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JANUARY 29, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**“Your REWARD will be
great in HEAVEN.”**

MATTHEW 5:12



PASTOR'S CORNER

"I will leave a faithful remnant in your midst."
-- Zephaniah 2:3

The Scripture today speaks of the "faithful remnants." It refers to individuals, families, and institutions that remain loyal to God's ways and commandments. This week, we pause to celebrate Catholic Schools. These Catholic Schools, and in particular St. Hilary School, are powerful witnesses to that vision. In a culture where God's name is shunned or at best whispered about, right here at St. Hilary School, God's name is proclaimed and shouted out as the name above every other name!

To be faithful to God's moral views will not win you applause from today's culture. In fact, St. Paul says you will be viewed as "foolish." No one appeared more foolish than Jesus, hanging on the Cross. He seemed a conquered man, weak, and absurd by the world's standards. Yet in St. Paul's words, "His weakness proved stronger than human strength; His foolishness wiser than human wisdom." All this was proven true by Jesus' resurrection from the dead. Jesus' resurrection shed light on everything we teach and value and hold sacred in our Catholic School. Our school is not just about expanding the intellect but also expanding the heart, forming conscience, building character, celebrating virtue, promoting charity, and most importantly, living the faith.

Jesus invites us all to become children of the Beatitudes...poor in spirit, rich in mercy, pure in heart, makers of peace, and proud to be called children of God. I am most grateful to all of you who so generously support our school. Most especially, I am thankful to our principal, Mrs. Fagan, as well as to our teachers, staff, volunteers, and parents for all of their sacrifices and good will in keeping the spirit of the Beatitudes front and center here at St. Hilary School.



God Bless,
Father
Murray

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, January 29, 2023

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Vigil ~ Elda DeRita & Maria DiCarlo

8:00am ~ Clara Cortese

10:00am ~ James and Bernadette Thomas

12:00pm ~ Mike Ranson

Monday, January 30, 2023

8:00am ~ Hugh Forde

*** 8:30am to 4:00pm ~ Adoration

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Saint John Bosco

8:00am ~ Marie Fay

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

8:00am ~ Living & Deceased of St. Hilary

Thursday, February 2, 2023

The Presentation of the Lord

8:00am ~ Edward J. Toland

Friday, February 3, 2023

Saint Blaise and Saint Angsgar

8:00am ~ Kathleen Tracey

Saturday, February 4, 2023

5:00pm Vigil ~ John Steinmetz

Sunday, February 5, 2023

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am ~ Mary Forst

10:00am ~ Kathleen Tracey

12:00pm ~ Donald McGettigan

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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

THANKS to this parish community for the tremendous support for the 2022 St. Hilary Diamond Jubilee Capital Campaign. Seeing the progression of this campaign these past months has been truly a blessing. We have an exciting update; this campaign has raised **\$406,841.25**. Through your prayers and help, we have even surpassed our initial goal of \$350,000. The sooner that the pledges are redeemed, the better it will be for paying for these projects. We currently have about \$237,538 of the campaign contributions already deposited, and it is imperative that we continue to collect all payments on pledges to ensure that we can complete all the capital work. Thank you very much!

PROJECT UPDATE

Just a reminder that the monies raised from the Jubilee Capital Campaign are directed toward the following goals:

- * New Air Conditioning System in the School ~ completed
- * New Lighting in the back parking lot for safety and security ~ completed
- * New Air Conditioning System in the Church ~ completed
- * New Church Doors ~ will be installed in a few months...please see the pictures to the right, of the beautiful stained glass to be inserted into our new Church doors

Once again, I am sincerely thankful for the overwhelming response & generosity! New pledges are most welcome. All of your pledges and gifts are appreciated!

Father Murray

MASS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PRESENTATION OF ANNIVERSARY AWARDS

Archbishop Nelson Perez celebrated the annual Mass with the presentation of anniversary awards which recognize the ministry of Directors and Catechists of Parish Religious Education (PREP).

Congratulations to our own PREP Catechists:

- * Joann Brenner received the St. Martin DePorres Award for 20 years of service!
- * Cara Peters and Bob Lattanzi and Carolyn Muttreja received the St. John Neumann Award for 5 years!

CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

January 22, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$6,795
Electronic Giving: \$2,681

Total: \$9,476

January 23, 2022

Sunday Offering: \$6,076
Electronic Giving: \$3,015

Total: \$9,091

3 NEW CHURCH DOORS COMING SOON...



ST. HILARY

LOCATION OF DOOR:

**SCHOOL
HALL
DOOR**



SACRED HEART OF
JESUS

LOCATION OF DOOR:

**CHURCH
TO
COURTYARD**



SACRED HEART OF
MARY

LOCATION OF DOOR:

**HALL
TO
CHURCH**

SCHOOL SAFETY

In light of the recent school shootings and the rising concern for the safety of the students and faculty, a School Security Site Assessment was completed by the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety, along with security assessments by the Abington and Philadelphia Police, and Montgomery County Emergency Management Team at the start of the school calendar year. All three services identified the targeted concern of limiting access to the school building. Since the school is connected to the church, it allows unimpeded access to the school. The recommendation was made to limit access to the school on weekends and to school personnel only, during school hours. This access will be through the main door only, and all visitors' access will be recorded. With these restrictions, the school main entrance will not be accessible for Masses or to enter the church. Entrance to the church for Mass will be by the front doors on Susquehanna Road, as well as the two side doors. We thank you for your patience and understanding!

**Happy Catholic Schools Week to
St. Hilary of Poitiers School!
January 29 – February 3**



Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Through various events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation.

- These are some of our school events this week:*
- * Monday is Parish and Parent Appreciation Day!
 - * Tuesday is Open House & Registration for next school year for new students, including tours, meeting faculty & principal, visiting classrooms & labs, learning about full-day PreK & K Programs as well as other programs, and visiting our International Café hosted by the 6th graders!
 - * Wednesday is Teacher Appreciation Day!
 - * Thursday is Student Appreciation Day!

Thank you to our parishioners for their support of St. Hilary School!

We celebrate with grateful thanks everyone involved in helping to make St. Hilary of Poitiers School the wonderful school it is!

Thank you to our principal, our teachers, staff, parents and guardians, volunteers, parishioners and our amazing children in PreK thru 8th!



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.

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

St. Hilary's Adoration Society

There is Adoration in Church every Monday from 8:30am til 4:00pm

Come spend some time with the Lord!



**ST HILARY WINNERS
EAGLES BLOCK POOL**



THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE REGULAR SEASON POOL! SUPER BOWL POOL COMING SOON!

- Week 16** ~ Alex Muttreja and St. Hilary
- Week 15** ~ St. Hilary and the Looby Family
- Week 14** ~ Forkin Family and Steve Izzi
- Week 13** ~ Radtke Family and Bib & Celeste Tate
- Week 12** ~ Connie Fennell and Fenstermaker Family
- Week 11** ~ McCrea Family and Rehiel Family
- Week 10** ~ Otto Family and St. Hilary
- Week 09** ~ Barbara Ferrari and Meredith Merlini
- Week 08** ~ Dan McVey and Ed Walker
- Week 07** ~ St. Hilary and George Naab
- Week 06** ~ Ed Bongard and Rosemary Naab
(*"Bye" Week on 10/23/22*)
- Week 05** ~ McCrea Family & Carbone Family
- Week 04** ~ Jim Brady and Bob & Celeste Tate
- Week 03** ~ The Stengels and Valentino (for 7th Grade)
- Week 02** ~ Christy Stefanelli and Egan Family
- Week 01** ~ Kathy McCaffrey and Roy & Carol Stein

NOT HOLDING GRUDGES

During a promotional event in 2011, two 73-year-old former Canadian Football League players got into a fist fight on stage. They had a “beef” (a grudge or feud) dating back to a controversial championship football game in 1963. After one man knocked the other off the stage, the crowd called out to him to “let it go!” They were telling him to “squash the beef.”

The Bible contains many examples of people “beefing.” Cain held a grudge against his brother Abel because God accepted Abel’s offering over his (Genesis 4:4-5). This grudge was so severe that it eventually led to murder as “Cain attacked his brother...and killed him.” Esau held a grudge against Jacob because Jacob stole the birthright that was rightfully his. This grudge was so intense that it cause Jacob to run for his life in fear.

Not only does the Bible give us several examples of people who held grudges, but it also instructs us on how to “squash the beef” - how to seek forgiveness and reconciliation. God calls us to love others (Leviticus 19:18), pray for and forgive those who insult and injure us (Matthew 5:43-47), live peaceably with all people, leave revenge to God, and overcome evil with good (Romans 12: 18-21).

By His power, may we “squash the beef” today.



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.

At every stage and in every circumstance, we are held in existence by God’s love. The presence of an illness, disability, or other challenging situation never diminishes the value of a human life. God does not call us to perfection of appearance or abilities, but to perfection in love. **Christ invites us to embrace our own lives and the lives of others as true gifts.**

Abortion tragically rejects the truth that every life is a good and perfect gift, deserving protection. This violent practice ends the life of a human being at its very beginning and horribly wounds all of those involved. But Christ came that we “might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10), taking on human flesh for the sake of our redemption. May our culture experience the power of God’s transforming love, that all eyes may be opened to the very incredible beauty of every human life.

families that

PRAY TOGETHER

stay together.

THREE TIPS TO BOOST YOUR PRAYER

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.

UPDATED 55+ SPIRIT NEWS:

55+ Spirit Club ~ please save February 15 for our next meeting. That month, we will celebrate Valentines Day. To commemorate Presidents Day, we will have a guest form the GAR Civil War Museum in Holmesburg. We are collecting used stamps for the Wounded Warriors Program. Mrs. Wible will introduce us to this local museum. Thanks!

Margie 215-885-8722 / Bridget 215-663-0411

St. Hilary Parish Outreach



Because of your generosity, our Outreach Program continues to help those in need. Your continual kind donations are so appreciated! St. Hilary Parish Outreach welcomes referrals of people in need, especially in the parish. If you know of anyone, please contact Fr. Murray. 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 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 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, 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, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Chap Nowicke, Kathy Huss, Christopher Kirk

*Please pray for the souls of the deceased:
Anna Maikner*

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

HOLY DAYS

7 PM Vigil

8 AM and 10 AM on holy day

Pastor ~ Rev. Kevin P. Murray

Weekend Assistant ~ Msgr. Gregory J. Fairbanks

In Residence ~ Rev. Jacob John

Pastor Emeritus ~ Msgr. Michael J. Carroll

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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.

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Monday to Friday: 8:30 AM to 4 PM
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*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!*

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.

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