

Ss. CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH

at the
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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
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Deacon Leonard Kassick, Parish Deacon
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Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 9:00AM-3:30PM

Sacrament of Confession
Saturday 2:45-3:30 PM

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.

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

Hospital and 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.

Eucharistic Adoration

On the First Friday as scheduled in the bulletin.

Community Who Share Their Worries

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 or www.edline.net CCD Classes; held every Sunday for grades K-8, from 9:30 - 11:00AM at Holy Family Academy.

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.



PRAYERS are asked for all who are confined to their homes, nursing homes and the elderly. May God bless them and keep them in his care.

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY students will attend the School Liturgy for Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, February 18th at 8:00 AM.

OFFICE CLOSED- Monday, February 16th in Observance of Presidents Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, Feb 17th at 9:00 AM.

ATTENTION LOT HOLDERS OF CALVARY CEMETERY DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
Notice of Spring Clean-up
Spring cleaning will take place on Monday, March 1, 2026. Please remove any and all desired items from graves prior to this date. Any remaining items left on graves will be removed and discarded by cemetery personnel. Any questions can be directed to the cemetery office at 570-788-2150.

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

{6th Sunday of Ordinary Time}

MONDAY, February 16th

8:00 AM Joseph Gennaro by Diane & Greg Stahora

TUESDAY, February 17th

8:00 AM Emily Gula by Children & Families

WEDNESDAY, February 18th

(Ash Wednesday)

8:00 AM Anthony Udovich by Suzette Kokinda

12:10 PM Ash Wednesday Service with Distribution of Ashes

5:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service with Distribution of Ashes

THURSDAY, February 19th

8:00 AM Health & Blessings for Friends by Andrew Nemeth

FRIDAY, February 20th

8:00 AM Martha Drost by Ron & Christine Stich

1:30 PM Stations of the Cross

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, February 21st

(St. Peter Damaln, Bishop & Doctor)

2:45 PM to 3:30 PM Confessions

4:00 PM Deacon Cyril Kowalchick by Family

SUNDAY, February 15th

(5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

10:30 AM Dr. Thomas Dittman by Carol Baran

A, fl>pw.a..l Yw- to all who helped with or supported the Mardi Gras Bake Sale. Your time, effort and donations made our bake sale a success. Your contributions are greatly appreciated! May God bless you and your families for the time and support you give to your parish.

HAZLETON AREA MINISTERIUM LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICE

You are Invited to participate in all or any of the Lenten Ecumenical Services sponsored by the Hazleton Ministerium. All Services are scheduled for the Wednesdays of Lent and begin at 6:30 PM

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

**COLLECTIONS FROM THE
WEEKEND OF FEB 7 & 8 2026**

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CHRISTMAS	50.00
ASH WEDNESDAY	158.00
MISC	65.00
INITIAL OFFERING	42.00
CHURCH OF LATIN AMERICA	5.00
SLAVIC APPEAL	352.00
CHURCHS OF EUROPE	25.00
TOTAL	\$8,587.55

Thank you for your generosity!

BIG BUCKS WINNERS FOR 2026:

- 2/2 (464) \$50 James Kraynack
- 2/3 (918) \$50 M. Gochalla
- 2/4 (040) Not Sold
- 2/5 (688) \$50 Ray & Lorraine Montoni
- 2/6 (555) \$100 Dolores Evanko
- 2/7 (863) Not Sold
- 2/8 (147) Not Sold

RECTORY, SET, COOK! 2026

Our pastor chefs have been busy preparing a lot of fun recipes for you to enjoy, beginning on Feb. 17.

St. John Bosco is sponsoring a bus trip to see a new, original biblical production of **JOSHUA at Sight and Sound Theater on May 22, 2026**. This trip will include coach transportation, the show, and luncheon at the famous Shady Maple Smorgasbord along with snacks and refreshments on the bus. Cost per person is \$170. Our bus trips are very popular, sell out quickly and make wonderful gifts. For more information and to register, call Marie at 570-455-3874.

The Diocese of Scranton is looking for qualified candidates for the position of Director at the Villa St. Joseph. The Villa St. Joseph facility serves as the home for retired clergy of the Diocese of Scranton and is located in Dunmore, Pa. The Director reports to the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy and will provide compassionate leadership and administrative oversight for the daily operations of the facility, ensuring that all programs and services align with our Catholic mission and core values. This role requires a commitment to the well-being of residents, effective staff management, and sound financial stewardship.

Interested candidates for the Director position are encouraged to visit the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofscranton.org for a more detailed job description. Applicants are asked to submit a cover letter with salary requirements and a resume by **February 28, 2026**, to:

James Burke
Diocesan Secretary for Human Resources
300 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton Pa. 18503
Or email jburke@dioceseofscranton.org

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.

LEN1EN SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM - MASS with Distribution of Ashes (HFA School Mass)
12:1 OPM - Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes
5:30 PM - Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes
(Small packets of Ashes will be available for the homebound)

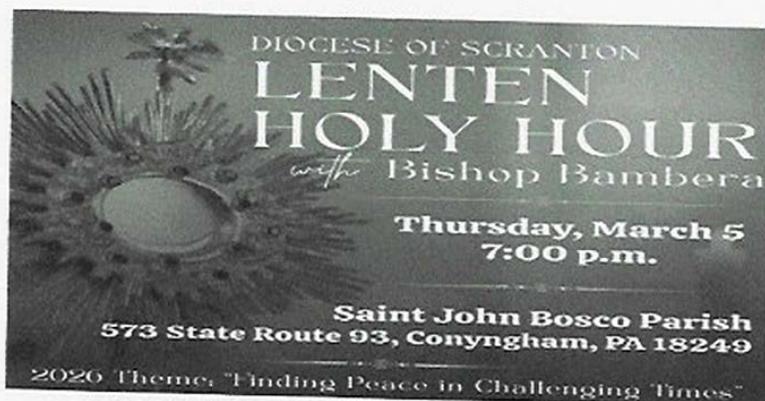
LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics over 18 years of age to the beginning of their 60. year. On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal, unless dispensed or excused. Abstinance from meat is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age or older. Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday are days of abstinence.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday afternoon at 1:30 PM with the HFA school students
Every Friday evening at 6:00 PM

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Confessions will be heard every Monday during Lent from 6:00-7:00 PM.
Confessions will also continue to be heard on Saturdays before Mass from 2:45-3:30 PM. Take this opportunity to prepare yourself for Easter!



HAZLETON DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES

Holy Rosary Parish on March 12 at 6:00 PM
St. John Bosco Parish on March 24 at 6:00 PM



HAZLETON DEANERY RETREAT

Will begin on Friday, March 6 through Sunday, March 8 at Our lady of Peace Parish at Most Precious Blood Church with a special Eucharistic Encounter featuring the St. Carlo Acutis International Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibit.



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