

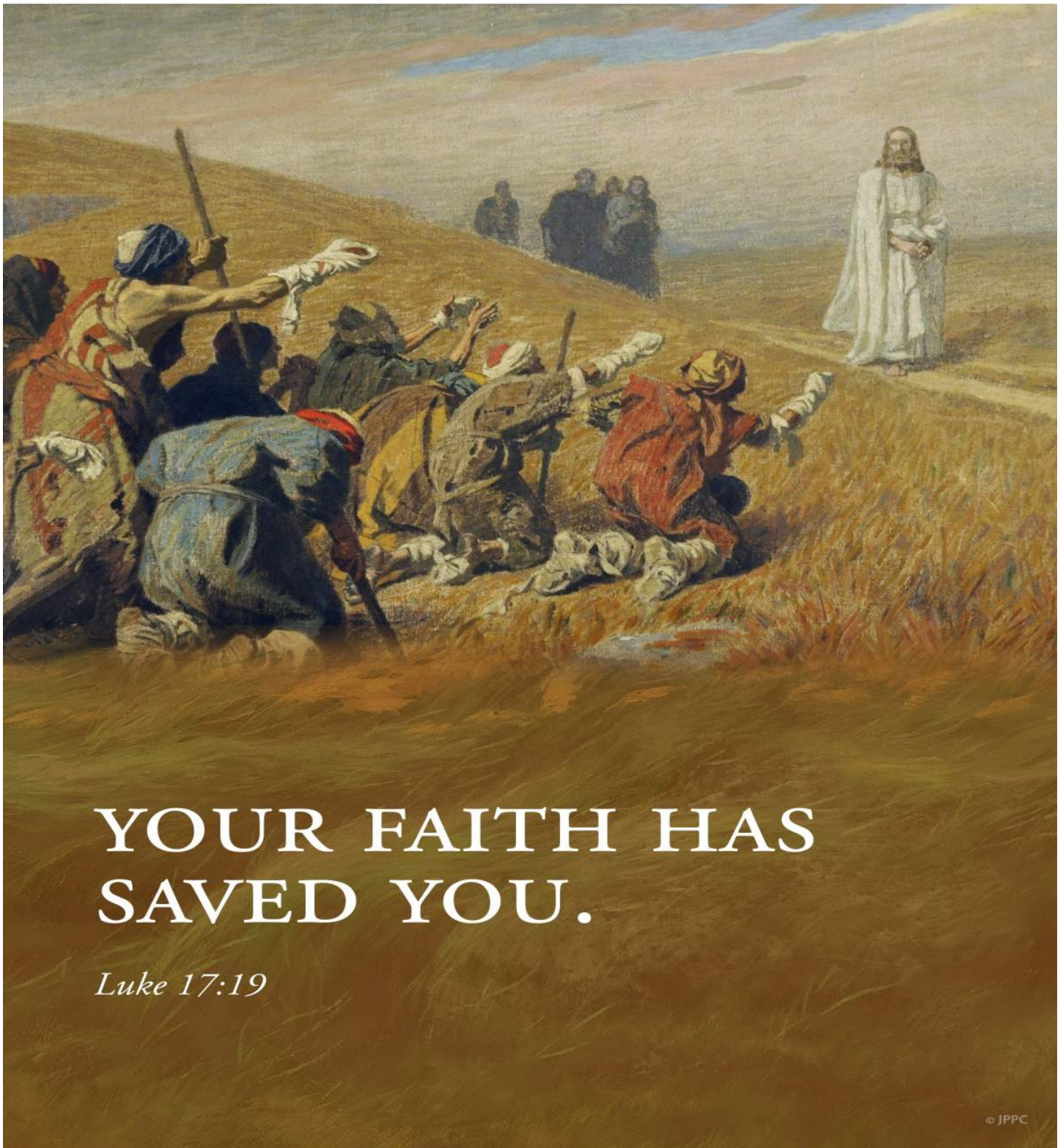
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OCTOBER 12, 2025

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



YOUR FAITH HAS
SAVED YOU.

Luke 17:19

PASTOR'S CORNER

"Where are the other nine?"

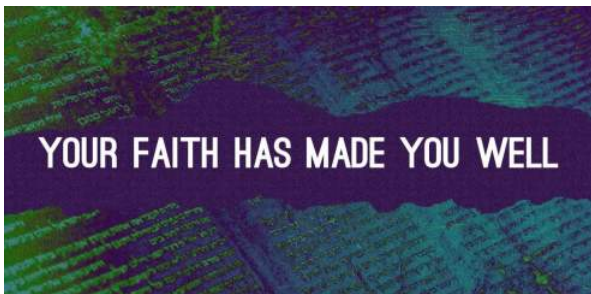
-- Luke 17:11-19

It is said that the absence of gratitude and praise is an insult to grace. We find that truth in the gospel today. Even Jesus is dumbfounded at the gross ingratitude of those individuals who had their lives and futures restored. Perhaps we've been in similar situations...going out of our way to help someone; coming to the rescue of another; a gift bestowed and no thank you or any type of acknowledgement. Gratitude is a lost art today, it seems. We live in a culture of entitlement, as if everything should belong to us. People sometimes don't realize everything is a gift and everything is a grace.

Today, we have come back to the Eucharistic table to give thanks. We ask the Lord to heal us of the leprosy of sin. Sin is what truly disfigures the human spirit. Whatever robs our dignity as creatures created in the image and likeness of God needs to be healed. Jesus offers that healing even at the cost of His own life. He became disfigured on the Cross; His flesh bloodied & covered with sores like a leper.

How can we repay such a grace? St. Paul suggests an answer - be faithful and persevere in and out of season, in good times and bad. Above all else, the greatest gratitude is to become what we receive. May the miracle of the Eucharist not stop with just bread and wine being transformed...but we, too, will be also be transformed more and more into the image of Christ. May His likeness shine forth in us so that our real beauty and identity will be realized.

God Bless,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Vigil ~ Lidia Yacilla

8:30am ~ Tom Stengel

10:30am ~ Mary and Joseph Forkin

Monday, October 13, 2025

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

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

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

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

8:00am ~ Celeste Tate

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of Church

8:00am ~ George J. Schlacter

Thursday, October 16, 2025

Saint Hedwig and Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

8:00am ~ Nicholas Cassizzi

Friday, October 17, 2025

Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

8:00am ~ Joseph Magee III

Saturday, October 18, 2025

10:00am ~ First Holy Communion

5:00pm ~ William and Rosemary Wynne

Sunday, October 19, 2025

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am ~ Jack Moran

10:30am ~ Margaret Kilkenny

7:00pm ~ Forty Hours

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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FORTY HOURS AT ST. HILARY

Sunday, Oct. 19 at 7:00pm

Monday, Oct. 20 at 7:00pm

Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 7:00pm

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 three 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 are happy to soon welcome Msgr. Mullin to St. Hilary!

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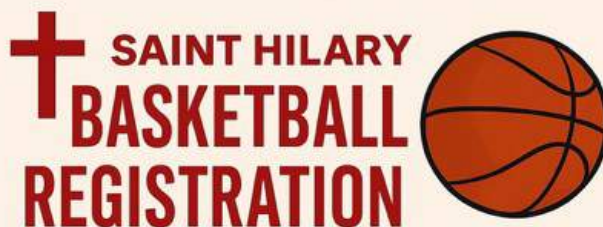
You can also contact the principal, Mrs. Fagan, at 215-887-4520 or email to efagan@sainthilaryschool.com



Thank you to the CYO athletes who joined us for Mass last weekend. Thanks also to the CYO Board, all the coaches & assistants, and the volunteers for helping to make St. Hilary CYO what it is.

The link to sign up for CYO is below:

<https://registration.teamsnap.com/form/40455>



REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER!

DIVISIONS OFFERED:

- **HIGH SCHOOL** (Boys & Girls - Grades 9-12)
- **VARSITY** (Boys & Girls - Grades 7 & 8)
- **JV** (Boys & Girls - Grades 5 & 6)
- **NOVICE** (Boys & Girls - Grades 3 & 4)
- **COED CADETS** (PreK-2nd Grade Program)

- ✓ Early registration = On-time uniforms & smooth season start
- ✓ Multi-family discount available
- ✓ Practices held locally at McKinley, Rydal, or Highland Elementary Schools
- ✓ Cadet program on Sundays at Manor College 12 to 1 PM
- ✓ Practice dates TBD depending on number of teams and coaching.

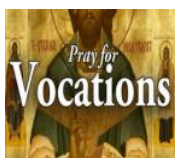
Jack Owens, one of our own parishioners, biked 3,566 miles from San Francisco to Ocean City, NJ, raising over \$55,000 for lung cancer awareness and support through *Ride Hard Breathe Easy*. From mountains to storms to 10 flat tires, Jack pushed forward with one goal - helping families facing lung cancer. *Ride Hard Breathe Easy*, founded by his uncle, has already donated more than \$300,000 to support Fox Chase Cancer Center patients and funded groundbreaking research. Congratulations to Jack!



The image 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 being restored!

"Awake O Heart ~ A Retreat of Love & Hope"

Close to 40 women spent the day in praise, prayer, and reflection last Saturday with the Lord at the Women's Retreat. Thank you all for your support and participation. We especially thank Mrs. Pat DeAngelis, our spiritual guide for the day. Pat's preparation and sharing of her own spiritual journey gave all every reason to believe in God's merciful presence and to hope always in the Lord.



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!

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 FOOTBALL 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 04 Winners

Connie Fennell and Fenstermaker Family

Week 03 Winners

Dan & Mary McVey and Terri Supka

Week 02 Winners

Dave Luschini and Gracie DiCiacco

Week 01 Winners

Ed McDonald and Tom Gilton



LADIES AUXILIARY OF MARY

**Next meeting is on Thursday,
October 23 at 7pm in the
Parish Center**

Prayer...Fellowship...Stewardship

Come join us for the Rosary, monthly meeting, and some Halloween fun!

Upcoming events:

Sunday, Dec. 7 ~ Cairnwood Tour
Thursday, Dec. 11 ~ Christmas Party

**All women are welcome; any questions please
contact Stacey Ellis at 215-896-3424**

Rachel's Vineyard

October is 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 through prayer and stewardship.

Throughout October, there will be baskets for monetary donations for Rachel's Vineyard. Thank you!

RESPECT LIFE: A PRAYER FOR HOPE

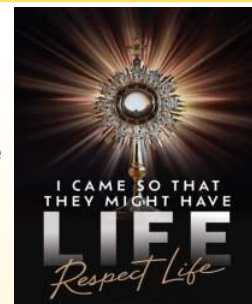
Heavenly Father, in the sacrament of Baptism, you have given us the gift of new life. Through your son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you have made us your own.

Help us to recognize the gift of human life as a sign of hope in our world.

Reveal to us the places where your precious gift of life is most in need of protection and strengthen us to defend life in all stages and circumstances, from the child in the womb to the elderly and dying.

Guided by your Holy Spirit, guard us from discouragement and give us the grace to be messengers of hope, filled with confidence that nothing can separate us from your love.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



**THERE WILL BE A HOSPITALITY SUNDAY
AFTER BOTH OF THE SUNDAY MASSES
ON SUNDAY, NOV. 2nd ~
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**St. Hilary Knights of Columbus
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Rescheduled Members Meeting

(members & those interested)

on Wednesday, October 15 at 7pm in the Rectory

St. Hilary Parish Knights of Columbus Council is collecting needed clothing for the homeless and poor of the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia, to be distributed by the St. Francis Inn Ministries.

St. Hilary Parishioners are kindly requested to donate the items listed below that have been identified to the Knights by St. Francis Inn personnel as critically needed at this time. Please help.

Requested Items:

- * **Men's Sweatshirts or Hoodies**, new or gently used; all sizes
- * **New Men's Underwear** (tops and bottoms; boxers preferred for bottoms); all sizes

Please deposit items in box located in Church at any Mass on either Oct. 11th/12th or Oct. 18th/19th. Thank you very much for your consideration! Any questions, please call Leo Vaccaro at 267-565-8679.

SAINT HILARY'S 55+ SPIRIT CLUB

St. Hilary's 55+ Spirit Club will have its next meeting on Wednesday, October 15th. Historian, author, and lecturer Thomas J. Wieckowski will talk about his newest book, *Hitherto Invincible: How Three Generations of Barkers Helped Build America*. This enlightening and entertaining book lays out the rich history of Jacob, Abraham, Anna, and Wharton Barker, their families, and their diverse enterprises during the 19th century, presenting a novel and intimate view of 19th century life in a growing and tumultuous Philadelphia and America.

New members always welcome - we are a fun and welcoming group! You don't need to be a parishioner. Please call Ro Schell at 215-206-5313 or Mike Schell at 215-206-4530 w/ questions. Doors open 9am and meeting starts at 10am. Looking forward to seeing you on Oct. 15th! Thanks!



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE
3rd GRADE SCHOOL &
PREP CHILDREN WHO WILL
RECEIVE THEIR FIRST HOLY
COMMUNION NEXT
SATURDAY, OCT. 18 AT
ST. HILARY CHURCH.
MAY GOD BLESS THEM.**

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, Soon Lee

Please pray for the souls of all of the deceased

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

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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.

ST. HILARY ANNUAL BLOCK COLLECTION



Thanks to all those who have already contributed to our annual Block Collection! Your generosity and kindness are appreciated! Your loyalty and care for the needs of the parish have been an inspiration.

*Thanks & God bless you.
- Fr. Murray*

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS **TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION**

October 5, 2025

Sunday Offering: \$6,175

Electronic Giving: **\$3,360**

Total: \$9,535

October 6, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$5,436

Electronic Giving: **\$3,370**

Total: \$8,806

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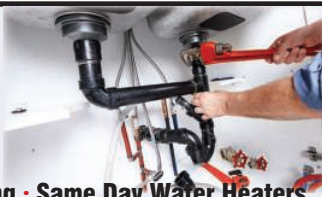
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