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MAY 18, 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I GIVE YOU A
NEW COMMANDMENT:

Love one another

John 13:34



PASTOR'S CORNER

"Behold, I make all things new."

Revelations 21:1-5

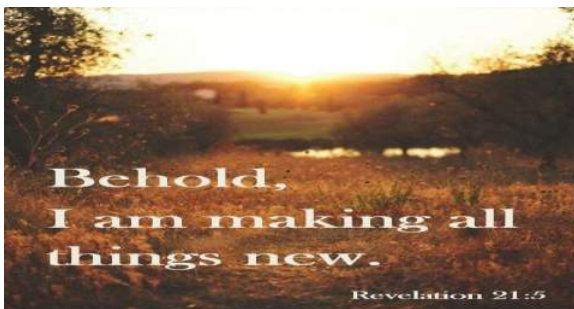
Nature is just about in full bloom; the spring rains drench the earth with new life and energy. The earth is tilting closer and closer to the sun, and the results are seen in a dazzling display of life and colors. The newness of earth and sky inspires our own spirits.

Jesus wants a "new earth and a new heaven"...not just in nature but in our human nature. We are called with Him "to make all things new." All we need to do is draw closer to the Son, our life source. The sacred Eucharist enables us to do the impossible to fulfill Jesus' new command "to love others as He has loved us." This does not mean to love in our own way or by our own design or limit our love to a select few. The newness of Jesus' command is to imitate His kind of love - a love that seeks the good of the other, no matter who they are.

How can Jesus command this of us? It is because it is how He loved us, from "His pierced side," which Pope Benedict reminded us. We can understand the motivation of such a love. This kind of love, St. Teresa of Calcutta reminds us, "must be as normal as living and breathing day after day until our death."

May we all strive to make all things new. Draw near to the Lord in the Eucharist, breathe deeply the breath of the Spirit. Then, love's limitless possibilities will be unleashed upon the earth. What a compelling call to think we can be instruments of God's new heaven and earth.

Happy Easter,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm Vigil ~ William & Rosemary Wynne

8:30am ~ John, Rose and Henry McErlean

10:30am ~ Dorothy Donatelli

Monday, May 19, 2025

8:00am ~ Marie Scalfaro

(Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed after daily Mass.)

8:30am - 4:00pm ~ Adoration

**** 7:00pm ~ Miraculous Medal Devotion (see pg. 5)**

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

8:00am ~ Lilly Schembie

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Saint Christopher Magallanes and Companions

8:00am ~ James J. Morrissey

Thursday, May 22, 2025

Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:00am ~ Jack Whalen

Friday, May 23, 2025

8:00am ~ Justine Baker

Saturday, May 24, 2025

5:00pm ~ Richard Hopkins

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30am ~ Mary Jane Garry

10:30am ~ Daniel Callahan

ST. HILARY WEDNESDAY NIGHT ROSARY GROUP

Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm on the first floor of the Parish Center to pray the Rosary. All are welcome! For more information, contact Maria Greenberg at 215-603-3092 or mariastell72@gmail.com

CHECK OUT THE ST. HILARY PARISH TWITTER ACCOUNT, INSTAGRAM, AND FACEBOOK PAGE!

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Missionary Hubs in the Archdiocese

On January 5, 2025, Arch. Perez released a pastoral letter regarding the future of the Church of Philadelphia. In it, he discussed 2 primary challenges facing the church today - the first problem is many of our fellow Catholics have drifted away from the church and do not regularly attend Mass. In fact, 83% of baptized Catholics don't come to church. The second problem is that there continues to be a shortage of priests across the Archdiocese. In his letter, he reiterates that he did not become the Archbishop to close parishes; he came here to "build up the Church of Philadelphia." In an attempt to reverse the trend and build up the church, he announced the creation of Missionary Hubs across the diocese. A hub is an initiative planted in a local community, most likely within an existing parish setting. It will be focused on missionary outreach for a region within a county and serve a group of existing parishes. It will include various Catholic ministries and invite people into a relationship with Jesus Christ. A hub is designed to help our parish communities focus on the 83% of those who don't come through the church doors. Missionary Hubs are not intended to replace existing parishes. Rather, they are designed to enrich, supplement, and actively support parish life. Hubs are meant to work alongside and in collaboration with existing parishes. In cases where there are not sufficient priests to assign to each parish, parishes served by the Missionary Hub may be led by a Parish Life Director instead of a priest. The Archdiocese has created a website with more info and videos about this change, which the Archbishop plans to roll out in phases over the next decade. You can access the website at trustandhope.org.



***** THANKS TO ALL who attended the information session presented by the Archdiocese. Thanks to Anthony Cesarini for setting this up with the Archdiocese, and for Todd & Stacey Ellis who were on hand to organize the gathering.**



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THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Many thanks for returning the filled Manna Bags this weekend (they are getting picked up on Mon., May 19 by the St. Katherine Food Cupboard). Your items will be put to good use by those in need.

Also, thank you for returning the Baby Bottles for Pro-Life this weekend. Your contributions of loose change and bills will go a long way in helping those in the Guiding Star Ministries Maternity Home.

St. Hilary of Poitiers PARISH COUNCIL

We ask our parish members to prayerfully consider new members to join our present Parish Council members. New members are elected and appointed as well by the pastor. At least 6 new members will be chosen by election or appointment.

Please submit one name on the Ballot below, after you have consulted with your nominee. Nominees must:

- * Have an active prayer life
- * Be a registered member of St. Hilary Church
- * Have a deep love and reverence for the Eucharist witnessed by regular Sunday Mass attendance
- * Actively strive to support and live out the moral teachings of the Church
- * If married, be married validly by the Church

After the nomination ballots are collected and approved, we will then have our election.

Please return the Ballot below to the Rectory or through Church in the collection basket by May 28th.

***** Detach below, and return by 5/28/25 ~ thank you!**

Dear Father Murray,

I'd like to nominate _____ for election to the Parish Council.

Your Name

Additional Comments: _____

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One Winner receives	\$500 (Seller \$50)

Drawing will be held Sunday, June 8, 2025,
after the 10:30AM Mass.

Each raffle ticket is
\$10. Big prizes!

Individual
Raffle Tickets can be
purchased
after Masses.

Individual Raffle
Tickets will also be on
sale in the Rectory

Mondays thru Thursdays from 8:30am to 4:00pm
(closed from 12-1pm).

** It would be greatly appreciated if you would take
a packet of 25 tickets to sell them (anyone can sell
the tickets). There will be an Instruction Sheet
included. Please stop by the table after Mass, or
Monday thru Thursday at the Rectory, to pick up a
packet to sell (special incentive for sellers, too)!

If you have any questions, please call the Rectory
Mondays thru Thursdays at 215-884-3252 or you
can email to sthilaryrydal@gmail.com

THANKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!

***** If you sold a packet of tickets, please
return them as soon as possible to the
Rectory in the secure black lockbox outside
the Rectory any time of night or day, for
your convenience, or return them in the
weekend collection basket. Thank you!!**

FRITZ'S STICKY BUNS (rescheduled!)



**After Masses on Sat., June 7
and Sunday, June 8
(\$15 per box of 6)**

PREP REGISTRATION (Parish Religious Education Program) AT ST. HILARY PARISH

PREP registration for 2025-2026 is now
underway. Classes are Tuesdays at 6:30pm.

***** You need to register online by going to
sthilarypoitiers.org; click "Register PREP"**

You can drop off payment in the secure black
lockbox outside the Rectory at any time, for
your convenience, or mail it to the Rectory.
Also, 1st graders need a copy of their baptism
certificate, which can also be dropped off or
mailed. Any questions, please contact Noreen
Forkin at sthilaryprep@gmail.com. Thanks!

Prayer For May

May You be happy.
May You be well.
May You be safe.
May You find comfort.
May You have strength.
May You have courage.
May You find healing.
May You have peace.
May You have joy.
May you be blessed.
May you be filled with
**LOVE and Kindness today
and Always.**

ST. HILARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



**OFFICERS MEETING
ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 28th
7:00pm in the Rectory**

**MEMBERS MEETING
ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4
7:00pm in the Rectory**

ST. HILARY 19th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025
North Hills Country Club**

Golf Package (\$220pp) All Inclusive:
- Golf - Cart - BBQ Lunch
- Dinner (beer, wine & soda) - Awards
GREAT Raffle Prizes!!! Please join us!

Brochures for this fun Golf Tournament are in the
Church and Rectory. Any questions, please call the
Rectory at 215-884-3252 or
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**FINAL DEADLINE IS THIS TUES., MAY 20th
SO PLEASE LET US KNOW!**



**PRAYER OF DEVOTION TO
OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL**

*Virgin Mother of God, Mary Immaculate,
I unite myself to you under your title of
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.
May this medal be for me
a sure sign of your motherly affection
and a constant reminder of my devotion to you.
While wearing it, may I be blessed
by your loving protection and
preserved in the grace of your Son.
Most powerful virgin, Mother of our Savior,
keep me close to you every moment of my life
so that like you, I may live and act
according to the teaching and example of Jesus.
Keep me as your faithful child
that I may follow your example throughout life
and enjoy heaven forever with you.
Amen.*



**Please join us
for the
remaining
Monday:
May 19th at
7pm**



***The goal of a Catholic Liturgy is to
Communicate a transcendent
awareness of the
Real Presence of Jesus Christ.
Faith in the Real Presence of
Christ in the Eucharist demands
great beauty, dignity, and reverence”.***

At the Last Supper, Jesus said, “This is my body... this is the cup of my blood” (Matthew 26:26-28) over the bread and wine, and so it was. He commanded His Apostles, and the priests after them, to do the same at every Mass (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1375)

When we receive Communion, we’re literally heart-to-heart with Jesus. The details are a mystery, but that doesn’t stop Jesus from coming to us, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, in the Eucharist.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Holyday of Obligation ~ Thursday, May 29



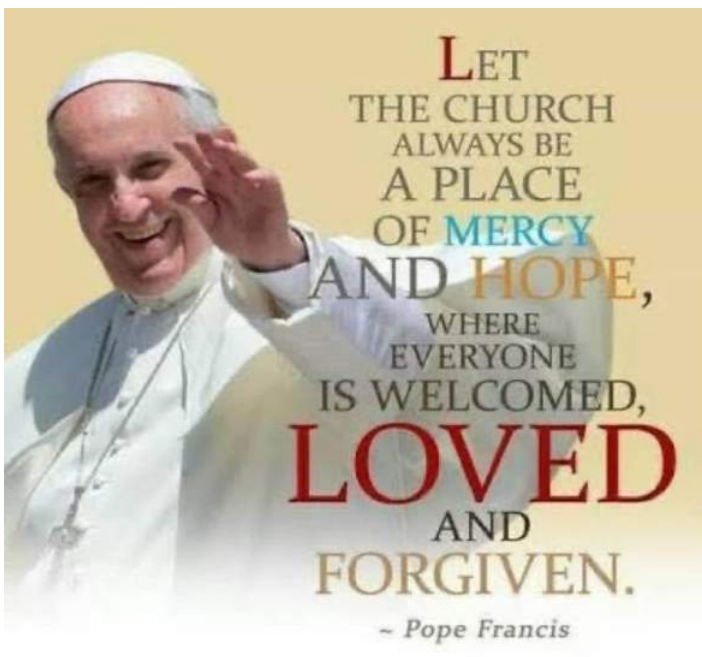
Mass Times:
***Wed., May 28 at 7:00pm
and
Thursday, May 29 at
8:00am and 10:00am***

The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ commemorates the Christian belief of the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven. It is one of the ecumenical feasts of Christian Churches, ranking with the feasts of the Passion, of Easter, and Pentecost. It is traditionally celebrated on the 40th day of Easter, following the account of Acts 1:3 that the risen Jesus appeared for 40 days prior to his Ascension.

Ladies Auxiliary of Mary
***Thursday, May 22
7:00pm in Parish Center***



***Come celebrate with us as we
dedicate our night to our
Blessed Mother to honor her in
the month of May! The Ladies
Auxiliary gather to connect with each other and
grow in faith. All women are welcome! Weather
permitting, we will start the meeting outside by
the Blessed Mother Statue to the right of the
Church to pray the Rosary. Please join us! If you
have any questions, please contact
Stacey Ellis at scallah9@aol.com***



Updated St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club News:

The St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club next meeting will be **Wednesday, May 21**. We will be entertained by the professional actor, director, and educator, Neil Hartley who is Franklin Delano Roosevelt in the captivating one-man show which is set against the background of the 1930s and the Great Depression. Experience and hear FDR's famous "fireside" chats and learn of the programs created through the New Deal. As usual, refreshments will be served. New members are always welcome. We are a very welcoming & fun group! You do not have to be a parish member to join. If you have questions, please feel free to call Ro Schell at 215-206-5313, Mike Schell at 215-206-4530, or Rosesylvia McDonald at 215-219-0651. Looking forward to seeing you on May 21; doors open at 9am; starts at 10am.



PRAYER LINE

Help is needed for our Parish Prayer Line. If you would like to be part of the Prayer Line and be contacted to pray for the sick, please call Virginia at 215-663-1418.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:

Michael Dooley, Jack Avak, Michael Brown, Nicolas Liddy, Bob Kilcoyne, Mary Jane Namola, Elizabeth Dieckman, Sophia Southerling, TJ McDonald, Ahmed Abdul, Sal Sermania, Sue Masantonio, Angela Gavin, William Hartner, Mary Jane Hummel, Pat Cass, Michele Kelly, Tina Savarino, Nicholas Esposito, Sarah Koehler, Paris Luckowski, Judy Sklar, Bernadette Redican, Gina Devaney, Bob Steele, Linda Smithson, Eileen Burger, Brian Bailie, Lionel Melly Wright, Cole Plachter, Mary Jo Reaby, Kevin Rosenbaum, Capt. Schaffr, Dan Webb, Rhodena Thompson, Bruce Thompson II, Linda Urie, Sonna Alamar, Sharon Fainelli, Donald Budrejko, Maura Murphy, Gregory Marrone, Jim Comet, Ian Reilly, Kira McKeever, Michael Lucas, John Rieth, Holly Judge, Greg Ziembe, Dilynn Listman, Anne Visco, Daniel Hare, BJ Verdon, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Martha Serdner, Theresa Williams, Bob Donnolly, Ilda Leal, Isaiah Walter, Regina Carberry, Scott Paris, Ben Paris, Michelle Hannah, Michael Keough, Donna Cunningham, Joanne McKee, Jamie Leal, Helen Toland, Maryanne Powell

Please pray for the souls of all of the deceased

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 8:30am and 10:30am,

WEEKDAY MASSES

8 AM on Monday thru Friday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4 – 4:45 PM; Sundays in Lent after 10:30am Mass

HOLY DAYS

7 PM Vigil; 8 AM and 10 AM on holy day

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BAPTISM: Sundays after the 10:30am Mass. Please email or call the Rectory for more information.

MATRIMONY: Couples planning to marry should contact the Rectory six months before the desired date.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 4pm; closed for lunch 12-1

Fridays 8:30am to noon

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Three rows of peas:

- Peace of mind
- Peace of heart
- Peace of soul

Three rows of squash:

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- Squash hatred
- Squash bullying

Three rows of lettuce:

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- Let us be compassionate
- Let us love one another

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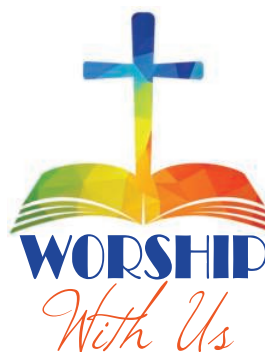
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