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MARCH 19, 2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



IF YOU WERE BLIND, YOU WOULD HAVE

no sin.

JOHN 9:41

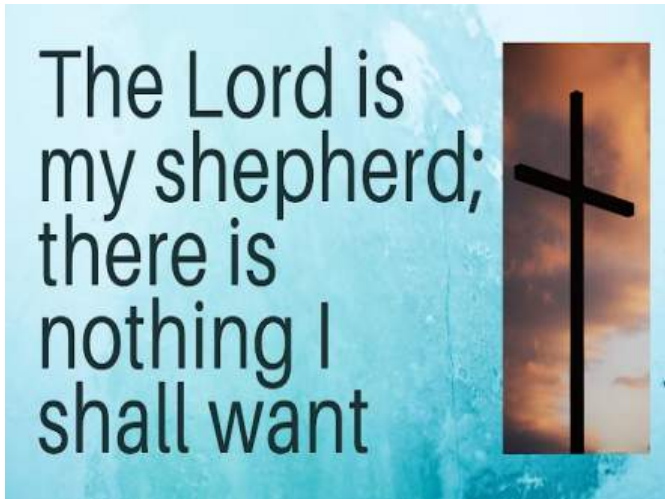
PASTOR'S CORNER

“LIVE AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT”

The blind man in the gospel was not just healed from physical blindness. The real healing was by his vision of faith. He recognized Jesus Christ as Lord of his life; the center of human existence. There were many in Jesus' day as well as our own who have eyes to see, but who lack the vision of faith. Some people see everyone's faults but their own. They are blind to their own sins...blind to their addictions...blind to their pride...too blind to say "I am sorry" or "I forgive you."

Perhaps the worst blindness of all is the inability to see the need for God and to recognize His presence by the transformation of bread and wine into His Body and Blood. Yes, 20/20 vision is a great gift, but useless without light. Jesus Christ is the light of the world. His light helps us to see right from wrong; truth from falsehood. As the light in nature continues to increase, may the light of Christ increase in our nature so as to become the person God wants us to be. May this season of Lent help us to live as children of the light, producing every kind of goodness, seeking every kind of justice, and embracing all truth and righteousness.

Happy Lent,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, March 19, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 5:00pm Vigil ~ Theresa Jordan
- 8:00am ~ Jack and Patsy Whalen
- 10:00am ~ Joseph M. Magee III
- 12:00pm ~ Giuseppe Bucci

Monday, March 20, 2023
Feast of St. Joseph, spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00am ~ Maria and Renato DiCarlo
8:30am-4pm ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
*** 7:00pm ~ Taize Prayer

Tuesday, March 21, 2023
8:00am ~ Andrew Kroyos

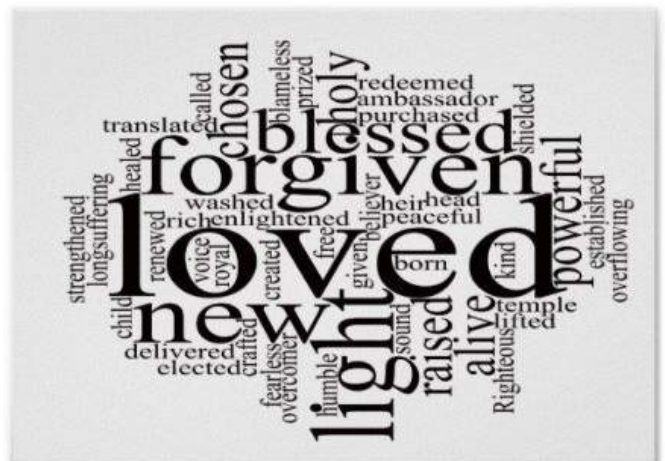
Wednesday, March 22, 2023
8:00am ~ Emil A. Maikner

Thursday, March 23, 2023
Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
8:00am ~ Joan Gallagher
2:15pm ~ Stations of the Cross
7:00pm ~ Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 24, 2023
8:00am ~ Joan Gallagher

Saturday, March 25, 2023
5:00pm Vigil ~ Dorothy Trappier

Sunday, March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00am ~ Mary Melly
10:00am ~ Barbara Krol
12:00pm ~ Virginia Gilton



ST. HILARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

THANKS to this parish community for the tremendous support for the 2022 St. Hilary Diamond Jubilee Capital Campaign. Seeing the progression of this campaign these past months has been truly a blessing. We have an exciting update; this campaign has raised **\$407,191.25**. Through your prayers and help, we have even surpassed our initial goal of \$350,000. The sooner that the pledges are redeemed, the better it will be for paying for these projects. We currently have about \$281,568 of the campaign contributions already deposited, and it is imperative that we continue to collect all payments on pledges to ensure that we can complete all the capital work. Thank you very much!

PROJECT UPDATE

Just a reminder that the monies raised from the Jubilee Capital Campaign are directed toward the following goals:

- * New Air Conditioning System in the School ~ completed
- * New Lighting in the back parking lot for safety and security ~ completed
- * New Air Conditioning System in the Church ~ completed
- * New Church Doors ~ will be installed in a few months...please see the pictures in the Church, of the beautiful stained glass to be inserted into our new Church doors

Once again, I am sincerely thankful for the overwhelming response & generosity! New pledges are most welcome. All donations are very much appreciated!

Father Murray

3 LENTEN DISCIPLINES

FASTING expresses our desire to find happiness in God rather than in the satisfaction of our physical needs. The control we gain over our appetites helps us recognize more deeply that all true and lasting pleasure comes from God. Knowing this, we are freed to gratefully accept food and savor it, or to avoid or limit foods that we know are unhealthy for us. Through fasting, our relationship to ourselves is re-oriented toward God.

ALMSGIVING provides assistance to the poor among us and helps us recognize God as the true source of our security. Almsgiving is a way of bringing our relationship to others into the orbit of His love.

PRAYER changes our relationship to God. We admit our need for a power that is greater than ourselves. We open ourselves to all that God has to offer us.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 12, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$7,503

Electronic Giving: \$2,206

Total: \$9,709

March 13, 2022

Sunday Offering: \$4,466

Electronic Giving: \$2,174

Total: \$6,640

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS SCHOOL

At St. Hilary of Poitiers School, we focus on educating the whole child. We encourage our students to discover and develop their talents. Our Christian faith permeates each aspect of who we are and what we do. Our students are encouraged to develop leadership abilities and interpersonal skills, understand personal responsibility, practice sportsmanship, and provide service to the community. Recognizing that both home and school are an integral part to our faith-centered community, parents and teachers partner to guide each student to recognize and discover Christ in all people, and understand the importance of preparing students to be deeply rooted in their faith and their education, and become peace-filled citizens of the world.



SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023-24 YEAR IS NOW OPEN FOR PREK - 8th!

Please visit www.sainthilaryschool.com for more information and a virtual tour. You can also contact the principal, Mrs. Fagan, at 215-887-4520 or email to efagan@sainthilaryschool.com

EXCITING NEWS!

We are happy to announce that St. Hilary of Poitiers School is one of only a few schools that has been awarded a School Safety Grant for \$40,000. The grant will assist with the installation of a Complete Surveillance Security System with cameras around the property. In addition, a fob entry system will be installed to secure and record all visitors in and out of the building. We are very grateful to our principal, Mrs. Eileen Fagan, for her dedicated and untiring efforts in pursuing this grant to bring much greater security to our school and peace of mind to all of us.

**THANK YOU
TO ST. HILARY LADIES SODALITY
FOR HOSTING THE LOVELY
"HOSPITALITY SUNDAY"
LAST WEEKEND AFTER THE
8am & 10am MASSES!
AND THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO
ATTENDED!! STAY TUNED...**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING
SCHOOL AND PREP CHILDREN WHO
RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION ON MARCH 14, 2023:**

Kevin **Peter** Andrews 
Edward **Michael** Bongard
Gianna **Caroline** Carrelli
Lia **Maria** Carrelli
Carly **Colette** Derouin 
Lucas **Francis** Dougherty
Saverio **Peter** Dougherty
Daniel **Blaise** Dragoni
Adelaide **Genevieve** Edwards 
Maeve **Hope** Formica
Sebastian **Wolfgang** Gorski
Bryce **Valentine** Hanton
Abigail **Rose** Hayburn 
Amanda **Cecilia** Howard
Alexis **Theresa** Keke
Theodor **Patrick** Kuchar
Ava **Isabelle** Labrusciano 
Molly **Margherita** Lon
Laila **Rose** McDonald
Marley **Apollonia** McGauley
Thomas **Joseph** Nardone 
Alyssa **Katharine** O'Rourke
Gavin **Patrick** Peters
Francis **Francis** Rago
Molly **Catherine** Ryan 
Gianna **Elizabeth** Siravo
Marielle **Rose** Tate
Erin **Maria** Tracey
Theresa **Margaret** Vandegrift 
Dylan **Vincent** Wardlow
Alexis **Bridget** Wimsey
Riley **Theresa** Wimsey
Liam **Joseph** Zakrewski 



AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

Fearing the battle was over
And I'd already lost the war,
I was tired of trying and failing,
I just couldn't fight anymore.

So, dragging my battle-scarred body,
I crawled to the foot of the cross.
And I sobbed, "Oh please, Father, forgive me.
But I tried...I tried...and still lost."

Then the air grew silent around me.
I heard His voice just as clear as the dawn.
"Oh, My child, though you're tired and weary,
You can't stop; you have to go on."

At the foot of the Cross, where I met Him,
At the foot of the Cross, where He died,
I felt love, as I knelt in His presence.
I felt hope, as I looked in His eyes.

Then He gathered me lovingly to Him,
As around us God's light clearly shone.
And together we walked through my lifetime,
To heal every wound I had known.

I found bits of my dreams, long forgotten,
And pieces of my life on the floor.
But I watched as He tenderly blessed them,
And my life was worth living once more.

I knew then why I had been losing.
I knew why I had not grown.
At the foot of the Cross came the answer:
I'd been fighting the battle alone.

At the foot of the Cross, where I met Him,
At the foot of the Cross, where He died,
Then I knew I could face any challenge.
Together...just my Lord and I.



LENTEN CALENDAR



Daily Mass

Monday thru Friday at 8am,
followed by the Rosary
Adoration every Monday 8:30am to 4pm

Confessions

Saturdays 4:00 to 4:45pm
Sundays during Lent after the 10am Mass
Monday Evening, April 3 at 7:00pm

Stations of the Cross During Lent

Thursday afternoons at 2:15pm
Thursday Evenings at 7:00pm

Lenten Scripture Series ~

Parables of the Kingdom

Six-week Scripture Study Sessions

Taize Prayer

*** **THIS** Monday, March 20 at 7:00pm
(by Director Justin Jue & St. Hilary Choir)



For 65 years, the Catholic Charities Appeal has embodied the spirit of missionary discipleship by giving hope to those in need throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. What if our community food banks couldn't feed the hungry? What if our shelters for the homeless couldn't provide hot meals? What if our after-school programs weren't there to keep kids safe? If any of those things couldn't happen, the results would be disastrous for close to a million people who count on us for help each year. If the Catholic Charities Appeal didn't receive much needed support from people like you, that dire scenario would be a reality. So thank you for giving hope to all. We remind you and ask you to please send your Catholic Charities donations directly to the Archdiocese in the envelop that was mailed to you. We won't be taking up a separate collection.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Thank you!

A LITANY FOR LENT

**We fast from judging others,
but feast on patience.**

**We fast from apparent differences,
but feast on unity of all life.**

**We fast from words that pollute,
but feast on words that affirm.**

**We fast from complaining,
but feast on appreciation.**

**We fast from bitterness and anger,
but feast on forgiveness and mercy.**

**We fast from discouragement,
but feast on hope.**

**We fast from suspicion,
but feast on trust.**

**We fast from idle gossip,
but feast on purposeful silence.**

**We fast from problems that overwhelm,
but feast on prayer that strengthens.**

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS UPCOMING WEEK OF LENT:



Sunday ~ Laetare Sunday: unless it's sinful, enjoy something you gave up for Lent in anticipation of Easter!

Monday ~ St. Joseph silently and selflessly cared for Mary and Jesus; pray for fathers and entrust to his care

Tuesday ~ do an act of kindness; whether openly or secretly, do it for God's glory...it's really Him you're serving

Wednesday ~ take the box of clothes you've been getting together to a clothing drive, etc.

Thursday ~ pray for an increased faith throughout the Church in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist

Friday ~ practice patience...patiently. "Be patient with everyone, but first of all with yourself." (St. Francis de Sales)

Saturday ~ Annunciation of the Lord... Mary said "Yes" to God's plan; pray three Hail Marys, for the grace to give your "yes" to Him, too

UPDATED 55+ SPIRIT NEWS:

The 55+ Senior Spirit Club next meeting is on Wed., April 19th. More details to follow. Thanks!

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Thank you for your response to this collection. Funds collected help the poorest dioceses obtain basic necessities that they wouldn't be able to afford otherwise. And this collection supports diocesan pastoral catechetical ministries, family life ministries, seminary studies, and formation programs for religious brothers and sisters. For more than 50 years, this has been a way for Catholics in the U.S. to unite more closely with our brothers and sisters in faith throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Thank you for your support.

Divine Mercy said: "My daughter, meditate frequently on the sufferings which I have undergone for your sake, and then nothing of what you suffer for Me will seem great to you. You please me most when you meditate on My Sorrowful Passion. Join your little sufferings to My Sorrowful Passion, so that they may have infinite value before My Majesty." (St. Faustina Diary, 1512)

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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, 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 Redican, Gina Devaney, Bob Steele, Linda Smithson, Eileen Burger, Brian Bailie, Tina Hardimon, 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, Timothy Dempsey, Dilynn Listman, Anne Visco, Daniel Hare, Gloria Hannah, BJ Verdon, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Kathy Huss, Martha Serdner, Rolando Juarez

Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:
James Howard Renju Varghese
Eugene Ferry

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 8:00am, 10:00pm, and 12pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

8 AM on Monday thru Friday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4 – 4:45 PM

*** Confessions on the Sundays in Lent after the 10am Mass

HOLY DAYS

7 PM Vigil

8 AM and 10 AM on holy day

Pastor ~ Rev. Kevin P. Murray

Weekend Assistant ~ Msgr. Gregory J. Fairbanks

In Residence ~ Rev. Jacob John

Pastor Emeritus ~ Msgr. Michael J. Carroll

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efagan@sainthilaryschool.com School phone: 215-887-4520

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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 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 **BLACK** lockbox outside the rectory during off-hours. Thanks!



LADIES NIGHT OUT

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023

Stay tuned for more detailed information **very soon!**

Hello Fellow Parishioners,

I have had diabetes for the last 20 years and it has taken a toll on my kidneys. I am looking for a Living Donor. The surgical procedure is less invasive on the donor than it was in the past. The procedure is done arthroscopically, usually just requiring 3-5 days in the hospital. Please contact me if you are willing to get tested or know someone who is willing.

Thank you,

Kevin Fries, Parishioner

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