

# SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS PARISH

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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.

**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  
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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.



**December 7, 2025**  
**(2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT)**

**MONDAY, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**8:00 AM Joseph & Mary Good by Daughter,  
Eleanor Good**

**5:30 PM Marcella Sabolchick by Children**

**TUESDAY, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

**(St. Juan Diego)**

**8:00 AM John Paul Bytsura Jr. Wife, Peggy and  
Son, Zachary**

**WEDNESDAY, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

**(Our Lady of Loreto)**

**8:00 AM Joseph Koval Jr by Mom and Dad**

**THURSDAY, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**(St. Damasus)**

**8:00 AM Helen Koval by Children**

**FRIDAY, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

**(Our Lady of Guadalupe)**

**8:00 AM Denise Matsko-Ensel by Tracy  
Matsko**

**SATURDAY, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

**4:00 PM Mary Galski by Al & Donna Galski**

**SUNDAY, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**(3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent)**

**8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the HNS**

**10:30 AM Calvin Mahoski by Wife Lorraine**

**Novena** to Our Lady of Guadalupe will begin on Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Monday, December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. This Feast recalls that Mary, chosen to be the Mother of the Christ, was preserved from Original Sin.

**Please note Mass Times for area Churches**

**Holy Rosary - 12:05 pm**

**St. Pius of Pietrelcina - 12:00 pm (English)**

**6:00 pm (Spanish)**

**Holy Name of Jesus - 4:00 pm (English)**

**6:00 pm (Spanish)**

**Most Precious Blood - 8:00 am**

**Our Lady of Grace - 12:05 pm**

**St. John Bosco- 8:00 am, Noon, 5:00 pm**

**Sacred Heart (Weston) - 6:00 pm**

**Good Shepherd - 6:00 pm**

**Immaculate Conception - 7:00 pm**

**St Patricks - 6:00 pm**

**HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY** students will attend the School Liturgy on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY IS HOSTING BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AND SANTA'S WORKSHOP** December 13<sup>th</sup> 9AM-12PM Open to the public. Reservations are encouraged. Email: [hfacto@gmail.com](mailto:hfacto@gmail.com) or call 570-455-9431

**CCD CLASSES 2025/2026**

**GRADES K-8**

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

**HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY FUND RAISER**

Saturday, December 13, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm Panera in Hazle Township will donate 30% of the sales to Holy Family Academy. You can order online for pick up using the Code **FUND4U** or take a flyer from the back of the church to the restaurant.

## CCW CHRISTMAS BAKING SESSIONS

### Week #1

Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, baking - starting at 5:30 pm

Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, bagging bake goods after 8 am Mass.

Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, baking - starting at 5:30 pm

Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, bagging bake goods after 8 am Mass.

**Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, selling bake goods from 3 pm – 5 pm**

Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, baking - starting at 5:30 pm

Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, bagging bake goods after 8 am Mass.

**Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, selling bake goods from 2 pm – 5 pm**

### Week #2

Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, baking - starting at 5:30 pm

Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, bagging bake goods after 8 am Mass.

Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, baking - starting at 5:30 pm

Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, bagging bake goods after 8 am Mass.

**Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, selling bake goods from 2 pm – 5 pm**

Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, baking starting at 5:30 pm

Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, bagging bake goods after 8 am Mass.

Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, baking - starting at 5:30 pm

Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, bagging bake goods after 8 am Mass.

**Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, selling bake goods from 2 pm – 5 pm**

Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> if needed to fill orders we may have to bake starting at 5:30 pm

**Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM – 9 PM, Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM – 9 PM. Monday December 15<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> side door. You will then proceed down the steps to the basement to pick up your bake goods and exit the church on the 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**STOCKING STUFFER SALE**





Thank you to all who have shown interest in being **Liturgical Ministers**.

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  
We will have a brief meeting soon to go over the duties of each position.

## **HAZLETON DEANERY PENANCE SERVICES**

A brief service will be held before the opportunity to have your confession heard prior to Christmas. Several priests will be available to hear confession. This is a wonderful opportunity to prepare yourself spiritually for the Feast of Christmas.

**GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH, Drums – Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**  
**ST. GABRIELS CHURCH, Hazleton – Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**

## **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.

**IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:**

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**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:**

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**By:** \_\_\_\_\_



## **SPONSOR A MISSALETTE IN MEMORY/HONOR OF SOMEONE SPECIAL**

We will begin using the new Breaking Bread Hymnals on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29/30. Please consider donating one or more to our Church this month. It is a beautiful way to remember a loved one or to give one for a Special intention. They are only \$10 each. The intention and donor will be listed on a label on the front of the Hymnals.

**IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:**

\_\_\_\_\_

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**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND**  
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SUNDAY	\$3,914.65
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DUES	339.00
UTILITIES	97.00
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CARE & ED	360.00
FLOWERS	255.00
CHRISTMAS	500.00
MISC	30.00
THANKSGIVING	240.00
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT	372.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	175.00
TOTAL	\$7,809.07

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**BIG BUCKS WINNERS FOR 2025:**

11/24 (065) Not Sold  
11/25 (646) Not Sold  
11/26 (287) Not Sold  
11/27 (419) \$50 Deborah Monsorno  
11/28 (825) \$200 Carol Baran  
11/29 (261) \$50 David & Susan Chippi  
11/30 (026) \$50 Gary Wisemiller

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@mariancatholichs.org](mailto:BGC@mariancatholichs.org) to purchase tickets.

**GIVING TREE** Gifts are due to church or the rectory by December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

**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!

**SANCTUARY LAMP FOR DECEMBER**

For God's Strength & Peace Upon Martha & Family

**VIGILS AT THE SACRED HEART ALTAR FOR DECEMBER**

In Thanksgiving for Health & God's Blessings & Special Intention  
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**VIGILS AT THE BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR FOR DECEMBER**

In Thanksgiving for Health & God's Blessings & Special Intentions  
For Health & God's Blessings & Safe Travel

**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 **CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL. WE HAVE REACHED 72% OF OUR GOAL!** May God bless you for your kind generosity.





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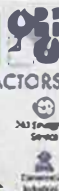
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