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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 conununity, we want you to know that you are welcome whether you have come from another state or another Parish.

Please feel comfortable in our l'ather'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 Mudal, 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 hulletin 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 Hely Family Academy in Hazleton. To register or for more information on Pro-K to 8th Grade, call 455-9431 or go to our website at: www.helyfamilyacademy.info

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





# <u>AUGUST 31, 2025</u> (22° SUNDAY IN ORDIANRY TIME)

MONDAY, September 1st 8:00 AM Joan Andakimow by Family

TUESDAY, September 2nd 8:00 AM Calvin Mahoski by Wife Lorraine

# WEDNESDAY, September 3rd

(St Greeny)

8:00 AM Health & God's Blessings for Mr. & Mrs. Jay Spare by Peggy Folds

THURSDAY, September 4th
8:00 AM Aaron Reznick by Parents
and Sister

FRIDAY, September 5th
8:00 AM Dorothy Foran by Joseph
and Theresa Ward

SATURDAY, September 6th

2:45 PM to 3:30 PM Confessions

4:00 PM Robert Rusnock by Wife Georgia,

Son Robert and Family

SUNDAY, September 7th
(23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)
8:00 AM Gil & Emily Degenhart by Children
10:30 AM Monica Pavlick by Sons Michael
and Gary

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

<u>LABOR DAY:</u> Monday, September 1, 2025 the parish office will be closed.

Priday, September 5th - Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8:00 AM Liturgy until 11:00 AM Benediction will be held at 11:00 AM We ask that you make a visit asking Our Blessed Lord, that during these trying times to bring peace to our troubled world.

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,

#### 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 students will attend the Opening of School Liturgy on Friday, Sept 5th at 8:00 a.m. in the School Gymnasium

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

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 intractions into one or two Masses. Remember, we have only one Mass during the week.

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

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.

\*\*\*\*\*\*HO Date Will Be Reserved Until The Couple Meet With The Pastor.\*\*\*\*

With Heartfelt Gratitude to Almighty God

for the

Sharing in the Priesthood of His Sun Jesus Christ and for Forty seven years of Ministry to Gud's Holy People

# The Reverend Michael J. Piccola, V.F.

Invites You to Join him in Offering Thankegiving to God on the Oceasion of his

# Retirement From Active Ministry A SOLEMN MASS OF THANKSGIVING

will be Celebrated at

The Church of Saint Joseph Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish

> 604 North Laurel Street Hazieton, Pennsylvania

> > on the

28 September 2025

al

2:00 P.M.



A Reception will be held immediately following the Mass in the
GAVENDA CENTER
Holy Family Academy

It S.V.P. Requested by 15 September 2025



Retirement Mass of Thanksgiving
THE REVEREND MICHAEL J. PICCOLA, V.F.

Name:		
Number attending:		
l am unable to attend:		

# HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY PTO



# FALL FLOWER SALE from Blue Mountain Farms

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Dear parents and guardians.

We are delighted to announce that we will be launching a new fundraiser. To streamline our fundraising process and make it more convenient for you, we have partnered with Ruising Reimagined, a new fundralising platform. Each fundraiser now has a unique code, and our civile is: HOL671

Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't he sitate to reach out to the Reising Reimagined team

Call: (970) 724-7464; Email: team@raisingreimagined.com

Once your account is created, you won't need to make another in the future. For future campaigns, you'll simply input the new companyin's code. Using this platform will help keep track of orders, prevent over sales, and automatically attribute sales credit via your unique clode. This will make the administjob easier, eliminating the need to collect money manually.

#### Campaign Dates



Tuesday, 12 August 2025



Wednesday, 17 September 2025



# For EXISTING Raising Reimagined users:

- 1. Log onto https://app.raisir/gre/magined.com/identity/scatount/Login
- 2. Click 'Fundraisers"
- 3. Click "Connect to a fundraisor"
- 4. Enter our compaign's code: HOL67T
- 5. Click 'Connect to fundraiser"
- Sprewithe word: share your furnitaliser with as many people as possible! You can make sales in person with the +Arid Sale
  feature.

# For those NEW to Raising Reimagined:

- 1. Create your child's account by following the steps below ASAP to get started (Instructions Attached):
- 2. Log anto https://app.raisingreimogined.com/identity/account/login
- 3. Click "Sign up & Connect to a Fundraiser"
- 4, Enter our code: HOL671
- 5. Input your information and dick "Connect to Fundraiser"
- 6. Check your email and confirm your secount
- 7. Log back into your account at https://app.raisingreimagined.com/identity/account/ingin
- 8. Click "Share Your Fundiaiser"
- Spread the word: share your fundraiser with as many people as possible! You can make sales in person with the \*Add Sale feature.

UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Acgust 31, 2025

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 14:1.7-14

Once I was invited to a group meeting with Pope Francis. Entering the room, I paused, eyeing the seats next to the Pope's fancy chair. Someone saw my paralysis and invited me to sit in the seat faithest from what I wanted, Hiditig my disappointment, I sat. We waited. To our surprise, an aid pointed out that those seats were still empty and invited me and another to have them. We calmly but greafully strade across the room and sat. Pope Francis entered, and we enjoyed two bours of emaxingly uplifting conversation.

Jesus ssys this week to us: "When you are limited, go and take the lowest place so that

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BIG BUCKS WINNERS FOR 2025:

8/22 (965) Not Sold -8/23 (702) Not Sold

8/24 (493) \$50-Paul Stewart

8/25 (869) Not Sold

8/26 (822) \$50 Zachary Bytsura

8/27 (931) Not Sold - 8/28 (161) \$50 Bob Tokesh

when the host somes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table." (Luke 14:10). This is not about how to score free seat upgrades. Rather, it is a wise pattern for the whole of life. It is how to live free from the anxiety of constantly grasping for status and recognition.

Jesus perfectly embodies his seet-taking advice. He eschews his glorious throne for the lowest: death on a cross, that Lonely chair we all deserve. In his resurrection, he calls us up higher to his marvelous banquet seets. This week, perhaps we should look for opportunities to choose the lowest seat.

We'll be pleasantly surprised when we do.

— Father John Mulr OLPI

# SANCTUARY CANDLES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

IMO John & Mary Marsko by Tracy Matsko IMO John Marthews by Wire

# RLESSED MOTHER CANDLES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

Special Intention
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