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MARCH 22, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Lazarus
COME OUT!

JOHN 11:43

PASTOR'S CORNER

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"

-- John 11:1-45

The remaining weeks of Lent will have St. John as our spiritual guide. He weaves together beautiful stories of Jesus' encounter with people who are broken, fearful, and despairing. The Samaritan woman found refreshing water in Jesus' mercy. The blind man not only had his physical sight restored but his spiritual sight as well. He now saw Jesus as Lord of his life. In the gospel of this 5th Sunday in Lent, Jesus delivers Lazarus from the most hopeless situation...death itself.

We all experience similar moments that we find in these stories. More than ever, we, like the people in these stories, must turn to the Lord. We can be near Him in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, He will find a way to be near us. He remains our Good Shepherd; with Him there is mercy and our surest hope. All we need to do is call on Him in prayer. Prayer is the greatest power in the universe...a power that "stretches infinitely beyond us and connects us with that love that made and sustains the universe." Pray that the Lord in His loving mercy will protect us and deliver us from any danger.

This coming week is the first full week of spring. The light of day increases in nature and the earth will be transformed and burst with new life. May the light of Christ increase and intensify in our human nature. May we burst forth with an increase of divine life and help renew the face of the earth.

God's grace & peace.

Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

5:00pm ~ Jim Fenningham

8:30am ~ Marie and Philip Friel

10:30am ~ Verna Cauvin

Monday, March 23, 2026

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

8:00am ~ Joseph Kattner

*** 6:30pm ~ Taize Prayer Service

*** Adoration 8:30am - 4pm

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Saint Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr

8:00am ~ Marie Scalfaro

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00am ~ Joseph Magee III

Thursday, March 26, 2026

8:00am ~ Carol and Andrew McCauley

2:15pm ~ Stations of the Cross

7:00pm ~ Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 27, 2026

8:00am ~ Joe Gallagher

Saturday, March 28, 2026

5:00pm ~ William and Rosemary Wynne

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

8:30am ~ Dorothy Trappler

10:30am ~ John and Maureen O'Malley

There are Announced Masses still available for 2026.



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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 ~ fast from unnecessary screen-time today; use the time to read a book, walk outside, pray, etc.

Monday ~ this week, get up when the alarm goes off and offer your day to God's service

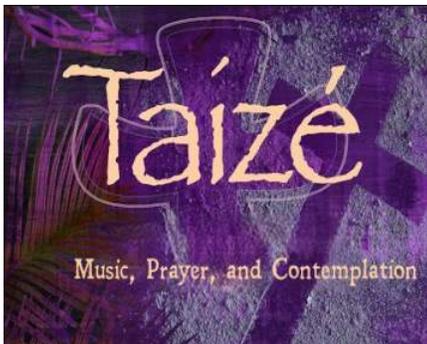
Tuesday ~ send your parish priests a "spiritual bouquet" - listing the prayers you'll offer for him (e.g. 3 Hail Marys, an Our Father, etc.)

Wednesday ~ today, complete an errand or chore you've been putting off

Thursday ~ the Our Father is the prayer given to us by Jesus; pray each line slowly and really think about what you are saying

Friday ~ today, fast from complaining; cultivate gratitude instead

Saturday ~ declutter, dust, and clean the house in preparation for Holy Week...the holiest time of the year



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**LADIES NIGHT OUT!
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Tickets will be sold in the Parish Center after the 10:30am Masses on April 19 & April 26. All proceeds will go toward improving technology, academics, and arts at St. Hilary School. Please join us!

Dear Parishioners,

I have long wrestled with how best to make this announcement. I find it easier for me to communicate it with this letter. As you may know, the retirement age for priests in the Archdiocese is 75. This coming spring, I will be turning 75 years old! It is hard for me to imagine that I have reached this milestone...I even checked my birth certificate to be sure - and so it is! With this in mind, and with mixed emotions, I wish to inform you that I will be retiring as your pastor this coming June.

I can't begin to express my heartfelt gratitude for your support over these many years. Your good faith, your loyalty in good times and in bad, and the many ways you have generously shared your time, talent, and treasure have been sources of many graces.

Your good will and care for our parish have enabled us to accomplish many needed projects for our church and school. How blessed I have been with an incredible support group! The Rectory and School Staffs and my brother priests, as well as our Parish Organizations, have enabled me to carry out my responsibilities as Pastor and have eased the challenges and burdens of administration.

What an absolutely wonderful gift to be a priest, and to celebrate Mass, preach the Gospel, and administer the sacraments to our youth and elderly and everyone in between. Thank you for allowing me to walk with you in the ways of faith in these many years. You will long be remembered in my thoughts and prayers, as well as at Masses. Please say a prayer for me as I embrace this new phase of priestly life. In closing, I pray God's grace and peace be with you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours,
Rev. Kevin P. Murray

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office of the Archbishop

Dear Father Murray,

I write in response to your letter in which you submitted your resignation as Pastor, St. Hilary of Poitiers, and indicated your desire to retire. I take this opportunity to express to you my profound appreciation for the faithful service you have given at St. Hilary Parish as its Pastor for the past 22 years. It is my prayer that God's presence will continue to be a source of strength and support for your priestly ministry for many more years.

After consultation with the Priest Personnel Board, I hereby accept your resignation, and grant your request for retirement. This resignation will become effective in June 2026 upon the appointment of a new Pastor. At that time, you will be appointed Pastor Emeritus. It is my fervent prayer that you will be blessed with much peace during these special years of your life.

Fraternally yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Nelson J. Perez, D.D.
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after the 10:30AM Mass.

Each ticket is \$10. Great prizes to be had!

Raffle Tickets will be on sale after all Masses at 2 of the Church entrances. Raffle Tickets will also be on sale in the Rectory Mondays thru Thursdays from 8:30am to 4:00pm (closed 12-1).

** It would be greatly appreciated if you would take a packet of 25 tickets to sell them (anyone can sell the tickets). There will be an Instruction Sheet included. Please stop by the table after Mass to pick up a packet to sell (special incentive for sellers, too)! Thanks for your consideration!

If you have any questions, please call the Rectory 215-884-3252 or you can email to sthilaryrydal@gmail.com



ST. HILARY 20th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026
North Hills Country Club

Brochures are available in the Rectory and in Church.

Any questions, please call or email the Rectory.

Please join us for this fun day!



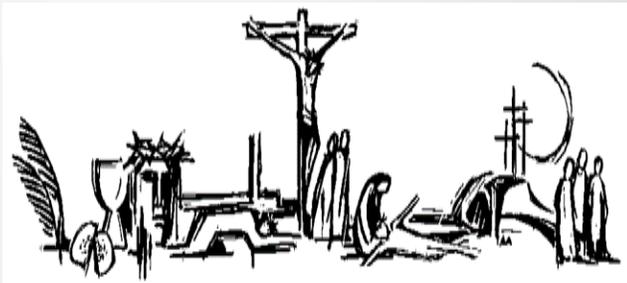
THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO STOPPED BY LAST SUNDAY FOR HOSPITALITY SUNDAY! AND MANY, MANY THANKS TO THE LADIES SODALITY AND ALL THOSE WHO ORGANIZED, BAKED, SET-UP, CLEANED-UP, ETC. THANK YOU!



ST HILARY'S MARCH MADNESS BLOCK POOL
Good luck to all the participants! If you still need to pay, cash or checks can be dropped off at the Rectory in secure black lock-box outside the Rectory (mark your envelope "March Madness") Or you can put your marked envelope in the collection basket - or Venmo: Robert Lattanzi @sc1225. Thank you!

Please take this opportunity before Easter for Daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation

- * Daily Mass Monday thru Friday at 8am
- * Confessions after the 10:30am Mass during Lent and Saturdays at 4pm
- * Stations of the Cross on Thursdays at 2:15pm & 7:00pm



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, March 30

*** Confessions at 7:00pm (extra priests available)

EASTER TRIDUUM AT ST. HILARY CHURCH

Please join us for this Holy Three Day Festival...

it is a time set aside for prayer and worship.

These three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday are the heart and core of our whole Church year.

HOLY THURSDAY is the feast day of the priesthood and of the Eucharist. A morning Mass, which is called the Chrism Mass, is celebrated in the cathedrals around the world. The priests renew their commitment to priestly service and ask the people to pray for them.

HOLY THURSDAY (April 2)

7:00pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:30pm to 10pm ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10:00pm ~ Night Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY (April 3)

9:00am ~ Morning Prayer

3pm ~ Adoration of the Cross & Communion Service

HOLY SATURDAY (April 4)

11:00am ~ Blessing of Food

7:30pm ~ Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY (April 5)

Masses at 8:30am and 10:30am

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO WERE RECENTLY BAPTIZED AT ST. HILARY CHURCH:



Molly Jo Seybold, daughter of Matthew and Amy



LADIES AUXILIARY OF MARY

Next meeting is Thursday, March 26

Join us for Stations of the Cross at 7pm, followed by Game Night in the Parish Center after Stations. All women are welcome and we would love for you to join us! Any questions, contact Stacey at 215-896-3424. Thank you!

St. Hilary Parish Outreach



Because of your generosity, our St. Hilary Outreach Program continues to help those in need. Your continual generous donations are appreciated! St. Hilary Outreach welcomes new referrals of people in need, especially in the parish. If you know of anyone, please contact Father Murray. Thanks!

HOW IS YOUR LENT GOING?

Practice Gratitude in the Moment...if you feel like you're drifting through Lent, don't wait for the perfect time to restart (there isn't a perfect time). So wherever you are, stop, give yourself a few spare minutes and thank God for, say, 10 things about your day or your life right now. Gratitude helps turn our hearts back to God.

If You Didn't Start Lent With a Plan, Make One Now...Lent isn't meant to be a competition of who can give up the most or be the most holy. It is meant to be a time of renewal, of clearing out the junk in our lives and letting Springtime enter our hearts. But let us also not forget that it is a time of friendship, of walking with Christ through His time in the desert.

Just Walk Quietly and Humbly With Your God...as we get ever nearer to Holy Week, remember God wants us as much as we want Him. Come into Christ's embrace and grow in His love.

Manor College Neighborhood Egg Hunt is on Sat., March 28 at 10am on Manor College front lawn at 700 Fox Chase Rd (rain date is March 29) for ages 1-10. Registration is required; go to: manor.edu/egghunt

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