St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



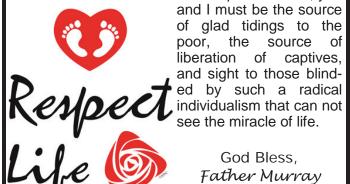
PASTOR'S CORNER

"We are one body in Christ; if one part suffers, all the parts suffer." 1 Cor. 12:12

Some 49 years ago on January 22, 1973, a devastating earthquake hit the U.S. It was a quake that didn't shake the earth. It was a spiritual disruption that shook the spirit and conscience of every man and woman. Its place of origin, its epicenter, was the Supreme Court and its decision to legalize abortion on demand for any reason, at any time. A mother's womb, once thought to be the safest and most secure place for a child to grow, had been utterly desecrated.

The after-shocks are still being felt. We've lost the sense of the miracle of life. Agencies like Planned Parenthood engage in the selling of body parts. In Steubenville, Ohio, the Attorney General's Office investigated and found Planned Parenthood has sent leftover body parts to a landfill. When life is no longer sacred, we see the loss of respect for women, the proliferation of pornography, human trafficking, etc. We see the aftershocks in a contraceptive culture out of control. In Western Europe, they are experiencing a demographic winter. The local population is dying out so much that there will not be enough children to replace or care for an aging population. In places like Scandinavian Countries, euthanasia is now being considered for young children. Love and care for the sick is seen as too expensive and burdensome.

Yet in the darkness, there are rays of hope, especially in the younger generation. The Pro Life movement is gaining momentum. More state governments are working to restrict abortion rights. You and I must be the ray of hope in a culture that has lost its way. By prayer, marches, phoning, or writing to our elected officials, we can put a stop to this abuse of human life. In the spirit of Jesus, you



and I must be the source of glad tidings to the source of poor, the

Father Murray

Mass Intentions for the Week

Weekend Mass Times are as follows: 5pm Vigil on Saturdays 8am, 10am, and 12pm on Sundays

Sunday, January 23, 2022

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00pm ~ George Schlacter, Jr. 8:00am ~ Joseph Magee, Jr. 10:00am ~ Joe Casey 12:00pm ~ Ed Watko

Monday, January 24, 2022

Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 8:00am ~ Elda DeRita and Maria DiCarlo 8:30am thru 4:00pm ~ Adoration in Church

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle 8:00am ~ Jack Duffy

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops 8:00am ~ Art Stevens

Thursday, January 27, 2022

Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder 8:00am ~ Thomas Scully

Friday, January 28, 2022

Saint Thomas Aguinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church 8:00am ~ Francis A. Gregor

Saturday, January 29, 2022

5pm ~ William and Rosemary Wynne

Sunday, January 30, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00am ~ Dr. Patrick White 10:00am ~ Art Stevems 12:00pm ~ Anthony Gulli

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTES!

If we don't have your email address to send you parish news, please either call the Rectory with it, or email us at sthilaryrydal@gmail.com. Thanks!

Sunday Mass is being livestreamed - those who are unable to attend Mass in person can tune in to the FREE St. Hilary Church YouTube Channel at:

https://tinyurl.com/sthilaryls

This link stays the same each week; it brings you to the list of all the mass videos - so all you need to do is to click on the date of the Mass you wish to view. The new video will show up as soon as we start recording it. Thank you!

Some new Memorial Bricks were recently installed in our St. Hilary Memorial Garden:

- * In memory of Jim Muscarella
- * In memory of Diana T. Visco 5-26-1941 to 10-10-2021
- * In memory of Robert and Madeleine Kenney
- * In memory of Helen Blaszcyk
- * In loving memory of Charles Tingley
- * In loving memory of Peggy Giordano



The cost of bricks is \$100; if you have questions or are interested in purchasing a brick, contact Marian at the Rectory.



The goal of a Catholic Liturgy is to Communicate a transcendent awareness of the <u>Real</u> Presence of Jesus Christ.

Faith in the <u>Real Presence</u> of Christ in the Eucharist demands great <u>beauty</u>, <u>dignity</u>, and reverence".

Reverence, dignity, beauty... simple ways we all can proclaim our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

St. Hilary's Adoration Society

There is Adoration in Church every Monday from 8:30am til 4:00pm. Come spend some time with the Lord!





All of us know instinctively that nothing compares to "being there" in person. Whether it's being at a friend's wedding, sitting down to have a heart-to-heart conversation, comforting a family member while she is grieving or watching as your baby takes his first steps, we all

know that being physically present makes all the difference. The same logic applies to our life as Catholics. Especially when it comes to the Mass, truly, nothing compares to *being there*.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

January 16, 2022

Sunday Offering: \$8,393 Electronic Giving: \$2,212

Total: \$10,605

January 11, 2021

Sunday Offering: \$6,009 Electronic Giving: \$2,338

Total: \$8,347

We recently entered Ordinary Time in our Liturgical Year...

What Ordinary Time Means in the Catholic Church

Because the term "ordinary" in English most often means something that's not special or distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Even though the season of Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church, the fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces this impression. Yet, Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting.

Why is Ordinary Time Called Ordinary?

Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word "ordinalis" which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word "ordo" from which we get the English word "Order." Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church, the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ. It's appropriate, therefore, that the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time always features either John the Baptist's acknowledgement of Christ as the Lamb of God or Christ's first miracle - the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana. Thus for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives. There's nothing "ordinary" about that!



ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH SUNDAY MASSES

*** 5 PM Vigil Saturdays
*** 8am, 10am and 12pm on Sundays

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: 8:30 AM to 4 PM 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 <u>BLACK</u> lockbox outside the rectory during off-hours. Thanks!

BACK TO THE BASICS

Resolutions, it seems, are made to be broken. Some folks poke fun at this reality by proposing New Year's vows that are, shall we say, attainable. Here are a few from social media:

- * Wave to fellow motorists at stoplights.
- Sign up for a marathon. Don't run it.
- * Stop procrastinating tomorrow.
- * Get lost without any help from Siri.
- Unfriend everyone on Facebook who posts their workout regimen.

The concept of a fresh start, however, can be serious business. The exiled people of Judah desperately needed one. Just over two decades into their seventy-year captivity, God brought encouragement to them through the prophet Ezekiel, promising, "I will now restore the fortunes of Jacob." (Ezekiel 39:25)

But the nation first needed to return to the basics - the instructions God had given to Moses eight hundred years earlier. This included observing a feast at the new year. For the ancient Jewish people, that began in early spring. A major purpose of their festivals was to remind them of God's character and His expectations. He told their leaders, "Give up your violence and oppression and do what is just and right" and he insisted on honesty. (Ezekiel 45:9-10)

The lesson applies to us, too. Our faith must be put into practice or it's worthless (James 2:17). In this new year, as God provides what we need, may we live out our faith by returning to the basics: "Love the Lord your God." and "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39)

Tim Gustafson

families that PRAY TOGETHER stay together.

THREE TIPS TO BOOST YOUR PRAYER

Prayer fuels our spiritual life, but praying effectively can be challenging sometimes. Even the saints had dry spells. Among these was the mystic and Carmelite reformer, St. Teresa of Avila. Try these suggestions from her to enliven your prayer:

- * Become aware of God's presence. It may feel as if God is distant, but He is so close. St. Teresa began by enjoying God's nearness. Know that He is with you and wants your company.
- * Bring a good book. St. Teresa, who struggles with dryness in prayer, kept a book with her. Scripture, Lives of the Saints, or a book about the Faith can help us focus and spark conversation with Him.
- * Be honest. It is said that St. Teresa once fell into the mud and told God bluntly, "If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few of them!" God wants you to share all your experiences with Him good and bad. Entrust your cares to Him.

PROTECTING LIFE IN PENNSYLVANIA Pennsylvania's Life Amendment: Prevent courts from forcing you to pay for abortion & keep abortion OUT of our state's constitution



God is the author and creator of all life. Not only is he the author but he cherishes life since human life is created in his own image. And, we too, as his people, should also cherish and protect life as he does. May our hearts echo the words of the psalmist, "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14), and may our actions echo these words as we make our voices heard for the unborn who are fearfully and wonderfully made.

The Problem: The Pennsylvania Constitution contains no right to an abortion, but Pennsylvania's abortion industry is asking the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania to invent one in a case they filed called Allegheny Reproductive Health Center v. Pennsylvania Department of Human Services. The abortion industry is also arguing that the state constitution requires taxpayers to pay for abortions.

While the Commonwealth Court ruled against the abortion industry in this case, it has been appealed to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania – and court watchers believe it's likely that our state's high court will invent such a right and side with the abortion industry's demands. PA would join a dishonorable list of states where lawsuits have resulted in those state supreme courts "finding" a right to abortion in their constitutions, thereby striking down pro-life laws just like ours.

If the abortion industry wins this case, it would not only force taxpayers to fund abortion, but would likely establish a right to abortion in Pennsylvania's Constitution. If abortion is declared a constitutional right in Pennsylvania, all current pro-life protections — a 24-hour waiting period, informed consent, 24-week abortion limit, and more — would be in jeopardy of being repealed. Even if Roe v. Wade gets overturned at the national level, preborn life would be less protected in Pennsylvania, and their deaths would be paid for with your taxpayer money.

The Remedy: A constitutional amendment is needed to prevent courts from forcing taxpayers to pay for abortion. The Life Amendment would also protect our existing pro-life regulations by keeping abortion out of the PA Constitution, and allows our legislature to enact future pro-life laws to protect women and preborn babies.

The Process: The amendment language must pass both the PA House and Senate by simple majorities in two successive terms of the legislature. The first vote will happen in 2022. If it passes, the second vote would take place in the 2023-2024 session. Amendments do not need a governor's signature and cannot be vetoed. Upon passage in the second session, the amendment then goes to a vote of the people on the ballot, most likely in the general election in the Fall of 2023.

What You Can Do: Contact your State Senator and State Representative and ask them to vote YES on Senate Bill 956, the Life Amendment. To send an email, visit pafamily.org/protectunbornlife. This is a YES to protect you from being forced to pay for abortion and to keep abortion out of our state's constitution. Share this news with friends and family. For more, visit PaLife.org. Pray for the success of this constitutional amendment effort. Thank you.

THE PRO-LIFE UNION OF GREATER PHILADELPHIA

The Cenacle, The Pro-Life Union's family life center in Frankford that runs in partnership with Catholic Social Services, is in need <u>Similac 360</u> <u>Total Care</u> infant formula in order to keep caring and providing for their moms. Two other formula options that would also work are <u>Similac Advance</u> infant formula & <u>Similac Pro Advance</u> infant formula. The formulas can be ordered from Amazon or from Target and sent directly to the following address for delivery:

The Cenacle at Padre Pio Prayer Center 1527 Church St. Philadelphia, PA 19124

Thank you for your consideration!







- kindness - courtesy - humanity - cleanliness - alone together strength - love - care safety - patience - pat

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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Please pray for the recently deceased:

Pat Kensey Kevin Green
Ronald DiNicola Maria Luciany

UPDATED ST. HILARY 55+ SPIRIT CLUB NEWS

- * We have spoken to the Abington Township Police Department and we will have an officer address our group at the February meeting and will answer your questions. KEEP CHECKING THS BULLETIN for more info as it gets closer to the February meeting. We will also discuss plans for dues collection. Happy New Year!
- * March 8, 2022 ~ Bus Trip...this is a Tuesday we have scheduled a bus trip to The Shore Club in Spring Lake, NJ (the Irish Riviera) for a St. Patty's Party. The proceeds will benefit St. Hilary School. Information Flyers will be available at the December 15 meeting. Reserve your seat early by contacting Michele Laganella at 215-498-5908 or sthilarytravels@gmail.com.

SCRIP PROGRAM AT ST. HILARY

Just a reminder that scrip is available for purchase at the Rectory during business hours Mondays thru Fridays. We have a variety of choices, such as Giant, Acme, Wawa, Target, Home Goods, Amazon, and many more. If you have any questions about our scrip program, please feel free to call the rectory.



ST. HILARY EAGLES FOOTBALL BLOCK POOL REGULAR SEASON WINNERS:

WEEK 15: Underdog Cooper Henry and Katie Toffling

WEEK 14: Cathyann Calabrese and Sean Burns

WEEK 13: St. Hilary #07 and Woltemate Family

WEEK 12: Cathyann Calabrese and Sean Burns

WEEK 11: Ray Vandegrift and Father Murray

WEEK 10: Kathy McCrea and Steve Izzi

WEEK 9: Drumm Family and Sinead Wasserbach

WEEK 8: Kathy Lennon and Jennifer Powers

WEEK 7: Wylesol Family and Msgr. Fairbanks

WEEK 6: Father Murray and Dan Cifuni

WEEK 5: Alex Muttreja and St. Hilary #10

WEEK 4: Forkin Family and Nick Lattanzi

WEEK 3: Ann Wise and Donna Lattanzi

WEEK 2: Frank & Kate Hopkins and Msgr. Fairbanks

WEEK 1: Kilkenny Cats and Joe & Margie Magee

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