

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.

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Reverend Michael J. Piccola, V.F., M.Th., M.Ed., **Pastor**

Deacon Leonard Kassick, **Parish Deacon**

Deacon Thomas Kostic, **Parish Deacon**

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 2:45—3:30 PM

Thursday prior to First Friday:
as scheduled in the bulletin

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

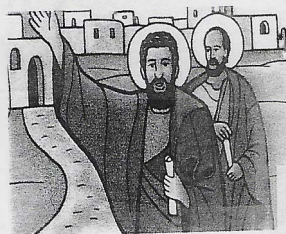
Catholic Education: Please consider giving your children a Catholic Education. Our local parishes support Holy Family Academy in Hazleton. To register or for more information on Pre-K to 8th Grade, call 455-9431 or go to our website at: www.holyfamilyacademy.info

CCD Classes: Held every Sunday for grades K-8, from 9:00 - 10:00AM at Holy Family Academy.

JULY 6, 2025

(14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*



MONDAY, JULY 7TH

8:00 AM Francis Matushefski by
Florence Payer

TUESDAY, JULY 8TH

8:00 AM Joyce Washko by
Husband, John

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9TH

(St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions)
8:00 AM Joan Humenick by Daughter,
Janice

THURSDAY, JULY 10TH

8:00 AM Alma Yale by Daughter, Sally

FRIDAY, JULY 11TH

(St. Benedict)
8:00 AM Cecilia DiSabella by Gary
and Debbie Sannie

SATURDAY, JULY 12TH

2:45 PM to 3:30 PM Confessions
4:00 PM Mary Ann Gombeda by
Husband, Andrew

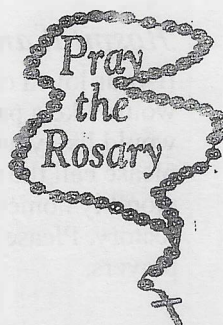
SUNDAY, JULY 13TH

(15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:00 AM Veronica McGeehan by TJ
and Cathy McGeehan
10:30 AM John and Connie Baran by
Family



INVITE the Fatima Pilgrim Statue into
your home for a week. Call (570-454-
3341).



"BIG BUCKS LOTTO"
IS GOING TO BEGIN SHORTLY!!!

It is that time of the year again! You will shortly
receive a letter concerning **BIG BUCKS LOTTO**.

Fund Raiser - \$60.00 a ticket. Raffle will begin on
SEPTEMBER 1, 2025. Cost of the ticket is \$60.00
at the time of purchase, which comes to \$5.00 a
month. You have 365 chances to win. Winners
are determined by the 7:00 PM drawing of the PA
Lottery Pick 3.

YOUR PRAYERS: are asked for all who are
confined to their homes, nursing homes and
the elderly. May God bless and keep them in
His tender care. Also, please remember in
your prayers all members of our Army, Navy,
Marines, Coast Guard and Air Force: may God
keep them from all harm.

THE L.J. FERDINAND Malvern Retreat Group will
hold their annual retreat on JULY 11TH- 13TH at
the Malvern Retreat House. The group has been
hosting retreats for over 80 years and includes
men from our parish. New retreatants are
always welcome and are encouraged to join
them. Contact captain John M. Nonnemacher
for more details (570-788-1012).

VIGIL CANDLES: Four (4) candles will be
available to burn during the Novena - Two (2)
Candles will burn each week during the Novena
by the Statue of St. Ann, which will be placed in
the Sanctuary. If you are interested in having a
candle burn for your intention please call the
rectory office.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND
SS CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH

SUNDAY	\$3,217.50
LOOSE	202.00
DUES	365.00
BUILD/MAINT	21.00
UTILITIES	107.00
MISSION	
CANDLES	437.00
CARE & ED	63.00
PETER PENCE	214.00
MIS	2.00
TOTAL	\$4,628.50



*Thank you! Our weekly collections continue to
be very important to the operation of our parish,
especially at this time. Thanks to all who are
generous and faithful in parish support!*

BIG BUCKS WINNERS FOR 2025:

6/27 (175) \$200-Rev. Joseph Evanko, 6/28 (888)
Not Sold, 6/29 (268) \$50-John Nilles, 6/30 (667)
Not Sold, 7/1 (678) \$50-Wayne Hudock, 7/2
(506) \$50-Rev. Michael Piccola

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY: is looking for an aide in
the classroom to work 25 to 30 hours a week.

A middle school teacher. If interested in any
of these positions call the school office (570-
455-9431).

“Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God is at hand for you.’” — Lk 10:8-9

July 6, 2025

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

In the days after the awful 2020 killing of George Floyd, a Catholic friend remarked, “Racism is today’s great evil. We should put all our energy into fighting it.” I admired her intuition that the church must stand firmly against evil. Amen, I thought. At the same time, something felt wrong. As months went by, I saw her steadily slide into bitterness and anger. Soon, despondency. She spoke of giving up the fight. Don’t we too wonder how to fight evil without losing our joy or energy?

Jesus’ words this week help. He says, “Rejoice not that you have power over demons, but that your names are written in heaven” (Luke 10:20). Notice the asymmetry in where he wants our

focus: on the latter, not the former. Should we confidently embrace our God-given power to overcome evil? Absolutely. But even more so, we should emphasize the positive element of our relationship to God. It is tempting but dangerous to define ourselves by what we oppose. It is better to define ourselves by—to rejoice in—what we celebrate: in Jesus, God has written our names in heaven. This sustains our battles.

This week, our marching orders are: fight evil. But more deeply, rejoice that God knows and loves us personally, individually. We allow this joyful knowledge to undergird our fight against the darkness of our day. Then we enjoy long-term stability to be cheerful warriors, who never forget the reason for the contests we are called to fight and win: love.

— Father John Muir

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NOVENA TO SAINT ANN **JULY 17 – 26, 2025**

SOLEMN NOVENA TO SAINT ANN: with the coming of each July, we mark the annual celebration of the Feast of St. Ann. Our Solemn Novena will begin on July 17th and conclude on her Feast Day, July 26th.

The Novena will be prayed after each weekend Liturgy and after the 8:00 AM Liturgy during the week. It will be posted on the parish website (www.sscmparish.com).

Please Note: we ask you to privately pray the Novena to St. Peregrine, Infant of Prague, Miraculous Medal, St. Joseph and St. Jude.

“GOOD SAINT ANN, PRAY FOR US”

NEW NICHE BUILDING at Calvary Cemetery is now on site and there are still spaces available. Call (570-788-2150) for appointment and information.

SISTERS OF SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS IN DANVILLE: Invite you to their summer festival on JULY 12th, from 10:30 AM – 5:00 PM. Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM will be celebrated at the Basilica. There will be food trucks, flea market and games. Everyone welcome.

SOLEMN NOVENA

IN HONOR OF

Saint Ann

JULY 17 TO 26, 2025

PREACHERS: FR. CRISTIAN MARTINEZ, C.P. AND FR. CURTIS KIDDY, C.P.

NOVENA DEVOTIONS

After 8 & 11:45 A.M. & 5:30 P.M. Masses; w/Novena only at 3:30 • 7:30 P.M. Mass & Novena in Spanish

DIVINE LITURGY - BYZANTINE RITE

Tuesday, July 22, 5:30 P.M.
7:30 P.M. Mass and Novena in Spanish

DAILY MASSES

7:00, 8:00 & 11:45 A.M. & 5:30 P.M.
July 17-25: 7:30 P.M. Mass in Spanish
Solemn Closing in Spanish: Fri., July 25, 7:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Lower Basilica for 30 minutes prior to each Mass & the 3:30 P.M. Novena Service, and after all services

CHILDREN'S MASS & NOVENA PRAYERS

Saturday, July 19, 10:00 A.M.;
Special Blessing for Family and Grandparents

MASS OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Wednesday, July 23, 1:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, JULY 20

MASSES

7:00 A.M., 8:00 A.M., 11:45 A.M., & 5:30 P.M.
7:30 P.M. Mass in Spanish

SUNDAY, JULY 20

Celebration of Grandparents & Elderly at Mass

NOVENA DEVOTIONS

After 8:00 & 11:45 A.M. & 5:30 P.M. Masses; w/Novena only at 3:30 P.M. • 7:30 P.M. Mass & Novena in Spanish

SAINT ANN'S FEAST DAY SATURDAY, JULY 26

CONFESSIONS 4:00 AM

MASSES & DEVOTIONS

4:30, 7:00, 8:00, 10:00 & 11:45 A.M.
3:30 P.M. (Novena only) & 5:30 P.M.

LANGUAGE SERVICE

1:30 PM - POLISH in Upper Basilica



Individual Blessing with Relic of St. Ann After Each Devotion

SOLEMN CLOSING SATURDAY, JULY 26, AT 7:30 P.M.

Pontifical Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.

CTV COVERAGE OF THE SOLEMN NOVENA

Every Day at 12:00 pm and 3:30 pm

Weeknights at 7:00 pm (except Thursday July 24 at 8:00 pm)

Closing Mass live Saturday July 26 at 7:30 pm,

Rebroadcast Sunday July 27 at 12:00 pm

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