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SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHOEVER DOES NOT CARRY
HIS OWN CROSS AND COME AFTER ME

cannot be my DISCIPLE.

LUKE 14:27



PASTOR'S CORNER

***"You cannot be my disciple
unless you hate..."***

- - Luke 14:25-33

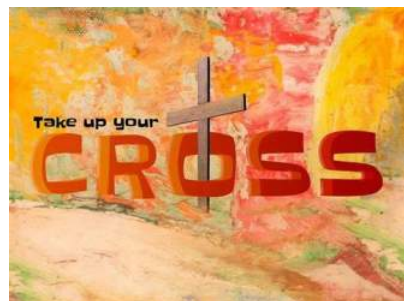
How can Jesus, a man of love and peace, speak of hate for parents or families? The word "hate" here is not to be taken literally. He means that no love in life can compare with the love we must have for Him. To be a true disciple means to prefer Christ above all other relationships and possessions. We cannot be a disciple without the Cross. To prefer Christ above all may create tensions in the family, at work, or among friends. It is not that you love them less, but you love Christ more.

For young people, it is a call to "prefer Christ" in a culture that does not value chastity and abstinence. For parents, it is a call to "prefer Christ" in a culture where states still legalize abortion. For business people, it is a call to "prefer Christ" in a culture that seeks to gain a profit by unethical practices.

Jesus calls us to calculate the cost of discipleship - to follow His ways. Morality is becoming more and more difficult and challenging. Yet that is why we have come here today...to seek the grace that makes us true disciples. May we, as a faith community, be another source of grace, supporting and encouraging each other in all of the ways of discipleship.

May we keep in mind these words from St. John Paul II:

*"In comparison to the love of Christ,
everything is secondary; and
without the love of Christ,
everything is useless."*



God Bless,
Father Murray

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Vigil ~ Rose and Charles Eckardt

8:30am ~ Mary Lima

10:30am ~ Francisco and Elizabeth Garcia

Monday, September 8, 2025

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am ~ Celeste Tate

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

***** Adoration 8:30am - 4pm**

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Saint Peter Claver, Priest

8:00am ~ Walter and Regina Levy

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

8:00am ~ Margaret Kilkenny

Thursday, September 11, 2025

8:00am ~ Celeste Tate

Friday, September 12, 2025

The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00am ~ Christopher Larkin

Saturday, September 13, 2025

5:00pm ~ Walter and Winifred Griffin

Sunday, September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30am ~ William and Rosemary Wynne

10:30am ~ Mary and Stanley Forst



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SUMMER CAMPUS UPDATES



BEFORE



AFTER

New steps & railings were placed on the side entrance of the Church this summer. They make for easy access to the Church - no more high steps! Proceeds from our recent Capital Campaign covered the costs.



The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit (MCIU) funded and installed a new two-classroom modular building this summer. This new space will be dedicated to housing our essential support services, including Math, Reading, Speech, and Counseling, which are possible through Title Funding. This addition allows us to provide these critical services in a dedicated environment, enhancing our ability to support the academic and personal growth of our students. We are grateful to the MCIU for their partnership and investment in our school community.

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You can also contact the principal,
Mrs. Fagan, at 215-887-4520 or email to
efagan@sainthilaryschool.com**

EXCITING NEWS...

After a rigorous and comprehensive evaluation process, St. Hilary School has been granted official accreditation by the **Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA-CES)**. This achievement is a testament to the dedication of our outstanding principal, Mrs. Fagan, and terrific faculty, fantastic students, and supportive parents. The accreditation signifies that St. Hilary School meets the highest standards of educational quality and excellence, and it reflects our unwavering commitment to providing a superior learning environment for our students.

We are also overjoyed to announce that St. Hilary of Poitiers Catholic School has been named an **Archdiocese of Phila. School of Distinguished Instruction for Growth** for 2025! This is a tremendous honor, and we are so proud to share it. This special award from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia highlights our students' remarkable academic growth from one year to the next. It's a powerful testament to our outstanding teachers and their unwavering dedication to inspiring our students, as well as the hard work, resilience, and amazing accomplishments of the students. Thank you to Mrs. Fagan for her leadership, as well as the faculty and staff for the incredible work in tirelessly ensuring that every child is challenged and supported to reach their full potential.

Once again, St. Hilary shines as the very best!

***In memory of the countless
lives lost and still affected to
this day by the terrible events
of this tragedy 24 years ago.***

***We will
never forget***



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. HILARY CHURCH

*Our Monday Eucharistic Adoration will
begin again on Monday, Sept. 8th from
8:30am to 4pm.*

2026 MASS BOOK FOR ANNOUNCED MASSES AT ST. HILARY CHURCH

The 2026 Mass Book for Announced Masses for the deceased is now open. Masses can be obtained during business hours (8:30am to noon and 1:00 to 3:30pm Mondays thru Thursdays)

Any questions, please contact Marian at 215-884-3252 or sthilaryrydall@gmail.com.

***** PREP STARTS THIS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 AT 6:30PM *****

Any questions, please contact Noreen Forkin at sthilaryprep@gmail.com. Thank you!



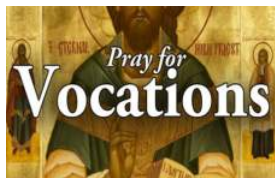
OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

OCIA, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, is the process by which people who are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith can attend classes and have the opportunity to become members of the Catholic Church.

OCIA is for adults who:

- Are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith
- Have never been baptized
- Have been baptized in another Christian faith and are interested in the Catholic faith
- Are baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation
- Are married to a Catholic and attend Mass, and would like to take the next steps to become a member of the Catholic Church

OCIA is a spiritual formation process beginning in October and ending with initiation in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. OCIA classes are taught by Father Murray and are held every Monday evening from 7:00-8:30pm at the rectory. These classes are for anyone with interest, no matter what your current denomination. Please encourage your friends & neighbors with interest in Catholicism, too! If you are interested in attending and/or would like more information, please contact Father Murray at 215-884-3252, or you can email to: sthilaryrydal@gmail.com. Thank you!



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in your unfailing love,
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serve the Church of Philadelphia*

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Grant them courage and vision to serve your people.
May their lives and service call your people to respond
to the presence of your Spirit among us,
faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus Christ,
that we may: announce glad tidings to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free,
and renew the face of the earth!*

It is with great pleasure to announce that **Jack Greenberg**, one of our very own St Hilary parishioners, has been accepted by Archbishop Perez to begin studies for priesthood at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in the Fall of 2025! Congratulations to Jack, and his proud family! Let us prayerfully support him as he takes the necessary steps to discern his call more clearly. God bless Jack!



SOME EXCITING EVENTS COMING UP AT ST. HILARY:

* **Women's Retreat**
at St. Hilary Parish
Center
Saturday, October 4
(see the flyer in today's Bulletin!)

* **Forty Hours Devotion**
October 19, 20, 21

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW...

ST. HILARY LADIES AUXILIARY OF MARY



**"WELCOME BACK"
September Kickoff
Thursday, September 25
7:00pm in the
Parish Center**

Please come join us for the
Rosary and for chili & salad -
all women are
welcome, 18 years & older, and there are
no dues.

We look forward to an evening of
Fun, Faith, and Fellowship!
Bring your friends!

Any questions, please contact
Stacey Ellis
at 215-896-3424 or scallah9@aol.com
Thanks!



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE NEWLY BAPTIZED AT ST. HILARY CHURCH:

*Paislee Grace Brooks,
daughter of Ryan and Alaina*

*Anne Patricia Esposito,
daughter of Nick and Kathleen*

*Jolene Rose Keenan,
daughter of Peter and Melissa*

*Francesca Mae Hudson,
daughter of Bernard and Mackenzie*

*Wesley Gerald Johnson,
son of Christopher and Heather*

MAY GOD BLESS THEM!



ST. HILARY'S EAGLES FOOTBALL BLOCK POOL



The pool will include the final 16 games of our PHILADELPHIA EAGLES season, and will raise funds for our parish.



**1st game will be Week #2 on
Sunday, 9/14/25 vs KC Chiefs!**



Here is how it works:
Blocks will be sold for \$80 each
(\$5 per week, for 16 weeks).



Semi-annual payment plan will be available.

The pool administrator will randomly place your names on the 1st week's grid, until the grid is full. That grid will then be copied for all 16 weeks.

Your designated block stays the same all season.

At that time, numbers from 0 to 9 will be randomly chosen for each week, for both, the Eagles and their opponent.

The numbers along the top and side will be different each week, so each block has the same chance of winning. The completed blocks will be circulated through email, and hard copies will be available before the opening game kickoff.

The score at the end of regulation (not OT) will be used to decide each week's winner. The unit digit from each team's score will be used as lookups to determine the winning participant. For example, EAGLES 41 vs New England PATSIES 33, we would use Eagles 1 and PATSIES 3 as the lookups. Each weekly winner will receive \$250 sent out by the pool's administrator. We estimate that the parish will pay out \$4,000 in prizes, and make \$4,000 to offset a variety of costs, for each grid of 100 blocks.

Deadline to contact Bob is Wednesday, Sept. 10th.

Blocks need to be purchased by phone or email directly to Bob Lattanzi, the pool contact.

Phone number 215-833-2535 (please leave a message), and email address is RRLATT@COMCAST.NET

***** Cash or checks can be dropped off in the secure black lockbox outside the Rectory (please mark your envelope "Football Pool") – or put your marked envelope in the collection basket at Mass – or Venmo: Robert Lattanzi @sc1225**

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**Thank you, as always,
for your participation!**



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**We will display the beautiful
olive wood carvings after Masses
NEXT weekend, Sept. 13th & 14th.**



Rachel's Vineyard

Sunday, Oct. 5 is Respect Life Sunday and marks the beginning of Respect Life month. This year, St. Hilary Parish will be highlighting the important ministry of Rachel's Vineyard, which is a ministry of Priests for Life. The Rachel's Vineyard weekends for healing after abortion as well as after any traumatic pregnancy loss are offered during the year in locations across the US and Canada, with additional sites around the world. The program is an opportunity to examine and identify the ways that these losses have impacted individuals in the past and present, and helps to acknowledge any unresolved feelings with which those affected struggle. Married couples, mothers, fathers, grandparents, and siblings, as well as those who have been involved in the abortion industry, have come to Rachel's Vineyard in search of peace and inner healing.

There are many opportunities for St. Hilary parishioners to support this ministry. Throughout October, there will be baskets for monetary donations, and there are opportunities to pray for the retreatants and presenters from your home or in the chapel on site during the retreat, or to donate healthy snacks for them to enjoy during the weekend. The fall retreat will take place Oct. 3-5 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. For more info, please contact Annmarie Dugan at 267-253-1693.

***** Representatives from Rachel's Vineyard will speak at all the Masses during the weekend of Sept. 27th/28th.**

SAINT HILARY'S 55+ SPIRIT CLUB

First meeting of the year is on Wed., Sept. 17th. Rick Spector of Moviehouse Productions will present "Play Ball - Shibe Park and Beyond." Wear your Phillies gear or something red. Ball Park refreshments will be served. New members always welcome in our fun & welcoming group! You don't need to be a parishioner. Please call Ro Schell at 215-206-5313 w/ questions. Doors open 9am and meeting starts at 10am. Looking forward to seeing you on Sept. 17th! Thanks!



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simple ways we all can pro-
claim our faith in the
Real Presence of Jesus Christ
in the Eucharist.**

Exploring a Vocation to the Permanent Diaconate

Date: Thursday, Sept. 25, 2025

Location: Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary
1400 Evan Road, Amber, PA 19002

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

If you're a Catholic man feeling called to a life of service, prayer, and leadership in the Church, this may be for you. This session is open to Catholic men (and their wives, if married) aged 29 to 55. Learn more about the formation journey from a panel of clergy.

Visit: <https://archphila.org/deacon>
or <https://www.scs.edu/diaconal-formation>

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, 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 Marro-ne, Jim Comet, Ian Reilly, Kira McKeever, Michael Lucas, John Rieth, Holly Judge, Greg Ziembe, 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, Sandra Rogers, Timothy Funk, Michelle Stuetz, Kim Huntoweski, Ariel Cleveland

***Please pray for the souls of all of the deceased:
Victims of the Minneapolis shooting Donna Mullin***

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

Pastor ~ Rev. Kevin P. Murray

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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

*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.*



STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

August 24, 2025

Sunday Offering: \$3,379

Electronic Giving: \$3,157

Total: \$6,536

September 1, 2025

Sunday Offering: \$4,636

Electronic Giving: \$2,216

Total: \$6,852

August 25, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$4,589

Electronic Giving: \$2,942

Total: \$7,531

September 2, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$4,530

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Total: \$7,057

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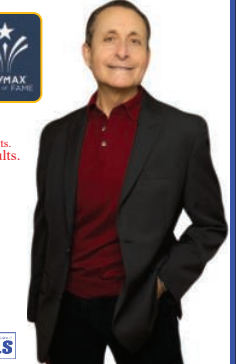
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