

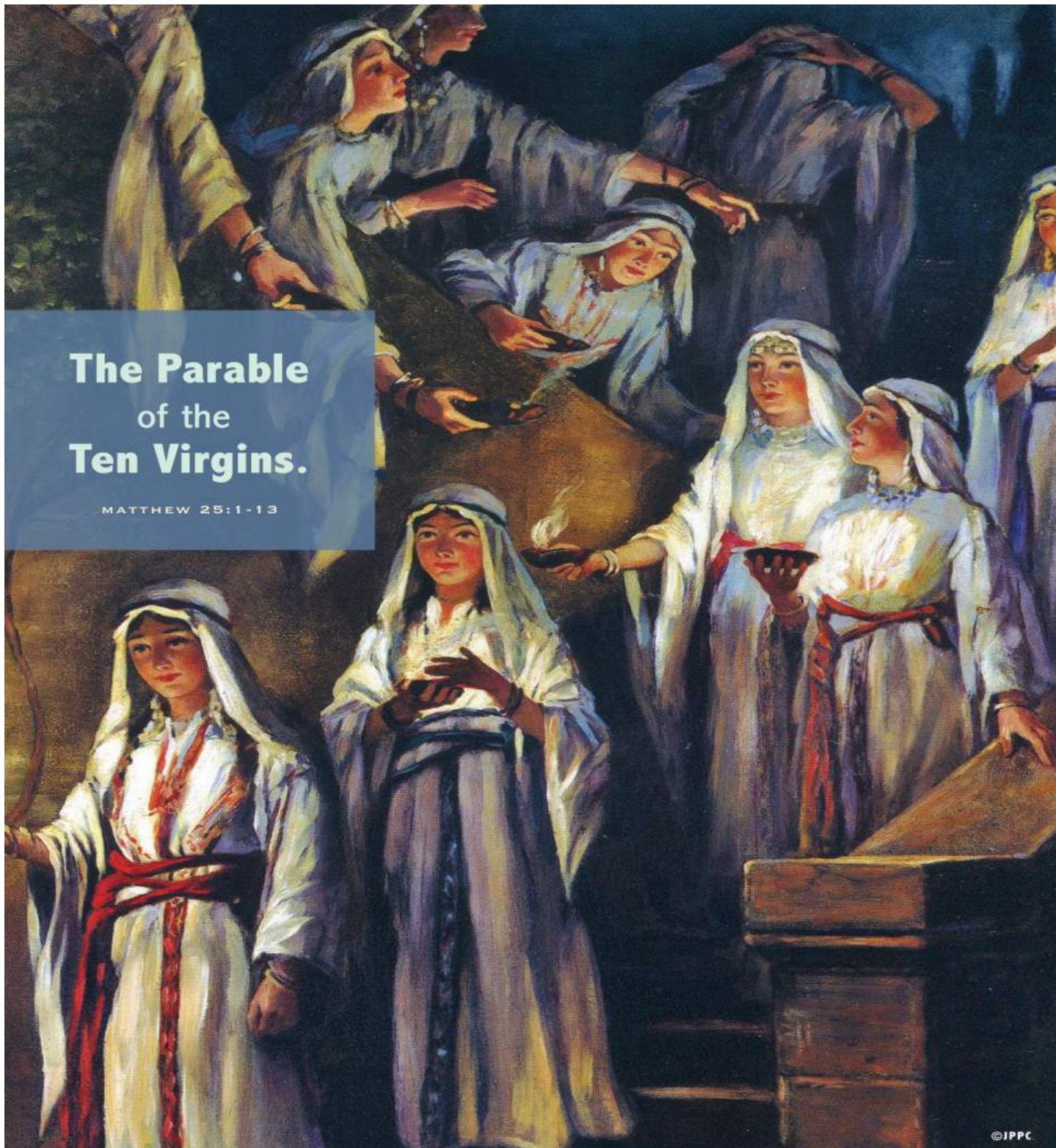
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NOVEMBER 12, 2023

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Parable of the Ten Virgins.

MATTHEW 25:1-13

PASTOR'S CORNER

“Stay awake for you know neither the day nor the hour.” -- Matthew 25:1-13

As winter draws nearer and nearer, we begin to prepare for colder and darker days. It might mean unpacking the winter clothes, checking the furnace, or winterizing the car. Wisdom says to prepare now, before it's too late. The Scriptures propose to embrace a similar wisdom regarding our life in the here and now.

We are not permanent residents of the earth; we are all just passing through. Death is on the horizon for everyone. Yet, faith gives that eternal hope that there is more to life than the here and now. It is what Jesus calls the great wedding feast of heaven.

So prepare now - for the Lord is near. Preparation consists of keeping the flame of faith burning brightly. The world will tempt you to smolder the flame of faith and live as if God does not exist. This was the foolishness of the five virgins in today's gospel. When the Lord came, He did not recognize them. The world and its earthly values lulled them to sleep. The flame of faith had burned away.

At our baptism, we were all called “to keep the flame of faith alive” so that when the Lord comes, we will go out to meet Him with all the holy ones. Entrance into heaven comes not by borrowing someone else's faith. It is only by our living the faith that the Lord will recognize us as belonging to Him.

God bless,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Vigil ~ Emil A. & Anna Marie Maikner
8:00am ~ Monterosso & Schembie Families
10:00am ~ Jim Manes
12:00pm ~ Dorothy Toner

Monday, November 13, 2023

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

8:00am ~ Pat and Guy Pacitti

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

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

8:00am ~ Martin E. Murray

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of Church

8:00am ~ Pat Pacitti

Thursday, November 16, 2023

Saint Margaret of Scotland and Saint Gertrude

8:00am ~ Michelle Massey

Friday, November 17, 2023

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

9:00am ~ Katherine Marie McCallister

Saturday, November 18, 2023

5:00pm ~ Kathy Hopson

Sunday, November 19, 2023

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am ~ McErlean and McReynolds Fam.
10:00am ~ Beverly Keightly
12:00pm ~ Dorothy Toner

ST. HILARY PARISH NOW HAS A TWITTER ACCOUNT, INSTAGRAM, AND FACEBOOK PAGE! PLEASE SEE THE LINKS BELOW ~ YOU CAN ALSO ACCESS THESE SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS BY GOING TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE AT: www.sthilarypoitiers.org

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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 \$422,176.25 has been pledged. Of that amount, we have collected and deposited \$324,036. Of the 231 families who have pledged, 163 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.



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 from St. Leo the Great:

"Our sharing in the Body and the Blood of Christ leads to no other end than that of transforming us into that which we receive."

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

Our Forty Hours concluded on Oct. 24 - we had three days of praise and prayer before the Lord's presence. Prayer is one of the great services we can render to each other. Many thanks to all who made time to be with us. The support of so many was a great grace...our parish families & friends, our Parish Council, Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, Home & School, CYO, Cantors, Altar Servers, Music Ministers, First Holy Communion Class. Special thanks to Msgr. McHenry who led us to a greater love & appreciation of the Lord's presence in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Thanks everyone! - Father Murray



OCTOBER COUNT FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Each year, every parish in the Archdiocese is required to submit an "October Count" ~ as you know, at each weekend mass during the month of October, each person was counted. Below are the results, and then compared with results from 2022.

2023 OCTOBER COUNT RESULTS

Total Attendance in October for 20 Masses: 2,197
Total Number of Weeks: 5
Average Attendance per weekend at Mass: 439

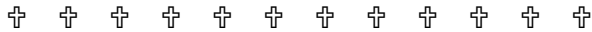
2022 OCTOBER COUNT RESULTS

Total Attendance in October for 20 Masses: 2,392
Total Number of Weeks: 5
Average Attendance per weekend at Mass: 478

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 5pm Mass last Saturday, Nov 4th, the names of those below who died within the past year and were buried from St. Hilary Church were read out loud:

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| Teofilo Hermane | Regina Hardimon |
| Phyllis Bremer | Anna LaRose |
| Donna Katz | Ethel Forgeng |
| Lois Mahan | Dorothy Toner |
| Colleen Berry | James Howard |
| Joan Gallagher | Pat Pacitti |
| Edward Luckiewicz | Robert Seifert |
| Timothy Merlini | Thomas Hall |
| Richard Fisco | Joseph Rao |
| James Manes | Lawrence LaRose |
| Kathryn Philipp | Dario Tobon |
| Dorothy Streeper | Anne Deely |
| Alexander Jackson | Margaret Kelly |
| Theresa Linse | Albert Tiegs |
| Anna Marie Maikner | Augustine Salvitti |

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



NEW SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY MASS
STARTING IN 2024

I am grateful for all of you who have returned to Mass after the pandemic. I hope and pray that more of our parishioners will return to Mass as well. There is nothing like being there! Watching Mass on TV no longer fulfills the Sunday obligation, unless you are sick, elderly, have an emergency or have conflicts with work schedules. So come home to the Lord who desires to make His home in you. With this in mind, please note our new Mass Schedule beginning in January 2024:

2024 Winter/Spring/Fall Schedule

(January thru June & September thru December)

Saturdays at 5:00pm

Sundays at 8:30am and 10:30am

2024 Summer Schedule

(1st Sunday in July thru Labor Day in September)

Saturdays at 5:00pm

Sundays at 9:00am and 11:00am

PLEASE NOTE:

*** *The weekend Mass Schedule is currently back to the way it was, prior to summer:*

Saturdays at 5pm

Sundays at 8am, 10am, & 12pm

This schedule will remain throughout 2023.



The goal of a Catholic Liturgy is to communicate a transcendent awareness of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ.

Faith in the Real Presence Christ in the Eucharist demands great beauty, dignity, and reverence.

ST. HILARY ANNUAL BLOCK COLLECTION



Thanks to all those who have already contributed to our annual Block Collection! To date, \$19,898 has been collected. Your kind generosity and sacrifices are greatly appreciated! Your loyalty and care for the needs of the parish have been an inspiration. Thanks & God bless you. - Father Murray

STEWARDSHIP REPORT
TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

November 5, 2023

November 6, 2022

Sunday Offering: \$6,996

Sunday Offering: \$6,861

Electronic Giving: \$3,557

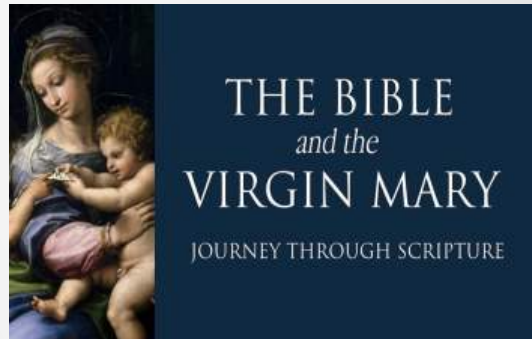
Electronic Giving: \$3,384

Total: \$10,553

Total: \$10,245

PLEASE JOIN US

For our 2023 Advent Scripture Series ~
The Bible and the Virgin Mary
Journey Through Scripture
(beginning the week of Nov. 27th)



Journey Through Scripture is the St. Paul Center's dynamic Bible study program designed to help ordinary Catholics grow in their knowledge of the Scriptures while deepening their understanding of the riches of our faith. 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.

There will be 4 Advent Sessions.

The 4 Advent Sessions start
the week of November 27

(sessions are the weeks of Nov. 27, Dec. 4, Dec. 11, and Dec. 18)

Choose your day & time:

- * **Mondays at 10am** with Sandy Repitcky
- * **Tuesdays at 1:30pm** with Kathy Lill
- * **Wednesdays at 7:00pm** with Father Murray

Cost is \$15 (due at first session)

Call the Rectory soon at 215-884-3252 to sign up for this Advent Scripture Series!

During this month of November, we will remember all of our deceased loved ones at Masses. A special Memorial Shrine has been set up at the Blessed Mother altar, where you can place names of the deceased in the Book of Life & light a Memorial Candle.



May the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING

A famous writer was in his study room. He picked up his pen and started writing: "Last year, I had a surgery and my gall bladder was removed. I was stuck in bed due to this surgery for a long time. The same year, I reached the age of 60 and had to give up my favorite job. I had spent thirty years of my life with this company. The same year I experienced the death of my father. In the same year, my son failed his medical exam because he had a car accident. He had to stay in bed at the hospital with a cast on his leg for several days. The destruction of the car was a second loss."

His concluding statement was: "It was a bad year!"

When the writer's wife entered the room, she found her husband looking dejected, sad, and lost in his thoughts. She carefully and surreptitiously read what he had written and silently left the room. She came back with another paper on which she had written her summary of the year's events and placed it beside her husband's paper. When her husband saw what she had written in response, he wrote her "take" on the year's events: "Last year, I finally got rid of my gall bladder which had given me many years of pain. I turned 60 with sound health and retired from my job. Now I can utilize my time to write something better with more focus and peace. The same year, my father at the age of 95 met his Creator. The same year, God blessed my son with a new life. My car was destroyed, but my son stayed alive without any permanent disability."

At the end, she wrote: "This year was an immense blessing and it passed well."

These were the same incidents but different viewpoints. In our daily lives, we must see that it's not happiness that makes us grateful, but gratefulness that makes us happy.

Recently, members of the St. Hilary School Student Council and some of our Ukrainian students traveled to the Cathedral Basilica for the Holy Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice.



Last weekend marked the kick-off of the 2023-24 St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal. This weekend, we welcome **Brian Pinder** who will speak at the Masses. A

donation to the Appeal supports our seminarians, candidates for the Permanent Diaconate, and lay church leaders in their formation. Most importantly, your gift provides for the future of our faith. Please prayerfully consider a gift to this year's Appeal to provide for the future generations of the Church.

prayer

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

ST. HILARY 55+ SPIRIT CLUB next meeting is this Wednesday, November 15 when historian and author Thomas J. Wieckowski, who is vice president of the Old York Road Historical Society and chair of the Cheltenham Township Historical Commission, will speak about "John Wanamaker: King of Merchants." New members always welcome...we are a fun and welcoming group! Feel free to call Ro or Mike Schell at 215-663-1421 or Roseylvia McDonald at 215-219-0651. Looking forward to seeing you on Nov. 15 - doors open at 9am and meeting starts at 10am.

ST HILARY EAGLES BLOCK POOL

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 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

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, Tom Montvydas, Theresa Williams, Jim Curley, Bob Donnolly

*Please pray for the souls
of all the deceased*

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm
(thru the end of 2023)

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

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MATRIMONY: Couples planning to marry should contact the Rectory six months before the desired date.

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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!

**PRAYER
FOR THE DEAD**

***In your hands, O Lord,
we humbly entrust our brothers & sisters.***

***In this life you embraced them with your
tender love; deliver them now from every evil
and bid them eternal rest.***

***The old order has passed away;
welcome them into paradise,
where there will be no sorrow,
no weeping or pain,
but fullness of peace and joy
with your Son and the Holy Spirit
forever and ever.***

Amen.

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