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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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Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 9:00AM-3:30PM

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 13, 2025

(15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

Mass  for the
Intentions *Week*



MONDAY, JULY 14TH

(St. Kateri Tekakwitha)

**8:00 AM Robert Swakoski by the
Knights of Columbus**

TUESDAY, JULY 15TH

(St. Bonaventure)

**8:00 AM William and Victoria Kuntz
and John Gombeda by Andrew
Gombeda and Family**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16TH

(Our Lady of Mount Carmel)

8:00 AM Jim Olenick by Parents

THURSDAY, JULY 17TH

**8:00 AM Nancy Dusheck by James
and Barbara Liott**

FRIDAY, JULY 18TH

(St. Camillus de Lellis)

**8:00 AM David Darrouh by Wife
and Children**

SATURDAY, JULY 19TH

2:45 PM to 3:30 PM Confessions

**4:00 PM Health and God's Blessings
for Ray and Lorraine Montoni
on the occasion of their 50th
Wedding Anniversary**

SUNDAY, JULY 20TH

(16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

**8:00 AM Deceased Members of the
Ancharski and Marko Families by
Nancy Marko**

**10:30 AM John and Mary Hreha and
Deceased Members of the Hudock
and Hreha Families by Family**

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.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Ray and Lorraine Montoni
who will celebrate their 50th Wedding
Anniversary on July 19th. May God grant them
many more happy and healthy years together,

SINCERE THANKS: the flowers on the
Tabernacle Altar and Blessed Mother Altar
next weekend will be in Thanksgiving from Ray
and Lorraine Montoni on the occasion of their
50th Wedding Anniversary.

BAPTISM: Caiden Michael Fulton was
welcomed into the Parish Family of SS. Cyril &
Methodius, through the Sacrament of Baptism.
Congratulations to Caiden and his parents.

VIGIL CANDLES BY SAINT ANN

Health and God's Blessings for the Marko Children
and Grandchildren by Mother/Grandmother

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and Grandchildren by Mother/Grandmother

In Memory of Father Cassian Yuhaus by Tom,
Muffin and Alyssa

Deceased Members of the Cipriano and Yashur
Families by Tom, Muffin and Alyssa

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"



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

BIG BUCKS RAFFLE

FUND RAISER - \$60.00/TICKET

The BIG BUCKS RAFFLE will begin September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2026. The cost of the ticket is \$60.00 at time of purchase which comes out to \$5.00 per month. That is a terrific deal because you have 365 chances to win.

PRIZES

\$50.00 will be paid every day except as listed below

\$100.00 will be paid on Friday

\$200.00 will be paid on the last Friday of the month

\$500.00 will be paid on

Christmas, Thursday, December 25, 2025

Feast of SS. Cyril & Methodius, Saturday, February 14, 2026

Feast of St. Joseph, Thursday, March 19, 2026

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

Winners will be determined by the drawing of the 7 PM drawing of pick 3.

**WHEN THERE IS A DOUBLE DRAW
ONLY THE FIRST NUMBER WILL BE PAID**

The fund raiser is replacing the Parish Festival. Last year we sold 564 tickets. Our goal this year is to sell all 1000 tickets. We need cooperation from every parishioner to achieve this goal.

More information and forms will be mailed later this month. Once again we are asking everyone to purchase a ticket.

SUPPORT THE BIG BUCKS RAFFLE

Slovak Catholic Federation

Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Hazleton pick-up @ St John Bosco Church, Sugarloaf 4:45 – 5:00

Park-n-Ride Rt 309 Wilkes-Barre pick-up 5:30 – 5:45

Departing Washington, DC 4:00 pm

Dinner at Mountain Gate Buffet, Thurmont, MD 5:40 – 6:45

Drop off – Wilkes Barre 9:45 – Hazelton 10:20

LPSCU members \$60.00 Non members \$85.00

For reservations – call or text Margaret Jollimore (570) 760-9790

Payment due by August 22nd – Instructions given at booking

Checks made payable to: LPSCU

Arrival in Washington, DC 9:30

Welcome by Basilisa Director of Pilgrimages 11:30

Overall tour of the Basilica – Upper Church 11:45 – 12:00

Lunch – Confessions Memorial Hall 12:00 – 1:15

Mass- Upper Church 1:30

Procession to the Chapel of Our Mother of Sorrows 2:30

Departure 4:00

A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." — Lk 10:30b-31, 33

July 13, 2025

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 10:25-37

I used to be a bad neighbor. I'd get wrapped up in my life and ignore those around me. Then I found sage advice from Benjamin Franklin to this effect: to be a better neighbor, ask someone to do a favor for you. It's counterintuitive, isn't it? Tell strangers that I need their help? Yuck. I'll risk looking needy. Worse, I'll be indebted to them. But I tried it, and it works like a charm. Recently I asked my neighbor Alan for a hacksaw, and Inga for an egg. They kindly obliged, and our friendship is growing.

This week we hear a scribe of the law cynically ask Jesus, "And who is my

neighbor?" (Luke 10:29). Like him, we prefer to keep the list of our "neighbors" as short as possible. It requires less interruption and inconvenience. But when Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, he exposes the lonely, cold-heartedness tendency of the scribe's (and our) heart. My "neighbor" is anyone I encounter who manifests a concrete need. There isn't time to require any other credential because human need opens us to the happy reciprocity which is love.

Jesus' words challenge us this week to ask a neighbor for help in some small way. How marvelous that God himself shows us how. He moves into our world and asks us to love Him with small deeds of love. Maybe that's where Ben Franklin got the idea.

— Father John Muir

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

SUNDAY	\$4,994.10
LOOSE	251.00
DUES	1,370.00
BUILD/MAINT	220.00
UTILITIES	164.00
MISSION	
CANDLES	433.00
CARE & ED	614.00
PETER PENCE	50.00
MIS	
TOTAL	\$8,096.10



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:

7/3 (340) Not Sold, 7/4 (403) \$100-Ken Corch, 7/5 (888) Not Sold, 7/6 (317) Not Sold, 7/7 (403) \$50-Ken Corch, 7/8 (456) \$50-Alice Gocek, 7/9 (705) Not Sold, 7/10 (876) \$50-Brian O'Donnell

Solemn Novena in honor of ST. ANN

JULY 17th to JULY 26th
ST. ANN'S SHRINE BASILICA
Scranton, PA 18504

DAILY MASSES AND NOVENA:
A.M. - 8 and 11:45
P.M. - 5:30 and 7:30 (7:30-Spanish)
NOVENA SERVICE (No Mass) 3:30 P.M.

SUNDAY MASSES AND NOVENA DEVOTIONS
8:00 A.M. - 11:45 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. (7:30-Spanish)
NOVENA SERVICE (No Mass) 3:30 P.M.

SAINT ANN'S FEAST DAY - JULY 26th
MASS AND DEVOTION
A.M. - 4:30, 7, 8, 10, 11:45
P.M. - 3:30 (No Mass) / 5:30 (Mass).

SOLEMN CLOSING:
PONTIFICAL MASS 7:30 (English)
(Outdoors, Weather Permitting)

CONFESSIONS:
Lower Basilica for 30 minutes prior to each Mass (except 7:00 A.M.) and the 3:30 P.M. Novena Service
Confessions available following the services in Lower Basilica.

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY: is looking for an aide in the classroom to work 25 to 30 hours a week.
Looking for a middle school teacher also. If interested in any of these positions call the school office (570-455-9431).



HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY: Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is being held. For more information call the school (570-455-9431).

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