

# 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.

**Rectory:** 604 North Laurel Street, P.O. Box 2099  
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**Office Hours:** Monday-Friday: 9:00AM-3:30PM

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.



**AUGUST 3, 2025**  
**(18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)**

Mass  for the  
Intentions  Week



**MONDAY, AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>**

(St. John Vianney)

8:00 AM Dolores and Sammy Forke  
and Edward Casper by  
Andrew Gombada



**TUESDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>**

(Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major)

8:00 AM Al Kringer by SSCM Holy  
Name Society

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6<sup>TH</sup>**

(Transfiguration of Our Lord)

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the  
Marnel Family by the Family

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>**

(St. Sixtus II. Pope and Companions)

(St. Cajetan)

8:00 AM Mary Angela Gasper by  
Jeanie (Gasper) Shovlin and Family



**FRIDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>**

(St. Dominic)

8:00 AM Esther Socha by Debbie  
and Joe Gennaro

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>**

(St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross)

2:45 PM to 3:30 PM Confessions

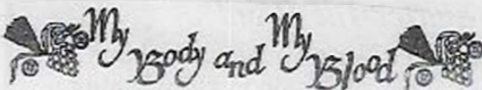
4:00 PM Robert Scatton Sr., by Joann,  
and Ron Rosato and Family

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>**

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

8:00 AM Living and Deceased Members  
of the Parish Particularly of the Holy  
Name Society

10:30 AM Ray Swankoski Sr., by  
Wife, Irene



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

**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.

**YOUR PRAYERS:** are requested for the  
soul of Mary Tihansky. May her soul and all the  
souls of the faithful departed through the  
Mercy of God rest in peace. Remember the  
family of Mary during their time of loss.

**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.

**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**  
**24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</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.

We ask that you place your donation in a plain  
envelope marked MISSION CO-OP and place in the  
containers used for Sunday offering or drop off at the  
rectory.

**VIGILS ON THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR FOR  
THE MONTH OF AUGUST:**

- 1) In Memory of  
Frances Katchur by A Friend
- 2) A Special Intention by Janet Hallock

**VIGILS ON THE SACRED HEART ALTAR FOR THE  
MONTH OF AUGUST:**

- 1) In Memory of Tommy  
Zieminski by Family

**HOSTS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:** In Memory  
of John and Dolores Makara by the Dudeck  
Family

**SANCTUARY LAMP FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:**  
For a Special Intention and for Safe Travel

# **BIG BUCKS RAFFLE**

## **FUND RAISER - \$60.00/TICKET**

This year from July through August 12, 2025 you will have the opportunity to choose your number. You may choose 3 numbers; if all your choices are taken a number will be randomly assigned. Please place your choices on the form below. Numbers will be assigned on a first come basis.

Winners will be determined by the drawing of Pick 3 – 7 pm drawing. When there is a double draw only the first number will be paid. All winners will be notified by mail. Awards begin September 1, 2025 and end August 31, 2026. \$50.00 will be paid every day except: \$100.00 will be paid on Fridays, \$200.00 will be paid on the **LAST** Friday of the month. \$500.00 will be paid on December 25, 2025, February 14, 2026, March 19, 2026 and April 5, 2026.

**This form will not be accepted after August 12, 2025.**

Make checks payable to:

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**To purchase a Big Bucks Raffle fill out the form below along with your check and drop it in the collection basket and your stub will be mailed to you.**

**Tickets also available by calling the rectory at 454-0881**

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**Choice #1** \_\_\_\_\_ **Choice #2** \_\_\_\_\_ **Choice #3** \_\_\_\_\_

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“But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.” — Lk 12:20-21

August 3, 2025

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 12:13-21

Recent studies suggest that millennials will be the first generation in America to be worse off than their parents in terms of financial earnings and job status. Many lament this. I propose that this week's Gospel provides a hopeful way to see the trend as good news.

The Lord Jesus says, “Take care to guard against greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist in possessions” (Luke 12:15). Greed damages us with the deception that we are what we possess. But to Jesus, this is simply not true. What makes us happy is who we are, who we become.

Does not the expectation that every generation should do better than their parents subtly mask the poison of greed? A similar attitude is mirrored in the man who demands that Jesus justly arrange his share of the family inheritance. Despite the injustice, Jesus will not play that game. In fact, he seems to prefer that the man have less than his parents. What good would having more be to this man if he becomes enslaved and miserable by greed? What good would it be for us to have more if it means we become much less?

In allowing the man to have less, Jesus opens a space for him to become more: a man free to love. In that much more meaningful sense, perhaps he was better off than his parents. Maybe the millennials will be, too.

— Father John Muir

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**HOLY ROSARY RUMMAGE SALE** this Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11AM to 2 PM – Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 7 PM and bag day Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to Noon. The sale will be in the church hall 240 S. Poplar St – Enter in the back of church. Handicap accessible

**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.

**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 JOLLIMORE (570-760-9790). Deadline is August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

# COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND SS CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH

SUNDAY	\$4,578.17
LOOSE	183.00
DUES	464.00
BUILD/MAINT	233.00
UTILITIES	280.00
MISSION	91.00
CANDLES	402.00
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ASSUMPTION	280.00
MIS	17.00
TOTAL	\$6,887.17



*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:

7/25 (372) Not Sold, 7/26 (508) \$50-Ann Hanincik, 7/27 (564) Not Sold, 7/28 (852) \$50-Joanna Barrett, 7/29 (331) \$50-William Rigotti, 7/30 (994) \$50-James Baran, 7/31 (701) \$50-D. Dudeck

**BIG BUCKS RAFFLE: REMINDER: TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025** - THIS IS THE LAST DAY TO PICK YOUR NUMBER. However, random numbers will continue to be available.



**BIG BUCKS** – forms were sent out if you did not receive them or need more a form is in this week's bulletin.

**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.**



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