

# St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

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NOVEMBER 26, 2023

*OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE*

The Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
**King of the Universe**

MATTHEW 25:31-46



## PASTOR'S CORNER

**"For He must reign."**

-- 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

The Feast of Christ the King was initiated in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. It seemed that the world back in 1925 had lost its way; distracted from its spiritual roots. The age-old sin of idolatry seemed to be resurfacing. Technology and science spurned the pursuit of power at any cost and became to new false gods. Communism, Nazism, Socialism were becoming the new creeds. They were creeds without any reference to God, which led to the atrocities of death camps and genocide.

We can only wonder what Pope Pius XI would say about the world of 2023. Relativism is the new creed. Right and wrong is up to the individual; there are no objective moral truths except one...the only sin left is to say something is sinful. Jesus calls us to "feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty." Today, the world is hungry and thirsty for truth, and in need to be clothed in moral clarity. Freedom to express your faith is under attack. Christian conscience and practice of one's faith shouldn't be limited to a church building.

We need to stand firm and follow the Shepherd King, and to shout out our Creed with greater zeal - "For you alone are the Holy One; you alone are the Lord; you alone Jesus Christ are most high." History's final culmination will not be determined by earthly politics, but by God's Kingdom. We pray that we will be found on the right side of history. As St. Paul says, "Christ will hand over the Kingdom to God, His Father, when he has destroyed sovereignty, and every authority and power when everything will be subjected to Him!"

God Bless,  
*Father Murray*



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sunday, November 26, 2023**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

5:00pm Vigil ~ Marie and James Wise

8:00am ~ Marie and James Wise

10:00am ~ Gladys and John Banas

12:00pm ~ Dorothy Toner

**Monday, November 27, 2023**

8:00am ~ Joan Gallagher

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

**Tuesday, November 28, 2023**

8:00am ~ Joseph M. Magee III

**Wednesday, November 29, 2023**

8:00am ~ Anna Plawa

**Thursday, November 30, 2023**

*Saint Andrew, Apostle*

8:00am ~ Michelle Massey

**Friday, December 1, 2023**

9:00am ~ Stephen Sonnie

**Saturday, December 2, 2023**

5:00pm ~ Marie and James Wise

**Sunday, December 3, 2023**

*First Sunday of Advent*

8:00am ~ Monterosso and Schembie Fam.

10:00am ~ Thomas Golla

12:00pm ~ Jim Manes

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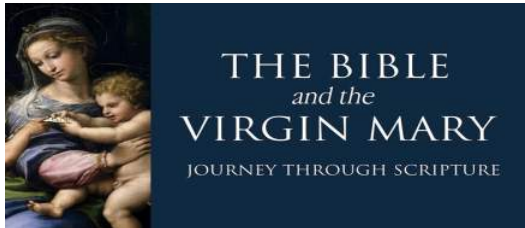
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**UPDATE TO THE ST. HILARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**



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 \$325,986. 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.

**PLEASE JOIN US  
For our 2023 Advent Scripture Series ~  
The Bible and the Virgin Mary  
Journey Through Scripture  
(beginning the week of Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>)**



*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.*

**The 4 Advent Sessions starts this 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)

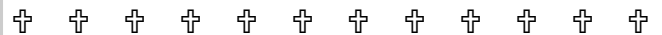
**Call the Rectory soon at 215-884-3252 to sign up for this Advent Scripture Series!**



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: G.K. Chesterton**

*"The Word Eucharist is but a verbal symbol, we might say a verbal mask, for something so tremendous that the assertion and the denial of it have alike seemed a blasphemy; a blasphemy that has shaken the world with the earthquake of two thousand years."*



**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
(holy day of obligation)



**Thursday, Dec. 7 at 7:00pm and Friday, Dec. 8 at 8:00am and 10:00am**

On this day, we commemorate that Mary was conceived in St. Anne's womb without Original Sin. In addition to attending Mass for this Holy Day of Obligation, praying a joyful Rosary is a wonderful way to celebrate.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS** annual collection will greatly assist in providing for the needs of faithful servants of the Church, as it addresses the deficit in retirement savings and ongoing needs of the aging members. Thanks in advance for your support.

- kindness - courtesy - humanity -  
- cleanliness - alone together -  
- strength - love - care -  
**HOPE**  
- prayer - trust - distance - safety - patience - community  
- selflessness - putting other first - perseverance - social -



**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 of 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, \$20,073 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. --Fr. Murray

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**November 19, 2023**

**November 20, 2022**

Sunday Offering: \$4,364

Sunday Offering: \$4,332

Electronic Giving: \$3,099

Electronic Giving: \$2,684

**Total: \$7,463**

**Total: \$7,016**

**ST. HILARY SCHOOL**  
**ANNUAL RACE FOR EDUCATION**



With all of your support, **\$44,438** to-date was raised for the annual Race for Education!!! Your generosity is so appreciated!



### THE GIVING TREE AT ST. HILARY

Again this year, we will be able to return to our traditional way of conducting our annual Giving Tree Project. This year, the gifts will aid Birthright as well as the Ukrainian Relief Center.



The Giving Tree is now placed at the main entrance to the church with tags listing the needed items. Also, inside the church, a basket with tags can be found by the side exit doors, and you can pick up a tag from

there as well. Please note that if the tag doesn't indicate Birthright, then that gift is for the Ukrainian Relief Center. **We ask that all gifts be UNWRAPPED and placed under the tree at the entrance to church by Sunday, Dec. 17.**

Thanks to your generosity, this drive has always been a great success and a wonderful way to begin the season of giving! Thanks in advance and continued thanks for your contributions to St. Hilary Parish Outreach by your use of the yellow envelopes in your bi-monthly mailing packets! Through your generosity during the year, we have been able to help the St. Vincent DePaul Parish Food Pantry and St. Francis Inn in Philadelphia, Redeemer Pantry in Huntingdon Valley, and Cradle of Hope in Jenkintown, to name a few. **Thank you to our Parish Outreach Committee for their ministry in helping others in need!**

### 2023 Day of Sanctification For Priests

The priests of the Archdiocese assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year, our priests will gather with Archbishop Perez at Mother of Divine Providence Parish on Monday, December 4, for the Day of Sanctification for Priests. Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese, and in particular our very own Father Murray, Msgr. Fairbanks, and Father Jacob.

*Lord our God, who in governing your people  
make use of the ministry of Priests,  
grant to these men  
a persevering obedience to your will,  
so that by their ministry and life  
they may gain glory for you in Christ.  
Who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, forever and ever. Amen.*



*Thank you for supporting the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal. Your generosity does more than just support our seminarians, such as Brian Pinder who recently visited us. Your gift also provides for the future of our faith. If you haven't made your gift yet, it's not too late; please prayerfully consider a donation. Thank you.*



## ST. HILARY CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 6:00 to 8:00pm

**PLEASE JOIN US TO HELP CELEBRATE  
THE START OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!  
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**Food Music Games Tree Lighting**  
**Live Nativity Secret Santa Shop**  
**Display of Gingerbread House Competition**  
**Cash and Basket Raffles Bake Sale**  
**Pictures with Santa...and more!**

**CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL CASH RAFFLE TICKETS**  
**First Prize: \$1,000 Second Prize: \$300**  
**Third Prize: \$200**

**Tickets are \$10 each, or 3 tickets for \$25**

**Tickets will be sold after the 10am Mass next Sunday, Dec. 3 in the Parish Center, and they will also be sold AT the Festival on Dec. 9.**

### ST HILARY EAGLES BLOCK POOL

*(due to early Bulletin deadlines for Thanksgiving, we will list Week 09 and Week 10 winners in upcoming Sunday Bulletins)*

#### 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  
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## ST. HILARY 55+ SPIRIT CLUB NEWS

The St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club had its November meeting on the 15th and the Parish Center was decorated in full Thanksgiving mode. The presentation by Tom Wieckowski about "John Wanamaker: King of Merchants" was very informative. **The next meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 20th** at which time we will be entertained by the St. Hilary School Choir and a special visit from someone dressed in red known to all. Lunch will be provided at this meeting.

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 December 20th - doors open at 9am and the meeting starts at 10am.

## ST. HILARY LADIES SODALITY GROUP

*ALL St. Hilary women are invited to our Christmas Get-Together on **Thursday, Dec. 14th** in the Parish Center at 7:00pm. We will start the evening with the Rosary. We will be having a cookie exchange, coffee, tea... And a Christmas Trivia game for fun prizes. Also, if you would like to participate in the White Elephant gift game, please bring a gift under \$10. Please JOIN us for a night of prayer, fun and fellowship! Any questions, please feel free to contact Stacey Ellis at scallah9@aol.com or 215-896-3424. 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 215-663-1418.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:

Michael Dooley, Jack Avak, Michael Brown, Nicolas Lid-dy, Bob Kilcoyne, Mary Jane Namola, Elizabeth Dieckman, Sophia Southerling, TJ McDonald, Ahmed Abdul, Sal Sermania, Sue Masantonio, Angela Gavin, Wil-liam Hartner, Mary Jane Hummel, Pat Cass, Michele Kelly, Tina Savarino, Nicholas Esposito, Sarah Koehler, Paris Luckowski, Judy Sklar, Bernadette Redican, Gina Deva-ney, 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 List-man, 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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**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!*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN WHO WERE RECENTLY BAPTIZED AT ST. HILARY CHURCH:



*Seamus Francis Clune and William Finnegan Clune, sons of David & Meghan Clune.*

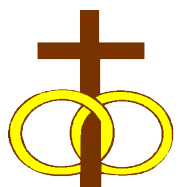
*Greyson Fisher Hartsough and Logan Rylan Hartsough, sons of Adam and Gillian Smith Hartsough.*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING AT ST. HILARY WHO RECENTLY HAD THEIR MARRIAGE BLESSED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH :

*John Dugan and Diana Linn*

*Jonathan Brady and Cheryl Ann Vermes*

*Adam Hartsough and Gillian Smith*



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