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JANUARY 21, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.

MARK 1:17

PASTOR'S CORNER

"This is the time of fulfillment."

-- Mark 1:14

Today, Jesus finds a group of fishermen in a tedious task of mending their nets. After a night of fishing, the nets had been entangled and knotted together with all kinds of debris. In a very real way, Jesus came to do the same for us. His mission is to mend our lives...lives torn by sin, entangled in the water of the world's ways and values. The currents of the world are strong; the currents of a growing secular society that devalues human life especially through abortion and euthanasia. We see these currents in government attempts to force Catholic institutions to compromise their conscience regarding health care. The Church and other institutions are being forced to provide funding for contraception and sterilization practices.

To swim against these currents is very hard and challenging, but not impossible. Jesus swam through the currents of His time, through suffering and death, to the shore of Resurrection. Through His graces, He empowered in us to do the same. What is needed is to trust that we can reach that same shore, even through times of suffering and rejection. If we have the same conviction and energy as those who oppose our values, victory is always at hand.

Jesus calls us all to reform, repent, and believe in the gospel. Believe in the power of God and leave our nets of worldly ways which can only lead to a sea of despair. Let us join Him in mending the world and being right with God.



God Bless,
Father Murray

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm ~ Rose and Charles Eckardt

8:30am ~ Louise Costello

10:30am ~ Gerald Comber

The new Sunday Mass Schedule started in January

Monday, January 22, 2024

8:00am ~ Jim McGilvery

*** *Adoration in Church 8:30am to 4pm*

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Saint Vincent and Saint Marianne Cope

8:00am ~ George Schlacter, Jr.

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Religious Founder

8:00am ~ Anne Deely

Thursday, January 25, 2024

The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

8:00am ~ Jack Duffy

Friday, January 26, 2024

Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops

8:00am ~ Joseph and Anne Hare

Saturday, January 27, 2024

5:00pm ~ Richard Wyszynski

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am ~ Nancy Kennish Simmons

10:30am ~ Rev. Edward J. Dixey

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TWITTER ACCOUNT, INSTAGRAM, AND FACEBOOK PAGE!
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UPDATE TO THE ST. HILARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



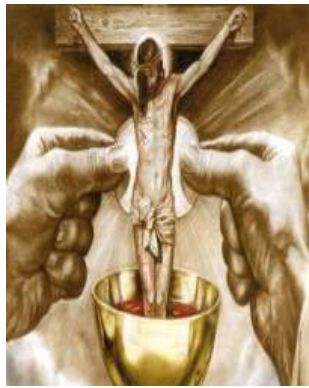
This June, we have completed the first year of our two-year Capital Campaign. As previously noted, our original goal was \$350,000. The generosity of our parishioners has been overwhelming. Currently a total of \$427,176.25 has been pledged. Of that amount, we have collected and deposited \$344,008. Of the 231 families who have pledged, 165 families are paid in full. All of our projects have been completed...now we just have to pay the bills! I hope you enjoyed our new air conditioning system in the Church in summer. Our children and teachers were kept cool with our brand new school air conditioning system. Our new lighting in the parking lot and the new beautiful side Church doors have been a most welcome addition as well. So, as we are in the second year of our Campaign, I am most grateful for your kind generosity. As always, the people of St. Hilary always come through! God's grace and peace.

EVERY LIFE IS WORTH LIVING

Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering.

Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable, and help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living.

Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all. Through our words and actions, may others encounter the outstretched hands of Your mercy. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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”.

You Are Invited...

Catholic Schools Week
Mass and Open House



January 28th
Mass 10:30
Tours 11:30-1:00
Saint Hilary of Poitiers School

PRAYER FOR THE RETURN OF NON-PRACTICING CATHOLICS

O Good Shepherd, You never cease to seek out the lost, to call home the strays, comfort the frightened, and to bind up the wounded. I ask you to bring all our fallen brothers and sisters back to the practice of Faith, and to remove all obstacles that prevent them from receiving your abundant mercy, which flows sacramentally through the heart of the Church. Make Your power known to them today in every situation.

Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of God, their Guardian Angels, their Patron Saints, and the ever-prayerful St. Monica, may you pardon their sins and unshackle them from whatever hinders their freedom to come Home. For You, O Good Shepherd, have loved us to the end and offered yourself to the Father for the salvation of all. Amen.



In this year of reviving our devotion to the Eucharist and encouraging everyone to return to Mass, we will offer weekly meditations, reflections, and poetry from various saints and authors on the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, which is “the source and summit of the Christian life.” Excerpts are taken from the book *The Holy Hour*, a Word on Fire publication.

Reflection by Pope Francis

“Jesus leaves us the Eucharist as the Church’s daily remembrance of, and deeper sharing in, the event of his Passover. The joy of evangelizing always arises from grateful remembrance: It is a grace which we constantly need to implore.”

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

This weekend at the Masses, we warmly welcome Mr. Nick Marcantonio who will speak to us about the Knights of Columbus, which was originally founded on the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity. We welcome the men of our parish, young and old, to be part of this great organization here at St. Hilary Parish. More information will follow.

**SHS Grades 1, 2 AND 3 Celebrating and Praying
at the St. Hilary Statue in Celebration of the
Feast of St. Hilary**



**Catholic Schools Week begins the Week of
Jan. 28th ~ more details in next week's Bulletin!**

**NEW SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY MASS
STARTING IN 2024**

2024 Winter/Spring/Fall Schedule

(January thru June, and Sept. thru Dec., 2024)

Saturdays at 5:00pm

Sundays at 8:30am and 10:30am

2024 Summer Schedule

(1st Sunday in July thru Labor Day in Sept. '24)

Saturdays at 5:00pm

Sundays at 9:00am and 11:00am

"The Samaritans Choice - An Act of Love"

On January 11th, the Office for Life & Family Archdiocese of Philadelphia, in partnership with the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, American Association, launched an Anti-Human Trafficking Winter Awareness Program entitled: "The Samaritans Choice - An Act of Love." The program formally concludes on the World Day of Prayer and Reflection against Human Trafficking on February 8th. This educational program is designed to stem the tide of human trafficking in our local community by teaching individuals how to identify the signs, how to report it, and how to support survivors. You can participate in this by praying daily:

*Holy Spirit, reach deep into my heart, instill in me the gifts of Wisdom, Knowledge and Fortitude in my desire to serve you by doing what I can to help abolish this scourge of modern human slavery, a most egregious sin against humanity. I pray that every victim be freed and every survivor be healed. I seek the intercession of Blessed St. Josephine Bakhita whom you blessed with compassion for others. May her prayers comfort and strengthen me in my resolve and provide relief and healing for the women, men, and children enslaved in this scourge who long for their freedom. I pray for the transformation and the conversion of heart for those who see other human beings as property to be used as a matter of profit, possession or pleasure, inflicting ineffable pain and grief on the most vulnerable amongst us. Sow in me the love to stand at the foot of the cross with others to be agents of change in the world so that together, we can be the voice of the voiceless. I ask this through Christ Lord Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and God the Father, One God, forever and ever.
Amen.*

Why "The Samaritans Choice - An Act of Love"? The story of the Good Samaritan was chosen because it speaks to us today as much as it did when first given to us over 2000 years ago. In it, we learn of the 4 players: the victim, priest, Levite, and Samaritan. It was the Samaritan that stopped and gave 3 things to the stranger - his time to tend to him; talent as he helped his wounds; treasure as he provided for ongoing care. This is what the winter program is all about... recognizing the wounded soul, giving of your time, talent and treasure to come to the aid of the those being exploited through enslavement. Central to this program is building awareness so we can broaden our perspective of the pro-life movement, to see the scourge of Modern Human Slavery, commonly referred to as human trafficking, for what it really is - a Pro-Life issue. It is about the dignity of life that lies within each of us. According to the World Council for Health in Southeast Asia, two-thirds of the victims of child sex trafficking undergo forced abortions. Survivors in the US speak to being forced to have multiple abortions.



ST HILARY EAGLES BLOCK POOL WINNERS

*This is the end of the regular season -
congrats to all the regular season pool winners.
Many, many thanks to Bob Lattanzi for his hard work
with organizing and keeping up with the Block Pool.
Stay tuned for the Not-So-Super SuperBowl Block Pool...*

Week 16 Winners

Pool #1: Yaegel Family
Pool #2: Foley Family

Week 16 Winners

Pool #1:
Pool #2:

Week 14 Winners

Pool #1: Frank Altamuro
Pool #2: St. Hilary

Week 12 Winners

Pool #1: Maria Greenberg
Pool #2: Katie Toffling

Week 10 Winners

Pool #1: Kathy Lennon
Pool #2: Hueber Family

Week 08 Winners

Pool #1: Greenberg Family
Pool #2: Rehiel Family

Week 06 Winners

Pool #1: The Stengels
Pool #2: Valentino Fam.

Week 04 Winners

Pool #1: Joe Henry
Pool #2: Mary McCallister

Week 02 Winners

Pool #1: Steve Farrell
Pool #2: Linda Powers

Week 15 Winners

Pool #1: Ray Vandegrift
Pool #2: St. Hilary

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Pool #2: St. Hilary

Week 13 Winners

Pool #1: Kathy Lennon
Pool #2: Hueber Family

Week 11 Winners

Pool #1: Dan & Mary McVey
Pool #2: Art Fry (Schein)

Week 09 Winners

Pool #1: Joe McGinty
Pool #2: Hal Fagan

Week 07 Winners

Pool #1: Alex Muttreja
Pool #2: Egan Family

Week 05 Winners

Pool #1: Michele Stefanelli
Pool #2: Ed Walker

Week 03 Winners

Pool #1: Anne Wise
Pool #2: Alaina DiCiaccio

Week 01 Winners

Pool #1: Alex Muttreja
Pool #2: Egan Family

GIVING TREE 2023 RESULTS

Ukraine Relief (1206 Cottman) ~ 180 items in 18 bags
* very nice clothes such as seaters, sweatshirts, pants
sports clothes, jackets, socks, etc.
* games, balls, bats, etc.

Birthright ~ 150 items in 15 bags
* very, very nice clothes such as outfits, onesies,
socks, blankets
* diapers and wipes

**THANK YOU TO ALL
for your kindness and
generosity!**



**MASS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND
PRESENTATION OF ANNIVERSARY AWARDS**

Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 11:00am
Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul

CONGRATULATIONS

to two of our parishioners who will be receiving the
St. John Neumann Award
for 5 years of Volunteer Service as
PREP Catechists at St. Hilary Parish:

**DR. CELESTE CATTIE
MRS. STACEY ELLIS**

Thank you for sharing your time & talent at St. Hilary!

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION**

January 14, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$4,199
Electronic Giving: \$2,338

Total: \$6,537

January 15, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$5,072
Electronic Giving: \$2,324

Total: \$7,396

ST. HILARY 55+ SPIRIT CLUB NEWS

The St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club **next meeting is Wednesday, February 21, 2024.** New members are always welcome. We are a very welcoming & fun group! You do not have to be a parish member to join. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Ro or Mike Schell at 215-663-1421 or Rosesylvia McDonald at 215-219-0651. Looking forward to seeing you on January 17th - doors open at 9am and the meeting starts at 10am.

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 215-663-1418.

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, 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, 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, Dilynn Listman, Anne Visco, Daniel Hare, Gloria Hannah, BJ Verdon, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Martha Serdner, Rolando Juarez, Colleen Legare, Tom Montvydas, Theresa Williams, Jim Curley, Bob Donnolly

*Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:
Eliut Guevara*

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 8:30am and 10:30am,
(new schedule started in January 2024))

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

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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 8:30am to 4pm

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!*

THREE TIPS TO BOOST YOUR PRAYER

families that

PRAY TOGETHER

stay together.

Prayer fuels our spiritual life, but praying effectively can be challenging sometimes. Even the saints had dry spells. Among these was the mystic and Carmelite reformer, St. Teresa of Avila. Try these suggestions from her to enliven your prayer:

- * **Become aware of God's presence.** It may feel as if God is distant, but He is so close. St. Teresa began by enjoying God's nearness. Know that He is with you and wants your company.
- * **Bring a good book.** St. Teresa, who struggles with dryness in prayer, kept a book with her. Scripture, Lives of the Saints, or a book about the Faith can help us focus and spark conversation with Him.
- * **Be honest.** It is said that St. Teresa once fell into the mud and told God bluntly, "If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them!" God wants you to share all your experiences with Him - good and bad. Entrust your cares to Him.

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