

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**

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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.

December 21, 2025
(4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

MONDAY, December 22nd
8:00 AM Gregory Takach by Shirley Timko

TUESDAY, December 23rd
8:00 AM Angelo Gadola by Family

WEDNESDAY, December 24th
Vigil of the Birth of Christ
**4:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of the
Parish**
**8:00 pm Living & Deceased Members of the
Parish**

THURSDAY, December 25th
Solemnity of the Birth of Christ
**8:00 AM Living & Deceased Members of the
Parish**
**10:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of the
Parish**

FRIDAY, December 26th
(St. Stephen – First Martyr
**8:00 AM Catherine Takach by TJ & Cathy
McGeehan**

SATURDAY, December 27th
2:45 PM to 3:30 PM Confessions
**4:00 PM Barbara Dzuiba by Dental Office
CoWorkers**

SUNDAY, December 28th
**8:00 AM Philip Elko Sr & Deceased Members of
the Elko Family by Family**
10:30 AM Greg Douds by Wife Carol

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 19th at 8:00 AM

GIFT CARDS 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



Anyone is welcome to come up to the choir loft and sing for the Christmas Masses.

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



Christmas Window Candles

IMO Thomas Zieminski & Pearl Supon	By Family
IMO Joseph Wargo, James Cull & Lisa Generose	By Family
IMO Mike Michalyshin, John Malitsky & Tommy Kovich	By Family
IMO Emma & Ralph DeMarco	By Patty & Tom DeMarco
IMO Clarence & Anna Lewis	By Patty & Tom DeMarco
IMO Mark Koval	By Parents
IMO Mary Eckrote	By Daughters
IMO Mike & Eleanor Scatton	By Family
IMO Joyce Ciarla	By Lorraine Mahoski & Family
IMO Calvin Mahoski	By Lorraine Mahoski & Family
IMO Leo Sr, Margaret & Leo Jr, Dobash	Family
IMO John Paul Bytsura Jr	By Wife, Peggy, Son Zachary & Katrina
IMO Joseph & Stella Ciochon & Caroline & Joseph	By Mercita & Linda
IMO Al, Brian & Justin Bredbenner	By Nancy Bredbenner
IMO Montoni & Gronski Families	By Ray & Lorraine Montoni
Blessing for 80th Birthday for Mary Ann Shofran	By Mary Ann Dziak
IMO Matthew Delman, Sr	By Parents & Children
IMO Peter & Theresa Holincheck	By Holincheck Family

IMO Kehler & Jevit Families

IMO Monica Rayno Pavlick

IMO Mom, Dad and Sister

IMO Ann Marie Elko & H&B for Phil Elko

IMO Albert, Martha & Judy Zellner

IMO Michael & Rosalie Petrichko

By Robert Kehler Family

By Sons, Michael & Gary

By Pat Sweda

By Friends

By Cary, Amy & Michael

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PARISH OFFICE will be closed Wednesday, December 24 through Friday, December 26. The office will be open on Monday, December 29 at 9:00 am.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND
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SUNDAY	\$3,424.50
LOOSE	496.00
DUES	615.00
UTILITIES	87.00
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CARE & ED	75.00
FLOWERS	145.00
CHRISTMAS	570.00
MISC	200.00
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT	269.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	286.00
WELCOME BACKGROUND	10.00
TOTAL	\$6,392.50

Thank you for your generosity!

BIG BUCKS WINNERS FOR 2025:

12/8 (527) \$50 Mary Montefour
12/9 (345) Not Sold
12/10 (801) \$50 Emil Kaschak
12/11 (505) Not Sold
12/12 (609) \$50 Tom Kostic
12/13 (536) \$50 Susan Falatko
12/14 (469) Not Sold

Marian Catholic High School will holding their Open House on Sunday, January 25th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Come meet our staff, explore our classrooms, and discover the programs that make our school so special. RSVP to Mary Milosh, Director of Enrollment, mmilosh@mariancatholichs.org or call 570-467-3335 ext. 116. St. John Bosco is having the GREY DOG cash and vehicle raffle. \$25,000 in prizes - \$100 per ticket – Drawing: February 8, 2026 Call 570-788-997, ext. 3 or 4.

A Special Thank You to all who helped with or supported the Christmas Bake Sale. Your time, effort and donations made our bake sale a success. Your contributions are greatly appreciated! May God bless you and your families for the time and support you give to your parish.

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.



Wishing you and your family a happy and blessed Christmas Season



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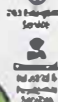
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