



# 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  
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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 14, 2025**  
**(3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT)**

**MONDAY, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM Richard Tomasko by Bill, Marcia  
Mario**

**TUESDAY, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM Gregory Takach by Gerry Maylath**

**WEDNESDAY, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 Andrew Krzemien by Parents, Brother  
and Sister**

**THURSDAY, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM Anthony B. Rydzewski by Family**

**FRIDAY, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM Mary Sottile & Anell Amentler by  
Maria Bonin & Family**

**SATURDAY, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

**4:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of  
Ed & Mamie Gasper by Robert &  
MaryAnn Martonick**

**SUNDAY, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

**(4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent)**

**8:00 AM Philip Elko Sr & Deceased Members of  
the Elko Family by Family**  
**10:30 AM Greg Douds by Wife Carol**

**Invite the Fatima Pilgram Statue into your  
home for a week. Call 570-956-1308**

**PRAYERS** are asked for all who are confined to their home, nursing homes and the elderly. May God bless and keep them in His tender care. Please remember to keep all of our service members in your prayers.

**HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY** students will attend the School Liturgy on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM

**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**

**CALENDARS** will be available in the vestibule of the Church.

**We extend our sincere gratitude to the Frank J. Bonin Funeral Home for their donation of our 2026 Parish Calendars.**

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve - 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm**

**Christmas Day - 8:00 am and 10:30 am**



**For the winter :**  
**If school is closed or moves to virtual studies due to inclement weather, Daily Mass will not be held. If school has a delayed start, Mass will be held as scheduled.**

## CCW CHRISTMAS BAKING SESSIONS

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.

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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**

## **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:**

\_\_\_\_\_

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

**IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:**

\_\_\_\_\_

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:**

\_\_\_\_\_

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



**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND**  
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FLOWERS	256.00
CHRISTMAS	2,345.00
MISC	108.00
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT	156.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	440.00
TOTAL	\$11,170.50

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**BIG BUCKS WINNERS FOR 2025:**

12/1 (160) Not Sold  
12/2 (200) Not Sold  
12/3 (801) \$50 Mercita Dietrich  
12/4 (141) Not Sold  
12/5 (799) Not Sold  
12/6 (493) Not Sold  
12/7 (126) \$50 William Rigotti

**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.

**ST. GABRIELS CHURCH, Hazleton**  
**Monday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**

**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 75% OF OUR GOAL!** May God bless you for your kind generosity

**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.

**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.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

For those interested in serving in any liturgical ministry (Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Usher and Altar Server) especially for Christmas Masses, please come Tuesday at 6:00 pm for a short meeting.





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