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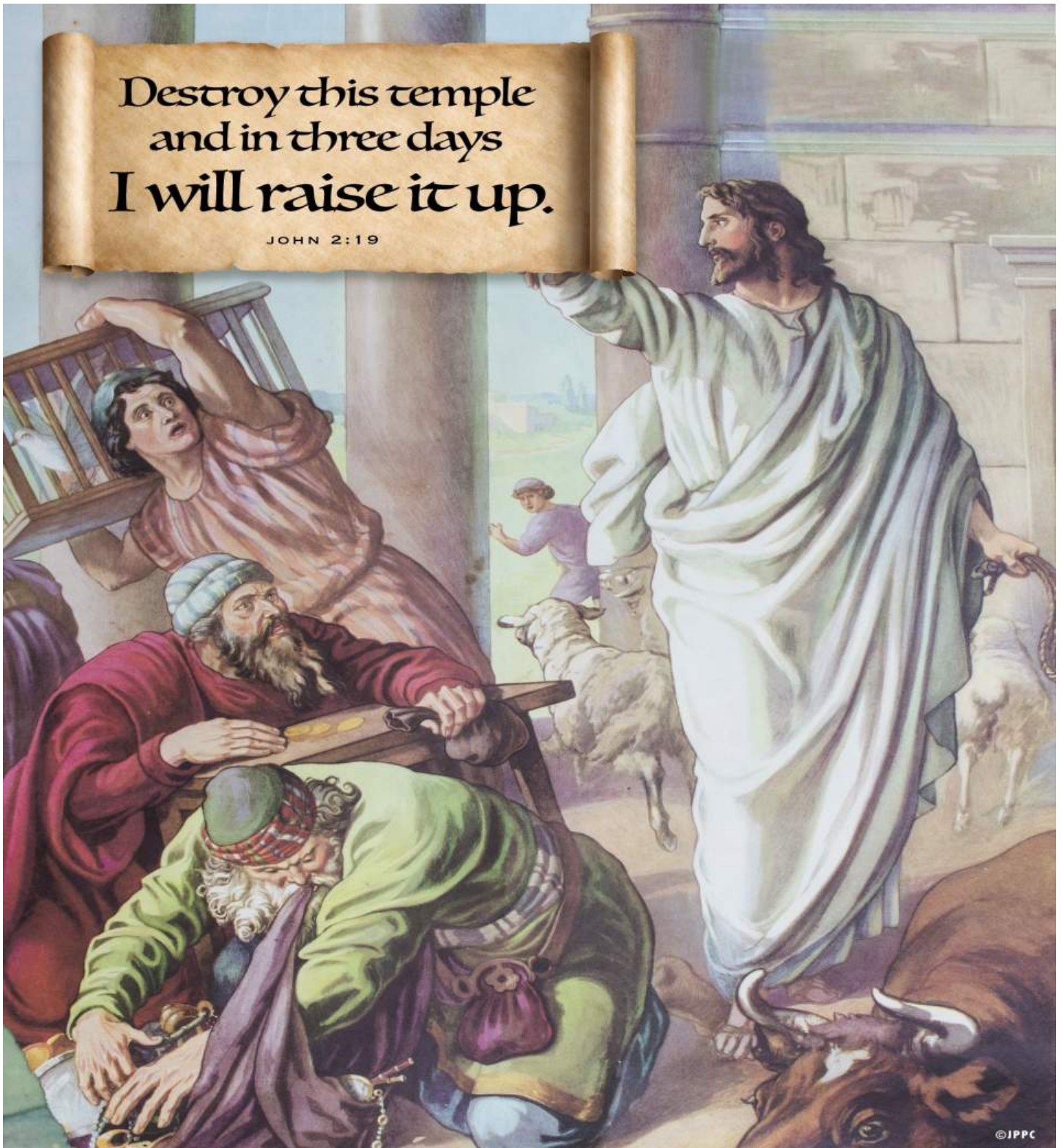
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MARCH 3, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Destroy this temple
and in three days
I will raise it up.

JOHN 2:19



PASTOR'S CORNER

"We proclaim Christ crucified a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles."

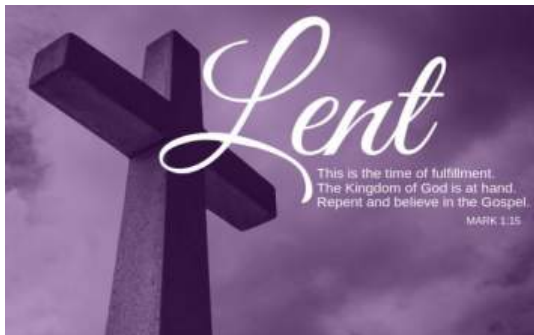
-- 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

In the early days of Christianity, proclaiming Jesus Christ as the power and wisdom of God was mocked and ridiculed. After all, Jesus Christ was crucified and hung on a Cross. Men of virtue and heroes were not found on Crosses. Crosses were reserved for pretenders, traitors, and criminals. Yet as St. Paul writes, "The apparent weakness and foolishness of a crucified Messiah proved more powerful than any worldly wisdom. Christ's folly proved wiser than any human wisdom."

Today, the world still views Christ's message as foolish. The Ten Commandments seem all but forgotten. They are viewed more as ten "suggestions" than commandments. Yet, how refreshing they are to read and hear again today. They are like a rich oasis in a hot desert of moral decadence. The Psalmist says it best, "They are sweeter than honey or syrup from the comb; perfect and refreshing the soul."

Jesus today cleanses the temple of its worldliness. He can also to cleanse the temple of our bodies and rededicate ourselves to those time-tested values of the Ten Commandments. Jesus will always be a contradiction to the world's moral view. Yet, His "foolishness and weakness" brought us new life. Let us pray to be fools for Christ and to have the courage to become weak like Him. Then, we will discover a folly wiser than any human wisdom, and a weakness more powerful than any human strength.

Happy Lent,
Father Murray



*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

5:00pm ~ Joseph and Clara McGilvery

8:30am ~ John, Rose and Henry McErlean

10:30am ~ Kathleen Cooney

The new Sunday Mass Schedule started in January

Monday, March 4, 2024

Saint Casimir

8:00am ~ James Meehan

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

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

8:00am ~ Claire Gulli

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

8:00am ~ John O'Brien

Thursday, March 7, 2024

Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

8:00am ~ Joe Hartey

2:15pm ~ Stations of the Cross

7:00pm ~ Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 8, 2024

Saint John of God, Religious

8:00am ~ Margaret M. Stever

Saturday, March 9, 2024

5:00pm ~ Anthony Tucci

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30am ~ Timothy Merlini & Family

10:30am ~ Maryann Kasperski

*It only takes one smile to offer welcome...
And blessed be the person who will share it.*

*It only takes one moment to be helpful...
And blessed be the person who will spare it.*

*It only takes one joy to lift a spirit...
And blessed be the person who will give it.*

*It only takes one life to make a difference...
And blessed be the person who will live it.*



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. 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 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.



SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS THIRD WEEK OF LENT:

Sunday ~ meditate on today's Gospel; where can you "clean the temple" of your heart to make room for God?

Monday ~ learn something new about your faith; skim the glossary of the Catechism and learn more about it

Tuesday ~ write down your worries; place the list under a statue or image of Jesus and pray

Wednesday ~ attend confession and experience God's mercy soon; resolve to make amends where you can

Thursday ~ catch up with a friend you haven't heard from in a while

Friday ~ evangelize silently by wearing a symbol of your faith (e.g. a cross, medal, etc.)

Saturday ~ give others the gift of your presence; ask about their work, interest, family, etc. and listen attentively

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.



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



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Please visit www.sainthilaryschool.com for more information and a virtual tour. You can also contact the principal, Mrs. Fagan, at 215-887-4520 or email to efagan@sainthilaryschool.com



HOSPITALITY SUNDAY SUNDAY, MARCH 17



AFTER THE 8:30am AND 10:30am MASSES

All are welcome and encouraged to stop in the Parish Center on Sunday, March 17 to have a drink and a snack after the 8:30am 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 from Catechism 1324

The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the Blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch.

LENTEN CALENDAR



Daily Mass

Monday thru Friday at 8am,
followed by the Rosary
Adoration every Monday 8:30am to 4pm

Confessions

Saturdays 4:00 to 4:45pm
Sundays during Lent after 10:30am Mass
Monday Evening, March 25 at 7:00pm

*** Stations of the Cross During Lent

Thursday afternoons at 2:15pm
Thursday Evenings at 7:00pm

Lenten Scripture Series ~

2 choices ~ The Bible and the Virgin Mary
or Around the Lenten Circle

Taize Prayer

Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30pm
(by Director Justin Jue & St. Hilary Choir)



CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD BLESS:

Bishop-Elect Chylinski
Bishop-Elect Cooke
Bishop-Elect Esmilla

They will be ordained to serve as Auxiliary Bishops to Archbishop Perez on March 7, 2024. We pray that they will be steadfast in preaching the Gospel and building up the Body of Christ among us in union with all their brother Bishops.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

February 25, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$6,628
Electronic Giving: \$3,003

Total: \$9,631

February 26, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$9,582
Electronic Giving: \$2,352

Total: \$11,934

WHAT TO GIVE UP: A Lenten Reflection

Give up complaining...focus on gratitude.
Give up pessimism...become an optimist.
Give up harsh judgments...think kind thoughts.
Give up worry...trust Divine Providence.
Give up discouragement...be full of hope.
Give up bitterness...turn to forgiveness.
Give up hatred...return good for evil.
Give up negativism...be positive.
Give up anger...be more patient.
Give up pettiness...become more mature.
Give up gloom...enjoy beauty all around you.
Give up jealousy...pray for trust.
Give up gossiping...control your tongue.
Give up sin...turn to virtue.
Give up pressure of giving up...hang in there!



A VERY SPECIAL BANK ACCOUNT

Imagine that you had a bank account that deposited \$86,400 each morning. The account carries over no balance from day to day, allows you to keep no cash balance, and every evening cancels whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out every dollar each day?

We all have such a bank. Its name is Time. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night, it writes off, as lost, whatever time you have failed to use wisely. It carries over no balance from day to day. It allows no overdraft, so you can't borrow against yourself or use more time than you have. Each day, the account starts fresh. Each night, it destroys unused time. If you fail to use the day's deposits, it's your loss and you can't appeal to get it back.

There is never any borrowing time. You can't take a loan out on your time or against someone else's time. The time you have is the time you have, and that is that. Time management is yours to decide how you spend the time, just as with money you decide how you spend the money. It is never the case of us not having enough time to do things, but the case of whether we want to do them and where they fall in our priorities.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING
SCHOOL AND PREP CHILDREN WHO
RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION ON FEBRUARY 29, 2024:**

- Sophia *Catherine* Carroll 
 Kennedy *Clare* Cohen 
 Richard *Augustine* Costello
 Megan *Catherine* Courtney
- Emily *Bridget* Ditri 
 Tessa *Elizabeth* Donaghy 
 Mary *Bernadette* Dugan
 Stephanie *Therese* Forkin
- Abigail *Stella* Frizzle 
 John *Anthony* Fuller 
 Braden *Joseph* Gallagher
 Owen *Anthony* Ginsberg
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 Thomas *Anthony* Labrusciano
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- Mackenzie *Therese* McVey 
 Lacey *Ann* Mehler 
 Rosalie *Hildegard* Milano
 Brenna *Rose* Miller
- Leia *Gertrude* Montana 
 William *Joseph* Nardone 
 Gabriel *Michael* Palamara
 Olivia *Sophia* Palamara
- Emilee Grace *Katherine* Rathgeb 
 Chase *Michael* Reed 
 Brynn Marie *Therese* Roman
 Cole *Anthony* Ross
- Jolie *Dymphna* Scamby 
 Sofia Ann *Cecilia* Shaughnessy 
 Jack *Xavier* Tuttle
 Brynn *Therese* Wybranski
- Caroline *Colette* Yaegel



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ~
NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 10**

Daylight Saving (not “Savings”) Time begins in 2024 next Sunday, March 10 when clocks will “spring forward” one hour and we lose an hour of sleep overnight. Though we’ve had a little more light each day since the winter solstice on Dec. 21, the big change will be triggered at 2:00am on March 10 with the shift to Daylight Saving Time as clocks move ahead to 3am. Happy almost Spring!



**SHS LION PRIDE 5K RUN & 1 MILE WALK
Sunday, April 7 at 1:00pm at SHS**

Sign up and get more info with the QR code, or the link:
<https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Jenkintown/SHSLionPrideFunRunWalk>

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 all 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 reach out to 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 cannot wait to share this special day with you! Thank you!!

**ST. HILARY CYO FUNDRAISER
FIRST ANNUAL COMEDY NIGHT**

Featuring Wayne Cotter, Theresa Hummel-Krallinger and Norm Klar

Friday, March 15

St. James Parish Social Hall, Elkins Park
 \$35pp

Doors open 6pm; show starts at 7pm
 Adult Only...BYOB Event

Light concessions sold; outside food allowed

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To purchase tickets, please go to:
www.eventbrite.com/e/shs-cyo-comedy-night-tickets-810437519437

ST. HILARY 55+ SPIRIT CLUB NEWS

The St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club had an informative presentation by Sister Maryanne King about her order, the Sisters of the Redeemer, at our recent February meeting. **The next meeting is Wed., March 20 at which time William 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.

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

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD BLESS THE FOLLOWING WHO WERE RECENTLY BAPTIZED AT ST. HILARY CHURCH:

Bridget Mae Dugan, daughter of Brian & Becky

Robert Michael Obsniuk, son of Ryan and Erin

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 Masantonina, 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 all the deceased

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 Thursday 8:30am to 4pm; Fridays 8:30am to 12pm

Closed for Lunch: 12-1pm

*Please note that church envelopes, as well as Tuition payments and other school payments, can be dropped off in the secure **BLACK** lockbox outside the rectory during off-hours. Thanks!*

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

"CARING FOR FRIENDS" BREAKFAST BAGS

Thank you to everyone who joined our St. Hilary PREP students & families as they gathered your donated food to prepare well over 200 breakfast bags for Caring for Friends. Your kindness and generosity were overwhelming - thank you! Caring for Friends provides food to many in need. Thanks very much for your participation!

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