



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

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

AUGUST 17, 2025
(20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

Mass  for the
 Intentions *for the Week*



YOUR PRAYERS: are asked for Robert "Rocky" Martonick in Lehigh Valley, Hazleton. 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.

MONDAY, AUGUST 18TH

8:00 AM John and Mary Matsko by
 Tracy Matsko

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19TH

(St. John Eudes)

8:00 AM Dorothy Yashur by Family



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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH

(St. Bernard)

8:00 AM Emmeline Giarrizzi by
 Alfred and Maria Pilska and Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21ST

(St. Pius X)

8:00 AM Richard Tomasko by
 Family and Friends

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22ND

(Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

8:00 AM Mary Marsicano by Peter
 Koval and Friends



SATURDAY, AUGUST 23RD

(St. Rose of Lima)

2:45 PM to 3:30 PM Confessions

4:00 PM Barbara Dzasba by the
 Dental Office Co-Workers

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH

(21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:00 AM Joseph and Anna Dzurishin
 by Grandchildren

10:30 AM Matthew Delman by Family



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

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 JOLIMORE (570-760-8780). Deadline is August 22nd.

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.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for the 2025/2026 school year, at Holy Family Academy will be **MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025.**

We would like to welcome everyone back and pray that God will bless all the Faculty, Staff, Parents and Students during the new school year.

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

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND
ST CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH

SUNDAY	\$3,964.50
LOOSE	349.00
DUES	765.00
BUILD/MAINT	78.00
UTILITIES	85.00
MISSION	34.00
CANDLES	337.00
CARE & ED	103.00
ASSUMPTION	245.00
MIS	20.00
TOTAL	\$5,980.50



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

FUND RAISER - \$60.00/TICKET

Winners will be determined by the drawing of Pick 3 - 7 pm drawing
WHEN 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

\$5.00 will be paid every day except as listed below:

\$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

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

Tickets will be randomly assigned after August 12, 2025

Make checks payable to:

SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS BIG BUCKS RAFFLE

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 570-454-0881

Please Print

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____



Catechetical Sunday

CCD REGISTRATION * 2025/2026 * SCHOOL TERM
CCD CLASSES WILL BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025
FROM 9:00-10:00 AM at HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY
GRADES K to 8

PARENTS: remember, students preparing for the Sacraments of Penance, First Holy Communion or Confirmation are required to be enrolled in the CCD program for two (2) years prior to receiving the Sacrament.

Please fill out the form below so we have an idea of how many students will be attending CCD, you may return the form via the collection boxes in church, drop it off at the rectory or mail to: PO BOX 2099, Hazleton PA. 18201. Thank you for your cooperation.

RETURN FORMS BY SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

STUDENT NAME _____ GRADE _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING _____

STUDENT
NAME _____ GRADE _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING _____

STUDENT
NAME _____ GRADE _____

SCHOOL ATTENDING _____

HOME
ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ CELL NUMBER _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." — Luke 12:50-52

August 17, 2025

20th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Luke 12:49-53

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, "You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don't. If I stop pushing you, it means I don't think you have any more potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. "Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?" he asks, "No, tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51). He wants you and me—in fact, all the earth—to participate in the

luminous glory of God. That's why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents' wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let's thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

— Father John Muir

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On August 23 & 24 we will have the Annual Mission Appeal in our parish. Fr. Babu Raj from the missionaries of St. Francis de Sales will speak about their mission work mainly in India and several African countries. The congregation of the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales was founded in France in 1837 as missionaries. They are now globally present in 29 countries with membership of more than 1200 priests. The missionaries work among the poor, disadvantaged, marginalized, and illiterate through children's homes, orphanages and schools. More than 2500 economically poor, semi orphan or orphan children are cared for and educated in their several children's homes both in India and Africa. We also run programs for the empowering of poor women in poor villages. Also, we have about 160 seminarians in different levels of formation to become priests. They are fully supported by the congregation. So, we ask your generous donations to continue the good work of the missionaries of St. Francis de Sales. Let us welcome our missionary Fr. Bahu Raj from India next week.

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

BIG BUCKS WINNERS FOR 2025:

8/8 (304) \$100-Florence Pozniak, 8/9 (770) Not Sold, 8/10 (004) \$50-Jlm Seitzinger, 8/11 (830) \$50-Richard Fulton, 8/12 (411) \$50-Mary Andrasi, 8/13 (088) \$50-BMI Balester, 8/14 (209) Not Sold



VIGILS ON THE SACRED HEART ALTAR FOR AUGUST: 1). In Thanksgiving for Health, God's Blessings and Special Intentions

2). In Thanksgiving for Health, God's Blessings and Special Intentions

3). In Thanksgiving for Health, God's Blessings and Special Intentions

4). In Thanksgiving for Health and God's Blessings upon my Family by Mom

VIGIL ON THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR FOR AUGUST: In Need of Health, God's Blessings and for Special Intentions

