

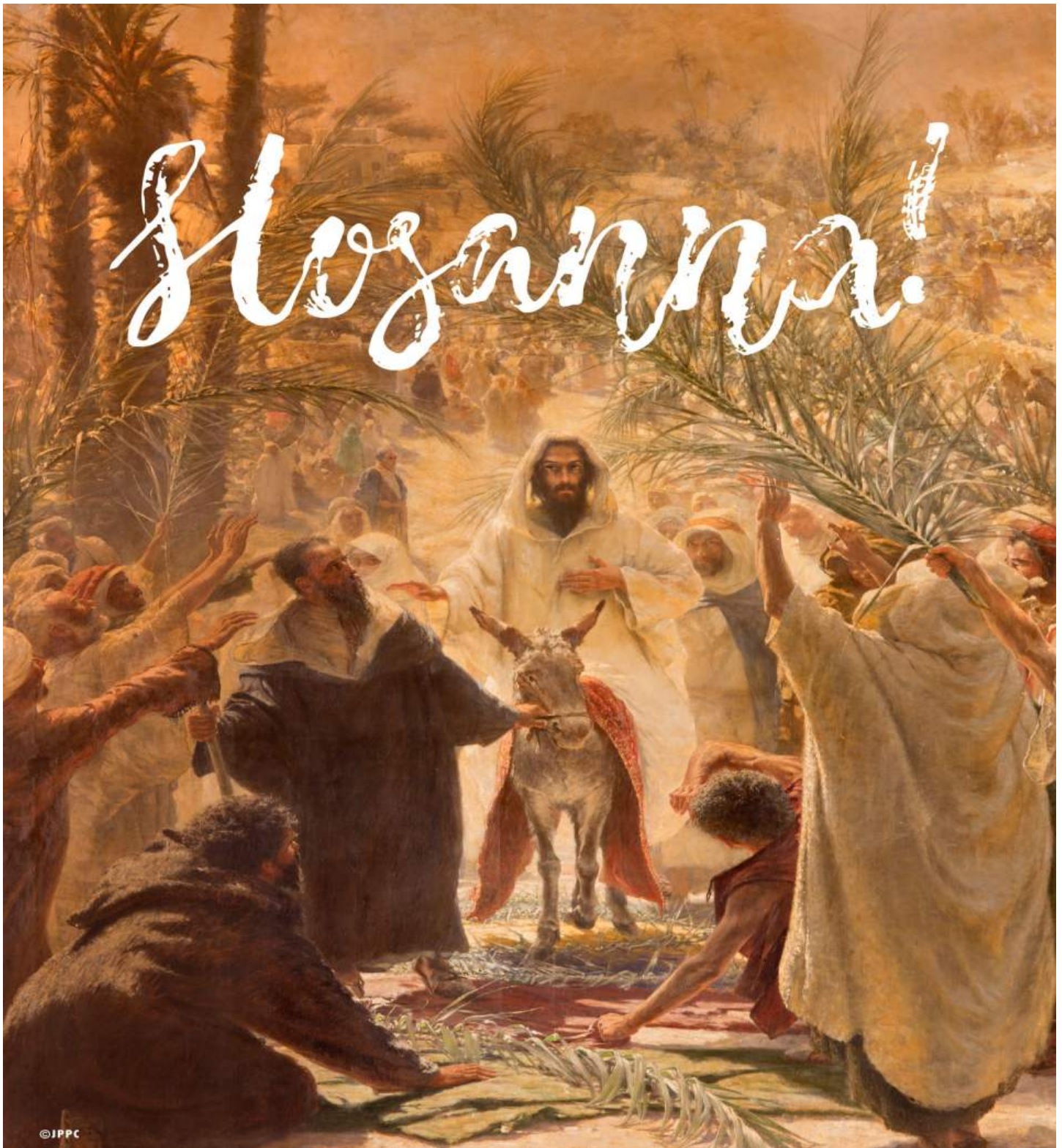
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MARCH 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY



PASTOR'S CORNER

“Christ became obedient to the point of death on a Cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every other name.”

-- Philippians 2:8-9

This week, so sacred is our life of faith that we remember why the name of Jesus Christ is above and surpasses every other name. The story and events of Jesus' life is our story. We are the reason why “He emptied Himself and became obedient to the point of death.”

This week, we learn God's pursuit of us; His longing for a response from us would go to any length. From the heights of heaven, He came to the depths of being laid in an earthen tomb to free us from the addiction of our sins and fear of death. What is our response? Certainly our presence in Church this week is a good place to start. Let us fill the empty Church with our presence, love, and devotion.

Above all else, our most genuine response would be to live the life of holy living that He made possible. In the words of St. Andrew, “Let us accompany Him as He hastens toward His passions and imitate those who met Him there, not covering His paths with garments, live branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before Him - by being humble and by trying to live as He would wish. May we be the garments clothed in grace. We who have been baptized into Christ must be the garments that we spread before Him.”

Happy Holy Week,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

5:00pm ~ Mary Melly

8:30am ~ Robert Seifert

10:30am ~ Marjory Oliveri

The new Sunday Mass Schedule started in January

Monday, March 25, 2024

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

*** 7:00pm ~ *Confessions in Church*

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

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

8:00am ~ Carol and Andrew McCauley

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

8:00am ~ Vincent Costello

HOLY THURSDAY, March 28, 2024

(no morning Mass)

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ Patrick Morley

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29, 2024

9:00am ~ Morning Prayer

3:00pm ~ Adoration of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, March 30, 2024

11:00am ~ *Blessing of Easter Food*

7:30pm Easter Vigil ~ Rose & Charles Eckardt

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31, 2024

8:30am ~ Donald Burger

10:30am ~ Lidia Yacilla

(There is no Daily Mass on Monday, April 1 as well as no Adoration on this day)

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 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 \$350,536. Of the 231 families who have pledged, 169 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 in the second year of our Campaign, I am most grateful for your generosity. As always, the people of St. Hilary always come through! God's grace & peace, Fr. Murray



SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR HOLY WEEK:

Sunday ~ during the Gospel readings at Mass, imagine you're in the scene...how would you respond?

Monday ~ offer extra prayers today for those coming into the Church at Easter

Tuesday ~ evaluate your Lent; where did you see spiritual growth, and what would you do differently next year?

Wednesday ~ today recalls Judas' betrayal of Christ; ask forgiveness from those you have hurt, and forgive those who have hurt you

Thursday ~ today, Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood; send a priest you know a thank-you card

Friday ~ read Mark 15 and reflect on Jesus' love for you; name one way you will return His love

Saturday ~ light a candle and renew your baptismal vows to remain faithful to God this coming year

SUMMER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

After receiving feedback from both the Pastoral Council and Liturgy Committee, as well as others, the **Summer Sunday Mass Schedule** will be the same as the current schedule. In the past, the summer Sunday schedule was 9am and 11am, but we will keep the summer schedule the same as now, which is 8:30am and 10:30am. Thank you for your input. Our Weekend Mass Schedule will remain:

Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 8:30am and 10:30am

HOLY WEEK

Please take this opportunity before Easter for **Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation**
Daily Mass this week Monday thru Wednesday at 8am
Confessions after the 10:30am Mass on Palm Sunday, as well as on Monday, March 25 at 7pm

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 3 days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday, are the heart & core of our whole Church year.



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

FAST & ABSTINENCE and OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, on all the Fridays of Lent, and on Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.



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Sunday, April 7

1:00pm at St. Hilary School

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! 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!

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION**

March 17, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$5,131
Electronic Giving: **\$2,302**

Total: \$7,433

March 19, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$6,185
Electronic Giving: **\$2,871**

Total: \$9,056

(Due to early bulletin deadlines during Eastertime, there may not be an updated summary of Weekly Collections for the next couple of weeks.)

THE BLACK DOT

One day, a professor entered the classroom and asked his students to prepare for a surprise test. They waited anxiously at their desks for the test to begin. The professor handed out the question paper, with the text facing down, as usual. Once he handed them all out, he asked his students to turn the page and begin. To everyone's surprise, there were no questions...just a black dot in the center of the page.

The professor, seeing the expression on everyone's faces, told them the following: "I want you to write what you see there." The confused students got started on the difficult task. At the end of the class, the professor took all the answer papers and started reading each of them aloud in front of all the students. All of them, with no exceptions, described the black dot, trying to explain its position in the middle of the sheet.

After all had been read, the classroom very silent, the professor began to explain: "I am not going to grade you on this. I just wanted to give you something to think about. No one wrote about the white part of the paper. Everyone focused on the black dot - and the same happens in our lives. We have a white paper to observe and enjoy, but we tend to always focus on the dark spots.

Our life is a gift given to us by God, with love and care, and we always have reasons to celebrate...our friends and family around us, nature renewing itself every day, the job that provides our livelihood, the miracles we see every day. However, we insist on focusing only on the dark spots...the health issues that bother us, the lack of money, the complicated relationship with family members, the disappointment with a friend, and so on. The dark spots are tiny compared to everything we have in our lives, but they are the ones that pollute our minds.

Take your eyes away from the black spots in your life. Enjoy each one of your blessings, and each moment that life gives you. Be happy and live a life filled with LOVE."



SAVE THE DATE ~

**ST. HILARY 18th ANNUAL
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

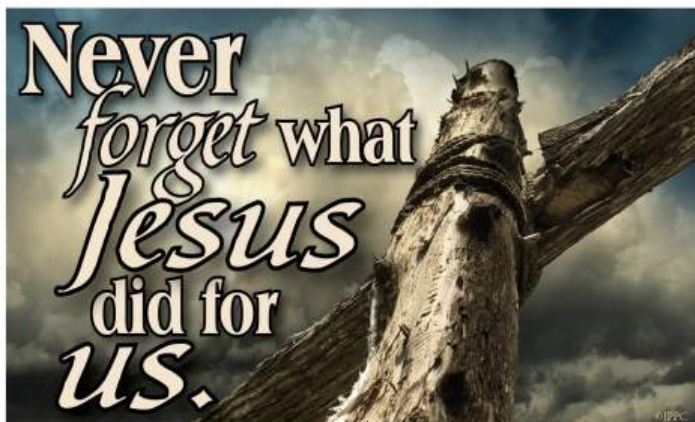
**MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024
North Hills Country Club**

More details to follow...

Palm Sunday

What will you do with your palm?

The palm brought home today is to be used to remind you that Jesus is worthy of praise ~ today and always. Place the palm behind a crucifix or picture of Jesus in your home or perhaps in some other place where you will see it day after day and be reminded to cry out, "Hosanna to King Jesus!"



THREE DAYS OF WORSHIP

Holy Thursday celebrates the Mass of the Lord's Supper in the evening, commemorating the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood. Christ's new commandment to love one another is recalled in the Washing the Feet. That love becomes fully realized in the Eucharist and Christ's sacrifice on Calvary.

On Good Friday, the Church gathers in silence to read Scripture and offer prayers for the whole world. The Veneration of the Cross takes place not simply to mourn Jesus' suffering and death but to acknowledge that through the cross of Jesus, we are led to glory.

The Easter Vigil is the high point of the entire Church liturgical year. The new fire is blessed and candles glow in the celebration of Christ as our light. Salvation history is proclaimed through Scriptures, climaxing in the joyous proclamation that Christ has risen. Those who have been prepared for baptism enter the Church, and all Catholics renew their baptismal promises, for this night commemorates our share in the dying and rising of Jesus.

HOW OBSERVANT ARE YOU?

1. On a standard traffic light, is the green on the top or the bottom?
2. In which hand is the Statue of Liberty's torch?
3. When you walk, does your left arm swing with your right leg or left leg?
4. Which way does the slash on a "no smoking" sign go? (forward/ or backward?)
5. Whose face is on a penny?
6. Whose face is on the dollar bill?
7. How many sides does a stop sign have?
8. Do books have even-numbered pages on the right side or the left side?
9. How many lug nuts are on a standard car wheel?
10. How many sides are there on a standard #2 pencil?
11. On the back of a dollar bill, what is in the center?
12. How many curves are on a standard paper clip?
13. Do merry-go-rounds in the U.S. turn counterclockwise or clockwise?
14. What symbol is on the Elmer's glue bottle?
15. What color is the bottom strip on an American flag?

(see answers on page 6)

ST. HILARY 55+ SPIRIT CLUB NEWS

The St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club held its March meeting on the 20th and the Parish Center was decorated in full St. Patrick's décor. The club was entertained by William Monaghan who led the group in spirited Irish songs and stories. Everyone enjoyed the Irish baked treats and conversation amongst the tables. **The next meeting is April 17th** at which time historian and author Thomas J. Wieckowski will continue his presentation to the Club about John Wanamaker. New members are always welcome. We are a very welcoming & fun group! You do not have to be a parish member to join. Please call Ro or Mike Schell at 215-663-1421 or Rosesylvia McDonald at 215-219-0651 with questions.

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

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



SAVE THE DATE ~

**ST. HILARY LADIES NIGHT OUT
Friday, May 10 from 6:30-9:30pm; \$30pp**

**Location: St. James Parish Hall
More details to follow...**



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

Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:
Rev. John Bowe Sheila Haggerty

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 Palm Sunday after the 10:30am Mass
and Monday, March 25 at 7:00pm *****

HOLY DAYS

7 PM Vigil; 8 AM and 10 AM on holy day

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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 THIS WEEK:

Monday to Wednesday 8:30am to 4pm; closed for lunch 12-1
(Closed on Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Easter Monday)

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Answers:

1. bottom
2. right hand
3. right
4. backward
5. Lincoln
6. Washington
7. eight
8. left
9. five
10. seven
11. pyramid or a seal
12. three
13. counterclockwise
14. cow or bull
15. red

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