

St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

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APRIL 11, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER OR DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish Mass Schedule

5:00pm Saturday Vigil

9:00am Sunday

Confessions after the 9:00am Mass

11:00am Sunday

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 – 4:45 PM

Daily Mass is Monday—Friday 8:00am

(Please be mindful of social distancing guidelines)

Watch our Sunday Masses through our
Flocknote Video or YouTube available through
our website

Pastor—Rev. Kevin P. Murray

Weekend Assist. - Rev. Edward Dixey, OSA

Weekend Assist. - Msgr. Gregory J. Fairbanks

Permanent Deacon - Deacon John K. Hunter

Pastor Emeritus - Msgr. Michael J. Carroll

St. Hilary School Principal - Mrs. Eileen Fagan

PREP Program Coordinator - Mrs. Noreen Forkin

Music Director, Justin Jue,

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Rectory Phone (215) 884-3252

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BAPTISM: First and third Sundays of the month.

Contact the Rectory for more information.

MATRIMONY: Couples planning to marry
should contact the Rectory six months before the
date desired for the wedding.

RECTORY OFFICE IS OPEN

Monday thru Friday 9:00 to 4:00PM

Pastor's Corner

“the victory that conquers the world is this faith of ours” 1 John 5

Rumors were everywhere that Jesus was alive, raised from the tomb. Love had burst forth from the tomb. Imagine the disciples now if the rumors were true. If Jesus came back to them, what would He say of their denial and abandoning Him at His critical hour. In their fear they forgot love burst froth from the tomb. A love found in His words to them, Peace be with you, all is forgiven. Not only were they forgiven but they were entrusted with a remarkable mission to go out and change the world!

On this Divine Mercy Sunday we recall the words of St Faustina, “on the Cross the fountain of mercy was opened up by the soldiers lance. I want the flame of mercy poured out on everyone. These wounds of mercy must be seen in each of us. The gift shedding blood must be extended to each other. Remember love burst from the tomb on Easter morning. No greater witness can we give to that truth then to allow love and mercy to burst from our hearts in new and creative ways.

Happy Easter,
Father Murray



Sunday, April 11, 2021
Mass Times are as follows:
5:00pm Saturday Vigil, 9:00am & 11:00am Sunday

If you are unable to attend Mass in person please watch our Video Masses

Second Sunday of Easter

5:00pm Joseph & Mary Forkin
9:00am William & Patrick O'Brien
11:00am Frances D'Urbano

Easter Week

Monday, April 12, 2021

8:00am Emil A. Maiknerl
8:30-3:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

8:00am Living & Deceased members of St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish
7:00pm PREP Confirmation Retreat

Easter Week

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

8:00am Charles Sheridan

Easter Week

Thursday, April 15, 2021

8:00am Thomas A. Cornely, Jr.

Easter Week

Friday, April 16, 2021

8:00am Deceased members of the Murray Family

3rd Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 17, 2021

5:00pm Christopher M. Stever

Sunday, April 18, 2021

9:00am Constance McGettigan
11:00am Dia memte Di Sandro

For Catholics a valid sacramental marriage is before a Priest and two witnesses in what is called the Form of Marriage. If you have been married by a Justice of the Peace or in a Civil Marriage and wish to have your marriage blessed by the Church and be able to return to the sacraments, most especially, the Sacrament of the Eucharist, please call the rectory at 215-884-3252





**Join us!
Our Annual Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions!**

Monday May 10th, 17th & 24th at 7:00pm

You may also participate through Flocknotes and YouTube.

St. Hilary of Poitiers Church

March 2021

Dear Parishioners,

In recent years because of your support, we have made many significant upgrades and improvements to our Church, School, and grounds – from new rooftops on all our buildings, a new Parish Center, new school windows, new interior and exterior lighting, and two new ramps. These improvements have all brought new vitality and security to our parish.

There was one project that remained a hope of mine for some time. The front doors of our Church are over fifty years old and have become warped and faded. I am happy to announce that we have received a very generous gift from the Estate of Phyllis and Thomas Asson was used to replace the four front doors of St. Hilary Church. These new doors are custom-made of mahogany wood, featuring hand painted leaded stained glass. The doors are more energy-efficient, with panic bars for added safety and security.

These new additions will enhance our “home away from home” as a place of welcome, serenity, and beauty. I am most grateful to the late Phyllis and Thomas Asson for their longtime loving support, and for this special blessing from heaven.

God's grace and peace,
Father Murray

PICTURE OF ACTUAL NEW DOORS



What is Divine Mercy Sunday?

When and why did the church begin celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday?

The world was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1931 and the memories of World War I were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans when in Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus.

According to her diary, which was listed on the Index of Forbidden Books for more than 20 years, an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other "pale" (symbolizing water), with the words "Jesus, I trust in you" at the bottom. Faustina wrote in her diary that Jesus told her, "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish."

When she was canonized in 2000 under the direction of fellow countryman Pope John Paul II, he proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with Faustina's visions, already popular in many communities.

St. Faustina, a poorly educated daughter of a humble Polish family, kept a 600-page diary of the apparitions she claimed continued for years. Her entries focus on God's mercy, the call to accept God's mercy and to be merciful, the need for conversion, and the call to trust in Jesus. It had been Jesus' own wish, she wrote, to establish a feast day: "I [Jesus] desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls. . . . I am giving them the last hope of salvation; that is, the Feast of My Mercy."

Among the practices associated with the devotion are its novena, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy (a series of prayers organized similarly to a rosary), the Hour of Great Mercy (a time of prayer traditionally celebrated at 3 p.m.), and the plenary indulgence granted to those who receive the Eucharist and celebrate reconciliation on Divine Mercy Sunday.

But the road to the universal recognition and institutionalization of the devotion was anything but smooth. Since Sister Faustina's diary, which she claimed Jesus himself had asked her to keep, had been previously listed on the Index of Forbidden Books, it curtailed the exercise of the devotional practices. Detractors claimed that her writing contained theological errors, while her defenders attribute mistakes to a faulty translation from Polish to Italian. While the diary is no longer on the Index and her canonization has officially put away concerns regarding the orthodoxy of her writings, critics remain.

The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God's mercy can overcome sin and, as the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments states, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind [sic] will experience in the years to come."

**ST. HILARY OF POITIERS PARISH—
INTRODUCES A NEW WAY TO COMMUNICATE**



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St. Hilary of Poitiers Memorial

Our beautiful Memorial Garden in front of our Church has bricks with names of loved ones, both living and deceased. The cost of each brick is \$100.00, If you are interested in purchasing a memorial brick to be included in our Memorial Garden, please send an email to: sthilaryrydal@gmail.com and we will get back to you promptly to answer any questions and let you know how to reserve one. (215)884-3252 We want to thank those of you who recently requested bricks.



DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL?

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church.

When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church always seeks to balance two realities. On one hand the durable bond of marriage. This is God's law. On the other hand, the Church is concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Even though a Catholic wedding was celebrated, perhaps there was some deficiency in the consent of the parties involved regarding intentions, understanding or ability? The annulment procedure addresses these circumstances.

If you are divorced and want to marry in the Church or remarried outside the Catholic Church, please telephone the Tribunal Office at 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 587-3750

**St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish
Prayer Line**

To request Parish Prayer Line prayers for a loved one, friend who is ill, or a service man or woman, please call Virginia @215-663-1046 or the Rectory @ 215-884-3252 or if you would like a name removed from our list. If you would like to be part of the prayer Line and be contacted to pray for the sick and infirmed, please join our group by calling Virginia @ 215-663-1046

Please pray for the following:

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| Salvatore Sermania | Joann Jordan | Jair Merrida |
| Kevin Mayer | Sue Masantonia | |

St. Hilary's Outreach Program



St. Hilary's new Outreach Organization was created to continue the works of mercy. Through your generous support we are able to help members of our parish who are struggling. We also support St. Katharine Drexel food kitchen in Chester as well as Birthright. Your generous donations is a tangible way to respond to Jesus' call. Please see the Yellow Envelope marked Parish Outreach for your donation. Thank you for all your generous support of our Outreach Program.

Burial & Cremation

Pope Francis, through the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, has issued instructions regarding the burial of the deceased especially those who choose cremation. This instruction should help to maintain and recognize the human body as a living temple of Gods presence. Proper respect for the deceased and their remains must always be upheld. Copies on the guidelines are available at the rectory

Easter Joy & Gratitude

What a wonderful and glorious Easter it was. How uplifting it was to see so many return to the Church especially during the Holy Days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and of course Easter Sunday. What a contrast from last Easter when the Church was closed because of COVID. Sometimes we can only appreciate what we have when it is taken away. Many lessons learned over the COVID year especially how precious is our faith and worship of God. We all were hungry and thirsty for the Lord. This year we realized how deep that hunger and thirst really was.

I am grateful to all of you for your generous support and loyalty throughout the year. Many thanks to Deacon Hunter and all our volunteers who helped decorate the Church. To Mr. & Mrs. Fagan for their many hours taping our ceremonies for all those at home and my deepest thanks also to Mr. Jue and our music ministry for their uplifting and inspiring music. Finally to all our volunteers who offer their time sanitizing our church after each Mass, thank you!

Gods peace,
Father Murray



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Glorious St. Joseph, you have the power to render possible things which are impossible, come to our aid in our present trouble and distress. Take this important and difficult affair under your particular protection that it may end happily.

**Oh, dear St. Joseph, all our confidence is in you. Let it not be said that we have invoked you in vain, and since you are so powerful with Jesus and Mary, show that your goodness equals your power. Amen
Divine Providence can provide.
Divine Providence did provide.
Divine Providence will provide.**

*St. Hilary of Poitiers Church
Celebrated the 150 Anniversary of the Proclamation
St. Joseph Patron Of the Universal Church*

Year of Saint Joseph – December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021 Catholics around the world rejoice over the Holy Father's opening of the Holy Year of St. Joseph to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. The entire Archdiocese of Philadelphia is encouraged to spend this year growing closer to St. Joseph by honoring him, imitating his virtues and asking for his intercession. To find local events, prayers and faith study faith study resources to celebrate the Year of St. Joseph, visit archphila.org/joseph.



ST. HILARY OF POITIERS PARISH

All Families interested in having your child baptized need to call the rectory at 215 884-3252 to make arrangements. All families must attend a Pre-Jordan class prior to the Baptism. (if you have already attended a pre-Jordan class for another child, you do not need to attend.

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