

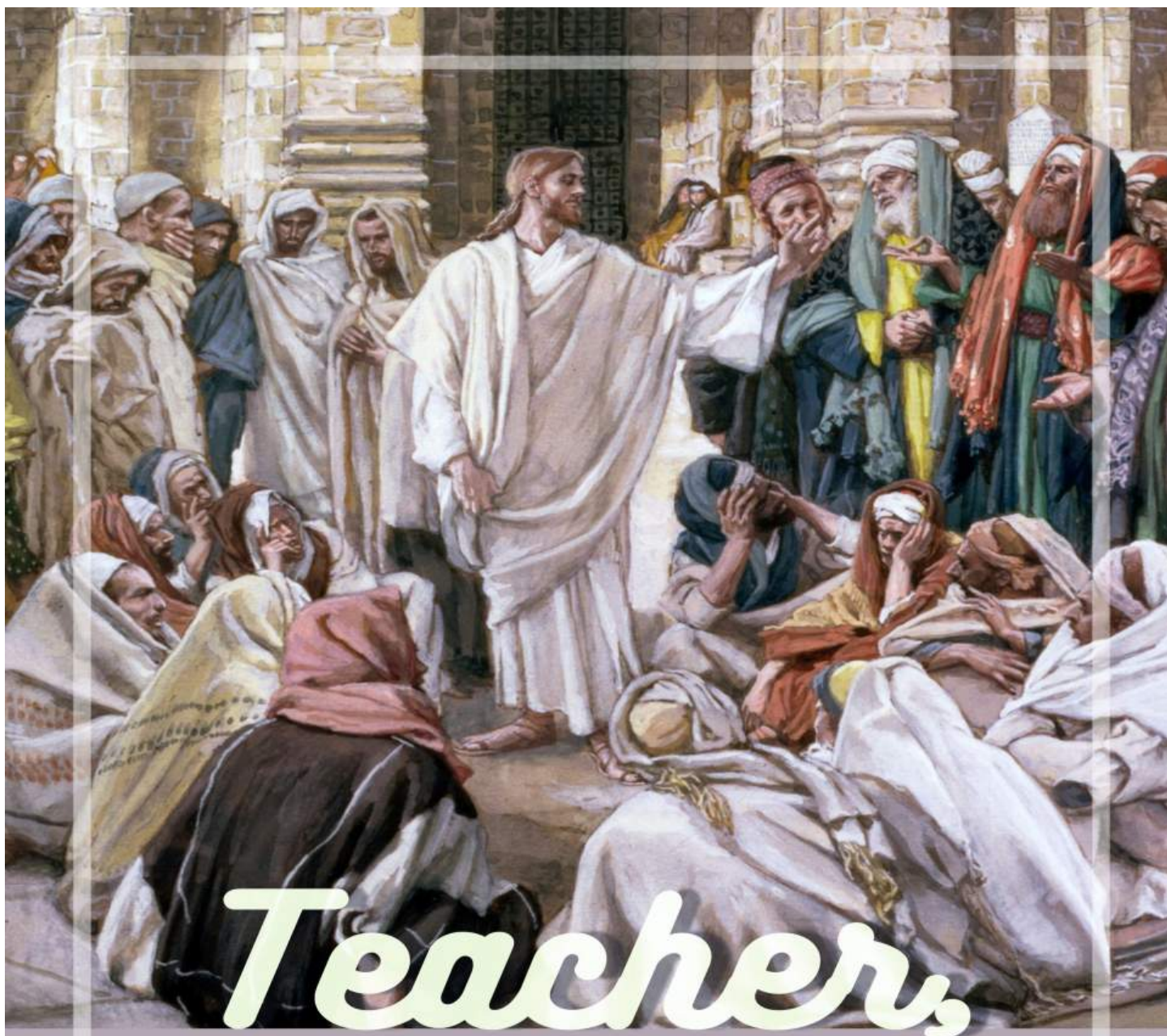
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OCTOBER 29, 2023

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Teacher,

**WHICH COMMANDMENT
IN THE LAW IS THE GREATEST?**

MATTHEW 22:36

PASTOR'S CORNER

“What is the greatest commandment?”

A lawyer asks Jesus which is the greatest of all commandments. At the time, there were over 600 commandments which developed around the familiar ten. For Jesus, the greatest of all is simply that God must be our first love. In all our choices and decisions, our way of life must have God as our priority. And when we love God above all else, we will learn to have great affection and love for what He loves. Neighbors will be seen not in terms of black and white, by class or religion, but as anyone in need of our concern.

God can command such love because it has been given to us in a way that could never be imagined. Pope Benedict reminds us, “From the pierced side of Christ, our definition of love must begin. In contemplation of Christ’s love spilled on the Cross, we discover the path along which our love must move. To be a Christian, then, is to have a heart that sees where love is needed and act accordingly.”

God’s grace and peace,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Vigil ~ Jim Manes
8:00am ~ Annie McReynolds
10:00am ~ John and Rita Steinmetz
12:00pm ~ Giulia DiSandro

Monday, October 30, 2023

Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

8:00am ~ Eileen O’Donnell

*** 8:30am to 4:00pm ~ *Adoration in Church*

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

8:00am ~ Robert Gliwa

*** 5:00pm *Vigil Mass for Holyday* ~ Pat Pacitti

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

All Saints Day

8:00am ~ Dugan and Costello Families

10:00am ~ Antonio Siravo

Thursday, November 2, 2023

All Souls Day

8:00am ~ For the intention of all souls

Friday, November 3, 2023

Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

9:00am ~ Michael Coulston

Saturday, November 4, 2023

5:00pm ~ Marseilles L. May

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am ~ Living & Deceased of St. Hilary
10:00am ~ Tom Stengel
12:00pm ~ Dorothy Toner

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UPDATE TO THE ST. HILARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

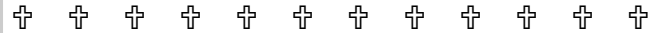


This June, we have completed the first year of our two-year Capital Campaign. As previously noted, our original goal was \$350,000. The generosity of our parishioners has been overwhelming. Currently a total of \$422,176.25 has been pledged. Of that amount, we have collected and deposited \$321,861. Of the 231 families who have pledged, 162 families are paid in full. All of our projects have been completed...now we just have to pay the bills! I hope you enjoyed our new air conditioning system in the Church in summer. Our children and teachers were kept cool with our brand new school air conditioning system. Our new lighting in the parking lot and the new beautiful side Church doors have been a most welcome addition as well. So, as we are in the second year of our Campaign, I am most grateful for your kind generosity. As always, the people of St. Hilary always come through! God's grace and peace.



Congratulations to the School and PREP children who received their First Holy Communion recently! Lord, bless our children who have come to your Table.

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| Emily Anderlite | Lily Ann Brady | |
| Mia Bongard | Juliette Breeding | |
| Joseph Calu | Mia Ditri | Julia Dryhynch |
| Gregory Dubas | James Gillard | |
| Quinlan Halpin | Saleem Keenan | Braydon Kots |
| Jack Knowles | Juliette Laska | |
| Greenleigh Lovell | Edward McDonald III | |
| Nicholas Milano | Chelsea Nguyen | |
| Grant Peppared | Anthony Pepe | |
| Chase Sailman | Kaltrina Scamby | |
| Maria Shurko | Ava Sloan | |
| Emma Stasky | Lavinia Stretch | |
| Henry Wilson | Nora Wybranski | |



In this year of reviving our devotion to the Eucharist and encouraging everyone to return to Mass, we will offer weekly meditations, reflections, and poetry from various saints and authors on the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, which is "the source and summit of the Christian life." Excerpts are taken from the book *The Holy Hour*, a Word on Fire publication.

Reflection by St. Irenaeus: Against Heresies

He has declared the cup, a part of creation, to be his own Blood, from which he causes our blood to flow; and the bread, a part of creation he has established as his own Body, from which he gives increase unto our bodies. When, therefore, the mixed cup and the baked bread receives the Word of God and becomes the Eucharist, the Body of Christ, and from these the substance of our flesh is increased and supported, how can they say that the flesh is not capable of receiving the gift of God, which is eternal life - flesh which is nourished by the Body and Blood of the Lord, and is in fact a member of him?



May God bless the following who were recently baptized at St. Hilary Church:

- Sophia Belle Forst, daughter of Curt and Sherrie Forst.
- Aria Elaine Moroney, daughter of John and Dara Moroney.
- Riley Amy O'Malley, daughter of Michael and Madeline O'Malley
- Brody Vincent Lebisky and Malorie Veronica Lebisky, son and daughter of Michael and Lisa Lebisky.
- Finnegan William Clune and Seamus Francis Clune, sons of David and Meghan Clune.

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.



NEW SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY MASS STARTING IN 2024

I am grateful for all of you who have returned to Mass after the pandemic. I hope and pray that more of our parishioners will return to Mass as well. There is nothing like being there! Watching Mass on TV no longer fulfills the Sunday obligation, unless you are sick, elderly, have an emergency or have conflicts with work schedules. So come home to the Lord who desires to make His home in you. With this in mind, please note our new Mass Schedule beginning in January 2024:

2024 Winter/Spring/Fall Schedule

(January thru June & September thru December)

Saturdays at 5:00pm

Sundays at 8:30am and 10:30am

2024 Summer Schedule

(1st Sunday in July thru Labor Day in September)

Saturdays at 5:00pm

Sundays at 9:00am and 11:00am

PLEASE NOTE:

***** The weekend Mass Schedule is currently back to the way it was, prior to summer:**

Saturdays at 5pm

Sundays at 8am, 10am, & 12pm

This schedule will remain throughout 2023.

THANKS FOR 40 HOURS PARTICIPATION!

Our Forty Hours Devotion was tremendously successful. Many thanks to Msgr. McHenry for being our presider, to the visiting priests on our Closing Night, for the wonderful music, the altar servers, and to all those who made the time to come out. Despite some distractions (the Eagles, Phillies, etc.) attendance at Forty Hours was overwhelming...thanks so much for your presence!

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. - Father Murray

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

October 22, 2023

October 23, 2022

Sunday Offering: \$5,734

Sunday Offering: \$4,718

Electronic Giving: \$3,160

Electronic Giving: \$2,817

Total: \$8,894

Total: \$7,535

ST. HILARY SCHOOL RACE FOR EDUCATION

SHS has started their annual Race for Education, which concludes with the Race on Nov. 10. St. Hilary's is a special community, where students exhibit incredible school pride and enthusiasm. We could not engage in all of the wonderful learning opportunities and fun events without the monetary support of our St. Hilary families, friends, and parishioners - thank you! Please know that no amount is too small & your support is greatly appreciated!

Race for Education Link:

<https://independent.pledgebrite.org/fund/sthilaryrfe23>



or you can drop an envelope in the weekend collection baskets or black lockbox outside the rectory marked "Race for Education" (please be sure to include your name & address or email).

You can make a general donation, or you can donate to a specific child or to faculty.

Thanks so much for your consideration!

ALL SAINTS DAY ~ NOVEMBER 1

In Catholic tradition, All Saints Day honors all those who have passed on to the Kingdom of Heaven. The Mass Schedule for this holyday of obligation is:

Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 5:00pm

Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 8am and 10am



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

ALL SOULS MASS AT ST. HILARY CHURCH

NEXT

SATURDAY, NOV. 4 AT 5:00pm MASS



All Souls Day, also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and the Day of the Dead, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of all those who have died. At the 5pm Mass on Saturday, November 4th, the names of those who died within the past year and were buried from St. Hilary Church will be read out loud. Please join us as we pray for all of the deceased in our lives who we keep close to our hearts.

**PRAYER FOR THE XVI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS IN ROME
OCTOBER 4 - 29, 2023**

Archbishop Perez invites the clergy and lay faithful of the Arch. of Philadelphia to pray for the Synod, with confidence in the power and presence of God, the Holy Spirit, at work in the Church, all throughout the month of October. This prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace. The Holy See proposes this simplified form of "Adsumus Sancte Spiritus" which has been historically used at Councils, Synods, and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years.

***We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
teach us the way we much go and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every p lace and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.***

**EFFECTIVE PRAYER IS
HUMBLE, YET BOLD**

Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you receive it, and you will." (Mark 11:24) The best prayers require the boldness to ask for what we want and the humility to surrender to God's will.

Some tips:

- * **Seek Reconciliation**...start with a thorough examination of conscience to see what needs confessing.
- * **Step Aside**...have conversations with our beloved Father, instead of listing demands; put the focus back on Him.
- * **Give Thanks**...each day, honor God as the source of all that is good in your life; it will strengthen our faith in His care.
- * **Act in Faith**...asking God for help with your concerns is a sign of humility and bold faith.

**BEFORE YOU GO TO BED
NEXT SATURDAY, NOV. 4**



RANDOM FACTS ABOUT DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME...

- * Ben Franklin first proposed the idea of daylight saving time in 1784 but it didn't become law in the U.S. for the first time until 1918. Then it was repealed in 1919, and it wasn't reinstated nationwide until 1974 as a way to cope with the energy crisis. It still isn't mandated by federal law, though, so not all states participate.
- * The period of time covered by daylight saving time has changed a few times in the U.S. Prior to 1986, it ran from the last Sunday in April and to the last Sunday in October. In 1986, it changed to the first Sunday in April through the last Sunday of October. The last change began in 2007, with daylight saving time currently running in the U.S. from the second Sunday in March through the first Sunday in November.
- * The time changes occur at 2:00am, not midnight. It's thought to be a time when the fewest people and businesses will be impacted, since most people will be at home, after most restaurants and bars will already have closed, and before most early shift workers need to be at work.
- * It's daylight "saving" time, not daylight "savings".
- * The names of the time zones change to reflect whether we're on standard time or daylight saving time. It's Eastern Standard Time when we're not on Daylight Saving Time, and Eastern Daylight Time when we are.
- * There's some scientific evidence that our bodies don't handle the time change all that well. One article cites a study that bodies naturally adapt as dawn comes earlier and earlier each day in late winter; but the change to daylight saving time interrupts that gradual process (much like a punch in the face for our Circadian rhythms).
- * The only states that don't currently participate in the time change are Arizona & Hawaii (although there's a small donut-shaped area in the Navajo Nation in Arizona where daylight saving time is observed).

ST. HILARY 55+ SPIRIT CLUB last meeting was decorated in full Halloween mode. The presentation by Natacha Rivera was an informative talk regarding financial safety and how to avoid scams. Everyone enjoyed the baked treats & conversation! The next meeting is Wed., November 15 when historian and author Thomas J. Wieckowski, who is vice president of the Old York Road Historical Society and chair of the Cheltenham Township Historical Commission, will speak about "John Wanamaker: King of Merchants." New members always welcome...we are a fun and welcoming group! Feel free to call Ro or Mike Schell at 215-663-1421 or Roseylvia McDonald at 215-219-0651. Looking forward to seeing you on Nov. 15 - doors open at 9am and meeting starts at 10am.



ST HILARY EAGLES BLOCK POOL

Week 06 Winners

Pool #1: The Stengels
Pool #2: Valentino Fam.

Week 05 Winners

Pool #1: Michele Stefanelli
Pool #2: Ed Walker

Week 04 Winners

Pool #1: Joe Henry
Pool #2: Mary McCallister

Week 03 Winners

Pool #1: Anne Wise
Pool #2: Alaina DiCiaccio

Week 02 Winners

Pool #1: Steve Farrell
Pool #2: Linda Powers

Week 01 Winners

Pool #1: Alex Muttreja
Pool #2: Egan Family

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 Lid-dy, Bob Kilcoyne, Mary Jane Namola, Elizabeth Dieckman, Sophia Southerling, TJ McDonald, Ahmed Abdul, Sal Sermania, Sue Masantonio, Angela Gavin, Wil-liam Hartner, Mary Jane Hummel, Pat Cass, Michele Kelly, Tina Savarino, Nicholas Esposito, Sarah Koehler, Paris Luckowski, Judy Sklar, Bernadette Redican, Gina Deva-ney, 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 Marrone, Jim Comet, Ian Reilly, Kira McKeever, Michael Lucas, John Rieth, Holly Judge, Greg Ziembe, Dilynn List-man, Anne Visco, Daniel Hare, Gloria Hannah, BJ Verdon, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Martha Serdner, Rolando Juarez, Colleen Legare, Tom Montvydas, Theresa Williams, Jim Curley, Bob Donnolly

Please pray for the souls of all the deceased

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Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm
(thru the end of 2023)

WEEKDAY MASSES

8 AM on Monday thru Friday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4 – 4:45 PM

HOLY DAYS

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

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OCTOBER ~ RESPECT LIFE MONTH

This year, St. Hilary Parish collected dona-tions of baby formula and baby bottles for the Cenacle, a family service center in the Frankford section of Philadelphia, co-sponsored by Catholic Social Ser-vices and the Pro-Life Union and helps to provide material, emotional, and spiritual assistance to struggling families. **Thank you to all who donated!**



ST. HILARY PARISH CYO BASKETBALL

Registration for CYO basketball for Grade School boys and girls (grades 3 thru 8) as well as High School boys and girls is now underway for St. Hilary Parish. To register, please see go to: www.sainthilaryschool.com and click on the "CYO" tab, and scroll to "Registration" (there is also contact info for each of the grades). **Deadline to register is Nov 1.**

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