



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.



SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

(THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS)

MONDAY, September 15th

(Our Lady of Sorrows)

**8:00 AM Paul & Mary Fulton by Gary
Gloria Wisemiller**

TUESDAY, September 16th

(St. Peter Claver)

**8:00 AM Atty. James Palermo by
Wife, Anna Mae**

WEDNESDAY, September 17th

**8:00 AM Anne Marie Socha Veneri by
Debbie & Joe Gemaro**

THURSDAY, September 18th

**8:00 AM Deceased Members of Joseph M.
Gasper Family by Daughter
Regina & Family**

FRIDAY, September 19th

**8:00 AM Corrine Swetz by Sister, Roseann
and Family**

SATURDAY, September 20th

2:45 PM to 3:30 PM Confessions

**4:00 PM 50th Anniversary of William and
Marcia Balester by Family**

SUNDAY, September 21st

(25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

8:00 AM John Gorski by Family

**10:30 AM Ron & Mary Doney & Kevin Page
By John & Anita Hreha**

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

**SINCERE THANKS to everyone who donated
to Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales. The
amount collected was \$1,295.00.
May God bless you and yours a hundredfold for
your continuous generosity to those in need.**

**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
souls of John Washko, Esther Simone and
Patricia Scarpati. May their souls and all the
souls of the faithful departed, through the
Mercy of God rest in peace. Please remember
the families of John, Esther and Patricia in their
time of loss.**

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, Sept 19th at 8:00 a.m.
in the School Gymnasium. All grandparents are
invited to attend.**

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

**FALL FLOWER SALE sponsored by the Holy
Family Academy PTO. Orders are due by
Wednesday, September 17th. Flowers can be
picked up at the school on September 30 at
Dismissal time. Forms are available in the
church vestibule**

**CCD CLASSES will begin on SUNDAY,
September 21, 2025 Classes will be held for
grades K-8, from 9:00-10:00 AM at Holy Family
Academy. Registration forms are available in
the vestibule of the church.**

**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**

**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross John 3: 13-17

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy *What About Bob?* Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr Marvin for break-through "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

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.*****

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

SUNDAY	\$5,716.15
LOOSE	342.00
DUES	1,323.00
BUILD/MAINT	245.00
UTILITIES	124.00
MISSION	70.00
CANDLES	334.00
CARE & ED	363.00
SCHOOL SUPPORT	89.00
MIS	27.00
TOTAL	<u>\$8,633.15</u>

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 WINNERS FOR 2025:

- 9/5 (469) Not Sold
- 9/6 (354) Not Sold
- 9/7 (681) Not Sold
- 9/8 (856) \$50 - Robert & Lynn Miller
- 9/9 (530) Not Sold
- 9/10 (286) Not Sold
- 9/11 (610) \$50 - Wayne Hudock

"And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life — Jn 3:14-16

Excerpts from the Lectio for Mass #2001, 1992, 1978 CCC

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness - rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

— Father John Muir

C.I.Pi

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2026: you may send in your Mass Intentions for 2026.

WE ASK that you please consolidate your Mass Intentions 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 - Mother's Day and Father's Day. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

CHARISMATIC MASS and Healing Service at St. John Bosco Church, Conyngham will be Tuesday, Sept. 16th at 7 PM. Fr. Christian Ekeh will preside, and Sue Shaw will begin her music ministry at 6:45 PM. Any questions, please call Arlene at 570-788-3643 or at rgstagg@frontier.com

THE VOICE OF JOHN Ministry will host a bus trip to Pennsylvania March for Life in Harrisburg on Monday, Sept 22nd. We will be leaving from the upper lot of St. John Bosco Church at 8:30AM (immediately after the 8:00 AM Mass). Return is at about 4:00 PM. Cost of the bus is only \$20. To reserve your seat, contact Maryan at 570-788-JOHN (5646). A beautiful opportunity to show that PA is Pro-Life!

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