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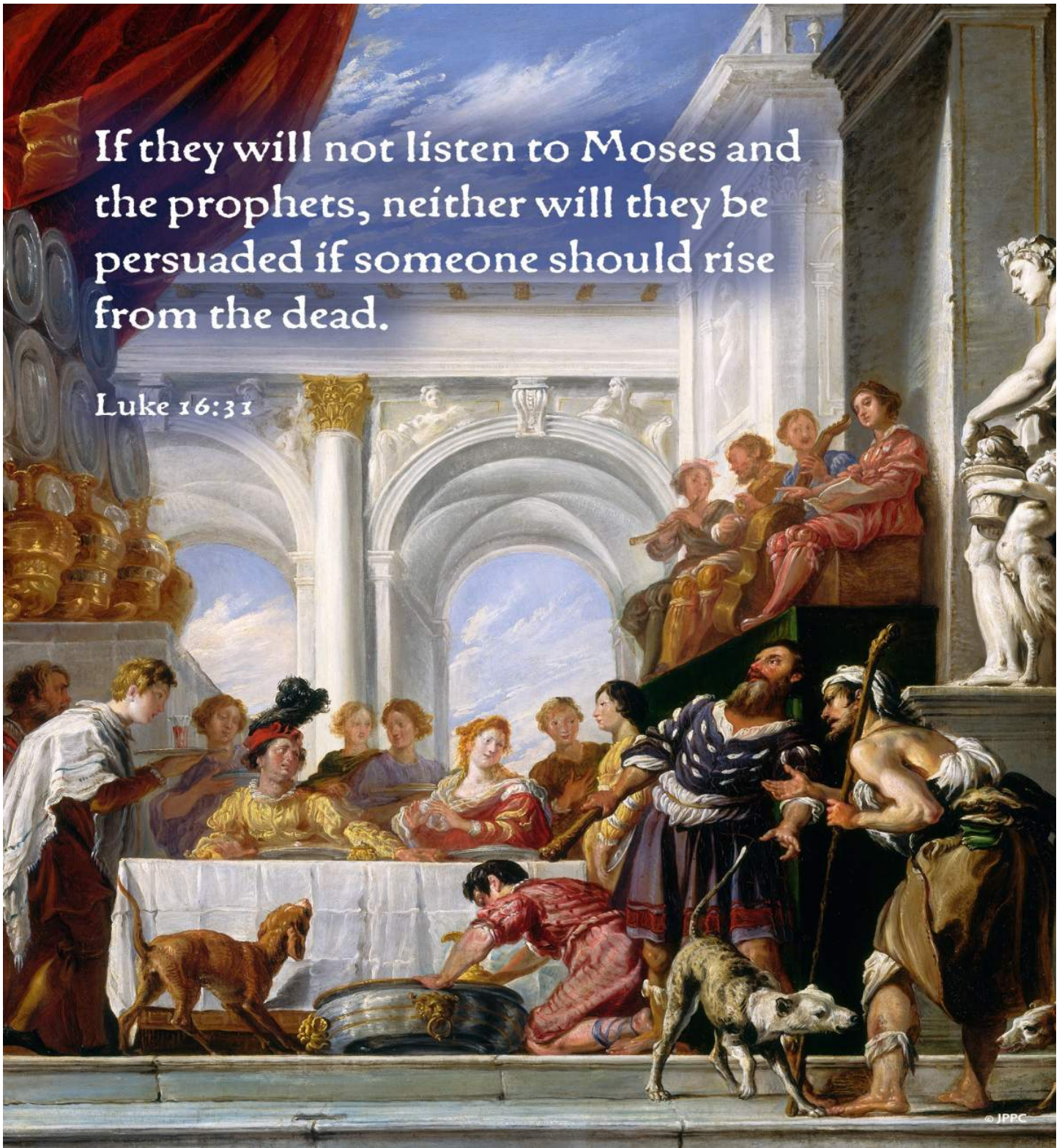
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SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

If they will not listen to Moses and
the prophets, neither will they be
persuaded if someone should rise
from the dead.

Luke 16:31



PASTOR'S CORNER

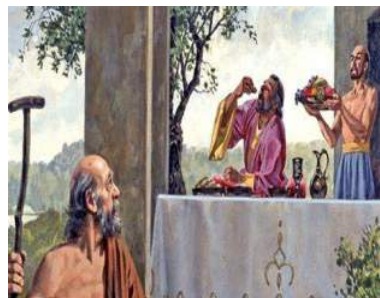
"Compete well for the faith."

- - 1 Timothy:6

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us the story of the rich man and a beggar at his door, named Lazarus. The rich man had everything money could buy. However, the eyes of God, he was poor in mercy and love. His wealth blinded him from even noticing Lazarus and his needs. Perhaps in some twisted way, he thought it was his right to be rich and for Lazarus to be poor.

Jesus is not condemning wealth. The question for Him is how we use our time, talents, and riches for the benefit of others. The rich man had many opportunities in his life to help bridge the gap between himself and Lazarus. There are many gaps in our own lives... in families, friends, and society at large. Jesus urges us to make the most of our time here on earth to bridge these gaps, and to build bridges of mercy and love between ourselves and those relationships that have gone sour. At the end of our days, it is not how rich or how poor we are that will matter. What has eternal consequences is whether we acted as a bridge or a barrier in making our world more humane.

St. Paul urges us all as people of God "to pursue righteousness, faith, love, and gentleness...lay hold of eternal life to which you are called." Eternal life is within our grasp just by simply reaching out to those in need and noticing their hurts and pains. St. Gregory the Great once wrote, "When we attend to those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice."



God Bless,
Father Murray

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, September 28, 2025

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Vigil ~ Elizabeth May

8:30am ~ Matt Davis

10:30am ~ Francisco Garcia

Monday, September 29, 2025

Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

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

(Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed after daily Mass.)

***** Adoration 8:30am - 4pm**

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00am ~ Jerome and Helen Waldron

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Dr. of Church

8:00am ~ Joseph D. DeGrazia IV

Thursday, October 2, 2025

The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00am ~ Thomas Sheerin, Jr.

Friday, October 3, 2025

9:00am ~ Michael Coulston

Saturday, October 4, 2025

5:00pm ~ Lidia Yacilla

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am ~ Stephen Emrich

10:30am ~ George James Garcia

[The 2026 Mass Book for Announced Masses is now open.](#)



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 information, 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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SUMMER CAMPUS UPDATES



BEFORE



AFTER

New steps & railings were placed on the side entrance of the Church this summer. They make for easy access to the Church - no more high steps! Proceeds from our recent Capital Campaign covered the costs.



The Montgomery County Intermediate Unit (MCIU) funded and installed a new two-classroom modular building this summer. This new space will be dedicated to housing our essential support services, including Math, Reading, Speech, and Counseling, which are possible through Title Funding. This addition allows us to provide these critical services in a dedicated environment, enhancing our ability to support the academic and personal growth of our students. We are grateful to the MCIU for their partnership and investment in our school community.



The images of Saint Hilary on the large blue sign on the front lawn (Susquehanna Road) faded over all these many years... but thanks to our talented and kind local artist, Mr. Hal Fagan, man of all trades, the images of St. Hilary on both sides are now in process of being restored!

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS SCHOOL PreK Kindergarten Grades 1-8



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Mrs. Fagan, at 215-887-4520 or email to
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EXCITING NEWS...

After a rigorous and comprehensive evaluation process, St. Hilary School has been granted official accreditation by the **Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA-CES)**. This achievement is a testament to the dedication of our outstanding principal, Mrs. Fagan, and terrific faculty, fantastic students, and supportive parents. The accreditation signifies that St. Hilary School meets the highest standards of educational quality and excellence, and it reflects our unwavering commitment to providing a superior learning environment for our students.

We are also overjoyed to announce that St. Hilary of Poitiers Catholic School has been named an **Archdiocese of Phila. School of Distinguished Instruction for Growth** for 2025! This is a tremendous honor, and we are so proud to share it. This special award from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia highlights our students' remarkable academic growth from one year to the next. It's a powerful testament to our outstanding teachers and their unwavering dedication to inspiring our students, as well as the hard work, resilience, and amazing accomplishments of the students. Thank you to Mrs. Fagan for her leadership, as well as the faculty and staff for the incredible work in tirelessly ensuring that every child is challenged and supported to reach their full potential.

Once again, St. Hilary shines as the very best!

Join TuitionCare!

Would you rather send your PA Income Tax money to Harrisburg or redirect it to SHS School?

TuitionCare is a program developed by the Foundation for Catholic Education that allows you to redirect your PA income tax dollars toward St. Hilary of Poitiers School providing a tuition credit for ALL families in Grades K-8! Anyone associated with St. Hilary Parish or School can participate! If you are new to the program, the minimum to redirect is \$1,000. For each participating School or Parish family, the SHS School TuitionCare fund will receive \$1,000 toward tuition credits for K thru 8 families. Much more information can be accessed here via the QR code! Thank you for your consideration!





OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

OCIA, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, is the process by which people who are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith can attend classes and have the opportunity to become members of the Catholic Church.

OCIA is for adults who:

- Are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith
- Have never been baptized
- Have been baptized in another Christian faith and are interested in the Catholic faith
- Are baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation
- Are married to a Catholic and attend Mass, and would like to take the next steps to become a member of the Catholic Church

OCIA is a spiritual formation process beginning in October and ending with initiation in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. OCIA classes are taught by Father Murray and are held every Monday evening from 7:00-8:30pm at the rectory. These classes are for anyone with interest, no matter what your current denomination. Please encourage your friends & neighbors with interest in Catholicism, too! If you are interested in attending and/or would like more information, please contact Father Murray at 215-884-3252, or you can email to: sthilaryrydal@gmail.com. Thank you!



It is with great pleasure to announce that **Jack Greenberg**, one of our very own St Hilary parishioners, has been accepted by Archbishop Perez and has begun studies for priesthood at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as of September 2025! Congratulations to Jack, and his proud family! Let us prayerfully support him as he takes the necessary steps to discern his call more clearly. God bless Jack!



St. Hilary Knights of Columbus

Members Meeting

(members & those interested)
on Wed., October 1
at 7:00pm in the Rectory



Join us for a day of renewal, reflection,
and rediscovery of God's love for you.

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!

Date: NEXT Saturday October 4, 2025

Time: 8:30am to 2:00pm

Theme: "Awake O Heart!" ~

A Retreat of Love and Hope

Retreat Facilitator: Patricia DeAngelis

Cost: \$20 per person

(includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch)

Location: St. Hilary Parish Center

***** Register by Sept. 29:** Call the Rectory at 215-884-3252 or email sthilaryrydal@gmail.com

Pat DeAngelis has dedicated her life to walking with others through seasons of challenge, growth, and transformation. With a professional background as a nurse and hospital CEO, she has led with compassion and a deep commitment to healing. As a certified coach, she has helped individuals tap into their deepest wisdom, discovering clarity, balance, and purpose in life. And as a spiritual director, she creates sacred space for people to listen more deeply to God's presence in their lives.

Pat's quest to know God more intimately led her to complete the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius in 2020. This experience changed the course of her life profoundly and deepened her commitment to bringing Christ's love, mercy, and hope to all those she encounters. Most recently, Pat completed a two-year certification program to become a certified Spiritual Director. Rooted deeply in her own faith journey, Pat now brings together her years of leadership, coaching, and spiritual guidance to accompany people in their desire to grow more fully in God's love. Her goal for this retreat is to help retreatants step away from daily demands, rest in God's presence, and return renewed, grounded in love, open to God's grace, and strengthened for the journey ahead.

OCTOBER COUNT FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Each year (not including 2020 & 2021) each parish in the Archdiocese is required to submit an "October Count" ~ so during each weekend mass during the entire month of October, each person is counted. There are 4 weekends in October this year, so at the end of the month, the number of people attending St. Hilary Church each week will be determined by averaging out the numbers for the whole month. It's important to always attend Church especially for our spiritual well-being, and in the month of October, it is much appreciated if you attend your home parish. Thank you!



ST. HILARY'S EAGLES FOOTBAL 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 02 Winners

Dave Luschini and Gracie DiCiacco

Week 01 Winners

Ed McDonald and Tom Gilton

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN IN NORTHEAST PHILADELPHIA

SEPTEMBER 24 - NOVEMBER 2, 2025

This campaign occurs from 7am to 3pm at the Planned Parenthood Abortion Facility at Comly Rd & Roosevelt Boulevard in Northeast Philadelphia. 40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer, fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful vigil in front of abortion businesses. You can participate by signing up online: <https://www.40daysforlife.com> (scroll down to find location - Northeast Phila.; select "view campaign" and sign up for vigil hours). Contact Annmarie at 267-253-1693 w/ questions. Thanks for your consideration!

Rachel's Vineyard

Sunday, Oct. 5 is Respect Life Sunday and marks the beginning of Respect Life month. This year, St. Hilary Parish will be highlighting the important ministry of Rachel's Vineyard, which is a ministry of Priests for Life. The Rachel's Vineyard weekends for healing after abortion as well as after any traumatic pregnancy loss are offered during the year in locations across the US and Canada, with additional sites around the world. The program is an opportunity to examine and identify the ways that these losses have impacted individuals in the past and present, and helps to acknowledge any unresolved feelings with which those affected struggle. Married couples, mothers, fathers, grandparents, and siblings, as well as those who have been involved in the abortion industry, have come to Rachel's Vineyard in search of peace and inner healing.

There are many opportunities for St. Hilary parishioners to support this ministry. Throughout October, there will be baskets for monetary donations, and there are opportunities to pray for the retreatants and presenters from your home or in the chapel on site during the retreat, or to donate healthy snacks for them to enjoy during the weekend.

*** Thank you to the representatives from Rachel's Vineyard who are speaking at all the Masses this weekend.

FORTY HOURS AT ST. HILARY

Sunday, Oct. 19

Monday, Oct. 20

Tuesday, Oct. 21

7:00pm each night

Speaker: Msgr. Thomas M. Mullin

Our parish is celebrating a special devotion called Forty Hours on October 19-20-21. Services will begin at 7:00pm each of these evenings. Forty Hours devotion is an ancient devotion praising & honoring the Lord Jesus Christ present in the Holy Eucharist. This devotion was introduced to the United States by Saint John Neumann, 4th Bishop of Philadelphia, in 1853. The Forty Hours devotion consists of Songs, Prayers, Reflections on God's Word, and Benediction.

We are asking our families to come and participate in some or all of these devotions. It is one way to give thanks and praise to God for all His love. As Catholics, we believe that Jesus is present in a special way in the Holy Eucharist. By coming to Him, we can be certain to receive much needed blessings and graces to help us in our journeys in life, especially in troubling times.

Our Forty Hours devotion begins at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, October 19. The church will be open all day for private visits to the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Evening services will be held at 7:00pm each of those nights.

Our visiting homilist, Msgr. Thomas Mullin, will offer a series of 3 reflections on the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation) within an overall theme:

***"Continuing to Grow as a
Community of Disciples with God at
the Center of our Lives"***



On Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings, we will have Evening Prayer, a homiletic reflection and Benediction at 7pm in Church. On Monday and Tuesday, we will have Mass at 8am, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 7pm, providing time for personal prayer and quiet reflection throughout the day. And on Tuesday evening, we will close with a Eucharistic Procession with our First Holy Communion class and PREP children.

Msgr. Mullin was ordained in 1975. Some, but not all, of his pastoral background includes the following: he served as an assistant pastor at St. Andrew Church in Drexel Hill and Our Lady of Charity in Brookhaven; served part-time as chaplain at Arch. Prendergast H.S.; a hospital chaplain; regional CYO director; involved in Pre-Cana; served on the Council of Priests; Professor of Sacred Scripture at Saint Charles Seminary; Director for Continuing Formation for Diocesan Priests. He was pastor of St. Elizabeth Church in Chester Springs for 24 years until he retired from full-time ministry in June 2024.

We're grateful to soon welcome Msgr. Mullin for 40 Hours!

SAINT HILARY'S 55+ SPIRIT CLUB

Next meeting of the year is on Wed., Oct. 15. New members always welcome in our fun & welcoming group! You don't need to be a parishioner. Please call Ro Schell at 215-206-5313 w/ questions. Doors open 9am and meeting starts at 10am. Thanks!

Some pictures from our 1st meeting in September:



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 Masantonio, Angela Gavin, William Hartner, Mary Jane Hummel, Pat Cass, Michele Kelly, Tina Savarino, 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 Marro-ne, Jim Comet, Ian Reilly, Kira McKeever, Michael Lucas, John Rieth, Holly Judge, Greg Ziembe, Anne Visco, Daniel Hare, BJ Verdon, 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, Donna Cunningham, Joanne McKee, Jamie Leal, Helen Toland, Maryanne Powell, Sandra Rogers, Timothy Funk, Michelle Stuetz, Kim Huntoweski, Ariel Cleveland, Mary Garcia

*Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:
Joanne Tartaglia*

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH

WEEKEND MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

8 AM on Monday thru Friday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4 – 4:45 PM; Sundays in Lent after 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; closed for lunch 12-1

Fridays 8:30am to noon

*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.*



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Real Presence of Jesus Christ. Faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist demands great beauty, dignity, and reverence".

Reverence, dignity, beauty...

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STEWARDSHIP REPORTS TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

September 21, 2025

Sunday Offering: \$3,882

Electronic Giving: **\$3,230**

Total: \$7,112

September 22, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$5,738

Electronic Giving: **\$3,181**

Total: \$8,919

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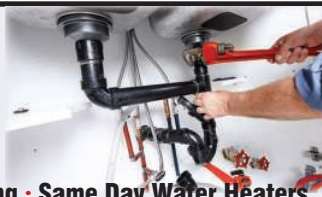
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