



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.

AUGUST 24, 2025

(21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

Mass  for the
Intentions Week

MONDAY, AUGUST 25TH

(St. Louis / St. Joseph Calasanz)

8:00 AM Francis Zelenak by Children
and Grandchildren

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26TH

8:00 AM Bernadine Hornick by Al
and Donna Galski

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27TH

(St. Monica)

8:00 AM Marie Rondosh by Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28TH

(St. Augustine)

8:00 AM Gloria Vajda by Husband
and Sons

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29TH

(Passion of St. John the Baptist)

8:00 AM Michael Nonnemacher and
John Lutinsky by John and
Sandra Nonnemacher

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30TH

2:45 PM to 3:30 PM Confessions
4:00 PM John and Anna Ondrey and
Deceased Members of their
Families by Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31ST

(22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:00 AM Robert Niles by Family
10:30 AM Stanton and Strieisel
Families by Peggy and Family



WE WELCOME: Father Baba Raj, MSFS, to St. Cyril & Methodius Parish this weekend. Father is here from the missionaries of St. Francis de Sales to speak about their mission work mainly in India.

WE ask you to place your donation in a plain envelope marked **MISSION CO-OP** and place in the containers used for the Sunday offertory collection or you can drop off at the rectory. May God bless you for your generosity to this collection.

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.

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY:

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

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.



 **MASS**
INTENTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2026: Starting on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 you may send in your Mass Intentions for 2026.

WE ASK that you please consolidate your Mass Intentions and them into one or two Masses. Remember, we have only one Mass during the week.

PLEASE NOTE: If anyone is planning a Marriage, this is a Sacred and Lifelong commitment, couples are required to begin meeting with the Pastor at **LEAST ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE OF THE WEDDING DATE.** ***NO Date Will Be Reserved Until The Couple Meet With The Pastor.***

NO INTENTIONS are scheduled for the following days: All Souls - Christmas - Paschal Triduum - Easter - Mother's Day and Father's Day. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.



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

LABOR DAY: Monday, September 1, 2025 the parish office will be closed.



"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." — Lk 13:29-30

August 24, 2025

21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

Luke 13:22-30

I've been hiking Camelback Mountain in Phoenix, Arizona most of my life. It is a vigorous forty-five minutes to the top. Near the peak, the end suddenly appears much further away, and steeper. At that moment, a descending hiker often offers encouragement: "Keep going! The peak is right there. It's not as far as it looks. You can do it!" It usually works. After another five minute push, you summit and enjoy a glorious panorama of the Sonoran Desert in the Valley of the Sun.

When Jesus is asked about how many people are saved, he says: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate" (Luke 13:24). How many?

Strive! Focus on your journey. What does heavenly census taking have to do with you or me? How would it help a hiker on a mountain to ask the others coming down, "How many people are going to make it to the top?" A normal response would be something like: "How is that a relevant question? Carry on!"

Jesus links one virtue directly to salvation: **perseverance** (cf. Matt 24:13; *hypomone* in Greek). **Strive! Endure! Keep going!** The one absolutely necessary virtue is perseverance, to not give up on our journey. The mountain we struggle to climb is often our own weakness, failures, and sins. **Persevere in prayer. Keep celebrating the sacraments. Embrace daily duties. With God's grace, you are strong enough to keep going. Perhaps the peak is not as far away as you might fear. Keep going!**

— Father John Muir

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

SUNDAY	\$3,483.00
LOOSE	404.00
DUES	343.00
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UTILITIES	303.00
MISSION	22.00
CANDLES	408.00
CARE & ED	35.00
ASSUMPTION	634.25
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TOTAL	\$5,914.25



Thank you! Our weekly collections continue to be very important to the operations of our parish, especially at this time. Thanks to all who are generous and faithful in parish support!

BIG BUCKS WINNERS FOR 2025:

8/16 (173) \$100-Fr. Joe Evanko, 8/16 (830) \$50-Richard Fulton, 8/17 (043) Not Sold, 8/18 (882) Not Sold, 8/18 (032) Not Sold, 8/20 (747) \$50-SSCM Holy Name Society, 8/21 (183) \$50-Ron Paisley

1950s - 60s ALL NEW POP HITS MUSIC SHOW:

Friday, August 29th. Performed by vocalist Jack James with guest appearance by trumpeter, Frank Balon. Preshow starts at 5:00 PM. Concert at 6:00 PM - inside the historic Frøeland Dance Hall Pavilion, Front Street next to the YM-YWCA. Seating provided, held indoors, no admission, free will offerings appreciated. Refreshments, food and snacks available.

FLEA MARKET: St. Pius of Piastreckina Parish, St. Gabriel's Church on Wednesday-Friday 9/10 to 9/12 from 1 to 6 PM and Saturday, 9/13 from 9 am to 3 PM. Kitchen will be open Friday for coffee and desserts and Saturday 11 am to 2 PM light lunch menu, during the flea market.



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