



# 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.

**Reverend Brian J. W. Clarke V.F., Pastor**  
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Deacon Leonard Kassick, 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](http://www.holyfamilyacademy.info) or [www.edline.net](http://www.edline.net)

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





## **NOVEMBER 9, 2025**

**(Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)**

### **MONDAY, November 10<sup>th</sup>**

**(St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church)**

**8:00 AM Dolores Koval by James and  
Barbara Liott**

### **TUESDAY, November 11<sup>th</sup>**

**(St. Martin of Tours)**

**8:00 AM Stephen J. Maylath by Wife and Family**

### **WEDNESDAY, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

**(St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr)**

**8:00 Bernard & Eleanor Pollock by Family**

### **THURSDAY, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM Veronica Menlyar by Monica  
Fernandes**

### **FRIDAY, November 14<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM Adalbert J. Galski by Al and  
Donna Galski**

### **SATURDAY, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

**(St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church)**

**2:45 PM to 3:30 PM Confessions**

**4:00 PM Andrew Kish by Wife, Mary  
and Son, Richard**

### **SUNDAY, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**(Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)**

**8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Frank Shovlin  
Family by Regina and Family**

**10:30 AM Lois & Steve Delman by Family**

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Patricia Nemshick who will celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 9<sup>th</sup>. May God grant her many more happy and healthy years.

**HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY** students will attend the School Liturgy on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. Please note, the liturgy will be held in the school gymnasium.

**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**

**OCIA** - If you or anyone you know wants to become catholic or are in need of receiving the sacraments, classes will begin this Sunday at 9:00 am at Holy Family Academy. For more information, call the rectory at 570-454-0881.

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

**CHARISMATIC MASS AND HEALING SERVICE** at St. John Bosco Church, Conyngham will be Tuesday, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Fr. Chritian Ekeh will preside, and Sue Shaw will begin her Music Ministry at 6:45 pm. This will be the last Charismatic Mass and Healing Service until the spring. Any questions, please call Arlene at 570-788-3543 or email at rgstagg@frontier.com.

# A New Opportunity: Direct Your Pennsylvania State Tax Dollars to Support Holy Family Academy

## Introducing the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program offers parishioners an exceptional opportunity to make a significant difference in the lives of students at Holy Family Academy.

## How the EITC Program Works

By participating in the EITC Program, you have the ability to designate your Pennsylvania State Income Tax so that it benefits Holy Family Academy and Ss. Cyril & Methodius Parish, rather than going to the state. This process allows your tax dollars to be transformed into scholarships for children, providing valuable educational opportunities to local students. By taking part, you ensure that your tax contributions directly benefit Catholic education in Hazleton.

## Eligibility and Participation

Anyone who pays Pennsylvania State Income Tax can be eligible to participate in the EITC Program. Making a pledge is straightforward, requiring only a single form. Assistance is available to guide you through each step of the process. Importantly, this donation **does not cost you anything**, yet it offers substantial benefits to students attending Holy Family Academy.

## Making an Impact

By redirecting your tax dollars through the EITC Program, you help support parochial school students in Hazleton and contribute to the ongoing success of Catholic education in our parish. Your pledge ensures that your tax dollars have a direct and positive impact on our community.

## Program Rollout and Additional Information

This program will be launched soon. Representatives from our Parish will be available in the back of the Church after weekend Masses to provide more information and explain how you can participate in this important initiative.

## Make Your Tax Dollars Work for Our Community

Remember, you are already obligated to pay this tax. Take this opportunity to put your dollars to work and make a meaningful difference for students in our local Catholic school.

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU!!!

We extend our most sincere **THANKS** to the members of our Parish community who have responded to Bishop Bambara'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 **\$23,982.00** 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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**Monsignor John J. Bendik**  
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 **OUR CALL TO SERVE**  
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Our gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps to support Villa St. Joseph, a residence for retired clergy in Dunmore.

Support the 2025 Appeal at [AnnualAppeal.org](http://AnnualAppeal.org)

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make our Ethnic Food Sale a success. From the volunteers who dedicated their time preparing the food, to everyone who purchased food. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.



*"What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." But he was speaking about the temple of his Body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this.*

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Revised by the author of the book "The Church" (1988) (P. 10)

November 9, 2025

## The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

John 2:13-22

When I was 22, I entered St. Peter's Basilica for the first time. It floored me. I could hardly take it in, its grandeur, majestic arches, vibrant colors, and the light that danced through its high windows. Somehow, amidst such splendor, I felt an overwhelming sense of belonging, as if I had finally come home.

Jesus reorients how we Catholics see sacred buildings. In today's Gospel he says, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:13-22). His riddle implies, shockingly, that his own body is now the fundamental dwelling place of God and humanity. The temple in Jerusalem has been superseded.

In our churches today — whether they mirror the basilica's grandeur or embrace humble simplicity — we experience architectural symbols of Christ's risen body. It is no accident we call them "churches": they make visible in brick-and-mortar Christ's body which is made up of the living stones we call Christians. Each church building, like St. John Lateran in Rome, or St. Peter's, or any other, is meant to be a vibrant sign of Christ's resurrected body. We should cherish and protect our churches as places where heaven touches earth, where we, as a community, are raised to the fullness of life in Christ.

— Father John Muir

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## COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND SS CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH

SUNDAY	\$5578.50
LOOSE	311.00
DUES	1412.00
UTILITIES	154.00
BUILD/MAINT	144.00
CANDLES	429.00
MISSION	103.00
PARISH DEBT	7.00
CARE & ED	233.00
SCHOOL SUPPORT	2.00
FLOWERS	308.00
WORLD MISSION	47.00
ALL SAINTS	866.00
ALL SOULS	193.00
THANKSGIVING	239.00
CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPEMENT	81.00
TOTAL	\$10,107.50

*Thank you! Our weekly collections continue to be very important for the operation of our parish. Thanks to all who are generous and faithful in parish support!*

## BIG BUCKS WINNERS FOR 2025:

- 10/31 (578) Not Sold
- 11/1 (291) Not Sold
- 11/2 (996) Not Sold
- 11/3 (563) \$50 Mark Dobash
- 11/4 (738) \$50 Gary & Kim Screenock
- 11/5 (978) Not Sold
- 11/6 (920) \$50 Thomas Wagner

## **CCW FALL SCHEDULE PIROHY SESSIONS**

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

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

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

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

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

**Everyone is invited to come and help at any time. The more hand we have, the quicker we can get the work done.**

**We are very grateful for all the volunteers who come out to help.**

Saint John Bosco Church, 573 State Route 93, Sugarloaf, will host the Hazleton Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra in concert on Sunday, November 23, 2025, at 3:00 PM. The "Countdown to Christmas" concert will be held in the church and will feature a variety of holiday arrangements. Free admission: donations appreciated.



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