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

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



**AUGUST 10, 2025**  
**(19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)**

Mass  for the  
 Intentions  for the Week

**MONDAY, AUGUST 11<sup>th</sup>**

(St. Clare)

8:00 AM Joan Byorek by Third Base  
 and Mishinsky Family

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 12<sup>th</sup>**

(St. Jane Frances de Chantal)

8:00 AM John and Anna McLovich  
 and Albert by Margaret and Bob

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup>**

(St. Pontian, Pope and St. Hippolytus)

8:00 AM William and Helen Thompson  
 by Elizabeth Thompson

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup>**

(St. Maximilian Kolbe)

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the  
 Kulina Family by Veronica and  
 Craig Kishbaugh

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup>**

**(VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE)**

**(BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)**

5:30 PM John and Elizabeth Bartkovich  
 and Sister M. Anita, SSCM, by John  
 and Anita Hreha

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup>**

**(ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)**

8:00 AM Michael John Raymond by Mr and  
 Mrs. Richard Repetz and Sons  
 12:10 PM Edward and Jenny Stefanoski  
 by Stefanoski Family

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 16<sup>th</sup>**



(St. Stephen of Hungary)

2:45 PM to 3:30 PM Confessions  
 4:00 PM Daniel Timko by Mother, Shirley

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup>**

**(20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)**

8:00 AM Bernard Simkovich by Wife,  
 Ann and Family  
 10:30 AM Stephen Michalochick by  
 Delman Family

 My Body and My Blood 



**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Fest of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother -  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025.**

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.**

**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 Richard Tomasko. May his soul and all the  
 souls of the faithful departed, through the  
 Mercy of God rest in peace. Remember the  
 family of Richard during their time of loss.

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

**HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY:**

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

Looking for a TEACHER'S AIDE call the school  
 office (570-455-9431) for more information.

**GIFT CARDS** on hand at the school. Contact the  
 main Office (570-455-9431) if interested in  
 purchasing any.

**ANNUAL MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE PLAN:**

We have been assigned **FATHER BABU RAJ**  
 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.

**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).** Deadline is August  
 22<sup>nd</sup>.

# **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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TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF TICKETS \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_



**"Be** sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." — Lk 12:36-38

**August 10, 2025**

**19th Sunday In Ordinary Time**

**Luke 12:32-48**

There was a young mother in my parish community who was depressed due to financial strain. She prayed for help. One morning before Mass, she placed on the counter a zip-lock bag filled with jewelry and old coins. Smiling, she explained she had been fixing an old cabinet and found the items hidden deep within the walls of her home. One particular coin could be worth as much as \$900,000. The contents of the bag—previously unknown to them—were now their prized possession. Their plans changed that week. They had to learn how much it was worth.

This week, the Lord tells us, "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

(Luke 12:34). Our lives revolve around what we treasure. When we discover the treasure the Father gives us—the kingdom of God—everything changes. We might not know its precise value, but we rearrange our lives around it. The joy of this discovery should never be far from our minds.

Sometimes we go through times when we can't find this treasure. It seems hidden. Or it appears like dirty old coins and worthless jewelry in a Ziploc bag. But how crazy would my parishioners be if they tossed it away without knowing the cash value? How much crazier are we if we center our hearts on any treasure except that of Jesus and his kingdom? Remember, the Father is pleased to give it to us. That's why we put our hearts there, even when it is hidden.

— Father John Muir

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

8/1 (963) Not Sold, 8/2 (787) Not Sold, 8/3 (361) Not Sold, 8/4 (635) \$50—Mary Ann Thear, 8/5 (689) Not Sold, 8/6 (442) \$50—Ray & Lorraine Montoni, 8/7 (849) Not Sold.

#### **COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND IN CYRIL & METHODIOS PARISH**

SUNDAY	\$5,116.00
LOOSE	202.00
DUES	1,455.00
BUILD/MAINT	249.00
UTILITIES	136.00
MISSION	89.00
CANDLES	438.00
CARE & ED	283.00
ASSUMPTION	210.00
MIS	12.00
TOTAL	\$8,190.00



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

We wish to THANK YOU for your cooperation and support of this parish project. May God bless you and your families a hundredfold.

**YOU ARE INVITED** to join the CITY WIDE HUNT! Catholic Social Services is leading a fun and engaging City Wide Hunt from Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Stop at Catholic Social Services on any of these dates Monday-Friday, 9 AM-12:30 PM or 1:30-5:00 PM to pick up a stamp form and event details, free of charge. You can visit businesses for a chance to win up to \$500! Questions call (570-455-1521).

**AUGUST 10<sup>TH</sup>—St. Jude In Mountain Top. Parish Picnic SUNDAY, noon to 8 PM. Chicken BBQ dinner starts at noon on Sunday.**



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