

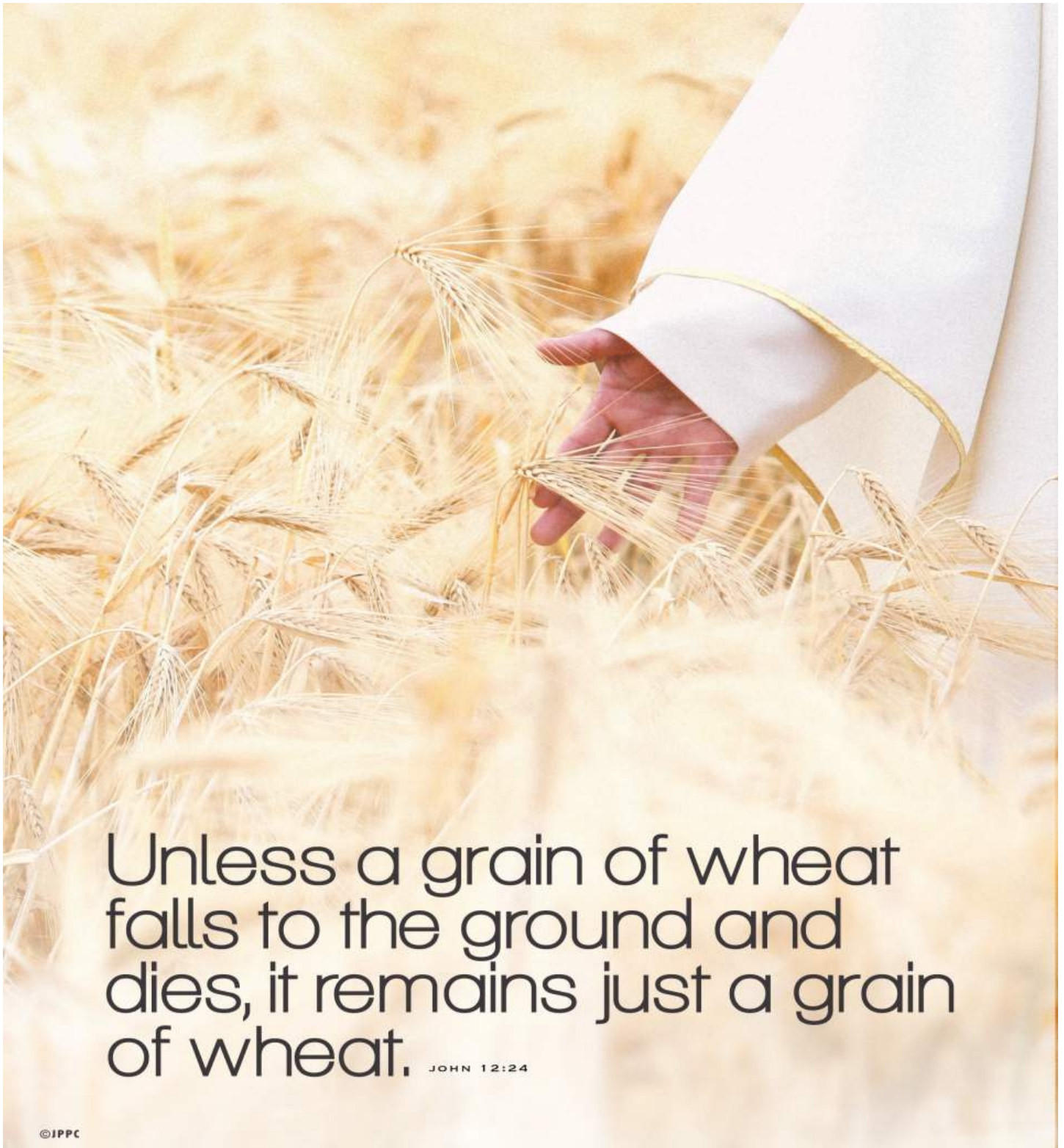
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MARCH 17, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Unless a grain of wheat
falls to the ground and
dies, it remains just a grain
of wheat. JOHN 12:24

PASTOR'S CORNER

"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."

-- John 12:20-33

The crowning moment for any athlete comes when victory is finally achieved and he or she holds up a prized trophy. The long quest is celebrated by holding the trophy high, kissing and embracing it, like a long lost friend. The trophy for Jesus Christ was His Cross. The prize He won was for all of us...victory over death, resurrection, and new life. The hour of Jesus' greatest humiliation was the hour of His greatest triumph.

How many times in our hardest and most trying moments - moments of pain & desperation - we are drawn to that painful image found on a Crucifix. We may catch ourselves reverencing the Crucifix with a holy kiss or blessing ourselves over and over again. Ironically, when we need new life, hope, and strength, we come to the image of Jesus crucified. We come believing that His cries and tears were heard in an extraordinary way. Sorrow, suffering, and even death were transformed by Jesus' great victory of Resurrection. To the degree that we join our cries and tears to Him, we, too, will transcend our sorrows and defeat the deadly forces of life.

In our final days of Lent and as we soon approach Holy Week, may our life and love be ever drawn near to Him. May we fill the Church with reverence and devotion so as to learn to triumph over all adversity. May we allow His grace to conquer what long has conquered us.

"By contemplating the pierced side of Christ, we understand God's love."
(Pope Benedict XVI)

Happy Lent,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00pm ~ Kathleen DeMarco

8:30am ~ William Morley

10:30am ~ John J. Dugan

The new Sunday Mass Schedule started in January

Monday, March 18, 2024

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of Church

8:00am ~ Joe Hartey

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

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am ~ Jack and Patsy Whalen

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

8:00am ~ Joseph Magee III

Thursday, March 21, 2024

8:00am ~ Anna Marie and Emil Maikner

2:15pm ~ Stations of the Cross

7:00pm ~ Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 22, 2024

8:00am ~ Dorothy Trappler

Saturday, March 23, 2024

5:00pm ~ Mary Melly

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

8:30am ~ Robert Seifert

10:30am ~ Marjory Oliveri

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UPDATE TO THE ST. HILARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



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 \$347,948 so far. 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 nearing the end 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 FIFTH WEEK OF LENT:

Sunday ~ consider offering your Communion at Mass for missionaries, catechists, and those who pass on the faith

Monday ~ until the end of Lent, consider only buying the essentials, like food, medicine, etc.

Tuesday ~ Happy Solemnity...enjoy pastries today to celebrate St. Joseph's Day, and prayerfully entrust husbands and fathers to St. Joseph's protection

Wednesday ~ consider dropping off a bag or box of clothes to a destination that collects used clothing

Thursday ~ find time today to pray extra prayers; pray that everyone has a spiritually fruitful upcoming Holy Week

Friday ~ the King is coming; clean the house in order to prepare for Palm Sunday

Saturday ~ praying for the dead is a work of mercy; visit a cemetery and pray for the souls there

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 of the annual Catholic Charities Appeal.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL



St. Hilary of Poitiers School

SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS FOR THE 2024-25 YEAR IS NOW OPEN FOR PREK - 8th GRADES!



At St. Hilary of Poitiers School, we focus on educating the whole child. We encourage our students to discover and develop their talents. Our Christian faith permeates each aspect of who we are and what we do. Our students are encouraged to develop leadership abilities and interpersonal skills, understand personal responsibility, practice sportsmanship, and provide service to the community.

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HOSPITALITY SUNDAY THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 17 AFTER 8:30am AND THE 10:30am MASSES



All are welcome and encouraged to stop in the Parish Center this Sunday, March 17 to have a drink and a snack after the 8:30 and 10:30am Masses! Please join us!



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 also recognize Him in their suffering brother or sister, those who are sick, those who are strangers or in prison, etc. They are attentive to every person; they work in practice for all who are in need.

MEN'S RETREAT

Our Men's Retreat was very successful! We had 26 participants who spent the morning of March 2 reflecting, praying, and praising the Lord. This Lenten Retreat was directed by Father Dennis O'Donnell who had inspirational stories and insights to the faith. Many thanks to him and to all our men who took part in this Lenten Retreat!



Holy Week Schedule



Please take this opportunity before Easter for Daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation

*Daily Mass Monday thru Friday at 8am
Confessions after the 10:30am Mass during Lent
and Saturdays at 4pm
Stations of the Cross on Thursdays at 2:15pm & 7:00pm*

Monday, March 25

Confessions at 7:00pm (extra priests available)

EASTER TRIDUUM AT ST. HILARY CHURCH

Please join us for this Holy Three Day Festival... it is a time set aside for prayer and worship. These three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday are the heart and core of our whole Church year.

HOLY THURSDAY is the feast day of the priesthood and of the Eucharist. A morning Mass, which is called the Chrism Mass, is celebrated in the cathedrals around the world. The priests renew their commitment to priestly service and ask the people to pray for them.

Holy Thursday (March 28)

7:00pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:30pm to 10pm ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10:00pm ~ Night Prayer

Good Friday (March 29)

9:00am ~ Morning Prayer
3pm ~ Adoration of the Cross & Communion Service

Holy Saturday (March 30)

11:00am ~ Blessing of Food
7:30pm ~ Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday Masses (March 31)

Masses at 8:30am and 10:30am

STEWARDSHIP REPORT TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 10, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$7,386
Electronic Giving: \$2,768

Total: \$10,154

March 12, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$7,503
Electronic Giving: \$2,206

Total: \$9,709



St. Hilary Ladies Sodality Thursday, March 21 7:00pm in the Parish Center

Open to ALL women - please join us for the Rosary, fellowship, and refreshments!

Please contact Stacey Ellis at scallah9@aol.com or 215-896-3424

for more information or with any questions. Thank you!

RESUME OF JESUS

Address: *Ephesians 1:20*

Phone: *Romans 10:13*

Website: *The Bible*

Keywords: *Christ, Lord, Savior, and Jesus*

Objective: My name is Jesus - The Christ. Many call me Lord! I've sent you my Redeemer because I'm seeking the top management position in your Heart. Please consider my accomplishments as set forth in my resume.

Qualifications:

- I founded the earth and established the heavens
(See Proverbs 3:19)
- I formed man from the dust of the ground.
(See Genesis 2:7)
- I breathed into man the breath of life
(See Genesis 2:7)
- I redeemed man from the curse of the law
(See Galatians 3:13)

Occupational Background:

I've only had one employer (See Luke 2:49). I've never been tardy, absent, disobedient, slothful, or disrespectful. My employer has nothing but rave reviews for me. (See Matthew 3:15-17)

Skills Work Experiences:

Some include empowering the poor to be poor no more, healing the broken-hearted, setting the captives free, healing the sick, restoring sight to the blind. I am a Wonderful Counselor (See Isaiah 9:6). People who listen to me shall dwell safely and shall not fear evil. (See Proverbs 1:33). Most importantly, I have the authority, ability, and power to cleanse you of your sins. (See 1 John 1:7-9)

Educational Background:

I encompass the entire breadth and length of knowledge, wisdom, and understanding. (See Proverbs 2:6). In me are hidden all of the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (See Col.2:3)

Major Accomplishments:

I laid down my life so that you may live (See II Cor. 5:15). I've miraculously fed the poor, healed the sick, and raised the dead.

References:

Believers and followers worldwide will testify to my divine healing, salvation, miracles, and guidance.

I'm confident that I'm the only candidate qualified to fill this vital position in your heart.

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

The Feast of St. Joseph is March 19. You can use this prayer to receive the help of this great man...

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God.

I place in you all my interests and desires...*(Mention your requests here)*.

Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms;

I dare not approach while He reposes near your arms. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when

I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls - pray for me.



May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind always
be at your back,
May the sun shine warm
upon your face,
and the rains fall softly upon
your fields,
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in
the palm of his hand.

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SHS LION PRIDE 5K RUN & 1 MILE WALK

Sunday, April 7 at 1:00pm at SHS

Sign up & get more info w/ the QR code, or the link:



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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 contact 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 can't wait to share this special day with you!

ST. HILARY 55+ SPIRIT CLUB NEWS

The St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club **next meeting is this Wed., March 20 at which time Bill Monaghan will once again lead us in Irish songs and the telling of stories of Irish lore. Join us as we continue the celebration of St. Patrick and wear your green.** 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 March 20; doors open at 9am and the meeting starts at 10am.



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 Masantonia, 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, Theresa Williams, Jim Curley, Bob Donnolly, Gloria Merron

*Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:
Rev. Terence Weik*

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

CONFESSIONS:

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; Fridays 8:30am to 12pm

Closed for Lunch: 12 PM to 1 PM

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Rachel's Vineyard is an extraordinary healing opportunity for any person who struggles with emotional and spiritual pain of pregnancy loss, whether thru abortion or miscarriage.

Come to our Healing Weekend Retreat

April 12-14, 2024

National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown

To register or for more info, call Evelyn at 215-317-5752

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 Anmarie Dugan at 267-253-1693. Thank you for your prayers and consideration.

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