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NOVEMBER 16, 2025

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**“Do not be terrified;
for such things
must happen first.”**

LUKE 21:9

PASTOR'S CORNER

"By your perseverance, you will secure your lives."

- - Luke 21:19

There is a chill in the air; the light of day is diminishing and autumn leaves have been falling. Life is changing once again. To prepare for winter, we usually take appropriate actions...checking the furnace, winterizing the car, unpacking heavy clothes, etc. Today in the gospel, Jesus urges us to note the changes in our lives. All things pass away and we, too, are part of that process.

The writer, Mitch Albom, once wrote, "Everyone knows they're going to die but no one believes it. If we did, we would do things much differently." To deny death is a lack of humility. In the face of this, Jesus gives us His blessed assurance. There is a season beyond death - the season of Resurrection. Like us, Jesus was caught up in the changes & turmoil of life. He was victimized by evil men, suffered greatly, and died a terrible death. Yet what remains constant and certain in all of this was that He knew God always has the final say. His faith was rewarded; His story did not end on the Cross but continues in His Resurrection.

None of us know the day nor the hour when we will dance with death. Yet we can prepare to meet it head on. Remain a people of trusting faith...devoted to God and also embracing His eternal truths and values. The day of the Lord is coming like a blazing fire. His fire is a fire of love and mercy that will burn away all fear and all that is incomplete in us. God has the last word, and for those who remain faithful to Him, that Word will be a cause of true joy.

We pray:

***Lord, help us to love you and
give you glory and so to live in
this world as to avoid harsh
judgement in the next.
May we come to see the light
of your countenance!***

God Bless,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, November 16, 2025

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Vigil ~ William & Rosemary Wynne

8:30am ~ John Gallagher

10:30am ~ Jack Moran

Monday, November 17, 2025

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

8:00am ~ Living and Deceased of St. Hilary

*** Adoration 8:30am to 4:00pm

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

8:00am ~ Mauro Carbone

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

8:00am ~ Monterosso & Schembie Fams.

Thursday, November 20, 2025

8:00am ~ Tom Morley

Friday, November 21, 2025

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am ~ Rita Sheerin

Saturday, November 22, 2025

5:00pm ~ Linda Hare

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:30am ~ Magdolna Szabo

10:30am ~ Celeste Tate

***The 2026 Mass Book for
Announced Masses is now open.***



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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THANKS FOR 40 HOURS PARTICIPATION!

Nothing gives more joy to a pastor than seeing the Church full. Thanks to all of you who made time for these beautiful devotions. It was a moment of grace as we lifted each other up in prayer. Thanks also to Mr. Justin Jue, our Cantors, Lectors, Altar Servers, Student Council, and all our children, especially our First Communion class. Special thanks to Msgr. Mullin for his energetic reflections on the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. - Fr. Murray



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*You are cordially
invited to join us as
Father Jacob John
celebrates a
Mass of Thanksgiving
in honor of his
25th Jubilee*

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29th
5:00pm MASS**

**Celebration Reception to follow after Mass in
the Parish Center ~
all are welcome for
hors d'oeuvres & refreshments!
Please mark your calendars and plan to join us
for this very special occasion!**

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS SCHOOL

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Join TuitionCare!

**Would you rather send your PA Income Tax
money to Harrisburg or redirect it to SHS School?**

TuitionCare is a program developed by the Foundation for Catholic Education that allows you to redirect your PA income tax dollars toward St. Hilary of Poitiers School providing a tuition credit for ALL families in Grades K-8! Anyone associated with St. Hilary Parish or School can participate! If you are new to the program, the minimum to redirect is \$1,000. For each participating School or Parish family, the SHS School TuitionCare fund will receive \$1,000 toward tuition credits for Kind. thru 8th families. More information can be accessed here via the QR code above, or on www.sainthilaryschool.com. Thank you for your consideration!



THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the annual Race for Education! More details & results to follow...



The recent First Friday Mass was led by the third graders with Bishop Chylinski, the Bishop of Education, as the main celebrant. Also pictured here are Father Ostap (St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church), Father Murray, and Father Jacob John.



The **2025-26 St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal** invites us to support those preparing to serve the Church. Your gift to the Appeal helps form seminarians, candidates for the Permanent Diaconate, and lay leaders who will guide and care for God's people. Most importantly, your generosity provides for the future of our faith. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution this year to help prepare the next generation of shepherds for Christ's flock. You can donate by mail or use the QR code here. Thank you!



This weekend at Masses, we will be visited by Jack Greenberg, one of our very own St. Hilary parishioners, who began studies for priesthood at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in September. He will be here to speak to us on behalf of the Seminary!

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



Father, in your plan for our salvation, you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. Give the Church more priests, worthy ministers for your altars and ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel. Grant also to us an increase in vocations to the Religious Life. May more of our young people respond to your call in a spirit of joyful generosity. May they serve your people in love by following in the footsteps of Christ your Son and provide by their way of life a convincing sign of Your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

During this month of November, we will remember all of our deceased loved ones at Masses. A special Memorial Shrine has been set up at the Blessed Mother altar, where you can feel free to place names of the deceased in the Book of Life and light a Memorial Candle.



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.

People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.
If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.
If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.
If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.
The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway.
Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.
For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.

-- Mother Teresa



FRITZ'S STICKY BUN SALE WILL BE AFTER ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND, NOV. 22nd/23rd ~ HOPING THAT YOU WILL PURCHASE SOME (cash or check) AND THEN PLEASE ENJOY THEM!

(THEY FREEZE WELL, TOO, IF THEY LAST THAT LONG!) \$15 per box of six buns (plenty of iced ones available)

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS ANNUAL GIVING TREE!

The gifts will benefit 3 organizations:

- * **Birthright** which aids women in crisis pregnancy and after childbirth
- * **Cradle of Hope** which provides warmth and shelter for single mothers
- * **St. Francis Inn** which meets the most immediate needs of the destitute

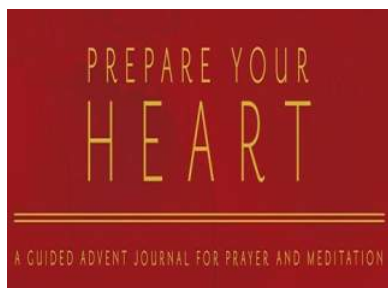


The Giving Tree will be placed at the main entrance to the Church with tags listing the needed items beginning the first weekend of Advent, Nov. 29/30. Also, inside the Church, a basket with tags can be found by both of the side exit doors, and you can pick up a tag from there as well. We ask that all gifts be **UNWRAPPED** and placed under the tree at the entrance to Church by Dec. 20th/21st. Thanks to your kind generosity, this drive has always been a great success and a wonderful way to begin the season of giving!

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT LIFE FROM NOAH'S ARK:

- * Don't miss the boat.
- * Remember that we are all in the same boat.
- * Plan ahead; it wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
- * Stay fit; when you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
- * Don't listen to critics; just do the job that needs to be done.
- * Build your future on high ground.
- * For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- * Speed isn't always an advantage; the snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- * When you're stressed, float a while.
- * Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
- * No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ADVENT SCRIPTURE SERIES – YOUR CHOICE OF TWO DIFFERENT SESSIONS!



Take an Advent Journey with Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR, the Saints, & the Holy Family, to prepare yourself to enter into the story of Christ's birth through prayer, charity, and joyful acts of service to the needy. During each week of Advent, you will embark on a new path informed by Franciscan spirituality to guide you to becoming closer to God.

This 4-Week Advent Series will be offered by Kathy Lill:

Day & Time: Tuesdays at 1:30pm in the Rectory (Nov. 18th, Dec. 2nd, 9th, 16th)

Offering: \$15 *** Please register & pick up your book from the Rectory before the first session...thanks!

Register: Call the Rectory at 215-884-3252 or email to sthilaryrydal@gmail.com



This is a journey exploring the beauty and truth of the Catholic faith. Journey with acclaimed author, speaker, and theologian Bishop Robert Barron to more than 50 locations throughout 15 countries. Be illuminated by the spiritual and artistic treasures of this global culture that claims more than one billion of the earth's people.

This 4-Week Advent Series will be offered by Father Murray:

Day & Time: Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the Rectory (Nov. 19th, Dec. 3rd, 10th, 17th)

Offering: \$15

Register: Call the Rectory at 215-884-3252 or email to sthilaryrydal@gmail.com

All Saints...Did you know?

In our three altars, the relics of six saints can be found. In the Main Altar is found the relics of Saint Verecundus and Saint Severianus, martyrs. In the Blessed Mother Altar are the relics of Saint Aurelia and St. Timothy, martyrs. And in the St. Joseph Altar are the relics of Saint Sixtus and Saint Perpetua, martyrs.

The relics of the saints are placed in altars to honor the saints as heroic witnesses to the faith and to connect the Mass to the early church's practice of celebrating in catacombs among martyr's tombs. This practice celebrates that the sacrifice of Christ celebrated on the altar is connected to the sacrifice of the martyrs who shed their blood for Christ.

The relics are also a reminder that the saints' lives were sacred temples of the Holy Spirit and their bodies are worthy of respect.

OCTOBER COUNT FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Each year, every parish in the Archdiocese is required to submit an "October Count" ~ as you know, at each weekend mass during the past month of October, each person was counted. Below are the results, and then compared with results from 2024.

***** Great news ~ the total attendance AND the average attendance both increased in 2025!**

2025 OCTOBER COUNT RESULTS

Total Attendance in October for 12 Masses: 1,959

Total Number of Weeks: 4 (4 weekends in 2025)

* Average Attendance per weekend at Mass: **490**

2024 OCTOBER COUNT RESULTS

Total Attendance in October for 12 Masses: 1,815

Total Number of Weeks: 4 (4 weekends in 2024)

* Average Attendance per weekend at Mass: **454**

**THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED RECENTLY
WITH HOSPITALITY SUNDAY AND TO ALL
THOSE WHO ATTENDED!**



**ST. HILARY LADIES AUXILIARY OF MARY
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

THURSDAY, DEC. 11 AT 6:30pm

**Please mark your calendars & plan to join us!
All ladies are welcome. Any questions, please
contact Stacey Ellis at 215-896-3424.**

SAINT HILARY'S 55+ SPIRIT CLUB

St. Hilary's 55+ Spirit Club will have its next meeting on **Wed., November 19th**. Jim Murphy, writer and certified Philadelphia tour guide will talk to us about his book, *Real Philly History, Real Fast: Fascinating Facts and Interesting Oddities about the City's Heroes and Historic Sites*.

New members are always welcome - we are a fun and welcoming group! You don't need to be a parishioner. If you have questions, please call Ro Schell at 215-206-5313 or Mike Schell at 215-206-4530 w/ questions. Looking forward to seeing you on Wed., Nov. 19th! Doors open at 9am and the meeting starts at 10am. Thanks!



ST. HILARY'S EAGLES FOOTBALL BLOCK POOL



Week 08 Winners ~ Alex Muttreja and Egan Family

Week 07 Winners ~ Forkin Family and Anthony Cesarini

Week 06 Winners ~ Steve Farrell and Frank Davis

Week 05 Winners ~ Steve Farrell and Frank Davis

Week 04 Winners ~ Connie Fennell & Fenstermaker Fam.

Week 03 Winners ~ Dan & Mary McVey and Terri Supka

Week 02 Winners ~ Dave Luschini and Gracie DiCiacco

Week 01 Winners ~ Ed McDonald and Tom Gilton

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 Masantonia, Angela Gavin, William Hartner, Mary Jane Hummel, 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 Marrone, 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, Joanne McKee, Jamie Leal, Helen Toland, Maryanne Powell, Sandra Rogers, Timothy Funk, Michelle Stuetz, Kim Huntoweski, Ariel Cleveland, Mary Garcia, Soon Lee

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

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.



ANNUAL BLOCK COLLECTION

Thanks to all those who have already contributed to our annual Parish Block Collection! Your loyalty and care for the needs of the parish have been an inspiration. Your generosity and kindness are greatly appreciated! Thanks & God bless you.

-- Father Murray

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

November 9, 2025

Sunday Offering: \$4,893

Electronic Giving: \$3,779

Total: \$8,672

November 10, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$6,709

Electronic Giving: \$2,468

Total: \$9,177



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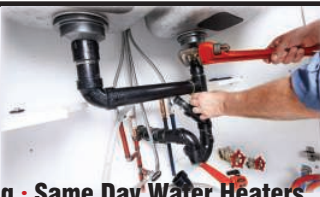
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