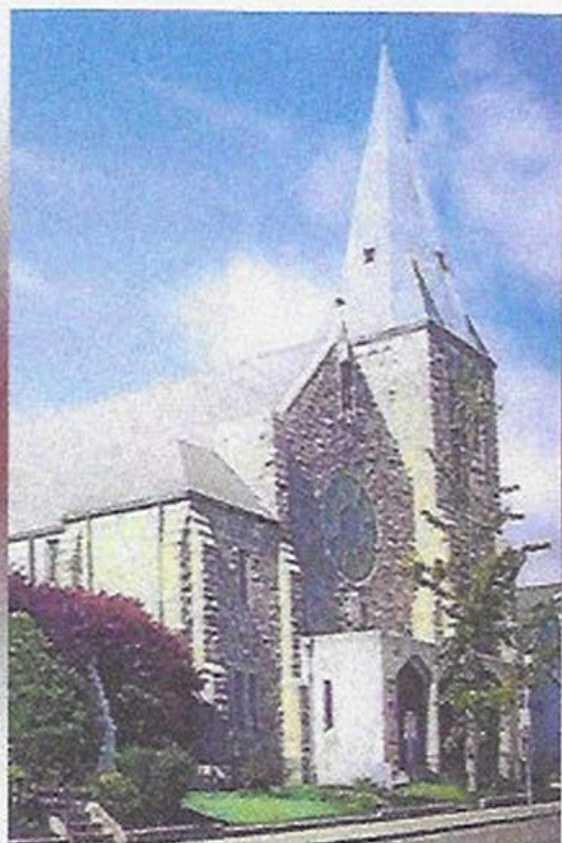




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~ *Welcome* ~

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

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

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025
(26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)



MONDAY, September 29th

(St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Archangels)

**8:00 AM Svabik Family by Mary Blanner
& Family**

TUESDAY, September 30th

(St. Jerome)

**8:00 AM Michael Rayno by Sons, Michael
& Gary**

WEDNESDAY, October 1st

(St. Therese of the Child Jesus)

**8:00 AM Jane Gaudiano by Ann Marie
& Mark Otterbine**

THURSDAY, October 2nd

(The Holy Guardian Angels)

**8:00 AM Esther Simone by Children
& Families**

FRIDAY, October 3rd

8:00 AM Joan Humencik by Ondish Family

SATURDAY, October 4th

(St. Francis of Assisi)

2:45 PM to 3:30 PM Confessions

**4:00 PM Health and God's Blessings for Mary
Ann & Robert Martonick by Family**

SUNDAY, October 5th

(27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

**8:00 AM John Marko by Ray and Lorraine
Montoni**

10:30 AM Martin Mylet by Wife Carol

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

**2:00 PM MASS OF THANKSGIVING
Rev. Michael Piccola**

CONGRADULATIONS to Father Piccola!
After many years of faithful service, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for his spiritual leadership. As he begins this next chapter, we pray for God's continued blessings upon him.

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 School Liturgy on Friday, Oct 3rd 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.

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS Holy Family Academy will be participating in Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Shopping Pass. One Day Only Wednesday, October 22, 2025. Your \$5.00 donation to the school entitles you to 25% off shopping pass (in store and online) from 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM. 100% of your donation goes to the school. For a shopping pass or for more information call the school at 570-455-9431

CCD CLASSES 2025/2026

GRADES K-8

9:00-10:00 AM at Holy Family Academy

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.*****

INVITE THE FATIMA STATUE INTO YOUR HOME FOR A WEEK. Call 570-454-3341.

MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Fall Open House - EXPLORE, DISCOVER, BELONG - Saturday, October 25th, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Come tour the school with our Marian Mentors, meet faculty and staff, and learn how to make a Marian education possible. Please RSVP with Mary Milosh at mmilosh@mariancatholicshs.org or call 570-467-3335 ext 116



WELCOME FATHER BRIAN J. W. CLARKE

I take this opportunity to welcome Father Brian Clarke to our Parish as my successor as Pastor. He will arrive on October 1st. As you know, Father is no stranger to the Hazleton area. He served as Pastor of Holy Rosary and Holy Name of Jesus for several years before being transferred to Holy Trinity Parish in Cresco.

As Father begins his ministry among us, we wish him well and ask for God's many blessings. With the support and cooperation that you have given me over the past 14 years, Father Clarke will achieve many successful moments among you in his time as your Pastor.

Please remember Father Clarke in your prayers and I ask that you please remember me as I retire. Thank you so much for your kindness.

May God bless you always,

Father Piccola

CCW FALL SCHEDULE



PIROHY SESSIONS

Monday, October 6, 2025, after 8 AM Mass to peel potatoes.

Monday, October 6, 2025, 5:30 PM – make potato balls and pirohy.

Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 5:30 PM– make pirohy.

Friday, October 10, 2025, after 8 AM Mass to bag frozen pirohy

Monday, October 13, 2025, after 8 AM Mass to peel potatoes.

Monday, October 13, 2025, 5:30 PM – make potato balls and pirohy.

Tuesday, October 14, 2025, 5:30 PM – make pirohy.

Friday, October 17, 2025 – after 8 AM Mass to bag frozen pirohy

Monday, October 20, 2025, after 8 AM Mass to peel potatoes.

Monday, October 20, 2025, 5:30 PM – make potato balls and pirohy

Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 5:30 PM - make potato balls and pirohy

Friday, October 24, 2025, after 8AM Mass to bag frozen pirohy

Monday, October 27, 2025 – Friday, October 31, 2025, prep for Ethnic Food Sale - November 1, 2025, work schedule will be published at a later date.

Monday, November 3, 2025, after 8 AM Mass to peel potatoes.

Monday, November 3, 2025, 5:30 PM – make potato balls and pirohy.

Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 5:30 PM – make pirohy.

Friday, November 7, 2025, after 8 AM Mass to bag frozen pirohy

Monday, November 10, 2025, 5:30 PM - make cabbage balls and pirohy.

Tuesday, November 11, 2025, 5:30 PM – make cabbage balls and pirohy.

Friday, November 14, 2025, after 8 AM Mass to bag frozen pirohy

Monday, November 17, 2025, 5:30 PM - make prune pirohy.

Friday, November 24, 2025, after 8 AM Mass to bag frozen pirohy

Everyone is invited to come and help at any time. The more hands we have, the quicker we can get the work done. Please watch weekly bulletins in case of a change in the schedule

"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" — Lk 16:26

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass #2201, 1998, 1970 CCD.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 28, 2025

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Luke 16:19-31

I am embarrassed to admit that I frequently find myself dining and socializing with people who have millions and sometimes billions of dollars. I've eaten more caviar, lobster and wagyu steak than most people on the planet. I justify it by saying it's part of my job. But I have seven pairs of nice jeans and expensive shoes.

So it is rather uncomfortable to hear Our Lord say: "My child, remember that you received what was good in your lifetime, while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented" (Luke 16:25). Fellow rich people (and if you're American, you're rich), do we not vehemently thought quietly object to this parable's karma-esque reward system? Why bless the rich man just to curse him later? And curse Lazarus just to bless him later? So Americans go to hell, while Burundians and Afghans go to heaven? What is going on?

One clue is that the condemned rich man doesn't complain of injustice. Rather, he simply begs to help his brothers to repent. Of what? We don't know exactly. Perhaps another clue is that the rich man now seems more like the downtrodden Lazarus. He knows what it is to be hungry and thirsty, to be wounded in the gutter, that he deserved that, not fancy meals and clothes. Maybe the rich man finally understands how to receive true blessings, but it is too late for him. But not for me. Not for us.

— Father John Muir

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COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND **SS CATH & METHODIST PARISH**

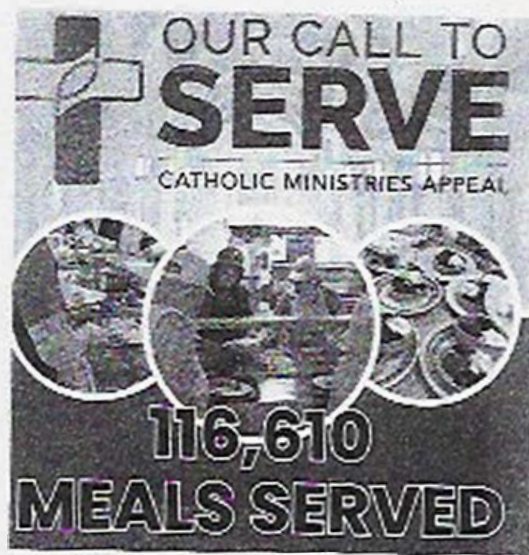
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TOTAL	\$5,128.50

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!

AUTUMN SERENADE: All are invited for an enjoyable, relaxing evening of seasonal music entitled: "AUTUMN SERENADE". SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 5-8:00 PM. The program will feature local musicians, Jack James on vocals and Frank Balon on trumpet. The performance will be at Woody's Restaurant, 632 Centre St., Freeland. The concert is free for dining guests. Please call for reservations at 570-454-8000

BIG BUCKS WINNERS FOR 2025:

9/18 (458) Not Sold
9/19 (501) \$100 Anna Mae Williams
9/20 (128) \$50 Pauline Dudeck
9/21 (987) Not Sold
9/22 (532) Not Sold
9/23 (193) Not Sold
9/24 (812) \$50 Nell & Antoinette Saullo
9/25 (010) \$50 Nancy Gulliock



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