

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

Reverend Michael J. Piccola, M.Th., M.Ed., V.F. Pastor Emeritus

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.

NOVEMBER 16, 2025
(33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

MONDAY, November 17th

(St. Elizabeth of Hungary)

**8:00 AM Health & God's Blessings for Geraldine
Maylath by Family**

TUESDAY, November 18th

**8:00 AM William & Leona Brugger by Gloria
Stock & Family**

WEDNESDAY, November 19th

**8:00 Frank Bonin & Yakacki Family by
Veronica Bonin**

THURSDAY, November 20th

**8:00 AM Michael John Rymond by Roxann
Stiller & Bethany**

FRIDAY, November 21st

(Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Michael Bitel by Family

SATURDAY, November 22nd

(St. Cecilia)

2:45 PM to 3:30 PM Confessions

**4:00 PM Mary, William & Michael Evancko by
Bill & Ruth Rigotti**

SUNDAY, November 23rd

(Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)

8:00 AM David Swetz by Ann & Tony Swetz

**10:30 AM Nicholas Panzarella by Bob & Leona
Skulsky**

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.

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

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY students will attend the
School Liturgy on Friday, November 21st at 8:00
a.m. Please note, this liturgy will be held 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.

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 22, from 4:00-8:00 Chipotle in
Hazle Township will donate 25% of the sales to Holy
Family Academy. You can order online for pick up
using Code Q4LP7JA or take a flyer from the back
of the church to the restaurant

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 be
held this Sunday at 9:00 am at Holy Family
Academy. For more information, call the
rectory at 570-454-0881.

CHARISMATIC MASS AND HEALING SERVICE

at St. John Bosco Church, Conyngham will be
Tuesday, Nov 18th 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.

Sincere Thanks to Dolores Evancko and Fr. Joe for
donating the flowers on the altar last weekend. The
flowers were in memory of their parents John and
Theresa Evancko.

Also, thank you to Mary Kish for donating the
flowers this weekend. Flowers are in memory of her
husband Andrew Kish.



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THROUGH THE EITC PROGRAM, YOU CAN MAKE A CRITICAL DIFFERENCE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS!

Pennsylvania's **Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program** allows
an individual or business to turn the tax dollars *they already pay* into
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YOU'LL GET A 90% STATE TAX CREDIT FOR YOUR DONATION and can deduct the other 10%
as a charitable contribution for federal tax purposes. **BUT THAT'S NOT ALL!**

When you make an EITC pledge, you can **direct your gift to ANY Diocese of Scranton school
close to your heart or designate the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System**
and ask that your tax dollars support any diocesan student with financial need.

The EITC Program, overseen by the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic
Development, is the No. 1 source of funding for private schools in Pennsylvania and
THE ONLY FORM OF SCHOOL CHOICE WE HAVE!

WHY PARTICIPATE?

- Increase access to Catholic education and help build a vibrant church for the future.
- Take your **only** opportunity to tell the state where to spend your tax dollars!

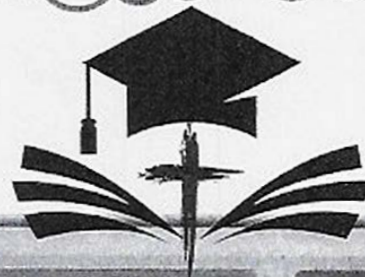
AM I ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE? YES, IF:

- You have a state tax liability.
- Your annual income is at least \$35,000 and you can give at least \$1,000 before receiving 90% back as a tax credit the following year.



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**TELL ME MORE!
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Contact **SANDRA SNYDER**, director of
development & Alumni Relations for
the Diocesan Catholic School System,
at 570-591-5004 or
ssnyder@dioceseofscranton.org.

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY **CHRISTMAS FLOWER SALE**

Flowers from Blue Mountain Farms

NAME: _____ GRADE: _____
 PHONE: _____

Item	Price	Quantity	Total
11" Christmas Welcome Planter	\$22.00		\$
11" Christmas Red Truck Planter	\$22.00		\$
6.5" Red Poinsettia	\$10.00		\$
6.5" White Poinsettia	\$10.00		\$
6.5" Pink Poinsettia	\$10.00		\$
7.5" Red Poinsettia	\$15.00		\$
7.5" Jingle Bell Poinsettia	\$15.00		\$
11" Christmas Silver Tin Planter	\$22.00		\$
 NEW 14" Red Pot	\$45.00		\$

Grand Total \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Holy Family Academy
 Cash _____ Check# _____

Orders/Payment are due in the Main Office No Later than Monday, November 24.
Flowers will be available for pick up in the gym at dismissal on Tuesday, December 9

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND **SS CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH**

SUNDAY	\$4215.50
LOOSE	226.00
DUES	408.00
UTILITIES	220.00
BUILD/MAINT	347.00
CANDLES	446.00
MISSION	95.00
PARISH DEBT	45.00
CARE & ED	630.00
SCHOOL SUPPORT	10.00
FLOWERS	195.00
WORLD MISSION	5.00
MISC	264.00
THANKSGIVING	242.00
CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPEMENT	55.00
TOTAL	\$7,404.50

Thank you for your generosity!

BIG BUCKS WINNERS FOR 2025:

11/7 (285) Not Sold
11/8 (174) Not Sold
11/9 (271) Not Sold
11/10 (984) \$50 C. McGeehan
11/11 (156) No Sold
11/12 (839) Not Sold

CCW FALL SCHEDULE **PIROHY SESSIONS**

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.

Marian Catholic High School Blue & Gold Club is holding their 2026 Lottery Calendar Fundraiser! The cost is \$25 per number for the year, Match the daily number on the 7:00 pm drawing. Contact the school at 570-467-3335 or BGC@mariancatholicshs.org to purchase tickets.

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.

GIVING TREE will be placed in the vestibule of the church next weekend, November 22nd. If you would like to help, please take a Gift Tag. After purchasing the Gift, secure the Gift Tag to the unwrapped gift and return it to church or rectory by December 14th.

ADVENT WREATH AND CANDLES will be available for Memorialization for the upcoming Advent Season. If you are interested, please contact the office at 570-454-0881.

Update on Tax Credit Program:

Thank you to our parishioners who signed up last weekend to participate in PA's EITC tax credit program for the benefit of our parish! Our parish will receive 40% of the participating parishioner's tax credits towards our annual Diocesan Catholic Schools Assessment. Our assessment this year is \$78,612 (\$6,551 per month!) so you can see how important this tax credit program is for the financial health of our parish.

Remember, this does not cost you anything. These are taxes that you have already paid.

There is still time for you to participate this year so we urge you to call the rectory for more information.

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