

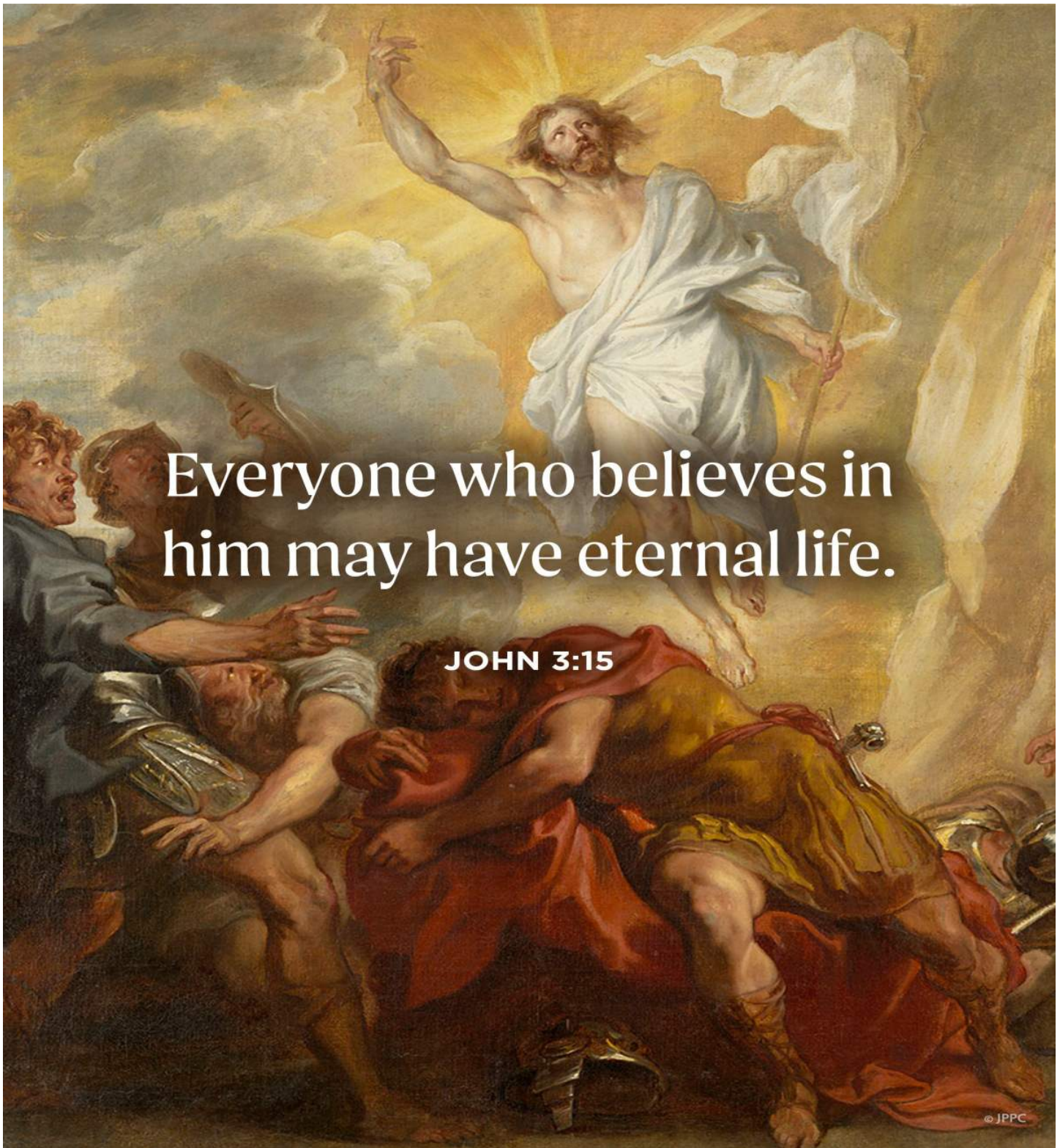
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SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



PASTOR'S CORNER

"Their patience was worn out and the people complained against God."

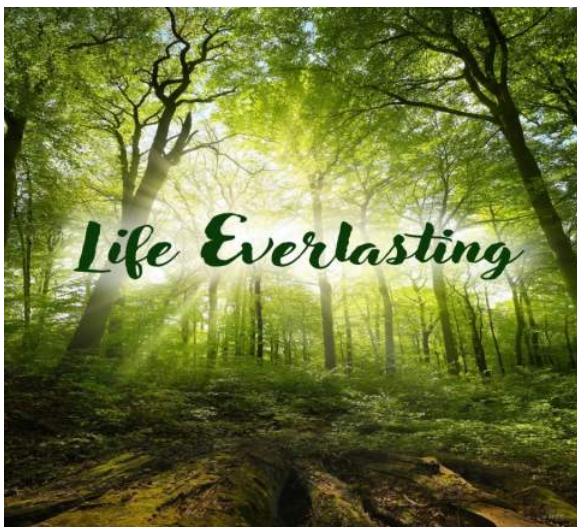
-- Numbers 21

The great sin in the Bible is to forget and fail to remember that God's saving love in the past will be with us in the present, as well as in the future. The people in our First Reading lost that vision. So Moses creates a sign, the saraph serpent and mounts it to a pole. It becomes a sign of their sin. He seems to be saying "Take a good look at the sin and evil you have done. Own up to it and face it honestly - you'll be healed."

God also provides a sign. His Son is mounted on the pole of the Cross. We see what sin can do to innocent life, to our life. More importantly, we see how far God will go to remedy our situation. Pope Benedict XVI reminded us, "we are that important to God that He bled for us." To look at the Cross and embrace it proves a remedy for our spiritual ailments. We embrace it by following Jesus' lead of self-denial, self-discipline, and self-sacrifice, which is the true formula for happiness. With hearts renewed, we pray:

***"We adore you, Oh Christ,
and we praise you,
for by your Holy Cross
you have redeemed the world."***

God Bless,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Vigil ~ Walter and Winifred Griffin

8:30am ~ William and Rosemary Wynne

10:30am ~ Mary and Stanley Forst

Monday, September 15, 2025

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00am ~ Luis Nunez

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

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

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop

8:00am ~ Hohenstein & Cipolla Families

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Saint Robert Bellarmine and Saint Hildegard of Bingen

8:00am ~ Jane Branyan

Thursday, September 18, 2025

8:00am ~ Theresa DeCave

Friday, September 19, 2025

Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

8:00am ~ Betty Stever

Saturday, September 20, 2025

5:00pm ~ Leonard Bandura

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am ~ Walt Griffin, Jr.

10:30am ~ Eduardo Alegado



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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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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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!



OUR LADY OF SORROWS

This week on September 15th, we commemorate Our Lady of Sorrows. The title refers to Simeon's prediction that Mary would experience sorrows as if "...you yourself a sword will pierce." (Luke 2:35)

Mary's greatest sorrow may have been watching her son die on the Cross. If we ever want someone who understands our difficulties, we have only to look to Mary.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION **AT ST. HILARY CHURCH**



Our Monday Eucharistic Adoration began again last week on Monday, Sept. 8th from 8:30am to 4pm. Please join us.





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!



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!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION AT ST. HILARY!

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Adrienne Rehiel
Tom Rehiel
Heather Forkin
Joe Forkin
Susan Mehler



COMING TO ST. HILARY IN OCTOBER:



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

**MANY MORE DETAILS
TO FOLLOW...**



Join us for a day of renewal, reflection, and rediscovery of God's love for you.

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!

Date: Saturday October 4, 2025

Time: 8:30am to 2:00pm

Theme: "Awake O Heart!" ~

A Retreat of Love and Hope

Retreat Master: Patricia DeAngelis

Cost: \$20 per person

(includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch)

Location: St. Hilary Parish Center

***** Register by Sept. 29:** Call the Rectory at 215-884-3252 or email sthilaryrydal@gmail.com

Pat DeAngelis has dedicated her life to walking with others through seasons of challenge, growth, and transformation. With a professional background as a nurse and hospital CEO, she has led with compassion and a deep commitment to healing. As a certified coach, she has helped individuals tap into their deepest wisdom, discovering clarity, balance, and purpose in life. And as a spiritual director, she creates sacred space for people to listen more deeply to God's presence in their lives.

Pat's quest to know God more intimately led her to complete the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius in 2020. This experience changed the course of her life profoundly and deepened her commitment to bringing Christ's love, mercy, and hope to all those she encounters. Most recently, Pat completed a two-year certification program to become a certified Spiritual Director. Rooted deeply in her own faith journey, Pat now brings together her years of leadership, coaching, and spiritual guidance to accompany people in their desire to grow more fully in God's love. Her goal for this retreat is to help retreatants step away from daily demands, rest in God's presence, and return renewed, grounded in love, open to God's grace, and strengthened for the journey ahead.



ST. HILARY'S EAGLES FOOTBALL BLOCK POOL



Blocks needed to be purchased by phone or email directly to Bob Lattanzi by Sept. 10. For those who participated, 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



**GOOD LUCK to all ~ and
THANK YOU, as always, for your support!**



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.

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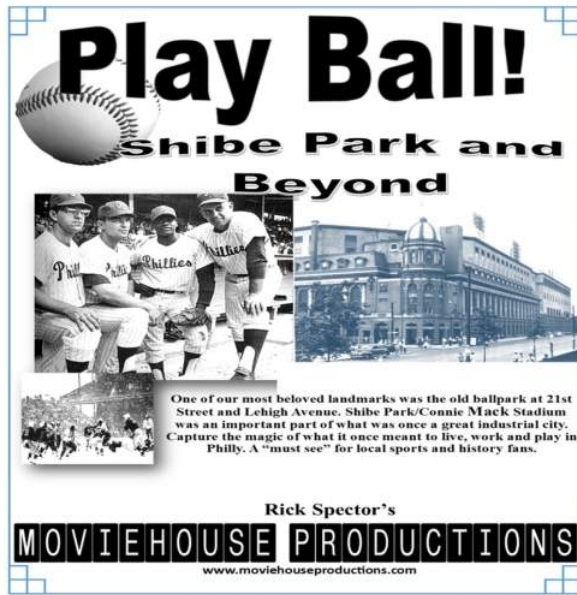


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First meeting of the year is on Wed., Sept. 17th. Rick Spector of Moviehouse Productions will present "Play Ball - Shibe Park and Beyond." Wear your Phillies gear or something red. Ball Park refreshments will be served. New members always welcome in 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!



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

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

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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.*

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>

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September 7, 2025

Sunday Offering: \$5,351

Electronic Giving: **\$3,612**

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