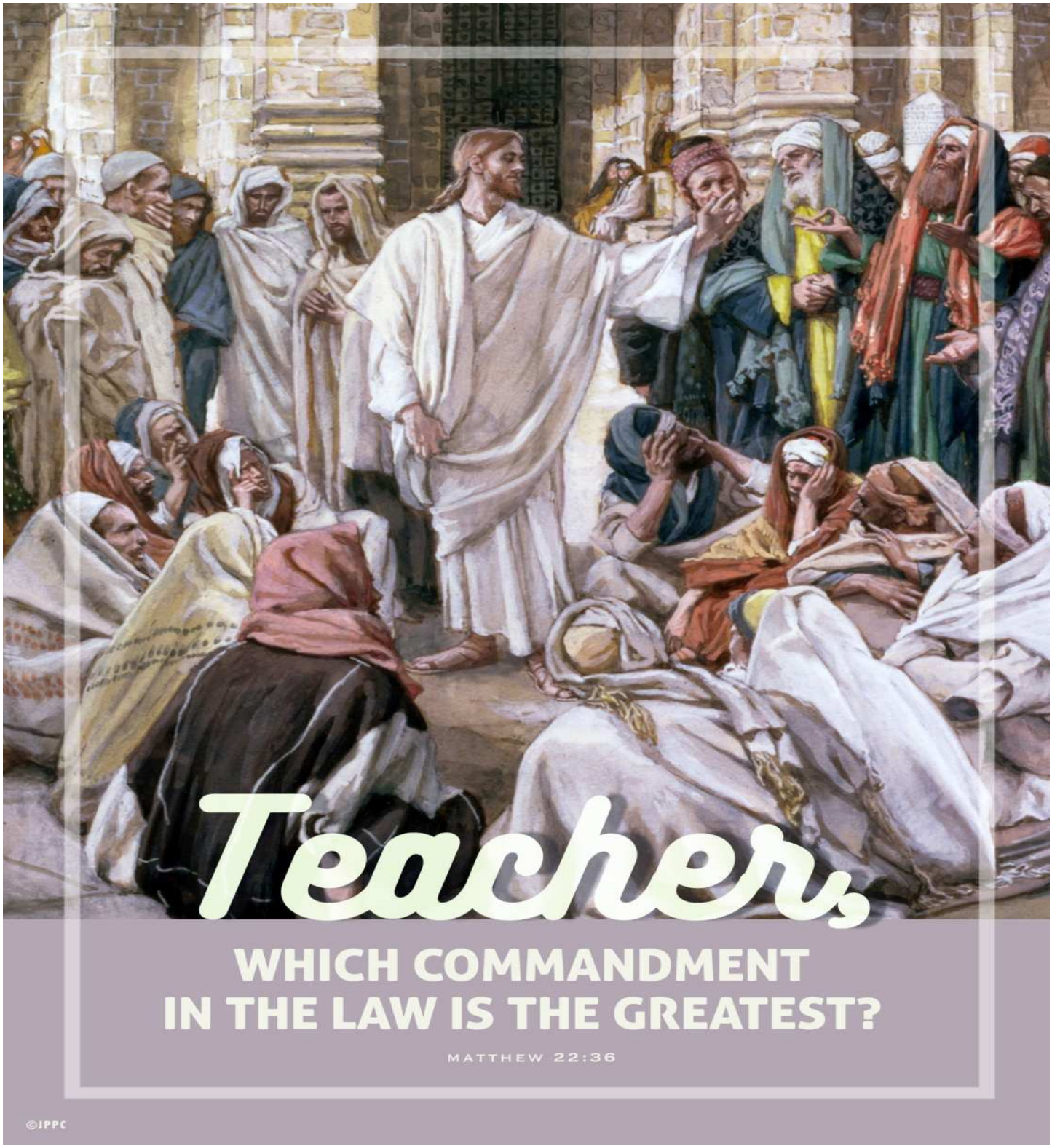
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OCTOBER 25, 2026

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection. The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of all of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.



You may have seen a Mezuzah on the doorpost of a Jewish home. A mezuzah is a small parchment scroll inscribed with the verse Jesus quotes in Today's Gospel: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Mt 22:37, quoting Deuteronomy 6:4-5). It is traditionally placed in a decorative case and affixed to the doorposts of Jewish homes.

Jesus adds another Old Testament commandment to this one, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Leviticus 19:18) By doing so, Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor.

Oremus pro invicem
(Let us pray for one another)

Msgr. Fairbanks

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, October 25, 2026
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00pm Vigil ~ Rev. Thomas Murphy
8:30am ~ Howard and Virginia Gilton
10:30am ~ Joseph and Joan Gallagher

Monday, October 26, 2026
8:00am ~ Anne Winterberger

Tuesday, October 27, 2026
8:00am ~ Rev. Tom Murphy

Wednesday, October 28, 2026
Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
8:00am ~ Dennis Nagle

Thursday, October 29, 2026
8:00am ~ Margaret and Robert Gliwa

Friday, October 30, 2026
8:00am ~ Eileen O'Donnell

Saturday, October 31, 2026
5:00pm ~ Living & Deceased of St. Hilary

Sunday, November 1, 2026
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am ~ Annie McReynolds
10:30am ~ Else and John Hoyer
(Mass of Remembrance)





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 info, 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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THANK YOU SO MUCH to all who joined us for our annual Forty Hours Devotions; we had a great turnout each night. May God continue to bless us at St. Hilary Parish!

Congratulations to the School and PREP children who received their First Holy Communion on October 17, 2026! Lord, bless our children who come to your Table.

Thomas Blewitt III
Teagan Brooks
Dorothy Burton
Elizabeth Costello
Liam Costello
Mallory Delaney
Nicholas Delesandro
Kyrylo Dubas
Trevor Dubbs
Cullen Dugan
Maxwell Fisher
Benjamin Fox
Shawn Gero, Jr.
Joy Asundi Gonzalez
Christopher Granieri
Valentino Guido
Nicole Hadirova
Henry Haney
Andrew Heaps
Michael Horan
Matthew Houser
Jolene Rose Keenan
Thaddeus Kisil
Brielle Knappick
Nate Knowles
Sadie Knowles
Natalie Kolla
Catherine Lyons
Daniel Mangold
Makayla McQuiggan
Angelina McVey
Leo Messina
Oleksii Nepyivoda
Elliot Nguyen
Mallory Obsniuk
Mason Parise
Isla Smalarz
Alexander Vasquez
Joseph Vito
Shane Williams
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Congratulations also to Francesca and Lucia Malfara who received their First Communion on Sunday, October 18 at the 10:30am Mass!

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SOME PICS FROM THE RECENT ST. HILARY WOMEN'S RETREAT AND HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Thanks to all who helped provide, set-up and clean-up for these fun events! It was most appreciated!









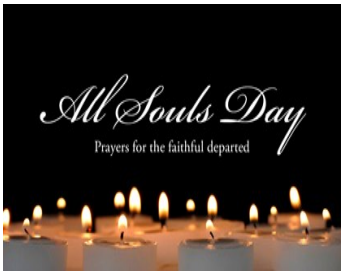






*The **2026-27 St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal** invites us to support those preparing to serve the Church. Your gift to the Appeal helps form seminarians, candidates for the Permanent Diaconate, and lay leaders who will guide and care for God's people. Most importantly, your generosity provides 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 do so online at **scs.edu/appeal** Thank you!*

On the weekend of Nov. 7th/8th at Masses, we will be visited by our very own Jack Greenberg who will speak to us on behalf of the Seminary!



NEXT SUNDAY, NOV. 1 AT THE 10:30 MASS

*All Souls Day, also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and the Day of the Dead, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of all those who have died. At the **10:30am Mass NEXT Sunday, November 1st**, the names of those who died since last November & were buried from St. Hilary Church will be read out loud. Loved ones were contacted and invited to this mass. Join us as we pray for all of the deceased in our lives who we keep close to our hearts always.*



NEW SATURDAY VIGIL MASS TIME WILL BE 4:00 PM EFFECTIVE ON THE FIRST WEEKEND IN ADVENT, NOVEMBER 28, 2026

A poll was conducted in the parish over the past few weeks - thanks to all who participated in the voting. I was very encouraged that so many people took the time to vote. As announced at all the Masses recently, the results were clear, as you see below.

Total Online Votes w/ QR Code:
Move to 4:00pm: 130 votes
Keep at 5:00pm: 78 votes

Total Votes from Paper Ballots, Phone, Emails:
Move to 4:00pm: 68 votes
Keep at 5:00pm: 27 votes

GRAND TOTAL FROM ALL VOTES:
Move Saturday to 4:00pm Mass: 198
Keep Vigil at 5:00pm Mass: 105

***** The time for the Vigil Mass will change to 4:00pm effective on the first weekend of Advent, Saturday, Nov. 28, 2026. (Confessions will then move to 3-3:45pm.) Prior to Nov. 28, we will continue with 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 4-4:45pm Confessions. Thank you again for voting.**

Msgr. Fairbanks

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 5
7:00pm in the Rectory ~
all men are welcome

ST. HILARY'S EAGLES BLOCK POOL

For those who have not yet paid, 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

Week 05 Winners ~ *Jim Brady and Jim McElvaney*

Week 04 Winners ~ Todd Corabi and Gina Vare

Week 03 Winners ~ *Anne Wise and Alan Rotkiwiecz*

Week 02 Winners ~ *Jim Brady and Jim McElvaney*

Week 01 Winners ~ *Tom Stefanelli &Karen Monteleone*

All Saints...Did you know?

In our three altars, the relics of six saints can be found. In the Main Altar are 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 that their bodies are worthy of respect.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ADVENT SCRIPTURE SERIES: WAY OF THE STAR

Tuesdays at 1:30pm in the Rectory
Starting on Tues., Nov. 17 ($15pp)

Way of the Star is an imaginative Catholic Advent devotional that brings together scripture, sacred art, original music, and imagination. Sit with Mary in the quiet after Gabriel departs; walk the road to Bethlehem; enter the stable; behold the wonder on the faces of the shepherds and Magi as they approach the newborn King. Way of the Star offers a beautiful way to experience the Nativity and prepare your heart for Christmas.

Call or email the Rectory to sign up at 215-884-3252 / sthilaryrydal@gmail.com and please pick up your book from the Rectory before the first session. Thank you!

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH



On **Thursday, October 29 at 6:30pm in the Parish Center**, the Respect Life Committee will host a movie night - featuring "Unplanned." This film is a true and very powerful story about Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood clinic director who leaves her job & becomes a prominent pro-life activist. Chris Pushaw, the President of the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia, will join us. All are welcome!



BEFORE YOU GO TO BED NEXT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31st

RANDOM FACTS ABOUT DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME...

* **Ben Franklin first proposed the idea of daylight saving time in 1784 but it didn't become law in the U.S. for the first time until 1918. Then it was repealed in 1919, and it wasn't reinstituted nationwide until 1974 as a way to cope with the energy crisis. It still isn't mandated by federal law, though, so not all states participate.**
* **The period of time covered by daylight saving time has changed a few times in the U.S. Prior to 1986, it ran from the last Sunday in April and to the last Sunday in October. In 1986, it changed to the first Sunday in April through the last Sunday of October. The last change began in 2007, with daylight saving time currently running in the U.S. from the 2nd Sunday in March through the 1st Sunday in November**
* **The time changes occur at 2:00am, not midnight. It's thought to be a time when the fewest people & businesses will be impacted, since most people will be at home, after most restaurants and bars will already have closed, and before most early shift workers need to be at work.**
* **It's daylight "saving" time, not daylight "savings".**
* **There is some scientific evidence that our bodies don't handle the time change all that well. One article cites a study that bodies naturally adapt as dawn comes earlier and earlier each day in late winter; but the change to daylight saving time interrupts that gradual process (much like a punch in the face for our Circadian rhythms).**
* **The only states that don't currently participate in the time change are Arizona & Hawaii (although there's a small donut-shaped area in the Navajo Nation in Arizona where daylight saving time is observed).**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MOST RECENT CHARITYMANIA WINNERS:

Week 5 $50 Winner: Noreen Forkin

Week 6 $400 Winner: Karen Looby
$20 Winner: Bernadette Gabriel

Updated St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club News:

Next meeting is Wed., November 18 where the topic will be "Duels, Fools, and Scoundrels of Civil War." New members are always welcome - we are a very fun & welcoming group! You do not have to be a parish member to join. If you have questions, feel free to call Club President Michele Laganella at 215-498-5908. Doors open at 9am; meeting starts at 10am.

Welcome to St. Hilary Parish
Fr. Steve Katziner



Dear St. Hilary Parishioners,

This November, I will be taking up residence at St. Hilary Rectory with the status of a retired Archdiocesan priest. I am looking forward to meeting you, praying with you, and working with Msgr. Fairbanks. For the last 2 years, I've been in residence at Regina Coeli Residence for Priests in Warminster. This house is closing due to financial constraints & the remaining 4 priests are moving into local rectories.

I graduated from Presentation BVM and then attended Cardinal Dougherty H.S. After that, I went to St. Charles Seminary and was ordained in 1974. I have served as the parochial vicar at various parishes in the Archdiocese including St. Jerome, St. Cecilia, and St. Ephrem.

Please feel free to introduce yourself!

Fr. Steve Katziner

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, Tina Savarino, Sarah Koehler, 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, Thomas Decicico, Jr., Irene Tucci, John McGahey, Elvyra Owen

Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:

Gerry Holland

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH

WEEKEND MASSES
Saturdays at 5:00pm
*** Saturday Vigil will change to 4:00pm starting 11/28/26
Sundays at 8:30am and 10:30am,

WEEKDAY MASSES
8 AM on Monday thru Friday

CONFESSIONS:
Saturdays 4 – 4:45 PM (3-3:45pm beginning 11/28/26)

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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.*



ST. HILARY OF POITIERS ANNUAL BLOCK COLLECTION

Thank you for your responses so far to the annual St. Hilary Block Collection. Your kind & generous contributions are much appreciated!

Sincerely,
- - Msgr. Fairbanks

Block Collection To-Date: $21,180

STEWARDSHIP REPORT
TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

October 18, 2026	October 19, 2025
Sunday Offering: $4,171	Sunday Offering: $4,563
Electronic Giving: $2,834	Electronic Giving: $3,108
Total: $7,005	**Total: $7,671**

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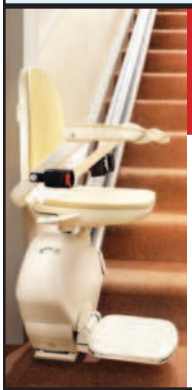
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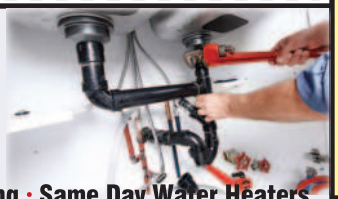


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