

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**

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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 20, 2025
(16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

*Mass for the
Intentions of the Week*

MONDAY, JULY 21ST

(St. Lawrence of Brindisi)

8:00 AM Anthony, Marge and Jim
Cipriano by Ron Cipriano

TUESDAY, JULY 22ND

(St. Mary Magdalene)

8:00 AM David Havrila by Wife,
Marianne and Children

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23RD

(St. Bridget)

8:00 AM Pat and Stanley Kowalczyk
by A Friend

THURSDAY, JULY 24TH

(St. Sharbel Makhlof)

8:00 AM George Dzurishin by
Dorothy and John Golias

FRIDAY, JULY 25TH

(St. James)

8:00 AM Patricia Scarpati by
William and Marcia Balester

SATURDAY, JULY 26TH

(St. Joachim and St. Ann)

(Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

2:45 PM to 3:30 PM Confessions
4:00 PM Michael and Catherine
Kowalchick by Children

SUNDAY, JULY 27TH

(17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

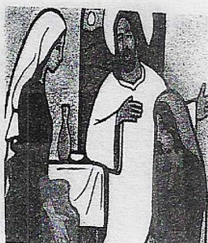
8:00 AM John and Maria Rostar by
Son, Joseph and Mary
10:30 AM James Kaschak by Robert
and Lynn Miller



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

SINCERE THANKS the flowers by Saint Ann
during the Novena are for a Special Intention.

"GOOD SAINT ANN, PRAY FOR US"



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.

BAPTISM: Brooks Jared Stock was welcomed
into the Parish Family of SS. Cyril & Methodius,
through the Sacrament of Baptism.
Congratulations to Brooks Jared and his parents.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Peter and JoAnn Evanko
who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.
May God grant them many more happy and
healthy years.

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).

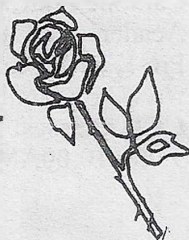
Please Note: we ask you to privately pray
the Novena to St. Peregrine, Infant of
Prague, Miraculous Medal, St. Joseph and
St. Jude.

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

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY has gift cards on hand at
the school. Contact the main Office (570-455-
9431) if interested in purchasing any.

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY: Looking for a middle
school teacher. If interested in this position
call the school office (570-455-9431).

LAST WEEKEND the L. J. Ferdinand and Our Lady
Queen of Peace Men of Malvern Retreat Groups
held their annual weekend retreat at the Malvern
Retreat House. A total of more than one hundred
men from both groups attended, including John M.
Nonnemacher and Peyton Frye from our parish.
New Retreatants are always welcome and are
encouraged to join them. Contact John at (570-
788-1012). Save the date for next year JULY 10-
12, 2026!



The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." — Lk 10:41-42

July 20, 2025

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 10:38-42

One of my close friends is a hermit priest who lives on a desert mountain. Recently I found myself in a group conversation about him. One vehemently objected, "What does he do up there all day? Nothing! Priests are down here working, running parishes, making a difference, and he...he is doing nothing! What a waste." The words dripped with indignation and resentment. Most of the group quietly nodded in silent agreement. Were they correct?

No! To see why, consider a similar scenario in this week's gospel. Jesus visits his friends Martha and Mary. A hardworking and exasperated Martha complains to Jesus that her sister is attending to him rather than to

urgent household tasks. Our Lord, rather than praising hospitality, explicitly celebrates the less-productive sister for doing the "one necessary thing." He praises her for she "has chosen the better part" (Luke 10:42). Mary is busy doing what matters.

Before we freak out like Martha, consider that all work—domestic, manual, professional, ministerial, contemplative—is done to help us (sooner or later) to experience the love that makes us happy. We should be thankful for those who focus on the "better part" of radical, ceaseless prayer. They invite us to remember the purpose of all work is the enjoyment of love. Contemplatives, hermits, anyone fervently committed to prayer—they invite us to cast aside our forgetful, resentful, and self-aggrandizing attitudes in exchange for hearts ready to do what is finally necessary.

— Father John Muir

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BIG BUCKS RAFFLE: Fund Raiser - \$60.00 a ticket. The raffle will begin on **SEPTEMBER 1, 2025** through **AUGUST 31, 2026**. The cost of the ticket is \$60.00 at the time of purchase which comes out to be \$5.00 per month. This is a terrific deal since you have 365 chances to win! Winners are determined by the 7:00 PM drawing of the PA Lottery PICK 3 each evening.

Again, we need the help of everyone to make this project a success. Forms will be mailed out shortly for you to pick your number or have a number randomly given to you. We wish to thank everyone for their cooperation of this important fund raiser.

BIG BUCKS WINNERS FOR 2025:

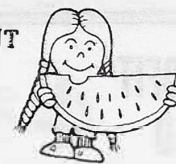
7/11 (140) \$100-Maria Dotte, 7/12 (577) Not Sold, 7/13 (045) \$50-Theresa Dzurek, 7/14 (812) \$50-Russell Ulshafer, 7/15 (846) \$50-Karl Miller, 7/16 (688) Not Sold, 7/17 (777) \$50-Dolores Evanko

SLOVAK CATHOLIC FEDERATION Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th**. Leaving St. John Bosco Church, Sugarloaf at 4:45 AM. For reservations and information call MARGARET JOLLIMORE (570-760-9790).



COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND
SS CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH

SUNDAY	\$5,666.00
LOOSE	452.00
DUES	487.00
BUILD/MAINT	527.00
UTILITIES	143.00
MISSION	
CANDLES	404.00
CARE & ED	183.00
MIS	75.00
TOTAL	\$7,937.00



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!

PARISH PICNICS AUGUST

AUGUST 3RD -St. Ann Basilica in West Scranton - Car Show and Chicken BBQ, from 9 AM - 4 PM. Dinner tickets available until July 27th at St. Ann's Parish Office.

AUGUST 8th - 10th -St. Jude in Mountain Top. **FRIDAY & SATURDAY**, from 4 to 10 PM, and **SUNDAY**, noon to 8 PM. Chicken BBQ dinner starts at noon on Sunday.

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