



# SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH

at the  
*Church of St. Joseph*  
Hazleton, PA

~ *Welcome* ~

If you are a visitor to our parish community, we want you to know that you are welcome whether you have come from another state or another Parish. Please feel comfortable in our Father's house and thank you for worshipping with us.

Reverend Brian J. W. Clarke V.F., **Pastor**  
Reverend Michael J. Piccola, M.Th., M.Ed., V.F. **Pastor Emeritus**  
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**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday: 9:00AM-3:30PM

## *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

**Saturday 2:45—3:30 PM**

## *Mass Schedule*

**Saturday Evening:** 4:00PM

**Sunday:** 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM

**Daily Mass:** As scheduled in the bulletin

**Holy Day Mass:** As scheduled in the bulletin

## *Eucharistic Adoration*

On the First Friday as scheduled in the bulletin.

## *Devotions*

Novena of the Miraculous Medal, St. Peregrine and the Infant of Prague following the morning Mass each Monday.

Tuesday mornings after Mass, the Novenas to St. Jude and St. Joseph are prayed.

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed each weekday before Mass.

The Rosary is prayed each Saturday afternoon prior to the 4:00 Mass.

## *Sacrament of Marriage*

Those interested in getting married should schedule an appointment with the parish priest at least 6 months prior to the intended wedding date. No wedding date will be given until the first appointment with the parish priest.

## *Hospital and Nursing Home Visitation*

If your loved one is in the hospital or nursing home and you would like a parish priest to visit please call the rectory. If you would like your loved ones names to be printed in our bulletin please call the rectory. If you would like to be added to our monthly homebound communion visitation list, please call the rectory. Please keep all of our sick and homebound in your prayers.

## *A Community Who Shares The Word*

**Catholic Education:** Please consider giving your children a Catholic Education. Our local parishes support Holy Family Academy in Hazleton. To register or for more information on Pre-K to 8th Grade, call 455-9431 or go to our website at: [www.holyfamilyacademy.info](http://www.holyfamilyacademy.info) or [www.edline.net](http://www.edline.net)

**CCD Classes:** Held every Sunday for grades K-8, from 9:30 - 11:00AM at Holy Family Academy.



**JANUARY 4, 2026**

**(The Epiphany of the Lord)**

**MONDAY, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

**(St. John Neumann, Bishop)**

**8:00 AM Michael N. Rayno by Sons, Michael  
Gary Rayno**

**TUESDAY, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM Michael Giarrizzi by Alfred & Maria  
Pliska & Family**

**WEDNESDAY, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM Health & Blessings for Muffin  
by Phil Elko**

**THURSDAY, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM Health & Blessings for Paul Carlo  
Alvarez by A Friend**

**FRIDAY, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM Health & Blessings for Colleen  
Kinney by Andrew Nemeth**

**SATURDAY, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

**2:45 PM to 3:30 PM Confessions  
4:00 PM Patricia Scarpatti by Jean & Terry  
Trovitch**

**SUNDAY, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

**(Baptism of the Lord)**

**8:00 AM Nick Panzarella by Wife Eileen &  
Children  
10:30 AM Walter Pawlawski by Ray & Lorraine  
Montoni**

**PRAYERS** are asked for all who are confined to their home, nursing homes and the elderly. May God bless and keep them in His tender care. Please remember to keep all of our service members in your prayers.

**HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY** students will attend the School Liturgy on Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM

**GIFT CARDS** are on hand at the school. Contact the main Office (570-455-9431) if interested in purchasing any.

**CCD CLASSES 2025/2026**

**GRADES K-8**

**9:00-10:00 AM at Holy Family Academy**

**PARISH NOTES:**

If you requested a weekend mass and would like to take up the gifts, please let one of the ushers know and they will direct you to your seat.

If you need Holy Communion brought to you at your seat, please let one of the ushers know prior to Mass and they will let a Eucharistic Minister know where you are sitting.

If you need low-gluten host, please let an usher know prior to Mass and he will inform Fr. Clarke.

**Invite** the Fatima Pilgram Statue into your home for a week. Call 570-956-1308

***SPECIAL THANKS to all who participated during this Christmas Season: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Organists, Soloists, Spirit of Grace, those who cleaned and decorated the church, those involved with livestreaming the Mass and to all our Parishioners and friends. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!***

***So far our Christmas Collection total is  
\$17,011.00***

**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND  
SS CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH**

SUNDAY	\$3,962.00
LOOSE	3,077.30
DUES	1,768.00
UTILITIES	305.00
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HUMAN DEVELOPMENT	5.00
WELCOME BACKGROUND	52.00
TOTAL	\$19,281.30

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**BIG BUCKS WINNERS FOR 2025:**

12/22 (672) \$50 Dave Sosar  
12/23 (594) Not Sold  
12/24 (597) \$50 June Steber  
12/25 (598) Not Sold  
12/26 (994) Not Sold  
12/27 (065) Not Sold  
12/28 (422) \$50 SSCM Holy Name Society

**JANUARY CANDLES**

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

1. Denise Matsko-Ensel by Tracy Matsko

**CANDLES AT THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR**

1. IMO James Shovlin by Wife, Regina

**CANDLES AT THE SACRED HEART ALTAR**

1. IMO Tommy Zieminski by Family

**For the winter :**

If school is closed or moves to virtual studies due to inclement weather, Daily Mass will not be held. If school has a delayed start, Mass will be held as scheduled.

Marian Catholic High School will holding their Open House on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Come meet our staff, explore our classrooms, and discover the programs that make our school so special. RSVP to Mary Milosh, Director of Enrollment, [mmilosh@mariancatholichs.org](mailto:mmilosh@mariancatholichs.org) or call 570-467-3335 ext. 116

St. John Bosco is having the GREY DOG cash and vehicle raffle. \$25,000 in prizes - \$100 per ticket – Drawing: February 8, 2026. Call 570-788-997, ext. 3 or 4.





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