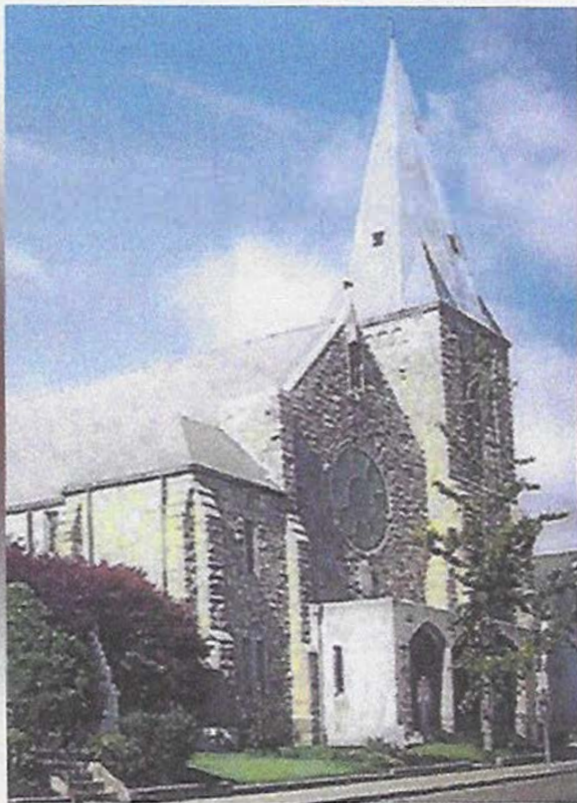




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~ *Welcome* ~

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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Deacon Leonard Kassick, **Parish Deacon**
Deacon Thomas Kostic, **Parish Deacon**

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 9:00AM-3:30PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 2:45—3:30 PM

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 or www.edline.net

CCD Classes: Held every Sunday for grades K-8, from 9:30 - 11:00AM at Holy Family Academy.



OCTOBER 26, 2025

(30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

MONDAY, October 27th

(St. Paul of the Cross)

8:00 AM John Falatko by Anna Plaska & Family

TUESDAY, October 28th

(Saints Simon and Jude)

8:00 AM No Mass

WEDNESDAY, October 29th

8:00 Communion Service with Holy Family Academy Students

THURSDAY, October 30th

8:00 AM No Mass

FRIDAY, October 31st

**8:00 AM Anna Lash by Granddaughter
Roseann & Family**

SATURDAY, November 1st

(ALL SAINTS)

2:45 PM to 3:30 PM Confessions

**4:00 PM Joseph & Dolores Reese
by Delman Family**

SUNDAY, November 2nd

(Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed)

8:00 AM John Simkovich

**10:30 AM Samuel Blanner by Wife Mary
And Children**



PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Diocesan Convocation

there will not be Daily Mass Tuesday, October 28 through Thursday, October 30. Daily Mass Schedules for those day will be as follows:

Holy Rosary (Tues, Wed, Thurs) at 12:05 pm
Good Shepherd (Tues, Wed) at 8:00 am
St. John Bosco (Tues, Wed, Thurs) 8:00 am
Immaculate Conception (Tues, Thurs) 7:00 am

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 students will attend the School Liturgy on Wednesday, Oct 29th at 8:00 a.m. Please note, the liturgies will be back in the Church.

GIFT CARDS FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPING are on hand at the school. They make great Stocking Stuffers, Teacher and Co-worker gifts. Contact the main Office (570-455-9431) if interested in purchasing any.

HFA THANKSGIVING PIE SALE Holy Family Academy will be participating in a holiday pie sale through CAPRIOTTI'S CATERING. You can order Pumpkin Pie, Apple Crumb Pie, Peanut Butter Pie, or Nut Roll. Orders will be ready for pick up on Tuesday, November 25 at dismissal. All orders are due in the office on Wednesday, November 12. Order forms will be available in the back of church. For more information call the school at 570-455-943.

CCD CLASSES 2025/2026

GRADES K-8

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

THE BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

The month of November has traditionally been dedicated by the Church as the month in which we remember the souls of the faithful departed. We pray in a special way during this month. Once again, the BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD will be enshrined in our Sanctuary and will remain there for all of November. The names of our parishioners who have died since last All Souls Day have been inscribed in this special book. Please remember them in a special way in your prayers.

If you have the name of a family member or friend from outside of the parish community, please call the rectory office to give us the name and date to add to the book. PLEASE DO NOT WRITE DIRECTLY IN THE BOOK.

Ethnic Food Sale

Saturday, November 1, 2025

10 AM – 1 PM

There will be an Ethnic Food Sale on Saturday, November 1, 2025. The menu will include Pirohy, haluski, halupki, chicken soup, and sausage and peppers. Haluski is \$8.00 per quart, Halupki are \$3.00 each, Chicken soup is \$9.00 per quart, Sausage and peppers is \$10.00 per quart. Frozen pirohy – 2 dozen per bag for \$16.00. Please do not bring containers, containers will be provided, and orders will be ready for pick up.

We are asking for pre-orders. We will have a limited supply of food for walk-ins but to guarantee your food, please place an order. Orders can be placed by calling Loretta at 570-497-4100 Monday through Friday from 11 AM – 8 PM, you can call the rectory at 570-454-0881 Tuesday through Friday from 9 AM – 3 PM or email at the rectory at sjc2@ptd.net You may also call the church basement at 570-454-9084, Monday October 27th and Tuesday, October 30th from 5 PM – 9 pm the week of the sale. Please give your name and phone number when ordering in case we need to contact you. The deadline to order is Thursday, October 30th.

Please enter the church on the 6th street side door.

Work Schedule

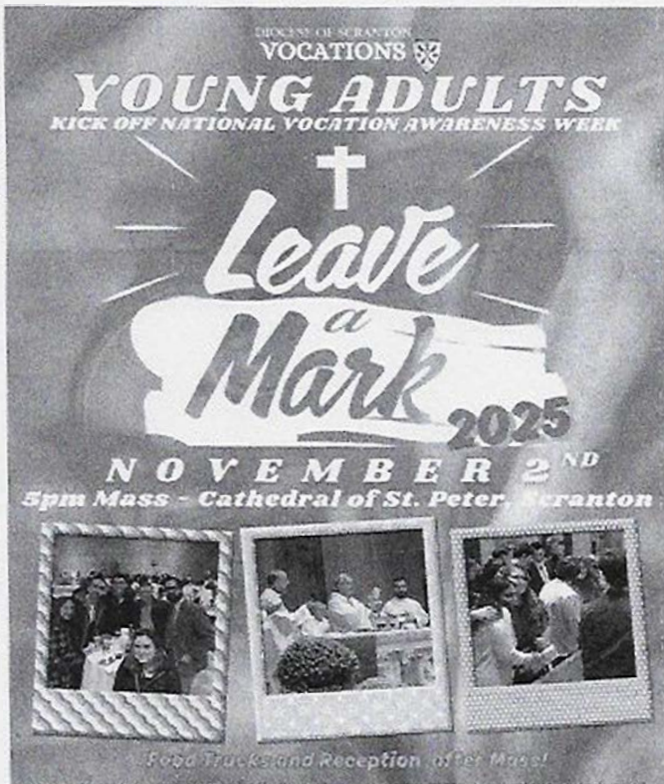
Monday, October 27th, 5:30 PM to steam cabbage and make Halupki

Tuesday, October 28th, 5:30 PM to make halupki if needed and cook halupki,

Thursday, October 30th, 5:30 PM, Make sausage and peppers and Chicken soup.

Friday, October 31st, 5:30 PM pack orders

Saturday, November 1st, 8 AM to put orders together, pick up orders start at 10 AM



CCW FALL SCHEDULE PIROHY SESSIONS

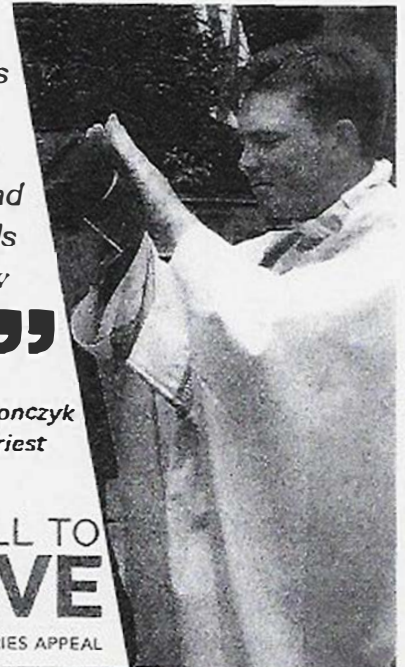
Thank you to all who helped with last weeks Pirohy sessions. We are very grateful for the new volunteers who came out for a night of fun. You are now part of the team. Hope to see you all back for the rest of the pirohy sessions.

“ The Catholic Ministries Appeal is vital to seminarian formation and the formation of good and holy priests ... Words cannot express how grateful we are. **”**

-Father Thomas Dzwonczyk
Newly Ordained Priest



Your gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps ensure our seminarians are formed well and become holy men with a love for Jesus Christ. Support the 2025 Appeal at AnnualAppeal.org



A SPECIAL THANK YOU!!!

We extend our most sincere THANKS to the members of our Parish community who have responded to Bishop Bambera's call to help the poor, the needy, our Diocesan clergy, and the young people of our Diocese by their generous donation to the ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL. May God bless you for your kind generosity.

Parishioners at Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish have contributed the amount of \$20,113.00 thus far toward the Parish goal of \$43,903.00. Once again, we ask for the help of those who have not contributed to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, to PLEASE consider doing so as soon as possible. Your support and cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

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PLEASE NOTE: Notification of contributions to the Diocesan Annual Appeal are received by way of the weekly Sunday offering at Mass and direct notification from the Appeal Office in Scranton. If your name is not listed, please be patient or contact the Parish Office to see if notification of your contribution has been received. Thank you for your kind understanding

*"But the tax collector stood off at a distance...and prayed,
 'God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter
 went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts
 himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles
 himself will be exalted." — Lk 18:9-14*

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

October 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 18:9-14

Every now and then readers of these reflections write letters in which they object to something. Years ago, this Gospel of Luke 18 prompted such an email. A man wrote to me: "I find it deeply offensive that you suggest we are still sinners once we are God's sons and daughters." His objection stirred in me a profound awareness of the paradox at the heart of our faith. Are we sinners or beloved children of God?

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND SS CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH

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MISC	129.00
ALL SAINTS	10.00
THANKSGIVING	35.00
TOTAL	\$6,575.50

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!

In this Gospel (Luke 18:9-14), a tax collector appears as one who has missed the mark. His sins have isolated him. His breast-beating is not an act of self-flagellation for pride's sake but a heartfelt admission of his failure and unworthiness. Remarkably, Jesus honors the candid humility of the parable's penitent. Why? Because we are always in need of mercy, always. But even more, perhaps because on the cross, Jesus will fully embrace a similar place of humiliation and rejection. He will enter into the most shameful, offensive place of the sinner so that we might "go home justified."

There is a sacred tension in admitting that we are sinners and yet have profound hope. We are beloved sons and daughters of God, growing precisely through our honest acceptance of failure. When we cry, "Have mercy on us," during Mass or when we repeat the "Jesus Prayer" in quiet moments, or in the confessional, we embrace our imperfections as fertile ground for divine grace. In doing so, we follow Christ's example — finding true exaltation in the humble acknowledgment of our human frailty.

— Father John Muir

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BIG BUCKS WINNERS FOR 2025:

10/17 (575) \$100 Mark Dobash
 10/18 (548) \$50 Laura Yamona
 10/19 (001) \$50 Nancy Gullick
 10/20 (204) Not Sold
 10/21 (993) Not sold
 10/22 (212) \$50 Janet Price
 10/23 (334) Not Sold

ELECTION DAY PASTA DINNER Saint John Bosco Church, Conyngham, PA, will sponsor its annual Election Day Pasta and Meatball dinner on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, from 3-7 PM in the parish center. Dinner includes pasta, two homemade meatballs, salad, Italian bread, homemade dessert, beverage and complimentary wine. Take-out dinners will be available. Tickets will be available after all weekend Masses at St. John Bosco Church at the parish office, and on the day of the event. Tickets are \$15 per adult and \$7 for children 10 years and under. You may also call the parish office at 570-788-1997, ext. 3 for further information. We hope to see you there!

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