



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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 11, 2026



PARISH OFFICE

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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

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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, January 10 VIGIL - THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
4:00 pm, Holy Child: † Deceased members of the Miller & Nance Families (by Mary Nance)

Sunday, January 11 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Our Living & Deceased Parishioners
11:15 am, Holy Child: † William Slusser (by Cathy & Dave Slusser)

Monday, January 12 Weekday
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: No Mass

Tuesday, January 13 Weekday
12:10 pm, St. Mary's: † Thomas Dalton (by Robert Dalton)

Wednesday, January 14 Weekday
No Mass

Thursday, January 15 Weekday
6:00 pm, Holy Child: Scott & Shannon Egan (by Dawn Egan)

Friday, January 16 Weekday
8:30 am, Holy Child: † The Holy Souls in Purgatory
(by The Ostapowicz Family)

Saturday, January 17 VIGIL—2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm, Holy Child: Richard & Barbara Laurenson
(by Scott & Dawn Egan)

Sunday, January 18 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 am, St. Mary's: † Thomas & Marcella Williams
(by Brenda Brewster & Laura Williams)
11:15 am, Holy Child: † Our Living & Deceased Parishioners



SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Holy Child: † William Slusser (by Cathy & Dave Slusser)
St. Mary's: † Hazel Bickham (by David)

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—JANUARY 4***

Sunday envelopes	\$9,936.00
Loose	2,358.00
Immaculate Conception	44.00
Christmas	5,065.00
Christmas flowers	190.00
Solemnity of Mary	1,405.00
Initial Offering	141.00
Dues	230.00
Total	\$19,369.00
Diocesan—Care & Education of Priests	704.00
Diocesan—Retired Religious	754.00

Thank you for your generosity!

AnnualAppeal.org

33% of Holy Child parishioners have made gifts amounting to 84% 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, Ann Clark, 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

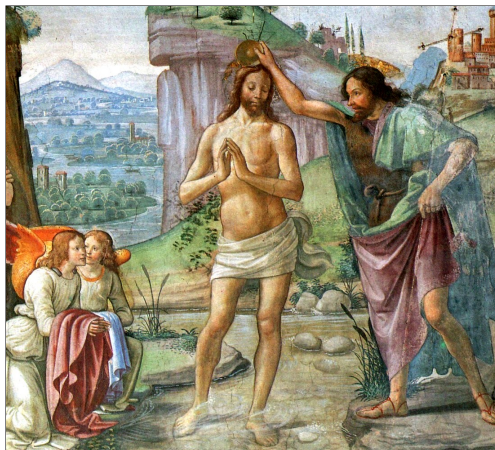
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gabrielproject.org elizabethministry.org respectlife.org

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sun 1/11	Is 42:1-4,6-7 Ps 29:1-4,9-10 Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17
Mon 1/12	1 Sm 1:1-8 Ps 116:12-19 Mk 1:14-20
Tu 1/13	1 Sm 1:9-20 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1,4-8d Mk 1:21-28
Wed 1/14	1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20 Ps 40:2,5,7-10 Mk 1:29-39
Thu 1/15	1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11,14-15,24-25 Mk 1:40-45
Fri 1/16	1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22a Ps 89:16-19 Mk 2:1-12
Sat 1/17	1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19; 10:1 Ps 21:2-7 Mk 2:13-17
Sun 1/18	Is 49:3,5-6 Ps 40:2,4,7-10 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34



The Baptism of the Lord

Today's feast is a time to reflect not only on the Lord's baptism but on our own. In an extended sense, when Christ is baptized, so are we, for we are members of his body (Ephesians 5:30). As Christ enters the water, he

makes holy the water that will baptize us. He enters the water and we go there with him. He also acquires gifts to give us.

The text says, when Jesus was baptized, "heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'"

1. **Access:** The heavens and paradise were closed to us after original sin, but at Jesus' baptism, we have access to the Father and to the heavenly places. Scripture says, "We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand" (Romans 5:1). Elsewhere, Scripture says, "For through Jesus we have access in one Spirit to the Father" (Ephesians 2:17).

2. **Anointing:** In baptism we are not just washed of sins, but we also become temples of the Holy Spirit. After baptism there is the anointing with chrism, which signifies the presence of the Holy Spirit. Scripture says, "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16).

3. **Acknowledgment:** Jesus receives this acknowledgment from his Father for the faith of those who heard it and also to acquire this gift for us. In our own baptism, we become the children of God. On the day of your baptism the Heavenly Father acknowledges you as his own dear child. Scripture says, "You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ..." (Galatians 3:26).

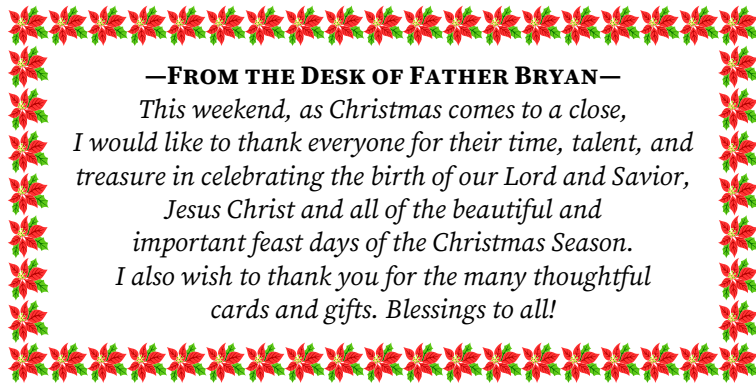
4. **Approval:** Jesus had always pleased his Father, but now he acquires this gift for us as well. Our own baptism gives us sanctifying grace, the grace to be holy and pleasing to God. Scripture says, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in his sight" (Ephesians 1:1-3).

Consider well the glorious gift of your baptism; if you don't know the date, do some research and find out. It should be a day as highly celebrated as your birthday.

We have just heard in the Gospel the words that rang out from heaven when Jesus was baptized by John in the River Jordan. They were spoken by a voice from on high: the voice of God the Father. They reveal the mystery that we are celebrating today, the Baptism of Christ. The Man on whom the Holy Spirit descended like a dove is the Son of God who took human flesh from the Virgin Mary to redeem it from sin and death. How great is the mystery of salvation!

— Pope St. John Paul II

ncregister.com/features/2025-baptism-of-the-lord-sunday-guide



—FROM THE DESK OF FATHER BRYAN—

This weekend, as Christmas comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone for their time, talent, and treasure in celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and all of the beautiful and important feast days of the Christmas Season. I also wish to thank you for the many thoughtful cards and gifts. Blessings to all!



HOLY CHILD & SAINT MARY'S MASS INTENTIONS & SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS



Several openings in January & February!

The graces that come with having a Mass said for a special intention are immeasurable—"the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls"—especially for the dead, since they can no longer pray for themselves. *Pope Francis, CCC1032*

The Sanctuary Candle burns to remind us that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist in the tabernacle, offering hope & presence in the darkness, inviting prayer & adoration.

Please use the Request Forms available in our churches or available to print at holychildparish.com (click "Mass Intentions" at the top of the page)



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Mark Your Calendar

Jan 16: Health Ministry Meeting, 10:30 AM, Holy Child Hall
Feb 1: Knights MU Council, 6:30 PM, Holy Child Hall



Office for Parish Life

Bold and Beloved

Women's Retreat

Inspired by the teaching of St. Hildegard of Bingen

January 30-February 1, 2026

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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.*

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The local food
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our donations of
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items.

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

Health Ministry—Available Medical Equipment:

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