

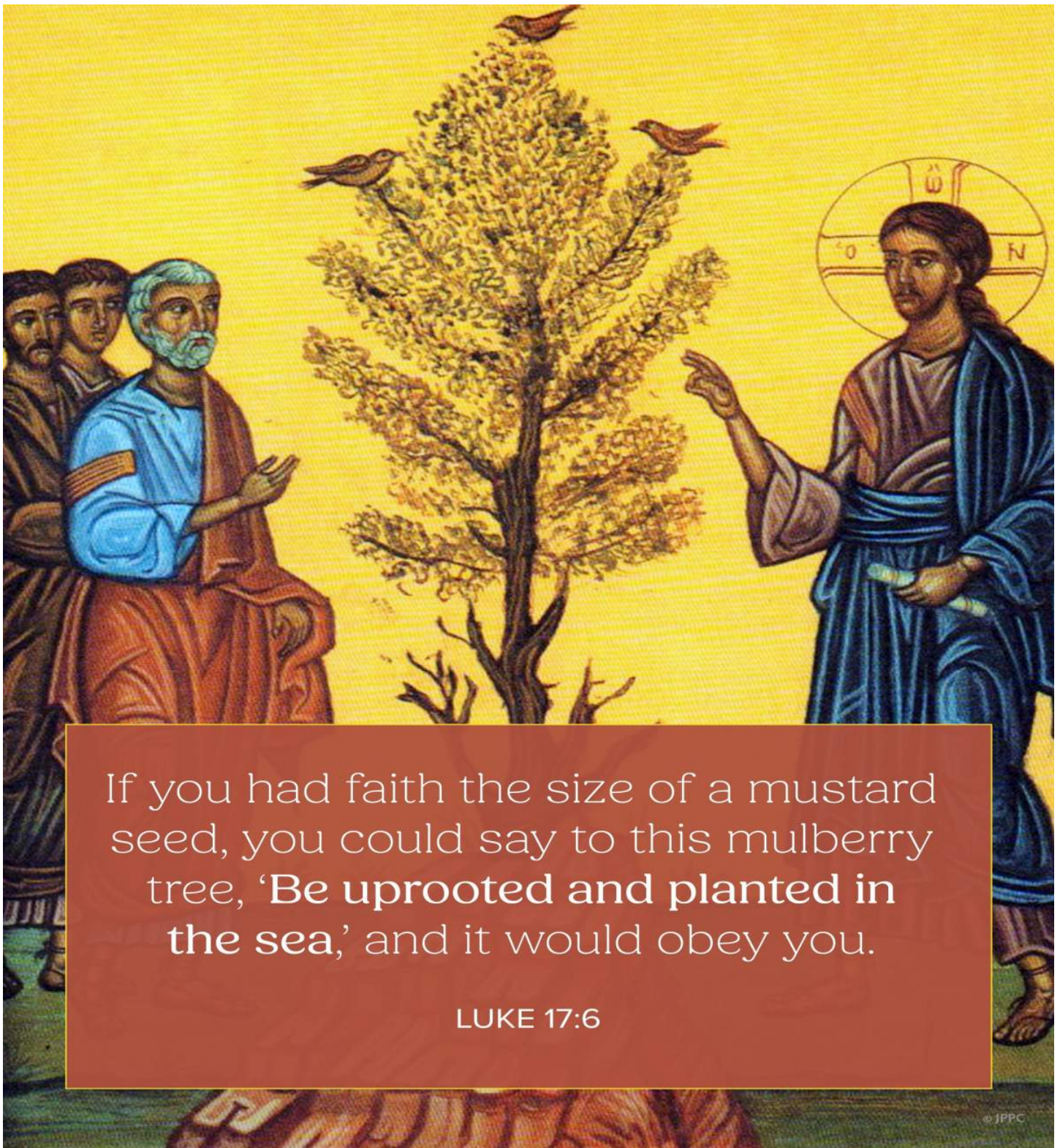
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OCTOBER 5, 2025

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, **'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,'** and it would obey you.

LUKE 17:6

PASTOR'S CORNER

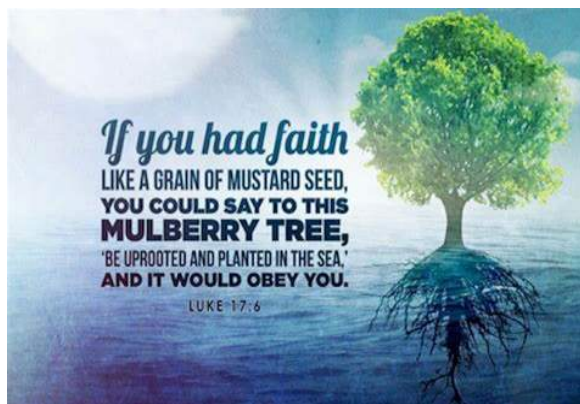
"Stir into flame the gift God gave you..."

-- 2 Timothy 1:6-8

The prophet Habakkuk looks out over his country and wonders, "Where is God?" Faith in God has diminished; evil seems to have its way. What would he say about the society of today? Secular values have replaced values rooted in God. Moral values seem to shift like the wind. It is obvious that the more God is out of the picture, the less respect there is for human life. Not only the unborn but babies born alive are no longer given the right to life. The sick and elderly are made to feel guilty for their conditions, so mercy killing seems the best solution. Pornography and human trafficking have further hastened the loss of human dignity.

Yes, as it is written, when God is dismissed, everything is permissible. In the face of this, we have a mighty weapon - faith! God is our Master, so St. Paul reminds to "stir into flame the gift God gave you and bear your hardships for the gospel." If faith can move mountains, as the Lord says, then no evil can prevail over us. May we all have the courage to heed the call of the Lord, bless and respect children born and unborn, feed the hungry, and comfort the sick and the dying. May we "guard the rich trust God gives to us" by the help of the Holy Spirit. Say "yes" to God and to Jesus Christ, the Lord of all life!

God Bless,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Vigil ~ Lidia Yacilla

8:30am ~ Stephen Emrich

10:30am ~ George James Garcia

Monday, October 6, 2025

Saint Bruno and Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

8:00am ~ George Melly

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

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

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00am ~ Joe and Joan Gallagher

Wednesday, October 8, 2025

8:00am ~ Rita Sheerin

Thursday, October 9, 2025

Saint Denis, Bishop, and Saint John Leonardi, Priest

8:00am ~ Jane Carbone

Friday, October 10, 2025

8:00am ~ Debbie Gianfortune

Saturday, October 11, 2025

5:00pm ~ Lidia Yacilla

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am ~ Tom Stengel

10:30am ~ Mary and Joseph Forkin

[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

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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, and 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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EXCITING NEWS...

After a rigorous and comprehensive evaluation process, St. Hilary School has been granted official accreditation by the **Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Schools (MSA-CES)**. This achievement is a testament to the dedication of our outstanding principal, Mrs. Fagan, and terrific faculty, fantastic students, and supportive parents. The accreditation signifies that St. Hilary School meets the highest standards of educational quality and excellence, and it reflects our unwavering commitment to providing a superior learning environment for our students.

We are also overjoyed to announce that St. Hilary of Poitiers Catholic School has been named an **Archdiocese of Phila. School of Distinguished Instruction for Growth** for 2025! This is a tremendous honor, and we are so proud to share it. This special award from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia highlights our students' remarkable academic growth from one year to the next. It's a powerful testament to our outstanding teachers and their unwavering dedication to inspiring our students, as well as the hard work, resilience, and amazing accomplishments of the students. Thank you to Mrs. Fagan for her leadership, as well as the faculty and staff for the incredible work in tirelessly ensuring that every child is challenged and supported to reach their full potential.

Once again, St. Hilary shines as the very best!

Join TuitionCare!

Would you rather send your PA Income Tax money to Harrisburg or redirect it to SHS School?

TuitionCare is a program developed by the Foundation for Catholic Education that allows you to redirect your PA income tax dollars toward St. Hilary of Poitiers School providing a tuition credit for ALL families in Grades K-8! Anyone associated with St. Hilary Parish or School can participate! If you are new to the program, the minimum to redirect is \$1,000. For each participating School or Parish family, the SHS School TuitionCare fund will receive \$1,000 toward tuition credits for K thru 8 families. Much more information can be accessed here via the QR code! Thank you!



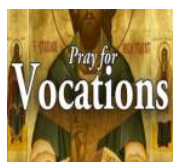
Jack Owens, one of our own parishioners, biked 3,566 miles from San Francisco to Ocean City, NJ, raising over \$55,000 for lung cancer awareness and support through *Ride Hard Breathe Easy*. From mountains to storms to 10 flat tires, Jack pushed forward with one goal - helping families facing lung cancer. *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 many trades, images of St. Hilary on both sides are now being restored!

PRAYER TO SAY AFTER RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST

I thank you with all my heart, O loving Jesus, for having come to me and allowed me to assist at the holy sacrifice of the Mass, and to offer it in union with you by receiving your Sacred Body and Most Precious Blood. Grant that I may not forget these graces; let me remember during this day that I have stood beneath your cross, witnessed the renewal of your sacrifice, and partaken of the heavenly banquet. May I spend this day for you alone, my Jesus, and perform all my work in union with you according to your words: "He who abides in me, and I in him, he bears much fruit." Amen



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!

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.



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 03 Winners

Dan & Mary McVey and Terri Supka

Week 02 Winners

Dave Luschini and Gracie DiCiacco

Week 01 Winners

Ed McDonald and Tom Gilton



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".

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

Rachel's Vineyard

Sunday, Oct. 5 is Respect Life Sunday and marks the beginning of 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. Throughout October, there will be baskets for monetary donations, and there are opportunities to pray for the retreatants and presenters from your home or in the chapel on site during the retreat, or to donate healthy snacks for them to enjoy during the weekend. Thank you to the speakers who visited last weekend at Masses.



May the Lord bless
you and keep you

May the Lord make
His countenance
shine upon you and
be gracious to you;

May the Lord turn
His face toward you
and give you peace.

ST. HILARY ANNUAL BLOCK COLLECTION



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.

- Fr. Murray



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**Next meeting is on Thursday,
October 16 at 7pm in the
Parish Center.**



**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 boxes 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!

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**ALSO, THERE WILL BE A
HOSPITALITY SUNDAY AFTER BOTH OF THE
SUNDAY MASSES ON SUNDAY, NOV. 2nd!**

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. Schaffir, 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 Huntowski, Ariel Cleveland, Mary Garcia, Soon Lee

*Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:
Bishop Herbert Bevard Deacon Thomas Hannon
Gerald Azeff*

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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

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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.

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Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 4pm; closed for lunch 12-1

Fridays 8:30am to noon

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**If today you
hear his voice,
harden not
your hearts**



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September 28, 2025

Sunday Offering: \$4,324

Electronic Giving: **\$1,950**

Total: \$6,274

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