

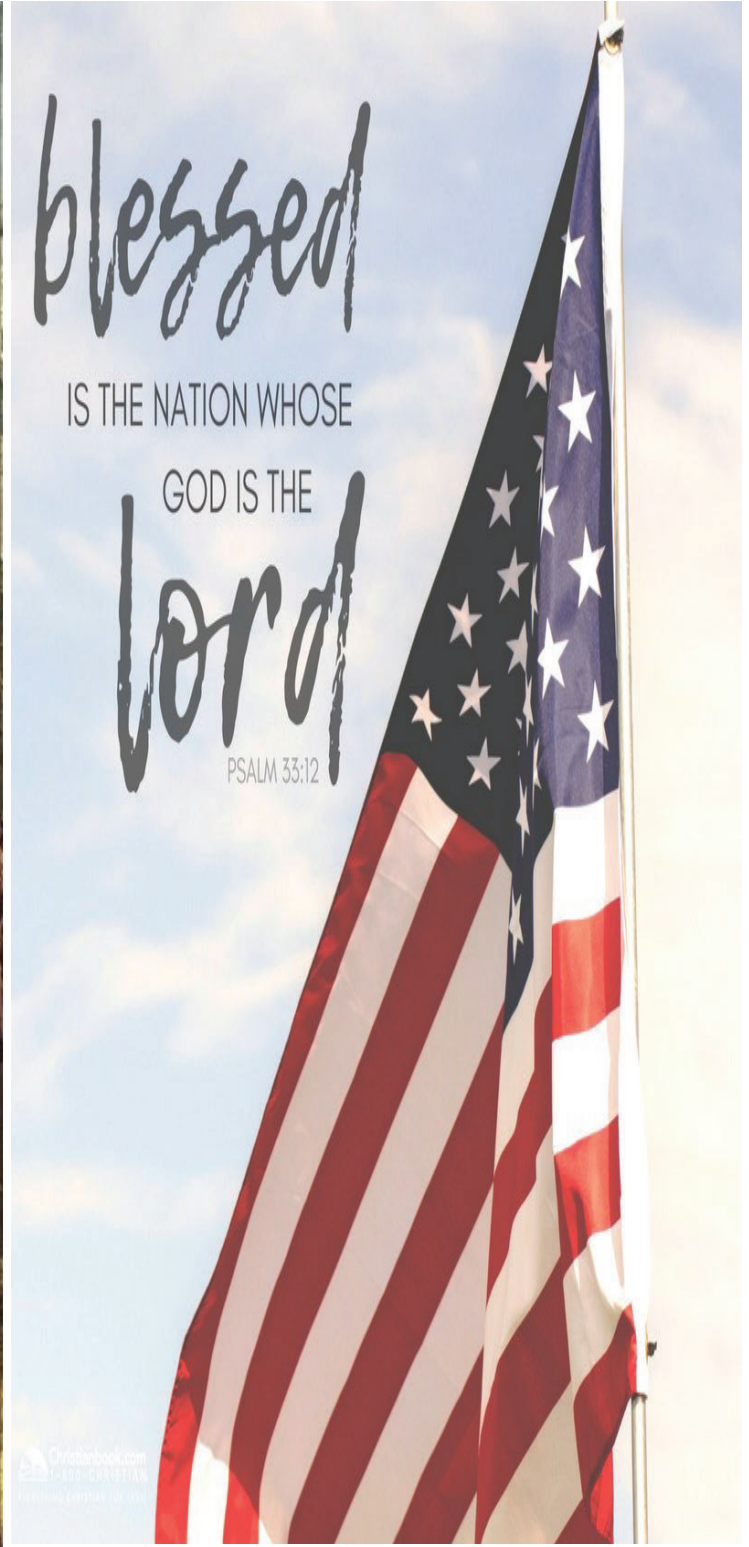
# St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

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JULY 4, 2021

*FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*



**PASTOR'S CORNER**

*"America! America! God mend thine every flaw;  
confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law!"*

Today we pause to give thanks and celebrate our nation's founding. We must never take for granted the blessings we enjoy as a nation, especially the gift of freedom. However, we must be mindful of the dark cloud hovering over our nation. There is a growing hostility especially regarding the freedoms of religion and respect for one's conscience. It seems that every kind of lifestyle and every kind of opinion is to be tolerated, except those based on religious beliefs and traditions. Certain "powers that be" want to force Catholic hospitals and institutions to give up their pro-life stance. Legislation is now before the Senate that would allow the killing of any baby diagnosed with Down Syndrome. Also the so-called Equality Act would discriminate against people of faith. It would expand what the government considers a "public" place, forcing parish halls to host functions that conflict with Catholic beliefs.

We gather this 4th of July to give praise and thanks to God. May we remain vigilant that we will be able to continue to worship and uphold our Catholic values. The prophet Ezekiel was called to purify the people's hearts by speaking the truth. This is our task as people of God. He calls us to be faithful - to proclaim the truth, rejoice in the truth, live the truth - and God will see us through.

In 1789, George Washington wrote:

*"It is the duty of all to acknowledge  
the providence of God, to obey  
His will, to be grateful for His gifts.  
Our politicians and civic leaders  
would do well to remember of all  
the dispositions and habits which  
lead to political prosperity, religion and  
morality are indispensable supports."*

May we pray it may be so.

Happy 4th of July,  
*Father Murray*



*Mass Intentions  
for the Week*

**Weekend Mass Times are as follows:  
5:00pm Vigil, 9:00am and 11:00am Sunday**

**Sunday, July 4, 2021**

*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00pm ~ Victor Trappler

9:00am ~ Anthony Lyons

11:00am ~ Rosemary Sibley

**Monday, July 5, 2021**

*Saint Anthony Zaccaria, Priest*

8:00am ~ Gene Burnetta

**Tuesday, July 6, 2021**

*Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr*

8:00am ~ Edward S. Brown

**Wednesday, July 7, 2021**

8:00am ~ Deceased Members of  
St. Hilary Parish Outreach

**Thursday, July 8, 2021**

8:00am ~ William and Joseph Schmidt

**Friday, July 9, 2021**

*St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest*

8:00am ~ Millie Sabo

**Saturday, July 10, 2021**

*BVM*

5:00pm ~ Peter Hopkins

**Sunday, July 11, 2021**

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:00am ~ Rita Steinmetz

11:00am ~ McGarrity & McGlynn Families

*If you are unable to attend Mass in person, please  
watch our video Mass either on YouTube or the e-mail  
link sent through Flocknotes each Sunday.*

*If we do not have your email address to send the Mass  
Link, as well as other parish news, please call the  
rectory during the week to provide it to us.*

**PLEASE JOIN THE FLOCK BY SIGNING UP  
FOR FLOCKNOTES!**





## RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish



*RCIA, or Rite 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.*

### **RCIA 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

RCIA is a spiritual formation process beginning in October and ending with initiation in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. RCIA 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 and neighbors with interest in Catholicism, too! If you are interested in attending and/or would like more info, please contact Father Murray at 215-884-3252.



**ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH**  
**SUNDAY MASSES**

5 PM Vigil Saturdays;  
9 AM and 11 AM on Sundays

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
8 AM on Monday thru Friday

**Confessions**  
Saturday 4 – 4:45 PM

**HOLY DAYS**  
7 PM Vigil  
8 AM and 10 AM on holy day

**Pastor - Rev. Kevin P. Murray**

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Weekend Assistant - Rev. Edward Dixey, OSA  
Pastor Emeritus - Msgr. Michael J. Carroll

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School phone: 215-887-4520  
Noreen Forkin, Coordinator of Religious Education  
Maureen Maher, Business Manager  
Marian Stengel, Parish Secretary 215-884-3252  
Justin Jue, Music Director

**BAPTISM:** First and third Sundays of the month. Please contact the Rectory for more information.

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

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**

The following are the Rectory Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday: 8:30 AM to 4 PM

Closed for Lunch: 12 PM to 1 PM

\*\*\* Fridays in the Summer: 8:30 AM to 12 PM

**Rectory Offices closed on Monday, July 5, 2021**

*Please note that church envelopes and Tuition payments can be dropped off in the secure BLACK lock-box outside the rectory during off-hours. Thanks!*

**YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**



*Glorious St. Joseph, you who 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 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.*

**Year of St. 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 & asking for his intercession. To find local events, prayers, and faith study resources to celebrate this Year of St. Joseph, please visit [archphila.org/joseph](http://archphila.org/joseph)

**ST. HILARY OF POITIERS SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW UNDERWAY!**

*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 every 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 to provide service to the community. **St. Hilary of Poitiers School offers PreK through Grade 8.** Parents can also take advantage of our CARES program which is offered before and after school.*

***PreK** is from 8:30am to 3:15pm and is a faith-filled program with a stimulating developmental curriculum which follows Archdiocesan standards. Some of what is offered are a God-centered religion program, pre-reading and early writing skills, math skills & concepts, communication skills, social skills, interactive SMART Board lessons, and learning centers. There is a dedicated playground for PreK & Kindergarten students. Students must be 4 years old by Sept. 1 for PreK. Please visit [www.sainthilaryschool.com](http://www.sainthilaryschool.com) for more info!*

**PREP REGISTRATION (Parish Religious Education Program)**  
**AT ST. HILARY PARISH FOR 2021-22**

PREP registration for 2021-2022 is currently underway. Registration is online at:

**<https://www.sthilarypoitiers.org/post/prep-registration>**

Parents of 1st grade students must send a copy of their child's Baptismal certificate to the Rectory by mail or drop off in black mailbox outside the rectory. You can also email a copy of the Baptismal Certificate to [sthilaryprep@gmail.com](mailto:sthilaryprep@gmail.com). Please email Noreen Forkin, PREP Coordinator, or call the Rectory soon at 215-884-3252, with questions. The PREP Registration deadline has passed. Please register online ASAP.

**HELP NEEDED FOR PREP ~ UPDATED:**

- Assistant Teacher for Grade 2 (First Penance year)
- Co-Teacher for Grade 7 (Confirmation year)

Please email Noreen Forkin at [sthilaryprep@gmail.com](mailto:sthilaryprep@gmail.com) if you are interested, or call Fr. Murray Thank you.

**2021 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL**

*It's not too late to donate ~ when you support to the 2021 Catholic Charities Appeal, you are helping:*

- \* *Over 100 Catholic Social Services and Nutritional Development Services programs*
- \* *Over 100 students in the Schools of Special Education receive tuition assistance and support*
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- \* *17 Mission Parishes in the Archdiocese revitalize and sustain their parishes*
- \* *The 18 Programs and Offices that provide Evangelization, Parish & Spiritual Life to our community*

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**THE THEOLOGY OF THE FOURTH OF JULY**

July 4 is a religious holiday. For this insight, thank John F. Kennedy. On July 4, 1946, Kennedy - then 29 years old, the Democratic nominee for a Massachusetts Congressional seat, and still a lieutenant in the Navy Reserve - was the featured speaker at the City of Boston's Independence Day celebration. He spoke at Faneuil Hall, the red-brick building where colonists had gathered long ago to protest taxes imposed by King George III and his Parliament.

Kennedy began by talking not about taxes or about the British, but about religion. "The informing spirit of the American character has always been a deep religious sense. Throughout the years, down to the present, a devotion to fundamental religious principles has characterized American thought and action," he said.

For anyone wondering what this had to do with Independence Day, Kennedy made the connection explicit. "Our government was founded on the essential religious idea of integrity of the individual. It was this religious sense which inspired the authors of the Declaration of Independence: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights.'"

It was a theme that Kennedy would return to during the 1960 presidential campaign when, in a speech at the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, he described the Cold War as "a struggle for supremacy between two conflicting ideologies; freedom under God versus ruthless, Godless tyranny." And again in his inaugural address on January 20, 1961 in Washington, DC, when he said, "The same revolutionary beliefs for which our forebears fought are still at issue around the globe - the belief that the right of man comes not from the generosity of the state but from the hand of God."

So amid all the fireworks and barbecue smoke this July 4, consider pausing for a moment to reflect on the one our founding fathers called the Creator. As Kennedy realized, the American Revolution - and thus the country we live in today - started with God, and with the Founders' beliefs in rights that are his gift to us. Whatever your religious views, or lack of them, if you are an American, it's at least worth understanding the idea on which our nation was founded.



**IN GOD WE TRUST**

*By Ira Stoll*



## **ST. HILARY 55+ SPIRIT CLUB NEWS:**

While we await information regarding resuming club meetings in the Parish Center, we are happy to report that some activities are being scheduled!

- **Pilgrimage to St. Padre Pio's National Shrine** will be Wed., Oct. 20, 2021 (originally April 2020). The shrine is "fully open" per Gov. Wolf's guidelines. We will travel about an hour west by bus from St. Hilary's to Barto, PA to visit the site replicated on San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy, Padre Pio's Friary. The day includes the Rosary, Veneration of the Relic, touring the Museum, the Votive Garden, Gift Shop and beautiful grounds. Members who already paid should make their interest known at this time. Non-members and new members will be charged \$55 (same cost as 2020).
- **Date-To-Save is December 12, 2021 for a trip to Tomasello Winery** for Holiday Opera Gala. Look for flyers at the church entrances or contact Michele Laganella at sthilarytravels@gmail.com or 215-498-5908. This is a fundraiser for SHS.

Please call or email with questions to Margie Magee at 215-885-8722 or mageemargie05@hotmail.com and/or Bridget McErlean at 215-663-0411. Thanks!



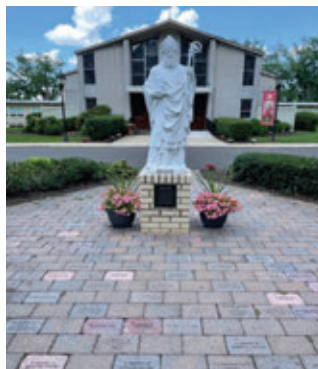
*Help is needed for our Parish Prayer Line. If you would like to be part of the Prayer Line and be contacted to pray for the sick, please join by calling Virginia at 215-663-1046 (leave a message on the answering machine). Thank you.*

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Michael Dooley, Jack Avak, Michael Brown, Kevin Mayer, Nicolas Liddy, Bob Kilcoyne, Mary Jane Namola, Elizabeth Dieckman, David Gengler, Sophia Southerling, Mary Deely, TJ McDonald, Charles Mulligan, Ahmed Abdul, Ed Watko, Sal Sermania, Sue Masantonio, Angela Gavin, William Hartner, Mary Jane Hummel, Patricia Cass, Michele Kelly, Tina Savarino, Sarah Koehler, Paris Luckowski, Judy Sklar, Bernadette Redican, Gina Devaney, Bob Steele, Linda Smithson, Eileen Burger, Brian Bailie, Joann Jordan, Tina Hardimon, Lionel Melly Wright, Cole Plachter, Mary Jo Reaby, Kevin Rosenbaum, Capt. Schaffr, Dan Webb, Rhodena Thompson, Bruce Thompson II, Linda Urie, George Tomezsko, Sonna Alamar, Sharon Fainelli, Donald Budrejko, Jair Merri-da, Patricia Deviney-Komelasky, Joe Casey

**Please pray for the recently deceased:**

Dorothy Fairbanks



## **ST. HILARY MEMORIAL GARDEN**

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. If you are interested in purchasing a Memorial Brick to be included in our Memorial Garden, please call the rectory or you can also send an email to sthilaryrydal@gmail.com. Thank you.

Dear Parishioners,

In consultation with the CDC, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia has issued new guidelines regarding the Covid pandemic restrictions:

- \* The dispensation from attending Mass is still in effect until further notice.
- \* Streaming the celebration of Sunday mass will continue. Those in good health are strongly encouraged to return to Mass.
- \* As of May 31<sup>st</sup>, social distancing will no longer be required. All pews will be open for use beginning May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- \* Face masks will no longer be required to wear at Church for those fully vaccinated. Those who are not fully vaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear a mask.
- \* Children should continue to wear masks at Church until further notice.
- \* Everyone is free to receive Holy Communion in the hand or tongue. For the reception of Holy Communion, both sides of Church can now come up together.
- \* All Liturgical Ministers (Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Cantors, Choir) can resume their ministries. Altar Servers will resume at a later date.

More guideline updates will be forthcoming when received by the Archdiocese. I want to sincerely thank all of you for your patience, cooperation, and most generous support of the parish and school during these difficult days.

God's grace and peace,

*Rev. Kevin P. Murray*

## **ST. HILARY OUTREACH PROGRAM**

*Thanks to your kind generosity by using your yellow envelopes marked "St. Hilary Parish Outreach" - the Outreach group has made substantial contributions to the Nutritional Development Services of the Archdiocese, and St. Vincent de Paul Parish Food Bank, as well as a contribution to cover medical expenses for a parish member. Please notify the rectory if you know of those in need in the parish. Your support is greatly appreciated.*

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