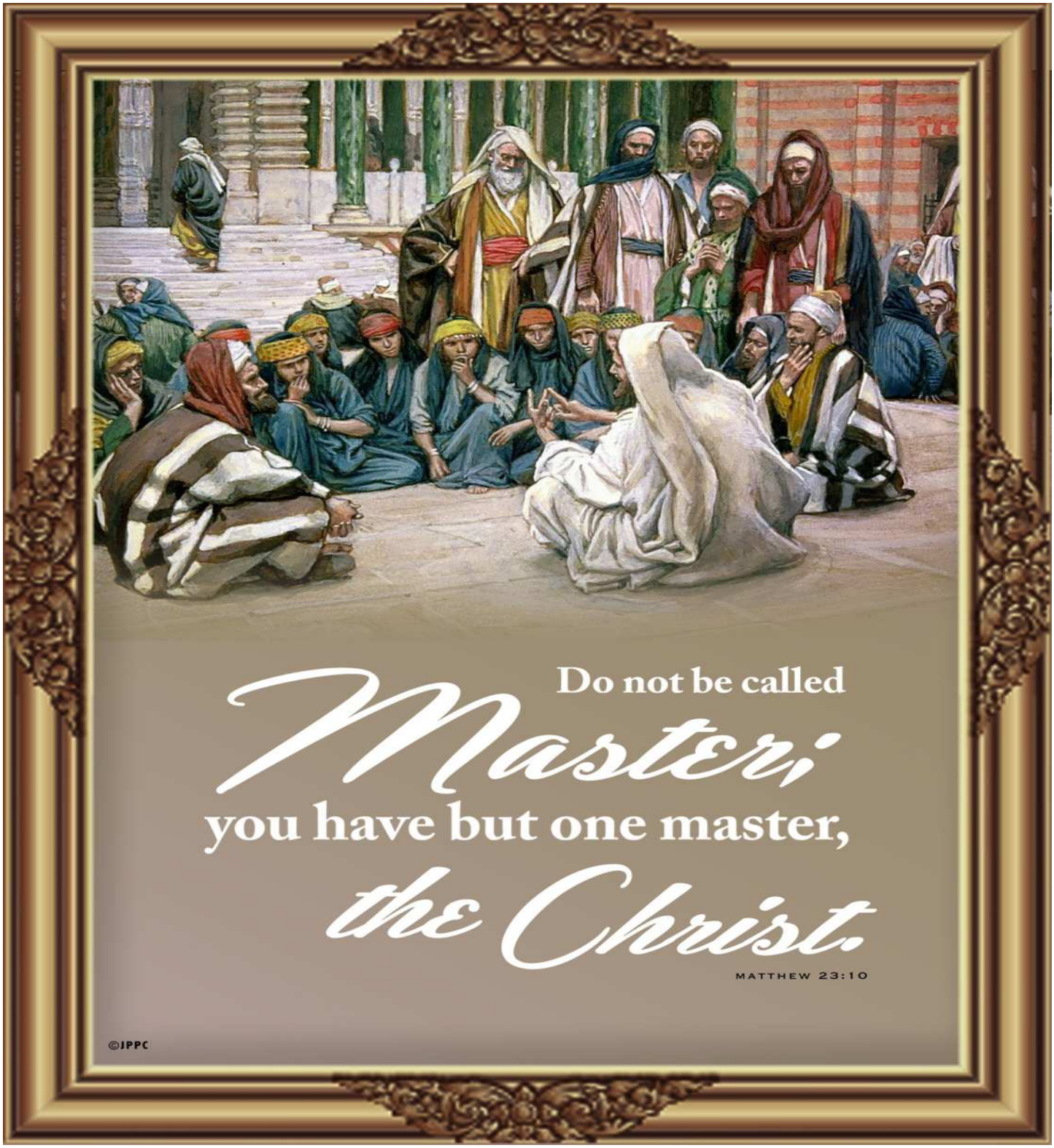
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NOVEMBER 1, 2026

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



While we are used to the annual feast days of various saints, today the Church celebrates the countless saints – those who share the joy of heaven with Jesus. It is a joyful reminder that salvation is the promise for all – if we but accept the Lord's invitation. Today, along with tomorrow's celebration of All Souls Day when we remember and pray for all the deceased – assuring them of our prayers for a quick journey to heaven, begin the month of the Holy Souls – when we pray for all of our beloved, as well as all of the forgotten, dead.

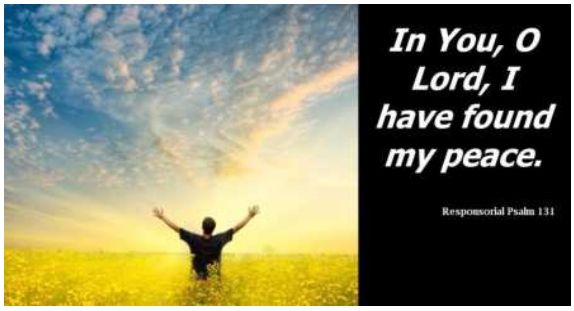
Every year when we celebrate All Saints Day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favored." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we, too, are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

Oremus pro invicem
(Let us pray for one another)

Msgr. Fairbanks



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, November 1, 2026
Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00pm Vigil ~ Living & Deceased of St. Hilary
8:30am ~ Annie McReynolds
10:30am ~ Else and John Hoyer

Monday, November 2, 2026
Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
8:00am ~ Living & Deceased of St. Hilary

Tuesday, November 3, 2026
Saint Martin de Porres, Religious
8:00am ~ Marseilles L. May

Wednesday, November 4, 2026
Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
8:00am ~ Al King

Thursday, November 5, 2026
8:00am ~ Tom Stengel

Friday, November 6, 2026
8:00am ~ Living & Deceased of St. Hilary

Saturday, November 7, 2026
5:00pm ~ James Wardle

Sunday, November 8, 2026
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am ~ Anna Marie Monaghan
10:30am ~ James Madden





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 info, 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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THANK YOU AGAIN to all who joined us for our annual Forty Hours Devotion at St. Hilary Church. May God continue to bless us here at St. Hilary Parish!

Congratulations to the School and PREP children who received their First Holy Communion on October 17, 2026! Lord, bless our children who come to your Table.

Thomas Blewitt III
Teagan Brooks
Dorothy Burton
Elizabeth Costello
Liam Costello
Mallory Delaney
Nicholas Delesandro
Kyrylo Dubas
Trevor Dubbs
Cullen Dugan
Maxwell Fisher
Benjamin Fox
Shawn Gero, Jr.
Joy Asundi Gonzalez
Christopher Granieri
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Nicole Hadirova
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Michael Horan
Matthew Houser
Jolene Rose Keenan
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Brielle Knappick
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Sadie Knowles
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Catherine Lyons
Daniel Mangold
Makayla McQuiggan
Angelina McVey
Leo Messina
Oleksii Nepyivoda
Elliot Nguyen
Mallory Obsniuk
Mason Parise
Isla Smalarz
Alexander Vasquez
Joseph Vito
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Congratulations also to Francesca and Lucia Malfara who received their First Communion on Sunday, October 18 at the 10:30am Mass!

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS SCHOOL

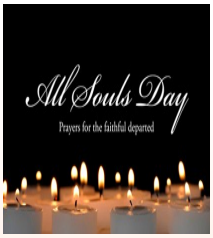
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*All Souls Day, also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and the Day of the Dead, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of all those who have died. At the **10:30am Mass this Sunday, November 1st**, the names of those who died since last November and were buried from St. Hilary Church will be read out loud. Their names are below. Loved ones were contacted and invited to this mass. Please join us as we pray for all of the deceased in our lives who we keep close to our hearts always.*

Charles Mulligan William Hamburger Marian Stevens Maureen Fitzgerald Cecilia Croul

Michael Ferrill Richard Drach Charles Harron Roger Gengler John O'Malley

Fred Kuss John Devine Frank Hauser Gregory Smith Eleanor Cantando

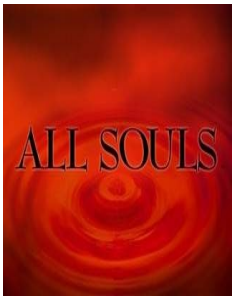
Eileen Clauss Margaret Golden Jorge Manchola Catherine Casey Theresa McGinely

Joseph Lebisky Betty Skinner Dania Babos Brian Scanlon Margaret Greiner

Joseph Chacko Max Vahedi Anne Winterberger Robert Bailey Margaret Delaney

Sharon Adams Theodore Zalewski Brother John McErlean, C.B. Gerry Holland

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.



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



*The **2026-27 St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal** invites us to support those preparing to serve the Church. Your gift to the Appeal helps form seminarians, candidates for the Permanent Diaconate, and lay leaders who will guide and care for God's people. Most importantly, your generosity provides for the future of our faith. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution this year to help prepare the next generation of shepherds for Christ's flock. You can donate by mail or do so online at **scs.edu/appeal** Thank you!*

Next weekend, November 7th/8th at Masses, we will be visited by our very own Jack Greenberg who will speak to us on behalf of the Seminary!



NEW SATURDAY VIGIL MASS TIME WILL BE 4:00 PM EFFECTIVE ON THE FIRST WEEKEND IN ADVENT, NOVEMBER 28, 2026

A poll was conducted in the parish over the past few weeks - thanks to all who participated in the voting. I was very encouraged that so many people took the time to vote. As announced at all the Masses recently, the results were clear, as you see below.

Total Online Votes w/ QR Code:
Move to 4:00pm: 130 votes
Keep at 5:00pm: 78 votes

Total Votes from Paper Ballots, Phone, Emails:
Move to 4:00pm: 68 votes
Keep at 5:00pm: 27 votes

GRAND TOTAL FROM ALL VOTES:
Move Saturday to 4:00pm Mass: 198
Keep Vigil at 5:00pm Mass: 105

***** The time for the Vigil Mass will change to 4:00pm effective on the first weekend of Advent, Saturday, Nov. 28, 2026. (Confessions will then move to 3-3:45pm.) Prior to Nov. 28, we will continue with 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 4-4:45pm Confessions. Thank you again for voting.**

Msgr. Fairbanks

ST. HILARY'S EAGLES BLOCK POOL

For those who have not yet paid, 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

Week 06 Winners ~ Nina Skoczylas and Linda Powers

Week 05 Winners ~ *Jim Brady and Jim McElvaney*

Week 04 Winners ~ Todd Corabi and Gina Vare

Week 03 Winners ~ *Anne Wise and Alan Rotkiwiecz*

Week 02 Winners ~ *Jim Brady and Jim McElvaney*

Week 01 Winners ~ *Tom Stefanelli &Karen Monteleone*

All Saints...Did you know?

In our three altars, the relics of six saints can be found. In the Main Altar are found the relics of Saint Verecundus and Saint Severianus, martyrs. In the Blessed Mother Altar are the relics of Saint Aurelia and St. Timothy, martyrs. And in the St. Joseph Altar are the relics of Saint Sixtus and Saint Perpetua, martyrs.

The relics of the saints are placed in altars to honor the saints as heroic witnesses to the faith and to connect the Mass to the early church's practice of celebrating in catacombs among martyr's tombs. This practice celebrates that the sacrifice of Christ celebrated on the altar is connected to the sacrifice of the martyrs who shed their blood for Christ.

The relics are also a reminder that the saints' lives were sacred temples of the Holy Spirit and that their bodies are worthy of respect.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ADVENT SCRIPTURE SERIES: WAY OF THE STAR

Tuesdays at 1:30pm in the Rectory
Starting on Tues., Nov. 17 ($15pp)

Way of the Star is an imaginative Catholic Advent devotional that brings together scripture, sacred art, original music, and imagination. Sit with Mary in the quiet after Gabriel departs; walk the road to Bethlehem; enter the stable; behold the wonder on the faces of the shepherds and Magi as they approach the newborn King. Way of the Star offers a beautiful way to experience the Nativity and prepare your heart for Christmas.

Call or email the Rectory to sign up
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and please pick up your book from the Rectory before the first session. Thank you!

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 past month of October, each person was counted. Below are the results, and then compared with results from 2025.

2026 OCTOBER COUNT RESULTS

Total Attendance in October for 12 Masses: 1,835
Total Number of Weeks: 4 (4 weekends in 2026)
* Average Attendance per weekend at Mass: **459**

2025 OCTOBER COUNT RESULTS

Total Attendance in October for 12 Masses: 1,959
Total Number of Weeks: 4 (4 weekends in 2025)
* Average Attendance per weekend at Mass: **490**



THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT LIFE FROM NOAH'S ARK:



** Don't miss the boat.*
** Remember that we are all in the same boat.*
** Plan ahead; it wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.*
** Stay fit; when you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.*
** Don't listen to critics; just do the job that needs to be done.*
** Build your future on high ground.*
** For safety's sake, travel in pairs.*
** Speed isn't always an advantage; the snails were on board with the cheetahs.*
** When you're stressed, float a while.*
** Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.*
** No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting!*

ST. HILARY LADIES AUXILIARY OF MARY

Due to Thanksgiving, our monthly meeting will be a week earlier. Please come join us on **Thursday, Nov. 19 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center**. All women welcome!

Call Stacey with questions at 215-896-3424.

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Next Meeting: Thursday, Nov. 5
7:00pm in the Rectory ~
all men are welcome

Updated St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club News:

Next meeting is Wed., November 18 where the topic will be "Duels, Fools, and Scoundrels of Civil War." New members are always welcome - we are a very fun & welcoming group! You do not have to be a parish member to join. If you have questions, feel free to call Club President Michele Laganella at 215-498-5908. Doors open at 9am; meeting starts at 10am.

Welcome to St. Hilary Parish
Fr. Steve Katziner



Dear St. Hilary Parishioners,

This November, I will be taking up residence at St. Hilary Rectory with the status of a retired Archdiocesan priest. I am looking forward to meeting you, praying with you, and working with Msgr. Fairbanks. For the last 2 years, I've been in residence at Regina Coeli Residence for Priests in Warminster. This house is closing due to financial constraints & the remaining 4 priests are moving into local rectories.

I graduated from Presentation BVM and then attended Cardinal Dougherty H.S. After that, I went to St. Charles Seminary and was ordained in 1974. I have served as the parochial vicar at various parishes including St. Jerome, St. Cecilia, and St. Ephrem.

Please feel free to introduce yourself!

Fr. Steve Katziner

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 Masantonia, Angela Gavin, William Hartner, Mary Jane Hummel, Tina Savarino, Sarah Koehler, 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, Anne Visco, Daniel Hare, 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, Joanne McKee, Jamie Leal, Helen Toland, Maryanne Powell, Sandra Rogers, Timothy Funk, Michelle Stuetz, Kim Huntoweski, Ariel Cleveland, Mary Garcia, Soon Lee, Thomas Decicico, Jr., Irene Tucci, John McGahey, Elvyra Owen

Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:

BJ Verdon *Gerry Holland*

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH

WEEKEND MASSES
Saturdays at 5:00pm
*** Saturday Vigil will change to 4:00pm starting 11/28/26
Sundays at 8:30am and 10:30am,

WEEKDAY MASSES
8 AM on Monday thru Friday

CONFESSIONS:
Saturdays 4 – 4:45 PM (3-3:45pm beginning 11/28/26)

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ST. HILARY OF POITIERS ANNUAL BLOCK COLLECTION

Thank you for your responses so far to the annual St. Hilary Block Collection. Your kind & generous contributions are much appreciated!

Sincerely,
- - Msgr. Fairbanks

Block Collection To-Date: $23,500

STEWARDSHIP REPORT
TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

October 25, 2026	October 26, 2025
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Total: $6,314	**Total: $6,910**

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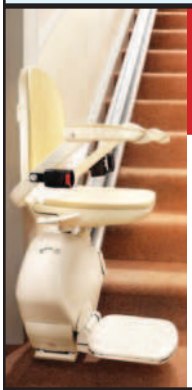
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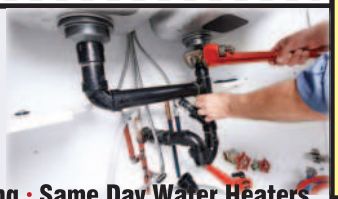


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