

St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

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AUGUST 27, 2023

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTOR'S CORNER

"Who Do You Say I Am?"

The question Jesus posed to His disciples is one for all of us to answer. What makes Jesus Christ different from any other great teacher or holy man? Pope Benedict XVI gives a valuable insight:

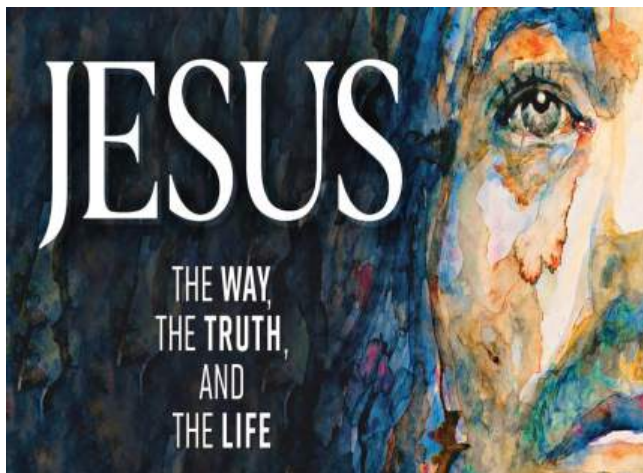
"Jesus is different from any other man because in Him, earth and heaven touch. Jesus is not just a man of God; He is God who became man."

Jesus doesn't just offer a way to live truth; He is the Truth. Bishop Barron further explains this insight by saying:

"Jesus did not say I found a way of living; He is the Way. He did not say I have found a truth. He is the Truth. He did not say I have found life. I am the Life."

Yes, Jesus Christ is like no other holy man or teacher. No other man descended from the heights of heaven to the depths of hell, as we profess in the Apostles Creed: *"Jesus was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell and rose again on the third day."* May we draw ever nearer to the God who became man out of love for each and every one of us.

God Bless,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, August 27, 2023

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Vigil ~ Cass Brown

9:00am ~ Annie McReynolds

11:00am ~ Carlos Canon

Monday, August 28, 2023

Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of Church

8:00am ~ Harry White

***** Adoration in Church begins again on September 11**

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

8:00am ~ Howard Gilton

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

8:00am ~ Anthony Banas

Thursday, August 31, 2023

8:00am ~ Tom Maher

Friday, September 1, 2023

8:00am ~ Ann Magauran

Saturday, September 2, 2023

5:00pm ~ Tina Hardiman

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am ~ Living and Deceased of St Hilary

11:00am ~ Giulio DiSandro

ST. HILARY PARISH NOW HAS A
TWITTER ACCOUNT, INSTAGRAM, AND FACEBOOK PAGE!
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PARISH WEBSITE AT: www.sthilarypoitiers.org

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SAME! THANKS!

UPDATE TO THE ST. HILARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



This June, we have completed the first year of 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 \$421,276.25 has been pledged. Of that amount, we have collected and deposited \$317,968.50. Of the 230 families who have pledged, 161 families are paid in full. All of our projects have been completed...now we just have to pay the bills! I hope you are enjoying our new air conditioning system in the Church. 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 enter 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.

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS SCHOOL

PreK Kindergarten Grades 1-8

Website: www.sainthilaryschool.com

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Principal: Mrs. Eileen Fagan

Email: efagan@sainthilaryschool.com



OPENING OF SCHOOL

Wed., Sept. 6 for Grades 5-8

Thurs., Sept. 7 for Grades 1-4

Fri., Sept. 8 for Gr. PreK thru 8

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS SCHOOL has developed and maintains an Asbestos Inspection and Management Plan as required by the Asbestos Emergency Response Act of 1986 (AHERA). A copy of the plan is available for your inspection at the school office during regular office hours. Any inquiries regarding the plan should be directed to the school's asbestos consultant, Acer Associates, at 856-809-1202.

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS SCHOOL admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin. All rights, privileges, programs, and activities accorded are made available to all students of our school. Similar policies apply to the school staff. Our school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, or in any school administered program.



SECOND YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The Church teaches that the Eucharist "is the source and summit of the Christian life." It is a living source because the sacrament of the Eucharist contains the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. This belief is not make-believe or a symbol, but based on the very words of Jesus Christ: "This is My Body and this is My Blood."

We began our Eucharistic Revival with a beautiful outdoor procession of the Holy Eucharist on May 24. May we all rekindle our faith in the gift of the Holy Eucharist, the Real Presence of Jesus Christ, and may the Eucharistic Revival bear good fruit in our spiritual lives as we focus more intentionally on our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

During this year, parishes are asked to devote their attention to a renewed excellence in the celebration of the Liturgy, and cultivate a deeper appreciation for the Church's Eucharistic devotion. An Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress will be on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. It is sold out but you can participate virtually in the Eucharistic Congress via livestream. Here is the link that you can use for that day: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=U7s42v>

Prayer for the Eucharistic Revival

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope,
and I love You!

I beg pardon for those who do not believe,
nor adore, nor love You. (Three times)

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
I adore You profoundly.

I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul,
and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the
tabernacles of the world in reparation
for the outrages, sacrileges,
and indifference by which He is offended.

And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred
Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I beg of You the conversion of sinners.

Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

phillyeucharisticrevival.org

THE 2024 MASS BOOK FOR ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE DECEASED IS OPEN

You can call or stop by the Rectory during business hours. Any questions, please contact Marian at the Rectory Mondays thru Thursdays.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

August 20, 2023

August 21, 2022

Sunday Offering: \$4,858

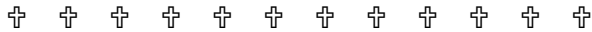
Sunday Offering: \$5,952

Electronic Giving: \$3,498

Electronic Giving: \$2,995

Total: \$8,356

Total: \$8,947



**NEW SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY MASS
STARTING IN 2024**

I am grateful for all of you who have returned to Mass after the pandemic. I hope and pray that more of our parishioners will return to Mass as well. There is nothing like being there! Watching Mass on TV no longer fulfills the Sunday obligation, unless you are sick, elderly, have an emergency or have conflicts with work schedules. So come home to the Lord who desires to make His home in you. With this in mind, please note our new Mass Schedule beginning in January 2024:

2024 Winter/Spring/Fall Schedule

(January thru June & September thru December)

Saturdays at 5:00pm

Sundays at 8:30am and 10:30am

2024 Summer Schedule

(1st Sunday in July thru Labor Day in September)

Saturdays at 5:00pm

Sundays at 9:00am and 11:00am

PLEASE NOTE:

***** From the weekend of Sept. 9, 2023 thru the end of 2023, the weekend Mass Schedule is back to the way it was, prior to summer: Saturday at 5pm, and Sunday at 8am, 10am, & 12pm.**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
AT ST. HILARY CHURCH**

Our Monday Eucharistic Adoration will begin again on Monday, Sept. 11 from 8:30am to 4pm. We encourage all to spend time with the Lord, and be aware of His Real Presence in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist



**PREP REGISTRATION
AT ST. HILARY PARISH**
(Parish Religious Education Program)

Registration deadline was August 21.
PREP Classes are on Tuesday nights 6:30pm
First PREP Class is September 12.
All students must be registered & paid in full.

Registration was online
on our parish website at
www.sthilarypoitiers.org

Parents of 1st grade students must send a copy of their child's Baptismal certificate to the Rectory by mail (Attn: PREP) or drop it in the secure black mailbox outside the rectory. You can also email a copy of the Baptismal Certificate to sthilaryprep@gmail.com. Please email Noreen Forkin, PREP Coordinator, or you can call the Rectory at 215-884-3252 with any questions.

ST. HILARY WOMEN'S SODALITY

"WELCOME BACK" September Kickoff
Thursday, September 28
7:00pm in the Parish Center

Please come join us for the Rosary and an ice cream social - all women are welcome, 18 years & older, and there are NO dues.



We look forward to an evening of
Fun, Faith, and Fellowship!
Bring your friends!

Any questions, please contact
Stacey Ellis
at 215-896-3424 or scallah9@aol.com

ST. HILARY'S NEW "TREE MAN"

As pictured here, you can see that Father Jacob is also a "Tree Man" in addition to his many other ministries! We are grateful for his help!



BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father
Please put a hand of protection this school year on all the Children Teachers And Staff
Watch over them
Protect them
Love them
We Thank you God
For all you do
Amen

the LORD
WILL FULFILL
HIS purpose
for ME;
your steadfast love O Lord, endures forever.
DO NOT FORSAKE
THE WORK
of your
HANDS

MEMORIAL TREES

The 18 new Memorial Trees in front and along the side of St. Hilary of Poitiers Campus now have a memorial plaque in front of each tree ("In loving memory of ..."). They have been placed in alphabetical order, starting with the trees closest to the Rectory.



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) at St. Hilary 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 weekly 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 & 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 also encourage your friends and neighbors with interest in Catholicism, too! If you are interested and/or would like more info, please contact Fr. Murray at 215-884-3252 .

"The goal of a Catholic Liturgy is to Communicate a transcendent awareness of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. Faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist demands great beauty, dignity, and reverence".



All of us have the responsibility to bring beauty, reverence and dignity to our celebration of Mass. The church directs us to do this in very simple and concrete ways:

- to receive the Eucharist, one must be in a state of grace; serious sin must be confessed before receiving Holy Communion.
- fast from food at least one (1) hour before receiving Holy Communion; exceptions taking medication or other health issues.
- a simple bow before receiving Holy Communion and responding Amen.
- quiet reflection when returning to the pew acknowledging Christ's presence, and words of praise and thanksgiving and petitioning the Lord to answer our many needs. Leaving Church after receiving is not appropriate.
- to remember we are to become what we receive... how do we reflect the spirit of the Eucharist in our relationships, choices and decisions.
- be mindful of Christ's continuing presence in the Tabernacle; if able, genuflect entering and leaving Church or a simple bow is appropriate for those who cannot genuflect.

Divine Mercy Said: "Write this: before I come as the Just Judge, I am coming first as the King of Mercy. Before the day of justice arrives, there will be given to people a sign in the heavens of this sort: All light in the heavens will be extinguished, and there will be great darkness over the whole earth. Then the sign of the cross will be seen in the sky, and from the openings where the hands and the feet of the savior were nailed will come forth great lights which will light up the earth for a period of time. This will take place shortly before the last day." (St. Faustina's Diary, 83)

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The Risen Christ statue which hangs on the outside of the church was dedicated on May 21, 2023 ~ and the plaque pictured here was recently placed in the back of church, showing the names of the deceased donors for which the Risen Christ statue was dedicated.

Updated St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club News:

First Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 20. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month, September thru June, in the Parish Center (meetings start at 10am; doors open at 9am). September speaker is Natacha Rivera, MS, Advocacy Coordinator for Victim Services Center of Montgomery County. She will be speaking on financial safety issues, ID theft, and other common scams. Our dues are \$25 per year; potential new members are encouraged to come to the first meeting for free to see for themselves what the group is about. We are a very welcoming & fun group! You do not have to be a parish member to join. If you have any questions, please call Ro or Mike Schell at 215-663-1421 or Rosesylvia McDonald at 215-219-0651. Please join us!

**SAINT PEREGRINE DAY ~ SATURDAY, SEPT. 16
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD PARISH**

This is a free all-day event at Resurrection of our Lord Parish in Philadelphia, with the purpose of bringing encouragement and spiritual renewal to those with cancer and their loved ones. Doctors available for questions, free health screenings, food, Eucharistic Prayer and Adoration, a special Mass, inspirational talks about faith with cancer, touching the actual Relic of Saint Peregrine, etc. To find out the full schedule and to see the list of all presentations: www.resurrectphila.org/CANCER

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 Lid- dy, Bob Kilcoyne, Mary Jane Namola, Elizabeth Dieckman, Sophia Southerling, Mary Deely, TJ McDonald, Ahmed Abdul, Sal Sermania, Sue Masantonia, Angela Gavin, William Hartner, Mary Jane Hummel, Pat Cass, Michele Kelly, Tina Savarino, Nicholas Esposito, Sarah Koehler, Paris Luckowski, Judy Sklar, Bernadette Redi- can, 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, Tom Montvydas, Theresa Williams

*Please pray for the souls
of all of the deceased*

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 9:00am and 11:00am

**JULY 2nd THRU SEPTEMBER 3rd,
MASSES ON SUNDAYS ARE 9:00am AND 11:00am
*** Starting on Sunday, Sept. 10 thru the end of 2023,
Sunday Masses are at 8am, 10am, and 12pm.**

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

Pastor ~ Rev. Kevin P. Murray

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Music Director ~ Justin Jue

Plant Manager ~ Hal Fagan

BAPTISM: Sundays after the 12pm 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 & Friday 8:30am to noon

Closed for Lunch: 12 PM to 1 PM

*Please note that church envelopes as well as Tuition payments can be dropped off in the secure **BLACK** lockbox outside the rectory during off-hours for your convenience. Thanks!*

PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE

OCTOBER 16, 2023

***Witness to the Sacredness of Human Life
at the Pennsylvania Capitol Building***

All are cordially invited to join St. Cecilia Church for this most important March on October 16th. The bus departs from Verree Rd. & Solly Avenue at 8:30am (Mass at St. Cecilia at 7:30am). The bus will return by 4:30pm. Cost per person is \$25 (bring your own lunch and snacks). A grant was received from the Pro-Life Union of Greater Philadelphia that is subsidizing the cost of the coach bus. Drop off payment with your name & phone number to St. Cecilia Rectory to save your seat. All are welcome! Please call 215-725-1240 with any questions.

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