold them in your loving  
hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their fami-  
lies 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/](http://dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/)  
[community/marriage/natural-  
family-planning/](http://community/marriage/natural-family-planning/)



[heartoftiogga@gmail.com](mailto:heartoftiogga@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](http://heartbeatinternational.org/worldwide-directory)

[gabrielproject.org](http://gabrielproject.org) [elizabethministry.org](http://elizabethministry.org) [respectlife.org](http://respectlife.org)

[uscbb.org/prolife/diocesan-pro-life-offices](http://uscbb.org/prolife/diocesan-pro-life-offices)

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun 12/28	Sir 3:2-6,12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21 Mt 2:13-15,19-23
Mon 12/29	1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3,5b-6 Lk 2:22-35
Tu 12/30	1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-10 Lk 2:36-40
Wed 12/31	1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2,11-13 Jn 1:1-18
Thu 1/1	Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
Fri 1/2	1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28
Sat 1/3	1 Jn 2:29—3:6 Ps 98:1,3c-6 Jn 1:29-34
Sun 1/4	Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12



**The Feast of the Holy Family** is a movable feast, assigned to the Sunday in the Octave of Christmas.



**Scripture** tells us very little about the first years and the boyhood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the flight into Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and the incidents that occurred when the 12-year-old boy accompanied his parents to Jerusalem.

**Church liturgy** hurries over this period of Christ's life with equal brevity. However, the breakdown of the family in our recent centuries prompted the popes, especially Leo XIII, to promote the observance of this feast with the hope that it would instill into Christian families the faithful love and devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth.

**In today's First Reading** (*Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*), the emphasis seems to be on the obligation of children to their parents, but there is a profound lesson here for parents, too. The young learn more from example than from precept. Today, on this feast day, all parents should examine their lives and consider if they are fulfilling this grave responsibility, which God has placed on them. Are they preparing their children by word and especially example, to be worthy citizens of heaven where they will be their parents' crown and glory?

**Today's Second Reading** is from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians. Ninety percent of the first readers of this letter were pagans before their conversion. To practice the new Christian virtues was no easy task for people reared in the laxity and license of paganism. Yet, they did, producing many saints and martyrs. Let us, in our own family circle, bring sanity back to our world. Let us have the true peace of Christ in our hearts and in our home, carrying out the task God has allotted to each of us. We will not convert the world immediately, but we will have made a start. The world is the sum-total of its individual families. **"As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the whole world in which we live."** -Pope St. John Paul II

Although they were the holiest family that ever lived, or ever will live, on earth, the Holy Family had more than their share of this world's troubles and cares. **Today's Gospel Reading** (*Matthew 2:13-15; 19-23*) tells us of some of these earthly woes and sufferings. They had just settled in Bethlehem, and the Baby Jesus was only a few months old when, to avoid his murder at the hands of the murderous and jealous Herod, they had to flee from Bethlehem and become displaced persons in Egypt, a foreign and pagan land.

**During this holy season of Christmas...** Jesus, Mary, and Joseph should be remembered frequently by every Christian. To help us remember and strive to imitate them, the Church has dedicated this Sunday to the memory of the Holy Family. Pray together, dedicating your family to the Holy Family. Pray for all families and for our country to uphold the sanctity of human life, marriage, and the family.

[catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2025-12-28](http://catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2025-12-28)

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

~Holy Day of Obligation~

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

Thursday, January 1— 6:00 pm Mass @ Holy Child

### CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

#### GIVEN IN MEMORY / HONOR OF:

*The Williams and Darrow Families, and the Brewster Family by Mrs. Brenda Brewster.*

*Mary & Joseph Kostecki by Mrs. Patricia Cummings.*

*Anna Marie Mimplitsch by Mrs. Heather Morgan.*

*The Sleboda Family and The Robbins Family by Mr. & Mrs. John Sleboda.*

*Elizabeth Butkiewicz and Joseph Butkiewicz by Mrs. Mary Wagner.*

## Mark Your Calendar

Jan 4: Knights MU Council, 6:30 PM, Holy Child Hall

Jan 16: Health Ministry Meeting, 10:30 AM, Holy Child Hall

### 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 inspirational talks. Reservations required. Two locations:



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



Office for Parish Life

## Bold and Beloved

Women's Retreat

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January 30-February 1, 2026

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of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, help of the  
homeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times  
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Thank you, St. Jude. Amen.

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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.*



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

**SILENCE AND REVERENCE**



Blessings to You  
*and Happy New Year*  
*Joe + Patty Welsh*

 **Food  
Pantry**

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

Collection bins are in both churches.  
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**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