

St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

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NOVEMBER 5, 2023

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Do not be called
Master;
you have but one master,
the Christ.

MATTHEW 23:10

PASTOR'S CORNER

“Our citizenship is in heaven.”

The two great feasts of the Church, All Saints and All Souls, remind us what God has in store for all who believe in Him. The seasons of life are many...the springs of birth and childhood; the summers of adulthood and maturity; the autumns of growing old and diminishment; the winters of sickness and death. Now, however, because of Christ, we have every reason to hope for a season beyond death - the everlasting season of Resurrection. The Saints, those officially canonized by the Church, now experience that season in all its wonder. Their efforts to live the spirit of the Beatitudes to be poor in spirit, pure in heart, merciful and gentle, are rewarded by their seeing God face to face. The eternal embrace of God's love is theirs forever.

This is now our hope for All Souls, those unofficial saints of the Church who we know by personal experience and who strove to live good lives. They are canonized in our own minds and hearts. We know them and were blessed by their sacrifices and love. Though our remorse and grief are deep as we recall their memory today, our hope is real. We can be at peace and be happy for them as their salvation is assured. They are on the threshold of Heaven and need our prayers to be released from their “purgatory state.” This is what the Church calls the pain of a divided heart. Perhaps, like all of us, letting go is hard for them as well. Our attachments for things and people are strong. Our prayers are that they be released from clinging to the past and complete their journey home to God.

We pray for all of our friends, parishioners, and family members this November who have died to this world and born to God's world. May the wonders and joys that await us sustain us in our seasons and our journeys home. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

God bless,
Father Murray



Sunday, November 5, 2023

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Vigil ~ Marseilles L. May

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

10:00am ~ Tom Stengel

12:00pm ~ Dorothy Toner

Monday, November 6, 2023

8:00am ~ All the Souls in Purgatory

***** 8:30am to 4:00pm ~ Adoration in Church**

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

8:00am ~ James Wardle

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

8:00am ~ Michael Schlacter

Thursday, November 9, 2023

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00am ~ Al King

Friday, November 10, 2023

Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

9:00am ~ Pat Pacitti

Saturday, November 11, 2023

5:00pm ~ Emil A. and Anna Marie Maikner

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am ~ Monterosso & Schembie Families

10:00am ~ Jim Manes

12:00pm ~ Dorothy Toner

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AND ASK YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY TO DO THE
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 \$422,176.25 has been pledged. Of that amount, we have collected and deposited \$321,861. Of the 231 families who have pledged, 162 families are paid in full. All of our projects have been completed...now we just have to pay the bills! I hope you enjoyed our new air conditioning system in the Church in summer. 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 are in 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.

Congratulations to the School and PREP children who received their First Holy Communion recently! Lord, bless our children who have come to your Table.



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| Emily Anderlite | Lily Ann Brady | |
| Mia Bongard | Juliette Breeding | |
| Joseph Calu | Mia Ditri | Julia Dryhynch |
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| Quinlan Halpin | Saleem Keenan | Braydon Kots |
| Jack Knowles | Juliette Laska | |
| Greenleigh Lovell | Edward McDonald III | |
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| Chase Sailman | Kaltrina Scamby | |
| Maria Shurko | Ava Sloan | |
| Emma Stasky | Lavinia Stretch | |
| Henry Wilson | Nora Wybranski | |



The goal of a Catholic Liturgy is to communicate a transcendent awareness of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ.

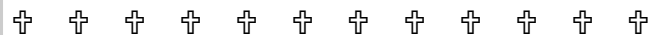
Faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist demands great beauty, dignity, and reverence.



In this year of reviving our devotion to the Eucharist and encouraging everyone to return to Mass, we will offer weekly meditations, reflections, and poetry from various saints and authors on the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, which is "the source and summit of the Christian life." Excerpts are taken from the book The Holy Hour, a Word on Fire publication.

Reflection: Scripture; Psalm 62:1-2, 7-8

*For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from Him comes my salvation.
He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall never be shaken...
On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.
Trust in Him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before Him;
God is a refuge for us.*



All Souls Day, also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and the Day of the Dead, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of all those who have died. At the 5pm Mass on Saturday, November 4th, the names of those who died within the past year and were buried from St. Hilary Church will be read out loud. Below are the names of those who have died since All Souls Day 2022:

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| Teofilo Hermane | Regina Hardimon |
| Phyllis Bremer | Anna LaRose |
| Donna Katz | Ethel Forgeng |
| Lois Mahan | Dorothy Toner |
| Colleen Berry | James Howard |
| Joan Gallagher | Pat Pacitti |
| Edward Luckiewicz | Robert Seifert |
| Timothy Merlini | Thomas Hall |
| Richard Fisco | Joseph Rao |
| James Manes | Lawrence LaRose |
| Kathryn Philipp | Dario Tobon |
| Dorothy Streeper | Anne Deely |
| Alexander Jackson | Margaret Kelly |
| Theresa Linse | Albert Tiegs |
| Anna Marie Maikner | Augustine Salvitti |

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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:

***** The weekend Mass Schedule is currently back to the way it was, prior to summer:**

Saturdays at 5pm

Sundays at 8am, 10am, & 12pm

This schedule will remain throughout 2023.



ST. HILARY SCHOOL RACE FOR EDUCATION

SHS has started their annual Race for Education, which concludes with the Race on Nov. 10. St. Hilary's is a special community, where students exhibit incredible school pride and enthusiasm. We could not engage in all of the wonderful learning opportunities and fun events without the monetary support of our St. Hilary families, friends, and parishioners - thank you! Please know that no amount is too small & your support is greatly appreciated!

Race for Education Link:

<https://independent.pledgebrite.org/fund/sthilaryrfe23>



or you can drop an envelope in the weekend collection baskets or black lockbox outside the rectory marked "Race for Education" (please be sure to include your name & address or email).

You can make a general donation, or you can donate to a specific child or to faculty.

Thanks so much for your consideration!

During this month of November, we will remember all of our deceased loved ones at Masses. A special Memorial Shrine has been set up at the Blessed Mother altar, where you can place names of the deceased in the Book of Life and light a Memorial Candle.



May the souls of all the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

ST. HILARY ANNUAL BLOCK COLLECTION

Thank YOU! Thanks to all those who have already contributed to our annual Block Collection! Your kind generosity and sacrifices are greatly appreciated! Your loyalty and care for the needs of the parish have been an inspiration. Thanks & God bless you. - Father Murray

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

October 29, 2023

October 30, 2022

Sunday Offering: \$5,613 Sunday Offering: \$5,243

Electronic Giving: \$2,268 Electronic Giving: \$2,103

Total: \$7,881

Total: \$7,346

PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

***In your hands, O Lord,
we humbly entrust our brothers & sisters.***

In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest.

***The old order has passed away;
welcome them into paradise,
where there will be no sorrow,
no weeping or pain,
but fullness of peace and joy
with your Son and the Holy Spirit
forever and ever.***

Amen.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

Our Forty Hours concluded on Oct. 24 - we had three days of praise and prayer before the Lord's presence. Prayer is one of the great services we can render to each other. Many thanks to all who made time to be with us. The support of so many was a great grace...our parish families & friends, our Parish Council, Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, Home & School, CYO, Cantors, Altar Servers, Music Ministers, First Holy Communion Class, etc. Special thanks to Msgr. McHenry who led us to a greater love & appreciation of the Lord's presence in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Thanks again, everyone!

- - Father Murray



JUST ONE STEP

As I walked down life's road one day,
A mountain rose to block my way.
I couldn't go around, you see,
The pass was narrow - closed to me.

I asked the Lord how I should climb?
Just one step, He said, at a time.
How can I scale that awesome height?
Look up, said He, you'll do all right.

I took some steps and it was great,
I'd go right up and celebrate!
Then I looked down and slipped and fell.
Get up, said He, you're doing well.

So once again I started up,
The road is steep and sometimes rough.
But near the top, the way is smooth,
And there I'll find a well-worn groove.

I'll reach the top one day then stand,
Survey the view that's truly grand.
The Lord waits there and all my friends,
My family, too - love never ends.

Now I look up, and I can see,
The hand my Lord holds out to me.
So carefully each day I climb,
Just one step I take at a time.



St. Hilary Parish Outreach

Because of your generosity, our Outreach Program continues to help those in need. Thank you for your support with your contributions in the yellow envelopes from your bi-monthly mailing packets!



This weekend marks the kick-off of the 2023-24 St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal. A donation to the Appeal supports our seminarians, candidates for the Permanent Diaconate, and lay church leaders in their formation. Most importantly, your gift provides for the future of our faith. Please prayerfully consider a gift to this year's Appeal to provide for the future generations of the Church.

As the first catholic institution of higher learning established in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the history of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary is a vibrant narrative. As the 2023-24 Seminary Appeal begins, please consider joining the next faith-filled chapter of the seminary's story through your kind generosity. Your support provides for the students and seminarians of today, which helps nourish our hope in the future of our Church.

ST. HILARY 55+ SPIRIT CLUB next meeting is on Wednesday, November 15 when historian and author Thomas J. Wieckowski, who is vice president of the Old York Road Historical Society and chair of the Cheltenham Township Historical Commission, will speak about "John Wanamaker: King of Merchants." New members always welcome...we are a fun and welcoming group! Feel free to call Ro or Mike Schell at 215-663-1421 or Roseylvia McDonald at 215-219-0651. Looking forward to seeing you on Nov. 15 - doors open at 9am and meeting starts at 10am.

ST HILARY EAGLES BLOCK POOL



Week 07 Winners

Pool #1: Alex Muttreja

Pool #2: Egan Family



Week 06 Winners

Pool #1: The Stengels

Pool #2: Valentino Fam.

Week 05 Winners

Pool #1: Michele Stefanelli

Pool #2: Ed Walker

Week 04 Winners

Pool #1: Joe Henry

Pool #2: Mary McCallister

Week 03 Winners

Pool #1: Anne Wise

Pool #2: Alaina DiCiaccio

Week 02 Winners

Pool #1: Steve Farrell

Pool #2: Linda Powers

Week 01 Winners

Pool #1: Alex Muttreja

Pool #2: Egan Family

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 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, Nicholas Esposito, 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, 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, Jim Curley, Bob Donnolly

Please pray for the souls of all the deceased

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm
(thru the end of 2023)

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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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 Friday 8:30am to 4pm
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