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NOVEMBER 27, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOPE



PASTOR'S CORNER

“The Son of Man will come”

Advent is a time to pause and contemplate the most pivotal event in all of history. God became flesh and blood for our salvation. It was an extravagant gesture of love and mercy. Yet it was an event that many never noticed or cared about. In the gospel, Jesus calls us to wake up; He came once and is coming again. He uses the example of Noah building the ark. Many laughed at him; his friends turned away and even his own family thought him insane. Then it began to rain for forty days and nights. Everything was thrown into chaos, yet Noah and his family were saved.

Advent is our time to rebuild and repair the ark of our faith. God has supplied the materials - the ten commandments, the teachings of Jesus. Its sails will be powered by the breath of the Holy Spirit. As in the days of Noah, the same is true in the days of the coming of Jesus. Many will say such a project is a waste of time; out of step with conventional wisdom. The world calls us into the market places; the Church is calling us into the Holy places. Isaiah's call is "Climb the mountains of the Lord." Is God the highest mountain in our lives? What priority does He have in our lives?

In these chaotic times, the flood waters of immorality and disrespect for authority, as well as mocking of faith values, are rising. Heed the wisdom and warnings of Scripture. Keep building our ark. The ark of a faith-filled life will be our salvation. Faith is our salvation and enables us to keep our heads above water. Then the day of the Lord will be for us a day of rejoicing and gladness.

Happy Advent,
Father Murray



*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Sunday, November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

5:00pm Vigil ~ Mary Melly
8:00am ~ McErlean & McReynolds Families
10:00am ~ Living & Deceased of St. Hilary
12:00pm ~ Dennis J. Grous

Monday, November 28, 2022

8:00am ~ Anna Plawa

*** 8:30am-4pm ~ *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Tuesday, November 29, 2022

8:00am ~ William and Rosemary Wynne

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Saint Andrew, Apostle

8:00am ~ Stanley Betley

Thursday, December 1, 2022

8:00am ~ Claire Mooney

Friday, December 2, 2022

9:00am ~ Patsy and Jack Whalen

Saturday, December 3, 2022

5:00pm ~ Walt Griffin

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00am ~ Judson and Jane McCallister
10:00am ~ Dr. Joseph C. Toland
12:00pm ~ Mary Rielly Gregor

[*The 2023 Mass Book for Announced Masses is open. Stop by or call the Rectory.*](#)



PLEASE SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTES!

If we don't have your email address to send you parish news, please either call the Rectory with it, or email us at sthilaryrydal@gmail.com. Thanks!

ST. HILARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

I want to thank this parish community for the tremendous support for the 2022 Diamond Jubilee Capital Campaign. Seeing the progression of this campaign these past few months has been truly a blessing. We have an exciting update; this campaign has raised \$356,571.25. Through your prayers and help, we have even surpassed our initial goal of \$350,000.

For those who have yet to donate to the campaign, it is definitely not too late to still support. Please remember that this initiative will be beneficial for both our Parish and School. The sooner that the pledges are redeemed, the better it will be for paying for these projects. We currently have about \$180,000 of the campaign contributions deposited, and it is imperative that we continue to collect all payments on pledges to ensure we can complete all the capital work. Thank you again!



Gratefully,
Father Murray

2022 Day of Sanctification For Priests

The priests of the Archdiocese assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year, our priests will gather with Archbishop Perez at St. Charles Seminary on Monday, December 5, for the Day of Sanctification for Priests. Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese.

Lord our God, who in governing your people make use of the ministry of Priests, grant to these men a persevering obedience to your will, so that by their ministry and life they may gain glory for you in Christ. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.
Amen.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

*** Please note that due to early bulletin deadlines for the next few weeks, we won't be able to be current with the most recent Sunday Collections.

THE GIVING TREE AT ST. HILARY CHURCH

This year, we are able to return to our traditional way of conducting our annual Giving Tree Project to aid the Saint Katharine Drexel Center and Birthright. We were informed by them that the gifts will be distributed at their Christmas get-together - as a result, they will need to have all the gifts picked up by Dec. 5 (thus the reason for our early start to this project.) The Giving Tree is now placed at the main entrance to the church with tags listing the needed items. Inside the church, a basket with tags can be found by the side door, and you may pick up a tag there as well. **We ask that all gifts be UNWRAPPED and placed under the tree at the entrance to church by NEXT Sunday, Dec. 4.** Thanks to your generosity, this drive has always been a great success and a wonderful way to begin the season of giving.



ST. HILARY CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL "LIVE NATIVITY"



NEXT SATURDAY, DEC. 3 at 6:00pm
PLEASE JOIN US ~ FUN FOR ALL AGES!

Food Games Tree Lighting
Live Nativity Secret Santa Shop
Display of Gingerbread House Competition
Raffles Pictures with Santa...and more!

POINSETTIAS AND WREATHS will be for sale at the Christmas Festival on Sat., Dec. 3 - pre-orders are preferred. Wreaths are \$25; poinsettias are \$15, \$25, and \$30. Deadline for pre-orders is this Wed., Nov. 30. Please contact Allyson Burton with your pre-order at 267-664-3755. (Pick-up at the Festival.) Thanks!

ST. HILARY ANNUAL BLOCK COLLECTION

Thank
You!

Thanks to all those who have already contributed! Your kind generosity and sacrifices are greatly appreciated! Your loyalty and care for the needs of the parish have been an inspiration. Thanks & God bless you.

-- Father Murray

ADVENT BEGINS!
November 27 - December 24



Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent (from "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas. The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. From the earliest days of the Church, people have been fascinated by Jesus' promise to come back. But the Scripture readings during Advent tell us not to waste our time with predictions. Advent is not about speculation. Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighted down and distracted by the cares of this world. Like Lent, the liturgical color for Advent is purple since both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Advent also includes an element of penance in the sense of preparing, quieting, and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas.

Some suggestions for this 1st Week of Advent in preparing for the Lord:

- Sunday** ~ Buy or make an Advent wreath. Light the first violet candle for Hope.
- Monday** ~ Decide how to prepare for Jesus' birth during Advent....deeper prayer, acts of charity, fasting, etc.
- Tuesday** ~ Make a playlist of music appropriate for Advent that anticipates Christ's birth. Listen and meditate to it until Christmas.
- Wednesday** ~ St. Andrew answered Jesus' call and led others to Him. Pray for those discerning the priesthood or religious life.
- Thursday** ~ Ask God to reveal what's keeping you from fully experiencing His love. Resolve to deal with it by Christmas.
- Friday** ~ Attend Mass or visit Jesus in the Eucharist in Church. Give thanks for His blessings.
- Saturday** ~ Set up a nativity. Leave it empty and add the figures slowly through the weeks.

ADVENT SEASON
"Come, Lord Jesus"



DAILY MASS Monday to Friday at 8:00am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

on Mondays 8:30am to 4:00pm;
private visits encouraged.



SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUPS

are on Mondays, Tuesdays, and
Wednesdays; started the week of
November 13th

CONFESSIONS every Saturday 4:00-4:45pm;
the Sundays in Advent after the 10:00am Mass;
and on Monday, December 19th at 7:00pm

TAIZE PRAYER is on
Thursday, December 15th
at 7:00pm; join us for
Prayer, Music, Scripture,
and Reflection



CHRISTMAS MASSES



Saturday, Dec. 24th at
4:00pm

Sunday, Dec. 25th at
8:00am, 10:00am,
and 12:00pm

MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Saturday, December 31st at 4:00pm

and

Sunday, January 1st, 2023 at 8:00am, 10:00am,
and 12:00pm

"We must consider how to inspire one another on love and good works. We should not stay away from our assembly, as is the custom of some, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the day of the Lord coming near."

-- Hebrews 10:24-25

**ST HILARY
EAGLES BLOCK POOL**



*** Please note that due to early bulletin deadlines, the most recent winners may not be current in the bulletin.

Week 08 Winners

Dan McVey and Ed Walker

Week 07 Winners

St. Hilary and George Naab

Week 06 Winners

Ed Bongard and Rosemary Naab

("Bye" Week on 10/23/22)

Week 05 Winners

McCrea Family and Carbone Family

Week 04 Winners

Jim Brady and Bob & Celeste Tate

Week 03 Winners

The Stengels and Valentino - for 7th Grade

Week 02 Winners

Christy Stefanelli and Egan Family

Week 01 Winners

Kathy McCaffrey and Roy & Carol Stein



Thanks for your participation!

**JOIN THE ADVENT CHALLENGE
WITH THE HALO APP**

In the foyer of the Church, you will see a large pink poster with a barcode - you are invited to join the Advent Challenge. It is free for 14 days. Take a picture of the barcode with your cell phone, and it allows you to browse prayers, meditations, etc. It's a fun way to start the Advent season with this free app for 14 days (after 14 days, you would have to pay but you can check out the trial free for 14 days)

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS annual collection will greatly assist in providing for the needs of faithful servants of the Church, as it addresses the deficit in retirement savings and ongoing needs of the aging members. Thanks in advance for your support.

community
- kindness - courtesy - humanity -
- prayer - trust - distance -
- cleanliness - alone together
- strength - love - care -
- patience -
- safety -
- perseverance - social
- selflessness - putting other first

HOPE

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ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 8:00am, 10:00pm, and 12pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

8 AM on Monday thru Friday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4 – 4:45 PM; **Sundays in Advent after 10am 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 12pm 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 Friday: 8:30 AM to 4 PM
Closed for Lunch: 12 PM to 1 PM

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

**MASS SCHEDULE
FOR THE
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION:**

**Wednesday,
Dec. 7 at 7:00pm
and
Thursday, Dec. 8
at
8:00am and
10:00am**



On this day, we commemorate that Mary was conceived in St. Anne's womb without Original Sin. In addition to attending Mass for this Holy Day of Obligation, praying a joyful Rosary is a wonderful way to celebrate.

UPDATED 55+ SPIRIT NEWS:

Our 55+ Spirit Club Group ~ the members and guests of the Spirit Club enjoyed the presentation by Ray Vandegrift, a parishioner and Equitable Advisor. He and his associate, Fran Doherty, had interesting material and an enlightening way of conveying it. We also thank Ray for lunch! Our next meeting is on Wednesday, December 21 at 10am in the Parish Ctr. We will celebrate with Christmas music from Elizabeth Knecht and with cheer from Santa himself. We welcome all bakers to show us their cookie expertise, and everyone will go home with a variety of sweets. We have 8 bakers baking as of now. Instead of a Polyanthus, we will collect for a donation to St. Hilary's Outreach Program. Thanksgiving Blessings to all.
-- Margie Magee 215-885-8722

St. Faustina of the Divine Mercy said: "On one occasion, after a person had asked me for prayer, when I met the Lord, I said to Him, 'Jesus, I especially love those souls whom You love.' And Jesus answered, **And as for Me, I bestow special graces on those souls for whom you intercede.**" (St. Faustina Diary, 599)

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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 and infirmed, please join by calling Virginia at 215-663-1046.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:

Michael Dooley, Jack Avak, Michael Brown, Nicolas Liddy, Bob Kilcoyne, Mary Jane Namola, Elizabeth Dieckman, Sophia Southerling, Mary Deely, 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, Tina Hardimon, 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, Timothy Dempsey, Dilynn Listman, Anne Visco, Daniel Hare, Gloria Hannah, BJ Verdon, Jim Curley, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Chap Nowicke

Please pray for the souls of all the deceased

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".



All of us have the responsibility to bring beauty, reverence and dignity to our celebration of Mass. The church directs us to do this in very simple and concrete ways:

- to receive the Eucharist, one must be in a state of Grace; serious sin must be confessed before receiving Holy Communion.
- fast from food at least one (1) hour before receiving Holy Communion; exceptions taking medication or other health issues.
- bodily demeanor, gestures & dress ought to convey respect as Christ becomes our guest.
- a simple bow before receiving Holy Communion and responding Amen.
- quiet reflection when returning to the pew acknowledging Christ's presence, and words of praise and thanksgiving and petitioning the Lord to answer our many needs. Leaving Church after receiving is not appropriate.
- to remember we are to become what we receive... how do we reflect the spirit of the Eucharist in our relationships, choices and decisions.
- be mindful of Christ's continuing presence in the Tabernacle; if able, genuflect entering and leaving Church or a simple bow is appropriate for those who cannot genuflect.

Reverence, dignity, beauty... simple ways we all can proclaim our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN WHO WERE RECENTLY BAPTIZED AT ST. HILARY CHURCH:



Thomas Michael Bradley,
son of Michael & Rachel.

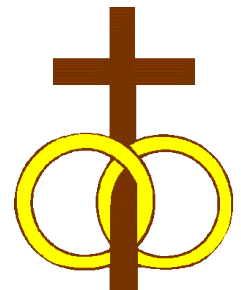
Edward Martin Murray,
son of Daniel and Ekaterina

Jane Kealy, daughter of Brian and Paige

Anthony Joseph Pace, son of Joseph and Catherine

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECENTLY MARRIED AT ST. HILARY CHURCH:

Richard and Lauren (McMenamin) Brazukas



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