

St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

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AUGUST 24, 2025

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Strive to enter through
the narrow gate.

Luke 13:24



PASTOR'S CORNER

"Enter by the narrow door."

GPS devices in our cars have replaced paper maps, but this new technology is not perfect. GPS devices can break down. Looking for a new doctor's office one time, I used my GPS and it sent me to a dead end street. Jesus Christ has come among us to give direction to God's Kingdom. It is His Word, which is not new technology but has been with us since the beginning, that leads us to our final destination.

The world is constantly misdirecting us. We can make a wrong turn by being caught up in worldly ways. It may be the pursuit of wealth at all cost. It may be our slipping away from prayer or the sacraments. Or it could be our egos preventing us from letting go of hurts and ignoring the call and the way of Jesus - to love by seeking the good in others. The direction and ways of the world will lead us to a dead end.

Jesus calls us to enter by the "narrow door." It means taking on the discipline of gospel values. We, at times, can become overweight with worldly values; overweight with pride or anger. Some of the most devastating words in Scripture are found in the gospel. Jesus says to those who come before Him, "I do not know where you are from!" How will the Lord recognize us? He will, simply by saying "yes" to His ways and following His direction. As St. Paul reminds us, "Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord; for whom the Lord loves He disciplines." The narrow way of Jesus will lead us to the joys of His Kingdom.

God Bless,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Vigil ~ Cass Brown

8:30am ~ Phil Gianfortune

10:30am ~ Marie Fajt

Monday, August 25, 2025

Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest

8:00am ~ Joseph Curcillo, Jr.

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

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

8:00am ~ Verna Cauvin

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Saint Monica

8:00am ~ Kathryn Philipp

Thursday, August 28, 2025

Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of Church

8:00am ~ Luis Nunez

Friday, August 29, 2025

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

8:00am ~ Jerome and Helen Waldron

Saturday, August 30, 2025

5:00pm ~ Rose Eckardt

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am ~ Stanley and Pauline Betley

10:30am ~ Paul Morlock



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THE LIFE WE LIVE



*Sometimes we may not realize
that everything we do affects
not only our lives but touches
others, too.*

*For every time you offer
someone a helping hand,
every time you show a friend
you care and understand,
every time you have a kind and
gentle word to give - you help someone
find beauty in this precious life we live.*

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS SCHOOL

PreK Kindergarten Grades 1-8

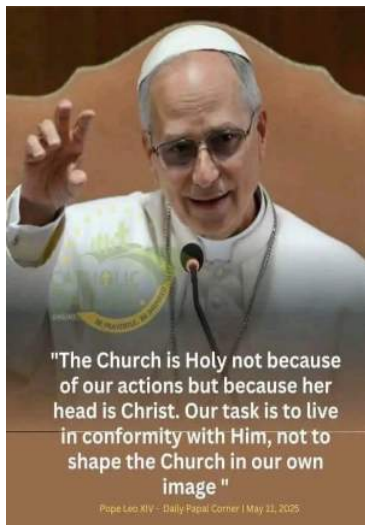


**Wed., Sept. 3 ~ Gr. 5-8
Thurs., Sept. 4 ~ Gr. 1-4
Fri., Sept. 5 ~ PreK-8**

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

St. Hilary of Poitiers School has developed and maintains an Asbestos Inspection & 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. Inquiries regarding the plan should be directed to Acer Associates, the school's asbestos consultant, 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.



"The Church is Holy not because of our actions but because her head is Christ. Our task is to live in conformity with Him, not to shape the Church in our own image"

Pope Leo XIV - Daily Papal Corner | May 21, 2025

**Faith doesn't always
take you out of the
problem, Faith takes you
through the problem.
Faith doesn't always
take away the pain,
Faith gives you the ability
to handle the pain.
Faith doesn't always
take you out of
the storm, Faith calms
you in the midst
the storm.
Amen**

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



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. HILARY CHURCH

Our Monday Eucharistic Adoration will begin again on Monday, Sept. 8th 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. Bishop Barron reminds us that "sitting before the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is like a body exposing itself before the sun to absorb its rays. It is like having a private conversation between friends." So come before the Lord and receive the healing rays of His graces.

2026 MASS BOOK FOR ANNOUNCED MASSES AT ST. HILARY CHURCH

The 2026 Mass Book for Announced Masses for the deceased is now open. Masses can be obtained during business hours (8:30am to noon and 1:00 to 3:30pm Mondays thru Thursdays)

Any questions, please contact Marian at 215-884-3252 or sthilaryrydall@gmail.com.

LAST CALL FOR PREP REGISTRATION AT ST. HILARY OF POITIERS PARISH * PREP STARTS SEPT. 9 AT 6:30PM *****

Please note that if you wish to sign up your child(ren) for PREP classes for Grades 1-7, you need to do so now.

Go to www.sthilarypoitiers.org and click "register" and then click "register for PREP". You can drop off payment to the Rectory in the secure black lockbox at any time of night or day. Any questions, please contact Noreen Forkin at sthilaryprep@gmail.com. Thank you!

*** Teacher Assistant Needed for 4th Grade; no experience needed. Please contact Noreen.



OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

OCIA, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, is the process by which people who are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith can attend classes and have the opportunity to become members of the Catholic Church.

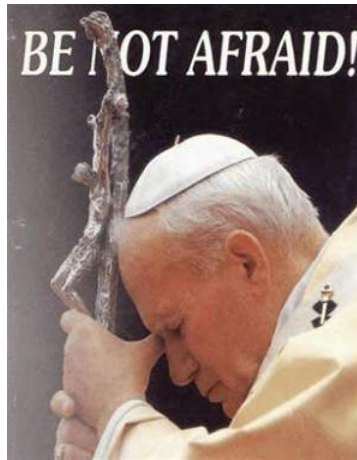
OCIA is for adults who:

- 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 and 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

OCIA is a spiritual formation process beginning in October and ending with initiation in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. OCIA 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 encourage your friends & neighbors with interest in Catholicism, too! If you are interested in attending and/or would like more information, please contact Father Murray at 215-884-3252, or you can email to: sthilaryrydal@gmail.com. Thank you!



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to give a generous response.
Grant them courage
and vision to serve your people.
May their lives and service
call your people to respond
to the presence of your Spirit among us,
faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus Christ,
that we may: announce glad tidings to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives,
set prisoners free,
and renew the face of the earth!



The phrase, "Be not afraid," made famous by Pope St. John Paul II, helps us to remember that no matter what happens in the world, God is in control and we are in good hands. The Holy Father always asked us to put

our trust in Jesus who redeemed the world.

Refuse to worry... Jesus reminded us that tomorrow isn't guaranteed to anyone (Luke 12:20). What brings us peace is to tend to today's challenges and let God take care of tomorrow. Nothing happens without His consent and He won't permit anything that is bad for us. When we place ourselves in His care, we have nothing to fear.

Keep your eyes on Him... Don't let the world blind you to God's presence in your life. We may not feel powerful at times, but when we stay close to Jesus through His Church, we receive the grace we need to keep fighting temptations to sin. God has overcome the world. With His help, we will win the daily battle for heaven.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE NEWLY BAPTIZED AT ST. HILARY CHURCH:

*Paislee Grace Brooks,
daughter of Ryan and Alaina*

*Anne Patricia Esposito,
daughter of Nick and Kathleen*

*Jolene Rose Keenan,
daughter of Peter and Melissa*

*Francesca Mae Hudson,
daughter of Bernard and Mackenzie*

*Wesley Gerald Johnson,
son of Christopher and Heather*

MAY GOD BLESS THEM!

ST. HILARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VOLUNTEER AT ST. FRANCIS INN MEAL SERVICES

St. Hilary's Knights of Columbus sends five Knights to serve dinner at the Inn, one day per month. Each volunteer is assigned a job and trained to provide the tasks to feed guests.

The Inn provides delicious meals to the community, serving up to 350 guests daily using donations from individuals (if you wish to donate at their site, please go to: <https://stfrancisinn.org>) and you can donate to local grocery stores through Philabundance.



50 UNUSUAL ENGLISH WORDS YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW

- Agog** – Eager or excited to hear or see something.
- Bumfuzzle** – To confuse or fluster.
- Cacophony** – A harsh, discordant mix of sounds.
- Callipygian** – Having well-shaped buttocks.
- Cattywampus** – Crooked or askew.
- Collywobbles** – Stomach discomfort or anxiety.
- Defenestration** – Throwing someone out of a window.
- Discombobulate** – To confuse or unsettle.
- Doodle Sack** – An old word for bagpipe.
- Erf** – A plot of land in a town (South African English).
- Fipple** – The mouthpiece of a wind instrument.
- Flibbertigibbet** – A frivolous, talkative person.
- Gardyloo** – Warning shouted before tossing waste (historical).
- Gobbledygook** – Nonsensical or technical-sounding language.
- Hullabaloo** – A noisy fuss or commotion.
- Impignorate** – To pawn or mortgage something.
- Jiggery-pokery** – Deceptive or dishonest behavior.
- Kerfuffle** – A disturbance or fuss.
- Limerence** – Intense romantic infatuation.
- Lollygag** – To dawdle or be lazy.
- Malarkey** – Nonsense or foolish talk.
- Mumpsimus** – A person who insists on making a known error.
- Nudiustertian** – Referring to the day before yesterday.
- Oxter** – Armpit (Scottish/Irish English).
- Pandiculation** – Stretching and yawning simultaneously.
- Pettifogger** – A lawyer who takes on trivial or disreputable cases.
- Philodox** – A person who loves their own opinion.
- Quire** – 24 sheets of paper.
- Ratoon** – A sprout from the root of a plant like sugarcane.
- Rigmarole** – A long, complicated, and confusing procedure or story.
- Sialoquent** – Someone who spits while talking.
- Skedaddle** – To leave or flee quickly.
- Slubberdegullion** – A dirty, slobbering, or worthless fellow.
- Snollygoster** – A shrewd, unprincipled person (esp. in politics).
- Susurrus** – A soft murmur or whisper.
- Tittynoe** – A small leftover amount (like a few grains of rice).
- Tittynope** – A small portion of food or drink left over.
- Ulotrichous** – Having woolly or tightly curled hair.
- Ultracrepidarian** – One who speaks beyond their knowledge.
- Wamble** – A queasy or uneasy feeling in the stomach.
- Whippersnapper** – A young, overconfident person.
- Widdershins** – Moving counterclockwise or in the wrong direction.
- Xertz** – To gulp something down greedily.
- Xylopolist** – A seller of wood.
- Yaffle** – To eat or drink noisily.
- Yclept** – An archaic word meaning "named."
- Yen** – A deep, passionate desire or craving.
- Zarf** – A holder for a hot coffee cup.
- Zugzwang** – A chess situation where any move worsens your position.
- Zenzizenzizic** – A number raised to the 8th power (obsolete math term).



St. Hilary Knights of Columbus

Officers Meeting on Wed., Aug. 27
at 7pm in the Rectory
AND

Members Meeting (members & those interested)
on Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 7:00pm in the Rectory



Americans should not be forced to pay for the killing of preborn children or fund the clinics that kill them. The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting all Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer to stop taxpayer funding of the abortion industry. In particular, we will invoke the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life with this prayer:

*Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.*

*As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on
the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in
the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.*

*We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you.
May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and
safeguard God's most precious gift of life.*

*Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and
defense of human life — especially where it is
vulnerable or threatened.*

*Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.
Amen.*

We ask Catholics to offer this prayer daily, from now until Oct. 1, the beginning of Respect Life Month. More info can be found at www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph. Thanks for responding to this invitation to pray & for your support in protecting innocent children and their vulnerable mothers from the evil of abortion.

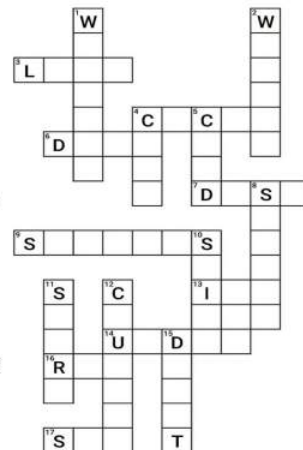
St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us!

Across

- Turn over a new ____
- Break the ____
- ____ vu
- Wait for the ____ to settle
- Out of the ____
- On thin ____
- ____ the weather
- Caught in a ____
- Make hay while the ____ shines

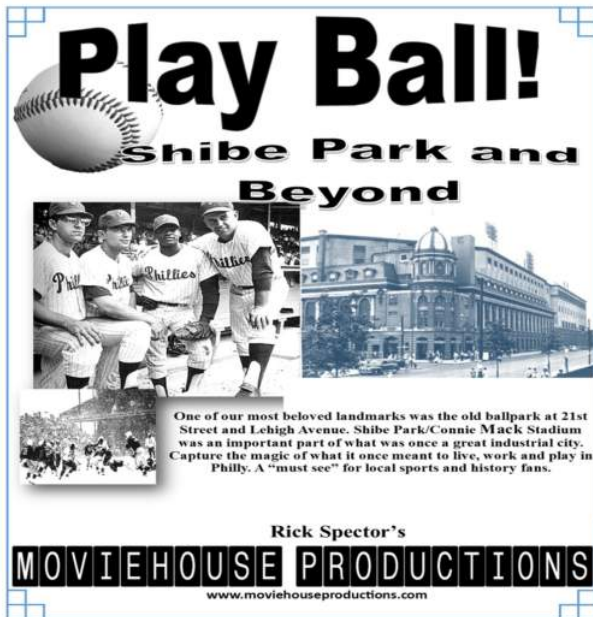
Down

- A change in the ____
- In the dead of ____
- The ____ before the storm
- ____ comfort
- Every cloud has a ____ lining
- Rise and ____
- A ____ is brewing
- Throw ____ to the wind
- Without a shadow of a ____



SAINT HILARY'S 55+ SPIRIT CLUB

First meeting of the year is on Wed., Sept. 17th. Rick Spector of Moviehouse Productions will present "Play Ball - Shibe Park and Beyond." Wear your Phillies gear or something red. Ball Park refreshments will be served. New members always welcome in our fun & welcoming group! You don't need to be a parishioner. Please call Ro Schell at 215-206-5313 w/ questions. Doors open 9am and meeting starts at 10am. Thanks!



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

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

Pastor ~ Rev. Kevin P. Murray

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Music Director ~ Justin Jue Plant Manager ~ Hal Fagan

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.*

***** Stay tuned for our annual St. Hilary Eagles Football Block Pool ~ info will be available very soon!**



STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

August 17, 2025

Sunday Offering: \$5,336

Electronic Giving: \$2,867

Total: \$8,203

August 18, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$5,145

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