



# 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](http://www.holyfamilyacademy.info)

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

**JULY 27, 2025**

**(17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)**

Mass  for the  
Intentions *for the Week*



**MONDAY, JULY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

8:00 AM Lawrence Rusinko by  
Sister and Family

**TUESDAY, JULY 29<sup>TH</sup>**

(St. Martha, St. Mary and St. Lazarus)

8:00 AM Donna Jean Liott by  
James and Barbara Liott

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>**

(St. Peter Chrysologus)

8:00 AM Veronica Meniyar by  
Monica Fernandez

**THURSDAY, JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>**

(St. Ignatius of Loyola)

8:00 AM William McGeehan Jr., by  
TJ and Cathy McGeehan

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup>**

(St. Alphonsus Liguori/First Friday)

8:00 AM Thanksgiving and God's  
Blessings on the occasion of the  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of  
Jack and Pat Tomsho

11:00 AM Benediction

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>**

(St. Eusebius of Vercelli)

(St. Peter Julian Eymard/First Saturday)

2:45 PM to 3:30 PM Confessions

4:00 PM Patricia Pizzimanti by  
Dorothy Sobon



WORLD-WIDE  
CHRISTIAN WITNESS

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>**

(18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the  
Kassick, Fendrick and Shofran  
Families by Deacon Len

10:30 AM Bernard Socha Sr., by  
Children, Debbie, Bernard and Cynthia

**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 Jack and Pat Tomsho who will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this week. May God grant them many more happy and healthy years!

**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.

**FIRST FRIDAY + AUGUST 1, 2025**

**Thursday, July 31<sup>st</sup> - No Confessions**

**Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup> - Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** after the 8:00 AM Liturgy. Please stop by church if you have a few minutes on Friday, asking Our Lord to bring peace to our troubled world.

**ANNUAL MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE PLAN:**

Every year each parish in the Diocese of Scranton is visited in the summer by a missionary who will speak at all the Liturgies on behalf of the Missionary Apostolate of the Catholic Church.

We have been assigned **FATHER PAUL KUNNUMPORAM** of the Missionary of St. Francis. Father will be here on the weekend of **AUGUST 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup>.**

We ask you to support the missions through your prayers and sacrifices. This special collection will be taken up for the work of spreading the Gospel in mission territories throughout the world.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother - **FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025.**

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Liturgies will be as follows: **THURSDAY, AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. FRIDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM and 12:10 PM.**

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

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



*"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." — LK 11:5b, 7a, 9*

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

SUNDAY	\$4,560.00
LOOSE	906.00
DUES	610.00
BUILD/MAINT	121.00
UTILITIES	358.00
MISSION	45.00
CANDLES	407.00
CARE & ED	97.00
MIS	50.00
TOTAL	\$7,154.00



*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!*

### **BIG BUCKS WINNERS FOR 2025:**

7/18 (576) \$100-Tracy Kress, 7/19 (523) \$50-Mike Hornak, 7/20 (959) Not Sold, 7/21 (811) \$50-Lorraine Montoni, 7/22 (607) \$50-Mary Therese Todesco, 7/23 (126) \$50-William Rigotti, 7/24 (036) \$50-Antoinette Zola

**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 were mailed out 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.

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

**AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup> - 10<sup>TH</sup>** -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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