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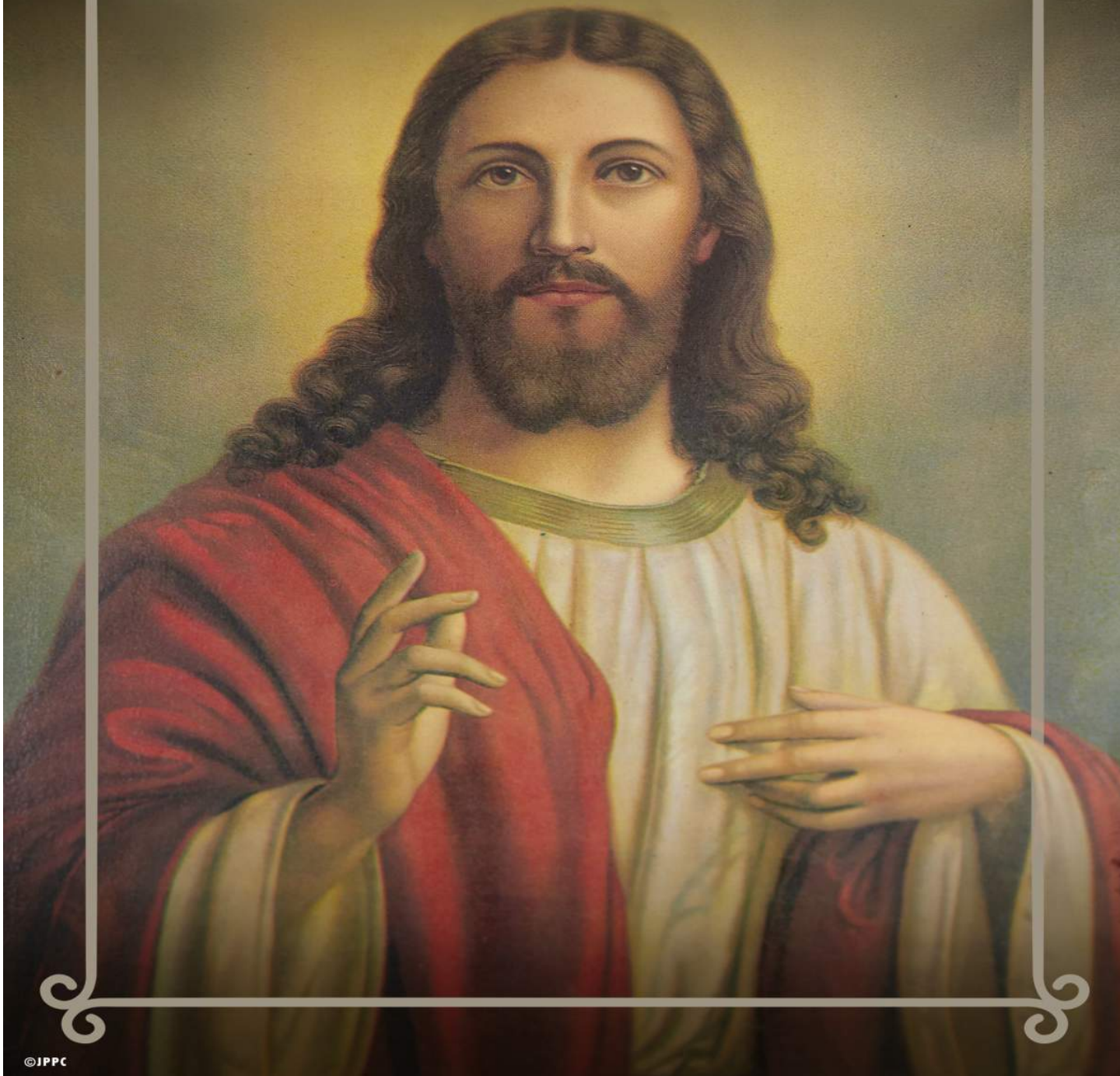
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MAY 3, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I am the way and the truth and the life.

JOHN 14:6



PASTOR'S CORNER

**“Do not let your hearts be troubled;
have faith in God and faith in me.”**

-- John 14

Well, it is hard not to have troubled hearts sometimes. Worries, fears, and anxieties are part of every day life. Caring for a family member who is ill, worrying about growing older, the loss of a job, and anxieties of what the future holds can be overwhelming, to say the least. Needless to say, our present situation magnifies the endless & seemingly impossibility of it all.

Did Jesus ever experience these fear and troublesome moments? Certainly...especially the night before He died. By His agony in the garden, so overcome with fears was He that Jesus sweat drops of blood. Yet in that moment, He turned to His Father in prayer and trust. It was that simple act of faith that gave Him the strength not to despair or give up. He was able to transcend such impossibilities, even death itself.

So even though our hearts are troubled still, have faith in God and faith in Jesus Christ. His Holy Spirit is the way through troubled times; the truth to realize that you are “chosen and precious in His sight, calling you out of darkness into His light.” He is calling you so that you may have His Life in the most troubling of times.

Happy Easter,
Father Murray

**Do not let your
hearts be troubled.
You have faith in
God; have faith
also in me.**

John 14:1

*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm Vigil ~ Gregg J. Hauger
8:30am ~ Bill and Kathleen Forde
10:30am ~ Gary Cattie

Monday, May 4, 2026

8:00am ~ Madeleine Kelly
6:00pm ~ May Procession
**** Adoration 8:30am to 4:00pm*

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

8:00am ~ Timothy Dempsey

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

8:00am ~ Jeff Bernauer

Thursday, May 7, 2026

8:00am ~ Joseph DeGrazia III

Friday, May 8, 2026

8:00am ~ Oscar Coulston

Saturday, May 9, 2026

5:00pm ~ Daniel J. Murray

Sunday, May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30am ~ Patsy Whalen
10:30am ~ Celeste Tate

There are still Announced Masses left for 2026



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**PRAYER OF DEVOTION TO
OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL**

*Virgin Mother of God, Mary Immaculate,
I unite myself to you under your title of
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.
May this medal be for me
a sure sign of your motherly affection
and a constant reminder of my devotion to you.
While wearing it, may I be blessed
by your loving protection and
preserved in the grace of your Son.
Most powerful virgin, Mother of our Savior,
keep me close to you every moment of my life
so that like you, I may live and act
according to the teaching and example of Jesus.
Keep me as your faithful child
that I may follow your example throughout life
and enjoy heaven forever with you. Amen.*



As we honor Mary during the month of May, we hope that you please join us for the May Procession on Monday, May 4, and our Miraculous Medal Novena on the following two Mondays!

Monday, May 4
6:00pm
May Procession

Monday, May 11
7:00pm
Miraculous Medal Novena

Monday, May 18
7:00pm
Miraculous Medal Novena

The Miraculous Medal was given to St. Catherine Laboure by the Virgin Mary through a series of three apparitions.

"Behold, your Mother! And from that hour," the Gospel continues, "the disciple took her into his home." (John 19:27)

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RETURNING STUDENTS FOR
THE 2026-27 YEAR IS NOW
OPEN FOR PREK - 8th!



THANK YOU to the committee members, sponsors, runners, and families for their support of the Lion Pride Run recently. Congrats to all the participants!



SHS Senior Boys Relay Team at the Penn Relays - came in 6th place in the 4 x 100 division



Some members of the SHS Chess Club



Some of the SHS Literacy Club members



Some members of the SHS Reading Olympics Team

**THE ASCENSION
OF THE LORD**
Holyday of Obligation

Mass Times:
Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00pm
**Thursday, May 14
at 8:00am and 10:00am**



Dear Parishioners,

I have long wrestled with how best to make this announcement. I find it easier for me to communicate it with this letter. As you may know, the retirement age for priests in the Archdiocese is 75. This coming spring, I will be turning 75 years old! It is hard for me to imagine that I have reached this milestone...I even checked my birth certificate to be sure - and so it is! With this in mind, and with mixed emotions, I wish to inform you that I will be retiring as your pastor this coming June.

I can't begin to express my heartfelt gratitude for your support over these many years. Your good faith, your loyalty in good times and in bad, and the many ways you have generously shared your time, talent, and treasure have been sources of many graces.

Your good will and care for our parish have enabled us to accomplish many needed projects for our church and school. How blessed I have been with an incredible support group! The Rectory and School Staffs and my brother priests, as well as our Parish Organizations, have enabled me to carry out my responsibilities as Pastor and have eased the challenges and burdens of administration.

What an absolutely wonderful gift to be a priest, and to celebrate Mass, preach the Gospel, and administer the sacraments to our youth and elderly and everyone in between. Thank you for allowing me to walk with you in the ways of faith in these many years. You will long be remembered in my thoughts and prayers, as well as at Masses. Please say a prayer for me as I embrace this new phase of priestly life. In closing, I pray God's grace and peace be with you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours,
Rev. Kevin P. Murray

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office of the Archbishop

Dear Father Murray,

I write in response to your letter in which you submitted your resignation as Pastor, St. Hilary of Poitiers, and indicated your desire to retire. I take this opportunity to express to you my profound appreciation for the faithful service you have given at St. Hilary Parish as its Pastor for the past 22 years. It is my prayer that God's presence will continue to be a source of strength and support for your priestly ministry for many more years.

After consultation with the Priest Personnel Board, I hereby accept your resignation, and grant your request for retirement. This resignation will become effective in June 2026 upon the appointment of a new Pastor. At that time, you will be appointed Pastor Emeritus. It is my fervent prayer that you will be blessed with much peace during these special years of your life.

Fraternally yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia

SAVE THE DATE ~

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 AT 10:30am MASS
AND A PICNIC AFTER MASS
FOR OUR ST. HILARY PARISH
SENDOFF FOR FATHER MURRAY
WHO IS RETIRING AT THE END OF JUNE

More details to follow in upcoming Bulletins...

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS FUNDRAISER

2026 Raffle

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Tickets are \$10 each!

Cash Prizes
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(Seller of Grand Prize Ticket receives \$250)

One Winner receives \$2,500 (Seller \$125)
One Winner receives \$1,000 (Seller \$100)
One Winner receives \$500 (Seller \$50)

Drawing will be held Sunday, May 24, 2026,
after the 10:30AM Mass.

Each ticket is \$10.

Great prizes to be had!

Raffle Tickets will be on sale after all Masses at 2 of the Church entrances. Raffle Tickets will also be on sale in the Rectory Mondays thru Thursdays from 8:30am to 4:00pm

Thank you to all those who took a packet of tickets to sell - we are appreciative of your assistance!

***** Sellers - please return raffle stubs & money by May 18.**

If you have any questions, please call the Rectory 215-884-3252 or you can email to sthilaryrydal@gmail.com

Growing Together in Faith: Our DMI Survey Journey

In **2022** and **2025**, our parish participated in the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey, a tool provided by the Catholic Leadership Institute to help us understand our strengths and opportunities for growth. Your honest feedback has truly provided a clear roadmap for our future.

We are excited to share these key highlights comparing our 2022 and 2025 results:

A Younger, Growing Parish: We are welcoming many new faces! In 2025, **16%** of respondents had been members for fewer than 5 years, compared to **9%** in 2022.

Empowered Leadership: Our community is more engaged than ever. **79%** of you now feel you have opportunities to serve the parish, up from **67%** in 2022.

A Deeper Sunday Experience: The Eucharist remains our heart. **63%** of respondents in 2025 reported growing spiritually from attending Mass, an increase from **59%** in 2022.

Stronger Spiritual Practices: Our personal prayer lives are flourishing. **71%** of parishioners now pray daily, up from **64%** in 2022.

A Rising Missionary Impulse: We are sharing our faith! **64%** of you invited someone to a parish activity this past year, a significant jump from **48%** in 2022.

Thank you for your participation! These results show a vibrant community that is praying, serving, and inviting others into a deeper relationship with Christ.

THE ST. HILARY MEMORIAL FUND IS USED TO PURCHASE VESTMENTS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR THE CHURCH.

Our Palm this Holy Season was donated in memory of:

**Rocco Lomaistro
Patricia Cass
Robert Donnelly**

The Ruby Red Sanctuary Globe was donated in memory of:

**Kathryn Philipp
Cecilia and Manuel Lawsin**

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.



St. Hilary Respect Life Committee will again be participating in the Pro-Life Union's Baby Bottle Campaign, supporting efforts to help moms and babies through support of their Guiding Star Maternity Home.

Members of the Committee will be distributing baby bottles at the church entrances after Masses on this weekend May 2nd/3rd. You are asked to fill them with loose change and bills. The bottles will be collected after the Masses on the weekend of May 16th/17th. Thank you in advance for your support for this ministry!



MANNA BAGS will be distributed at all of our Masses this weekend. Kindly return your filled Manna Bag on Saturday, May 16 or Sunday, May 17. **Canned** items in greatest need are:

beef stew **tuna fish** **fruit**
vegetables **pasta** **soups** **pork & beans**

The donations will again be going to St. Katharine Drexel Food Pantry & will be getting picked up on Monday, May 18. Thanks in advance for your consideration in helping those in emergency situations.



**ST. HILARY
KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS**

**MEMBERS
MEETING**

**THURSDAY, MAY 7
7:00pm IN THE RECTORY**

All men - members and those interested - are welcome!

Shown here are some of our Knights at St. Francis Inn recently.

OPPORTUNITY FOR SPIRITUAL DIRECTION ~ if you are looking to deepen your prayer life, discern a life decision, or simply grow in your relationship with God, you are invited to explore this ministry. Spiritual direction is a confidential, prayer-centered conversation that helps a person notice how God is present and active in their everyday life. It is not counseling; rather, it is a sacred space for discernment and spiritual growth. If interested, contact Pat DeAngelis (trained & certified spiritual director and parishioner of 39 years) at 215-603-6095 to schedule an initial conversation.

<p>Golf Package</p> <p>All Inclusive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf • Cart • Lunch • Dinner (Beer · Wine · Soda) • Awards • Great Door Prizes <p>\$245.00 per person</p>	<p>Dinner Social</p> <p>Dinner social only: \$50.00 <i>(dinner social includes: hot buffet as listed on time schedule)</i></p> <p>Prizes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Top three team scores • Closest to the pin • Men longest drive • Senior longest drive 65 or older • Women longest drive <p>\$245 Each golfer</p>	<p>Sponsorship Package</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold Dinner Sponsor: \$5,000 Includes: • sign recognition at the dinner • 4 free golfers • Silver Dinner Special: \$2,500 Includes: • Sign recognition at the dinner • 2 free golfers • Bronze Refreshment Sponsor: \$1,000 Includes: signage + 1 free golfer • Tee Sponsor: \$325.00 per hole Includes: personalized signage of individual or company name
<p>Registration Form</p> <p>Names of foursome: _____ Email: _____</p> <p>_____ Email: _____</p> <p>_____ Email: _____</p> <p>Dinner Social Only: _____</p> <p>Email: _____ Total Amount: _____</p> <p>*Registration is limited to the first 100 golfers* Make checks payable to St. Hilary of Poitiers Church. Please Return the Registration Form & Payment by: May 1, 2026</p>	<p>Sponsorship Registration</p> <p>Name of Company or Individual _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Type of Sponsorship _____ Amount _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Please make checks payable to: St. Hilary of Poitiers Church. Thank You.</p> <p>Registration Form & Payment due by May 1, 2026</p>	

ST. HILARY 20th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026
North Hills Country Club**

**Golf Package (\$245pp)
All Inclusive:**

- Golf
- Cart
- BBQ Lunch
- Dinner (beer, wine, soda)
- Awards
- Drinks on course

GREAT Raffle Prizes!!!

Brochures for this fun-filled Golf Tournament are in the Church and Rectory.



Any questions, please call 215-884-3252 or email sthilaryrydal@gmail.com Please join us!

FINAL Deadline is May 5.

SAINT HILARY'S 55+ SPIRIT CLUB

St. Hilary's 55+ Spirit Club will have its next meeting on Wednesday, May 20. At this meeting, Rick Spector will return to talk to the Club with his topic, "The Fabulous Fifties." New members always welcome - we are a fun & welcoming group! You don't need to be a parish member to join. If you have questions, please call Ro Schell at 215-206-5313 or Mike Schell at 215-206-4530. Thank you.

Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa



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 Masantonia, Angela Gavin, William Hartner, Mary Jane Hummel, 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 Marrone, 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, Joanne McKee, Jamie Leal, Helen Toland, Maryanne Powell, Sandra Rogers, Timothy Funk, Michelle Stuetz, Kim Huntowski, Ariel Cleveland, Mary Garcia, Soon Lee, Thomas Decicico, Jr., Irene Tucci, John McGahy

*Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:
Erik Sermarini*

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

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:

Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 4pm; closed for lunch 12-1
Fridays 8:30am to noon

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

April 26, 2026

Sunday Offering: \$5,421

Electronic Giving: **\$2,256**

Total: \$7,677

April 27, 2025

Sunday Offering: \$4,854

Electronic Giving: **\$2,371**

Total: \$7,225

2026 EASTER COLLECTION TO-DATE: \$21,266

2025 EASTER COLLECTION: \$19,683

SNOW REMOVAL DONATIONS TO-DATE: \$11,537

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