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FEBRUARY 18, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

THE
Kingdom of God
IS AT HAND.

MARK 1:15



PASTOR'S CORNER

"The Spirit drove Jesus into the desert."

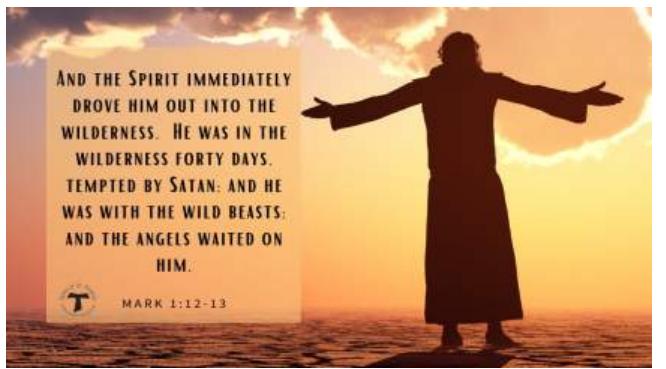
-- Mark 1:12

Today on the first Sunday of Lent, we hear Jesus driven by the Spirit into the desert. Centuries ago, Jesus' own people had to travel through the desert to reach the Promised Land. In that arid place, hostile to human life and devoid of food and water, they discovered the God who was slow to anger, rich in mercy, and ever faithful. The Jewish people of the desert found that their own relationship with God made all the difference in the world. By trusting in His word and obeying His will, they discovered that they could overcome any obstacle and challenge in life.

Jesus retraces His ancestors' steps in the gospel. He, too, discovered that Someone whom He called Father. His relationship with His Father was an oasis He could return to over and over again, especially in times of temptation and suffering. The Church today is calling us back to that desert experience...in retracing the steps of Jesus, we will discover that Someone we now are privileged to call Father.

Lent is not a time of gloom and despair. It is a time of doing with a little less so as to discover an abundance of more. Prayer and sacrifice may not, at times, seem very appealing - the desert never is. The journey, however, as Jesus shows us, will not be disappointing. There is an oasis waiting to be discovered again...full of food and drink and joy that this world can never give.

Happy Lent.
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, February 18, 2024

First Sunday of Lent

5:00pm ~ Bandura Family

8:30am ~ John, Rose, and Henry McErlean

10:30am ~ Anne Deely

The new Sunday Mass Schedule started in January

Monday, February 19, 2024

8:00am ~ Edward Tracey, Jr.

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

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

8:00am ~ Murray Family

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Saint Peter and Damian, Bishop and Doctor of Church

8:00am ~ Ennio D'Urbano

Thursday, February 22, 2024

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

8:00am ~ Irene Coyle

2:15pm ~ Stations of the Cross

7:00pm ~ Stations of the Cross

Friday, February 23, 2024

Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

8:00am ~ Joseph Magee III

Saturday, February 24, 2024

5:00pm ~ Marie and James Wise

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

8:30am ~ Michael Coulston

10:30am ~ John Tuttle

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- * Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- * Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- * Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- * Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- * Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- * Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- * Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- * Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- * Fast from selfishness & be compassionate to others.
- * Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- * Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

UPDATE TO THE ST. HILARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



Thank You!

This coming June, we will complete 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 \$346,008. Of the 231 families who have pledged, 168 families are paid in full. All of our projects have been completed, and all bills are now paid, thanks to you! 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.



SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS FIRST FULL WEEK OF LENT:

Sunday ~ stay after Mass and pray for the intentions of the pope

Monday ~ see holiness and productivity, while refraining from complaining, rash judgment, and negative self-talk.

Tuesday ~ pick a saint to accompany you during Lent; learn more about them and ask them to pray for you.

Wednesday ~ enjoy pretzels, a traditional Lenten snack; the crossed arms of the pretzel recalled monks at prayer.

Thursday ~ put out an empty box; during Lent, fill it with gently used items in good condition that you can donate.

Friday ~ observe a screen fast (from recreation) from noon to 3, recalling the 3 hours Jesus hung on the Cross.

Saturday ~ make up bags of socks, oranges, and bottled water to offer people who are homeless

Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal will provide necessary support to several thousands of people. These individuals are served by an array of organizations, programs, and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

The beneficiaries of this Appeal focus on five key areas:

- Education
 - Social Services
 - Local Mission Activities
 - Clergy
 - Evangelization Parish and Spiritual Life

**Thank you for your support
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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 Benedict XVI:

The profound sense of the Church's social presence derives from the Eucharist, as is testified by the great social saints who were always great Eucharistic souls. Those who recognize Jesus in the sacred Host, recognize Him in their suffering brother or sister, in those who hunger and thirst, and who are strangers. Therefore, our special responsibility as Christians for building a supportive, just, and brotherly society comes from the gift of Christ's love.

NEW 2024 SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY MASS

2024 Winter/Spring/Fall Schedule

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

Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 8:30am and 10:30am

LENTEN CALENDAR



Daily Mass

Monday thru Friday at 8am,
followed by the Rosary
Adoration every Monday 8:30am to 4pm

Confessions

Saturdays 4:00 to 4:45pm

Sundays during Lent after 10:30am Mass
Monday Evening, March 25 at 7:00pm

*** Stations of the Cross During Lent

Thursday afternoons at 2:15pm

***** Afternoon Stations begin Feb. 22nd**

Thursday Evenings at 7:00pm

***** Evening Stations began last Thursday**

Lenten Scripture Series ~

2 choices ~ The Bible and the Virgin Mary
or Around the Lenten Circle
(see information on this page)

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(by Director Justin Jue & St. Hilary Choir)



STEWARSHIP REPORT TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

February 11, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$5,934
Electronic Giving: \$2,203

Total: \$8,137

February 12, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$5,603
Electronic Giving: \$2,251

Total: \$7,854

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ST. HILARY LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY

There are 2 choices this Lent:

- * Journey Through Scripture
"The Bible and the Virgin Mary"
OR
- * **Around the Lenten Circle**

Journey Through Scripture "The Bible & the Virgin Mary"

This series beautifully explains the Catholic truths about Our Lady, showing how she has been a part of God's plan to bring salvation to the world since the beginning of time.

Choose your day & time for Journey Through Scripture "The Bible and the Virgin Mary":

- * **Mondays at 10am** with Sandy Repitcky
(Sandy's group is for 6 weeks,
and began last Monday, February 12th)
- * **Wednesdays at 7:00pm** with Father Murray
(Fr. Murray's group is for 4 weeks,
and begins on Wednesday, February 21st)

Around the Lenten Circle

is a resource from The Pastoral Center that will find its way into many areas of parish life; each week includes conversation starters for reflecting back on the week; etc..

Around the Lenten Circle:

- * **Tuesdays at 1:30pm** with Kathy Lill
(Kathy's group is for 6 weeks,
and began last Tuesday, February 13th)

Cost for either Scripture Study is a free-will offering; all sessions are in the Rectory.

Call the Rectory soon at 215-884-3252 to sign up for one of the Lenten Scripture Series!

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE...you are encouraged to join pro-lifers across Bucks County as we help to end the injustice of abortion through constant prayer, fasting, vigil, and community outreach. St. Hilary's has committed to cover **Thursday, March 21 at the Warminster Planned Parenthood from 7am-7pm**.

There is a sign-up sheet in the church lobby. Any questions, please call Annmarie Dugan at 267-253-1693. Thank you for your prayers and consideration.

"CARING FOR FRIENDS" BREAKFAST BAGS

Thank you to those who joined our St. Hilary PREP students and families as they gather food to prepare 100 breakfast bags for Caring for Friends. Your kind and generous donations were overwhelming - thank you! Caring for Friends provides food to many in need. Thanks so much for your participation!

**ST. HILARY "NOT-SO-SUPER
SUPER BOWL POOL WINNERS**

MANY THANKS
TO BOB LATTANZI, OUR
FOOTBALL BLOCK POOL EXPERT!
HIS TIME & SUPPORT OF ST. HILARY'S
PARISH ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

St. Hilary Parish made \$7,540 from the
2023 regular season football pool
(total payout to winners was \$8,000).

**St. Hilary Parish made \$2,800 from the
3 Super Bowl Block Pools,
and paid out \$4,500 in winnings!**

We sold 292 blocks!!

Thanks to all who participated!!

**Below are the big winners from the
Super Bowl Block Pools ~ Congratulations:**

Cifuni Family	\$453	T
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St. Hilary	\$453	a
Mike Coyle	\$312	n
Jim Long	\$312	k
Calabrese Family	\$312	Y
Roken (Brazukas)	\$312	O
Kathy Lennon	\$312	U
Alan Rotkiewicz	\$312	
Jim Brady	\$248	
Kevin Tracey	\$223	
George & Lois Dasey	\$223	

Non-sold blocks won \$453...so 2 numbers were randomly drawn (S.F. #4 and K.C. #2) and then one winner from each grid won \$151: Rose Duffy, Mike & Roseann Schell, and Joe Cooney

There were also many who won \$25:

Stuart & Karen Skinner	Alex Muttreja
Ray Vandegrift	Roy & Carol Stein
Michele Stefanelli	George Metro
Nicole & Dan McVey	Joe Holland
Pat and Cass Egan	Alex Shute
Ed Bongard	Looby Family
Rosemary & Joe Albanese	Connie Fennell
Radtke Family	Gina Vare
Bob and Diane Sawyer	Calabrese Family
Rose Duffy	Amanda Spahits
Joe Cooney	John Tyszka
Anthony Cesarini	

THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!!!



St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

**Men & Young Men's
Day of Recollection**

**Saturday, March 2, 2024
at St. Hilary Parish Center**

**Our Retreat Master is
Rev. Dennis O'Donnell**

Father O'Donnell currently helps at Holy Redeemer Health System as retreat director, chaplain, and mission integration coordinator. He also conducts retreats and days of recollection for various groups throughout the USA.



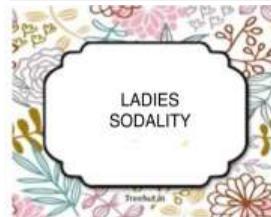
**Cost is \$20 per person
(Continental Breakfast & Lunch included)**

Day Schedule

8:30-9:15am	Check-in / Breakfast
9:15-10:00am	Introduction / Morning Prayer / Reflection by Fr. O'Donnell
10:00-11:15am	Confessions / Free Time
11:15am-12:00pm	Mass
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch
1:15pm	Closing Reflection / Questions & Answers

***** You must reserve your spot for this event by Feb. 20th!**

**For Reservations, please call the Rectory at 215-884-3252 or email to: sthilaryrydal@gmail.com Thanks!
by Feb. 20th ~ thanks!**



St. Hilary Ladies Sodality

Thursday, Feb. 22

7:00pm in the Parish Center

Open to all women of St. Hilary! Please come join us for the Rosary and Fellowship! We will be working on Easter Gift Bags for the shut-ins. Please contact Stacey Ellis at scallah9@aol.com or 215-896-3424 for information. Thank you!

ST. HILARY 55+ SPIRIT CLUB NEWS

The St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club **next meeting is Wednesday, February 21, 2024** at which time Sister Maryanne King will be giving a short talk about the Sisters of the Redeemer, and Kate Jaanus will lead us in a craft. 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 February 21st - doors open at 9am and the meeting starts at 10am.

ST. HILARY CYO FUNDRAISER FIRST ANNUAL COMEDY NIGHT

Featuring Wayne Cotter, Theresa Hummel-Krallinger and Norm Klar

Friday, March 15

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St. James Parish Social Hall, Elkins Park

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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 215-663-1418.

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, 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, Theresa Williams, Jim Curley, Bob Donnelly, Sue Dickson, Gloria Merron

Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:
Guna Pantele Roz Aronson

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

CONFESIONS:

Saturdays 4 – 4:45 PM

***** Confessions on the Sundays in Lent after the 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 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!*

SHS LION PRIDE 5K RUN & 1 MILE WALK

Sunday, April 7 at 1:00pm at SHS

Sign up and get more info with the QR code, or the link:



[https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Jenkintown/
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Adult run/walk: \$25/\$20

Youth (14 & under) run/walk: \$15/\$10

Come out with the family to enjoy music, snacks, games, and to cheer on our runners/walkers! Shirts can be purchased separately on the registration site. If you, someone you know, or your business would like to sponsor this event, please reach out to Brigid Smith at brigid.dowling23@gmail.com for more details.

This event kicks off with a runner's Mass on Sat., April 6 at 5pm (shirts distributed at the Parish Center after mass). We cannot wait to share this special day with you! Thank you!!

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