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JUNE 28, 2026

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Whoever does not take up his cross
and follow me is not worthy of me.

Matthew 10:38



blessed

IS THE NATION WHOSE

GOD IS THE

Lord

PSALM 33:12

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PASTOR'S CORNER

“Those who do not take up their cross and follow in my steps are not fit to be my disciples.”

- - Matthew 10:38

The gospel has an important message for us about those times in our lives when our crosses seem way too heavy to carry alone & when we are troubled. We all have our own cross to bear in life. Each of us carry our crosses in different ways...some are outward and some keep them private, but that doesn't mean they aren't hard.

The message in the gospel tells us to turn to Jesus for help, and to a friend, parent, teacher, etc. Also, it invites us to reach out to other people in need of our assistance, just as other people have helped us in our times of need. It encourages us to treat others with a little bit more patience, understanding and kindness...basically to treat them like we would like to be treated. God always gives us the grace we desire to get through hard times. He is with us always.

God Bless,
Father Murray



PRAYER TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,
you know the longings of our hearts,
and you desire that we enjoy friendship with you.

From your pierced side, you have poured out the
wellspring of life, for which we thirst.
Your heart burns with a love for all people to return
to a right relationship with you.

We celebrate the abundant gifts you have given this nation,
founded on the self-evident truths that our Creator has
endowed all people with the right to life, liberty,
and the pursuit of happiness.

We make reparation for the offenses against you
and against human dignity that have
taken place in this nation.

May our hearts be united to yours, so that our families
and communities enjoy peace and happiness;
may broken relationships be reconciled,
injustices repaired, and the
wounds of our land be healed.

May your holy Catholic Church serve as a sign,
pointing all people to your infinite love.

O Desire of Nations and Center of History,
we ask you to bless these United States of America.

Source: USCCB

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, June 28, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00pm Vigil ~ Casimir Brown
8:30am ~ John, Rose and Henry McErlean
10:30am ~ Bill Hare

Monday, June 29, 2026

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
8:00am ~ Edward S. Brown
*** Monday Adoration will resume in September

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
8:00am ~ Peter and Mary Hopkins

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

Saint Junipero Serra, Priest
8:00am ~ Living and Deceased of St. Hilary

Thursday, July 2, 2026

8:00am ~ Do Thi Nam

Friday, July 3, 2026

Saint Thomas, Apostle
8:00am ~ Mike Killian



Saturday, July 4, 2026

5:00pm ~ Victor Trappier



Sunday, July 5, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am ~ Helen & Charles Wachendorfer
10:30am ~ Anna Vasturia

There are still Announced weekday Masses left for 2026



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GOOD NEWS!

I am very happy to announce that Archbishop Perez has appointed a new Pastor and Administrator to St. Hilary's. He is someone very close to us and has been with us for many years. Please welcome **Msgr. Gregory Fairbanks** to our parish community in this new leadership role. Msgr. Fairbanks served many roles in the Archdiocese. He was ordained in 1990 and his first assignment was Parochial Vicar at Christ the King Parish in Philadelphia. He served as a Chaplain at Temple University and then was sent for graduate studies in Church History at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Upon returning to Philadelphia, he taught Church History at the Seminary and directed the Archdiocesan Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs. In 2008, he was called to serve at the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity in Rome. In 2015 he returned to St. Charles Seminary, teaching Church History, and since 2020 he has directed the Permanent Deacon Formation Program.



Msgr. Fairbanks brings a wealth of pastoral experience that will serve our parish well. I am very happy to welcome Msgr., who is a faithful and dedicated priest, and I wish him many long and happy years here in our wonderful St. Hilary faith community. Please join me in welcoming him starting on July 1st!

-- Father Murray

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Mrs. Fagan, at 215-887-4520 or email to
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SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR
NEW STUDENTS AS WELL AS
RETURNING STUDENTS FOR THE
2026-27 YEAR IS NOW OPEN
FOR PREK - 8th!

WHAT A WONDERFUL CELEBRATION OF FATHER MURRAY ON JUNE 7th AT THE 10:30am MASS & AT THE PICNIC AFTER MASS!



WELCOME
and be
Blessed!

OPENING OF THE 2027 MASS BOOK FOR ANNOUNCED MASSES AT ST. HILARY

The 2027 Mass Book for Announced Masses for the
deceased will open at the Rectory beginning on
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5
during business hours Mondays thru Thursdays only
(8:30am to noon and 1:00pm to 3:45pm
Mondays thru Thursdays; not Fridays)

Any questions, please contact Marian at the Rectory at
sthilaryrydal@gmail.com or call 215-884-3252.

THE SNEEZE

They walked in tandem, each of the 92 students filing into the already crowded auditorium. With colored gowns flowing and the traditional caps, they looked almost as grown up as they felt. Dads swallowed hard behind broad smiles, and moms freely brushed away tears. This particular class would NOT pray during the commencements, not by choice, but because of a recent court ruling prohibiting it.

The principal and several students were careful to stay within the guidelines allowed by the ruling. They gave inspirational and challenging speeches, but no one mentioned divine guidance and no one asked for blessings on the graduates or their families. The speeches were nice, but they were routine - until the final speech received a standing ovation. A solitary student walked proudly to the microphone. He stood still and silent for just a moment, and then, it happened. All 92 students, every one of them, suddenly sneezed! The student on stage simply looked at the audience and said, "GOD BLESS YOU!" And he walked off the stage. Then the audience exploded into applause. The graduating class found a unique way to invoke God's blessing on their future with or without the court's approval.



ST. HILARY OF POITIERS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Wednesday, July 8
7:00pm in the Rectory**

All men - members and those interested - are welcome and encouraged to join us for this Members Meeting!

PREP REGISTRATION

**(Parish Religious Education Program)
AT ST. HILARY PARISH**

PREP registration for 2026-2027 is now underway. Classes are on Tuesdays at 6:30pm.

***** You need to register online by going to the parish website: www.sthilarypoitiers.org**

Follow the prompts for "PREP" once you are on the parish website. 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. Please mark your envelope "PREP". Also, 1st graders need a copy of their baptism certificate, which can also be dropped off or mailed. If you have questions, please contact Noreen Forkin at sthilaryprep@gmail.com. Thanks!

***** The PREP Program is in need of a 5th Grade Teacher, a 6th Grade Assistant, and a Special Ed Assistant. If interested, please contact Noreen Forkin at sthilaryprep@gmail.com.**



ST. HILARY MEMORIAL GARDEN

Bricks were recently purchased and installed in front of Church in the Memorial Garden:

*Remembering With Love Erik Sermarini
In Loving Memory of Teresa Blumenstock
In Loving Memory of Guy and Patricia Pacitti
In Loving Memory of Pierce and Bridie Winters
In Loving Memory of Joseph and Joan Gallagher
In Loving Memory of Harry Horlacher*

CYO FALL SPORTS ST. HILARY OF POITIERS PARISH

If you are a member of St. Hilary Parish and your child is interested in CYO Fall Sports such as volleyball and soccer, please register using the following link:

<https://registration.teamsnap.com/form/65356>

Parent volunteers are needed to coach the following:

3rd/4th grade coed soccer
JV boys soccer
JV girls soccer
Varsity girls soccer
Varsity girls volleyball

We have lost a number of coaches to the 2026 class that recently graduated. A 10% discount is offered for early registrants on or before July 25. Please contact Kevin Kots at kkots1106@gmail.com with questions.



**THANK YOU,
FATHER MURRAY!
YOUR 22 YEARS AT
ST. HILARY PARISH WILL
BE LONG REMEMBERED,
AND YOU'LL BE MISSED!
GOD BLESS YOU IN
YOUR RETIREMENT!**



THE THEOLOGY OF THE FOURTH OF JULY

July 4 is a religious holiday. For this insight, thank John F. Kennedy. On July 4, 1946, Kennedy - then 29 years old, the Democratic nominee for a Massachusetts Congressional seat, and still a lieutenant in the Navy Reserve - was the featured speaker at the City of Boston's Independence Day celebration. He spoke at Faneuil Hall, the red-brick building where colonists had gathered long ago to protest taxes imposed by King George III and his Parliament.

Kennedy began by talking not about taxes or about the British, but about religion. "The informing spirit of the American character has always been a deep religious sense. Throughout the years, down to the present, a devotion to fundamental religious principles has characterized American thought and action," he said.

For anyone wondering what this had to do with Independence Day, Kennedy made the connection explicit. "Our government was founded on the essential religious idea of integrity of the individual. It was this religious sense which inspired the authors of the Declaration of Independence: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights.'"

It was a theme that Kennedy would return to during the 1960 presidential campaign when, in a speech at the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, he described the Cold War as "a struggle for supremacy between two conflicting ideologies; freedom under God versus ruthless, Godless tyranny." And again in his inaugural address on January 20, 1961 in Washington, DC, when he said, "The same revolutionary beliefs for which our forebears fought are still at issue around the globe - the belief that the right of man comes not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God."

So amid all the fireworks and barbecue smoke this July 4, consider pausing for a moment to reflect on the one our founding fathers called the Creator. As Kennedy realized, the American Revolution - and thus the country we live in today - started with God, and with the Founders' beliefs in rights that are his gift to us. Whatever your religious views, or lack of them, if you are an American, it's at least worth understanding the idea on which our nation was founded.

By Ira Stoll



IN GOD WE TRUST



SOME PICTURES FROM THE 55+ SPIRIT GROUP'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL IN JUNE WITH MUSIC BY BILL MONAGHAN



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 Lid-
dy, Bob Kilcoyne, Mary Jane Namola, Elizabeth
Dieckman, Sophia Southerling, TJ McDonald, Ahmed
Abdul, Sal Sermania, Sue Masantonio, Angela Gavin, Wil-
liam Hartner, Mary Jane Hummel, Tina Savarino, Sarah
Koehler, Paris Luckowski, Judy Sklar, Bernadette Redi-
can, 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, Anne Visco, Daniel Hare, BJ Verdon, Fi-
delia 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, Joanne McKee, Jamie Leal, Hel-
en Toland, Maryanne Powell, Sandra Rogers, Timothy
Funk, Michelle Stuetz, Kim Huntoweski, Ariel Cleveland,
Mary Garcia, Soon Lee, Thomas Decicico, Jr., Irene Tucci,
John McGahey

*Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:
Cecilia Croul*

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

HOLY DAYS

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

Pastor ~ Rev. Kevin P. Murray

Weekend Assistant ~ Msgr. Gregory J. Fairbanks

In Residence ~ Rev. Jacob John

Deacon ~ Deacon Joseph W. Bernauer, Jr.

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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

The Rectory Offices are closed on Friday, July 3rd

*Please note that church envelopes, as well as Tuition payments and other school payments, can be dropped off in the secure **BLACK** lockbox outside the rectory during off-hours.*

PRO-LIFE UNION

All money donated for the Pro-Life Union Baby Bottle Campaign will benefit the Guiding Star Maternity Home. The Guiding Star Maternity Home is administered through a partnership between the Pro-Life Union and the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The home provides housing, counseling, training, and a range of other services to pregnant women who would otherwise be homeless and vulnerable to abortion. Thank you again for the generosity of St. Hilary parishioners for your donation of \$2,167.44 to this very important campaign.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT
TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

June 21, 2026

Sunday Offering: \$6,588

Electronic Giving: \$3,985

Total: \$10,573

June 22, 2025

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