

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.odline.net

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



NOVEMBER 30, 2025

(1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

MONDAY, December 1st

8:00 AM Richard Tomasko by A

TUESDAY, December 2nd

**8:00 AM Health & God's Blessings for Kelly
Greco by Patrick & Donna & Holly, Lacey
& Bryce Gallagher**

WEDNESDAY, December 3rd

(St. Francis Xavier)

**8:00 Robert Fulton by Wife Stephanie and
Daughter Margaret Mary**

THURSDAY, December 4th

(St. John Damascene)

8:00 AM Lynda Castillo by Peter Koval

FRIDAY, December 5th

8:00 AM Edward Opeola by Family

SATURDAY, December 6th

2:45 PM to 3:30 PM Confessions

**4:00 PM Anna & Clarence Lewis by
Daughter & Son-in-Law**

SUNDAY, December 7th

(2nd Sunday of Advent)

**8:00 AM Health & Blessings for Jack Nemeth
By Sisters, Cilka and Dorothy
10:30 AM Carr Family by Peggy & Family**

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

**Friday, December 5th - Adoration and Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament will be held after the
8:00 am Liturgy. Please stop by church if you
have a few minutes on Friday to ask Our Blessed
Lord to bring peace to our troubled world.**

**Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe will begin on
Wednesday, December 3rd. The Novena prayers will
be said after the Divine Mercy Chaplet each day
before the morning Liturgy, until the Feast of Our
Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th.**

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

**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 Friday, December 5th at 8:00 AM
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.**

**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.**



ADVENT WREATH

**IMO Deceased Members of the HNS and CCW
By John Nilles**

ADVENT CANDLES

- 1. IMO Robert, Emily & David Nilles
By Nilles Family**
- 2. IMO Daniel A. Steber by June Steber**
- 3. IMO Sister Cabrini Steber by June Steber**
- 4. Special Intention by June Steber**



As Pastor, I invite you to prayerfully consider serving our parish community as a **Liturgical Minister**. This is a meaningful opportunity to deepen your faith and actively participate in our Sunday and weekday Masses.

Liturgical Ministers Needed:

Lector: Proclaim the Word of God during Mass and other liturgical celebrations.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC): Assist in distributing the Body and Blood of Christ during Mass and possibly bring Communion to the sick or homebound.

Altar Server: Assist the priest at the altar during Mass.

Sacristan: Prepare the church and sacred vessels for Mass.

Usher: Welcome parishioners, assist with seating

To express your interest, please contact Stephanie at the Parish Office at **570-454-0881**

Fr. Brian J. W. Clarke

SANCTUARY LAMPS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

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| 1. Special Intention | by Janet Hallock |
| 2. IMO Debbie Steibler | by Family |

VIGILS ON THE ALTAR OF THE BLESSED MOTHER FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

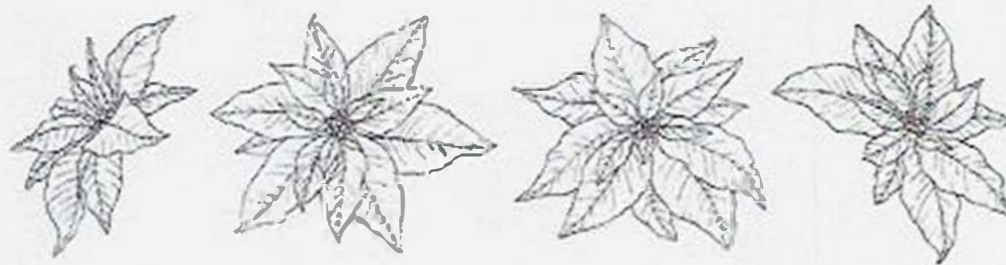
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| 1. IMO Aaron Reznick | by Parents and Sister |
| 2. Health & God's Blessing for Jack Nemeth's
Birthday | By Sisters Cilka & Dorothy |
| 3. Health & God's Blessing for Jack Nemeth's
Birthday | By Sisters Cilka & Dorothy |

VIGILS ON THE ALTAR OF THE SACRED HEART FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

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| 1. IMO John and Dolores Makara | by Dudeck Family |
| 2. IMO Tommy Zierninski | by Family |

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA

Please consider donating a poinsettia for the Church in Memory or in Honor of a loved one. Each poinsettia is \$15. You can use the flower envelope from your packet or write your intention on a plain envelope. After Christmas, all the intentions will be published in the bulletin.



CCW CHRISTMAS BAKING SESSIONS

Week #1

Monday, December 8th, baking - starting at 5:30 pm
Tuesday, December 9th, bagging bake goods after 8 am Mass.
Tuesday, December 9th, baking - starting at 5:30 pm
Wednesday, December 10th, bagging bake goods after 8 am Mass.
Wednesday, December 10th, selling bake goods from 3 pm – 5 pm
Thursday, December 11th, baking - starting at 5:30 pm
Friday, December 12th, bagging bake goods after 8 am Mass.
Friday, December 12th, selling bake goods from 2 pm – 5 pm

Week #2

Monday, December 15th, baking - starting at 5:30 pm
Tuesday, December 16th, bagging bake goods after 8 am Mass.
Tuesday, December 16th, baking - starting at 5:30 pm
Wednesday, December 17th, bagging bake goods after 8 am Mass.
Wednesday, December 17th, selling bake goods from 2 pm – 5 pm
Wednesday, December 17th, baking starting at 5:30 pm
Thursday, December 18th, bagging bake goods after 8 am Mass.
Thursday, December 18th, selling bake goods from 2 pm – 5 pm
Thursday, December 18th, baking - starting at 5:30 pm
Friday, December 19th, bagging bake goods after 8 am Mass.
Friday, December 19th, selling bake goods from 2 pm – 5 pm
Friday, December 19th if needed to fill orders we may have to bake starting at 5:30 pm
Saturday, December 20th, selling bake goods from 10 am – 1 pm.

Frozen Pirohy and oplatky will also be available throughout the bake sale.

We are asking for pre-orders. We will have a limited supply of bake goods on the tables for walk-ins but are suggesting guaranteeing your bake goods, please place an order. We are doing our best to accommodate everyone. Orders can be placed by calling Loretta at 570-497-4100 Monday through Friday from 11 AM – 8 PM. Email the Rectory at sjc2@ptd.net. Call the rectory at 570-454-0881 Tuesday through Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM. You may also call the church basement at 570-454-9084 Monday, December 8th and Tuesday, December 9th from 6 PM – 9 PM, Thursday, December 11th from 6 PM – 9 PM. Monday December 15th – Wednesday December 17th from 6 PM - 9 PM. Please give your phone number on the orders in case we need to contact you to change your pickup date.

We ask that you enter the church on the 6th side door. You will then proceed down the steps to the basement to pick up your bake goods and exit the church on the 5th Street side door. The front church doors will not be opened. Entrance and exit will be in the back of the church only.

Deadline to place orders is Thursday, Dec. 18th by 3 PM



STOCKING STUFFER SALE BIG BUCKS RAFFLE

Starting Monday, December 1, 2025, Stocking Stuffer tickets will be sold for \$40.00 per ticket and they will be active from January 1, 2026, till August 31, 2026. Tickets will be stamped to reflect the change in date. Since there are eight months of drawings in 2026 the tickets are priced to reflect \$5.00 per month for a total of \$40.00. There are three \$500 prizes left for 2026.

Please order early to ensure delivery for Christmas.

To date this year, we have sold 517 tickets. Our parish needs your help to make up the revenue that has been lost because of no Annual Festival. There are many costs involved in running a parish. Together we can keep the spirit of St. Joseph and Saints Cyril and Methodius alive in Hazleton for years to come. **Please consider supporting the STOCKING STUFFER SALE either using them as gifts or purchasing another one or two for you or for a friend.**

To purchase Big Bucks Raffle tickets, fill out the form below along with your check and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory and your stub will be mailed to you.

PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

NUMBER OF TICKETS _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

STOCKING STUFFER SALE

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND
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SUNDAY	\$4,392.07
LOOSE	259.00
DUES	535.00
UTILITIES	175.00
BUILD/MAINT	75.00
CANDLES	455.00
MISSION	34.00
CARE & ED	128.00
FLOWERS	591.00
CHRISTMAS	410.00
MISC	64.00
THANKSGIVING	547.00
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT	36.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	56.00
CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPEMENT	52.00
TOTAL	\$7,809.07

Thank you for your generosity!

BIG BUCKS WINNERS FOR 2025:

11/20 (655) \$50 Judith Montone
11/21 (441) Not Sold
11/22 (769) Not Sold
11/23 (767) Not Sold

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@mariancatholics.org to purchase tickets.

GIVING TREE is in the vestibule of the church. 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 the rectory by December 14th.

WINDOW CANDLES are available for the windows in Church during the Christmas season. If you wish to purchase one in Honor or Memory of someone, please call the rectory.

CHRISTMAS FROZEN PIROHY SALE

Tuesday, December 2 from 3PM – 6PM in the church basement. Please enter through the 6th St side door. Available will be Potato – 2 dozen per bag for \$16.00, Cabbage – 2 dozen per bag for \$16.00 and Prune – 1 dozen per bag for \$8.00. Also available will be Oplatky – 6 per envelope for \$3.00

ADULT ADVENT BIBLE STUDY – Coming this Advent at Saint John Bosco Church, Conyngham

We are excited to announce that Fr. Christian will lead a special mini Adult Bible study during the holy season of Advent in preparation for Christmas. This study will focus on the Infancy Narratives found in the Gospels of Saint Matthew and Saint Luke. Sessions will be held on the first three Tuesdays of Advent: December 2, 9, and 16. Choose either the morning session (9:15-10:45 AM) or the evening session (6:30-8:00 PM) in the Multipurpose Room. Bibles will be provided for those who need them. This is a wonderful way to spiritually prepare for Christmas – the anniversary of the birth of Jesus, our Savior.

To register, please call or visit the Parish Office and provide your name and phone number, (570) 788-1997, ext. 3. Plan to attend and bring a friend! Open to all!

Family Christmas Dinner Show

Join us for classic Christmas music dinner show featuring local vocalist Jack James. A delicious homemade Christmas dinner will be served with your choice of entrees and desserts. Included are plenty of door prizes and a Christmas carol sing-along. It's sure to get everyone in the Christmas spirit. The date is SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 1:30 pm. at Woodie's Restaurant, 632 Centre Street, Freeland. For tickets please phone (570) 454-8000.

HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY IS HOSTING BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND SANTA'S WORKSHOP

December 13th 9AM-12PM Open to the public. Reservations are encouraged. Email: hfapto@gmail.com or call 570-455-9431


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