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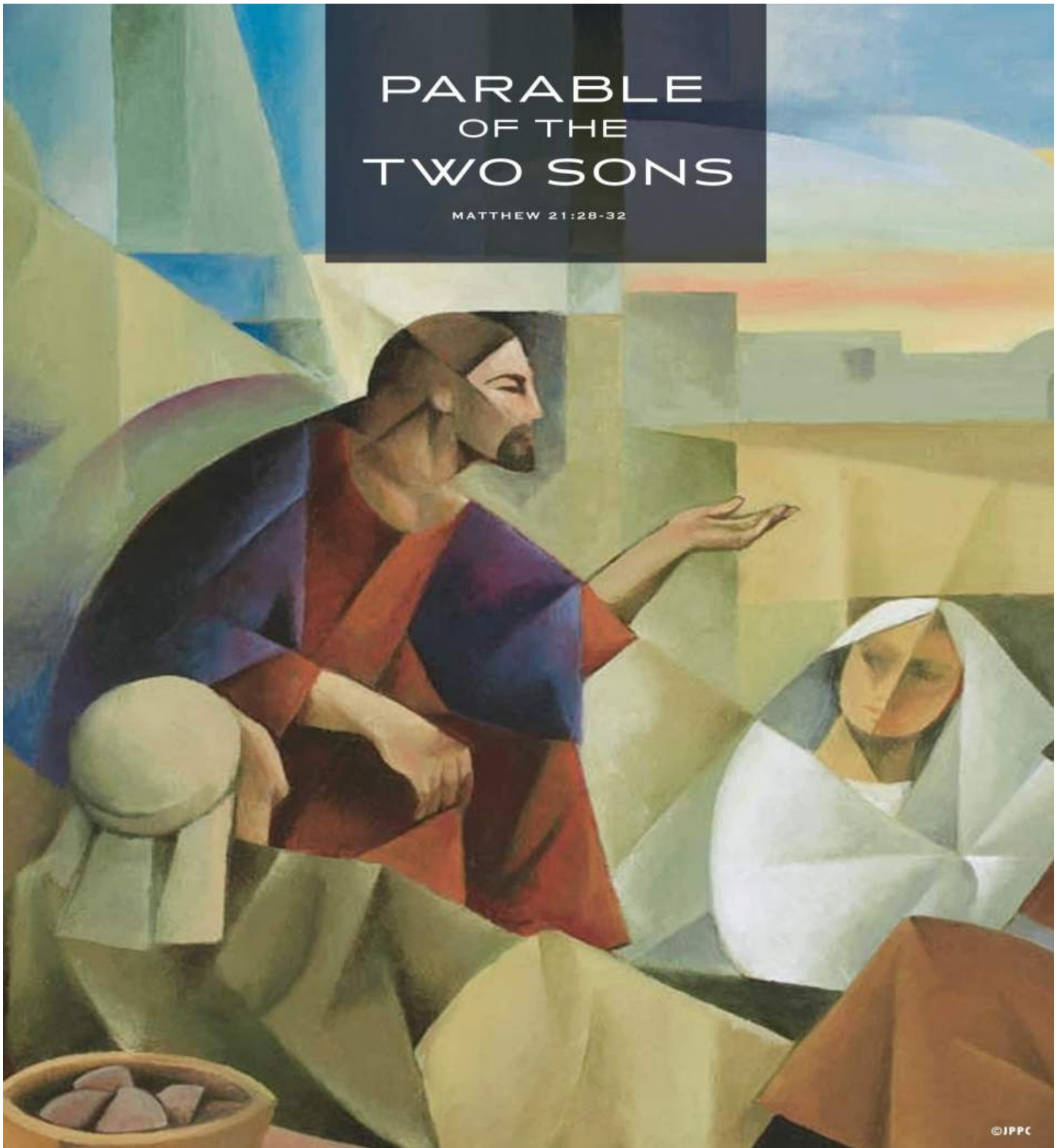
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OCTOBER 1, 2023

*TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

## PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS

MATTHEW 21:28-32



## PASTOR'S CORNER

**"The Lord's way is not fair."**

-- Ezekiel 18:25-28

"Prostitutes and tax collectors are entering God's Kingdom." Is that what Jesus really said to the religious leaders of His time? Yes, but they enter as changed men and women. As the prophet tells us today, "If one turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is right and just, he shall be saved." They are like the first son in the gospel, who first said "no" to God's ways but later repented. Like the workers of last week's gospel, they came late to God's vineyard - but they came!

It is not how long we've been going to church, or the depth of our prayers, or our knowledge of Scripture...it is our capacity to be merciful and to forgive as well as allow room for change. We are all on the road of recovery. At times, we have all said "no" to God, by our sins and not doing His will. Sometimes we come late in responding to His call to change. Yet, no matter our response to Him, or the quality of our work, rich or poor our love, we will find Him...slow to anger and rich in mercy! So can we be any less in our attitude toward others who fall short of God's glory? God is not as interested in the sort of person we used to be, as much as who we are now, and how we are trying to live up to His call. God always remembers His mercies!

God Bless,  
*Father Murray*



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00pm Vigil ~ Betty Stever

8:00am ~ Schembie Family

10:00am ~ Anna McFadden

12:00pm ~ Jim Manes

**Monday, October 2, 2023**

*The Holy Guardian Angels*

8:00am ~ Joseph DeGrazia IV

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

**Tuesday, October 3, 2023**

8:00am ~ Living & Deceased of St. Hilary

**Wednesday, October 4, 2023**

*Saint Francis of Assisi*

8:00am ~ Thomas Sheerin, Jr.

**Thursday, October 5, 2023**

*Saint Faustina Kowalska; Blessed Francis Xavier Zeelos*

8:00am ~ Stephen Emrich

**Friday, October 6, 2023**

*Saint Bruno; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher*

9:00am ~ Eleanor and Vincent Gargano

**Saturday, October 7, 2023**

5:00pm ~ George Melly

**Sunday, October 8, 2023**

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am ~ Burran Fellmeth

10:00am ~ Kevin Supka

12:00pm ~ Mary Forst

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SAME! THANKS!**

**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 \$421,276.25 has been pledged. Of that amount, we have collected and deposited \$319,971.50. Of the 230 families who have pledged, 161 families are paid in full. All of our projects have been completed...now we just have to pay the bills! I hope you are enjoying our new air conditioning system in the Church. 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 enter 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.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS...  
FORTY HOURS AT ST. HILARY**



**Sunday, Oct. 22  
Monday, Oct. 23  
Tuesday, Oct. 24  
(7pm each night)**

**40 hours DEVOTION**

**More details  
will follow next week...**

**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".**



**MONDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. HILARY CHURCH**

*Our Monday Eucharistic Adoration is 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.*

**Prayer for the Eucharistic Revival**

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope,  
and I love You!  
I beg pardon for those who do not believe,  
nor adore, nor love You. (Three times)  
Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
I adore You profoundly.  
I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul, and  
Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the  
tabernacles of the world in reparation  
for the outrages, sacrileges,  
and indifference by which He is offended.  
And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of  
Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
I beg of You the conversion of sinners.  
Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

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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.

Prayer by St. John Henry Newman: "**Meditations and Devotions**"

I place myself in the presence of Him, in whose Incarnate Presence I am before I place myself there.

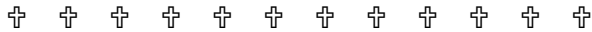
I adore you, O my Savior, present here as God and man, in Soul and Body, in true Flesh and Blood.

I acknowledge and confess that I kneel before that Sacred Humanity, which was conceived in Mary's womb, and lay in Mary's bosom; which grew up to man's estate, and by the Sea of Galilee called The Twelve, wrought miracles, and spoke words of wisdom and peace; which in due season hung on the cross, lay in the tomb, rose from the dead and now reigns in heaven.

I praise, and bless, and give myself wholly to Him, who is the true Bread of my soul, and my everlasting joy. Amen.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT  
TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION**

<b><u>September 24, 2023</u></b>	<b><u>September 25, 2022</u></b>
Sunday Offering: \$4,514	Sunday Offering: \$4,022
Electronic Giving: \$3,008	Electronic Giving: \$2,567
<b>Total: \$7,522</b>	<b>Total: \$6,589</b>



## **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.**

## **ST. HILARY OF POITIERS SCHOOL**

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## **ST. HILARY ANNUAL BLOCK COLLECTION**

**Thank  
YOU!**

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 and God bless you. - Father Murray



## **PARISH SYNODAL SURVEY**

During Lent 2023, St. Hilary Parish participated in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's Synodal Process by executing a parish-wide survey, called the Disciple Maker Index. Thanks to everyone who participated in the survey. The Parish Council & Father Murray reviewed the results, and after much reflection, developed three goals to address some of the areas of improvement identified in the survey. The three goals, as well as planned actions, are as follows:

### **1. Increase Family Participation in the Mass**

- starting in September, we will begin adjusting the homily of the 10am Mass to gear more toward families & kids

- we recently installed a small bookshelf with religious books in the vestibule for young children; we invite the parents with small children to "borrow" a book from this bookshelf during Mass

- we will also be investigating purchasing children's Mass missalettes to add to our pews sometime in late 2023 or early 2024

### **2. Create a more vibrant and nurturing Parish community**

- increase the use of Social Media to advertise parish events (now have a parish Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)

- increase the number of "Fellowship Sundays" after Sunday Mass to encourage parishioner socialization

- resume Mens' and Womens' Retreats, which were paused during the COVID-19 pandemic

### **3. Increase Parish Almsgiving**

- add an Outreach Council bulletin board in the church vestibule to highlight current outreach activities and opportunities

- Embed outreach activities throughout the parish (e.g. PREP, other committees, etc.)

We hope you join us in embracing these goals and associated changes to help us make St. Hilary of Poitiers an even more welcoming and vibrant Parish Community! Thanks!

## **A PERFECT 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*

## **KINDNESS**

Genuine kindness stems from authentic love because it inclines a person to give to others without counting the cost. Some expressions that describe kindness are benevolence, compassion, and goodwill. When kindness is at work in a person's life, he or she looks for ways to adapt to meet the needs of others. It is moral goodness that overflows. It's also the absence of malice. We live the virtue of kindness by treating others as we want to be treated. When God gives us this gift, it is more than being kind to others. He might help us be kind to someone who really needs it and we are not even aware of it. For example, maybe you feel like you should write a letter or call a person. God might be urging you to do that because they are having a bad day, and that's exactly what they need to cheer them up. Sometimes your kind deed to someone else is all they need to remember that someone special loves them.

## **OCTOBER COUNT FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE**

Each year (not including 2020 & 2021) each parish in the Archdiocese is required to submit an "October Count" ~ during each weekend mass during the entire month of October, starting this weekend, each person is counted. There are 5 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 is important to attend Church for our spiritual well-being, and in the month of October, it's especially important to attend your home parish. Thank you.

## **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) at St. Hilary Parish**

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

### **RCIA 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 & 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

RCIA is a spiritual formation process beginning on October 2nd and ending with initiation in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. RCIA classes are taught by Father Murray and are held every Monday evening from 7:00-8:30pm at the rectory. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Murray at 215-884-3252 .



Sunday, Oct 1st is recognized as Respect Life Sunday by the Archdiocese and the beginning of Respect Life Month. This year, St. Hilary Parish will be collecting donations of formula and baby bottles for the Cenacle, a family service center in the Frankford section of Philadelphia. **They are particularly requesting Similac's Neuro Sure, Advance, and Sensitive formulas. However, Enfamil and any other brand of formula will be much appreciated!**

The Cenacle is co-sponsored by Catholic Social Services and the Pro-Life Union and helps to provide material, emotional, and spiritual assistance to struggling families. **Donations will be collected throughout the month of October and can be placed in the basket at the Church entrance.** Thanks in advance for your kind consideration.

## **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

*You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion. Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired over one million volunteers! Over 20,000 babies saved from abortion...over 200 abortion workers converted...over 100 abortion centers closed.*

**St. Hilary Parish has been assigned next Saturday, Oct. 7** at Elizabeth Blackwell Planned Parenthood at 11th & Locust. We are in particular need of volunteers on that day between 8am-noon. We would like to have 2 volunteers sign up to pray during each hour. For more info, please call Annmarie Dugan at 267-253-1693. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Church entrance. Thank you.

## **PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE OCTOBER 16, 2023**

All are cordially invited to join St. Cecilia Church for this most important March on October 16th. The bus departs from Verree Rd. & Solly Avenue at 8:30am (Mass at St. Cecilia at 7:30am). The bus will return by 4:30pm. Cost per person is \$25 (bring your own lunch and snacks). Drop off payment w/ your name & phone number to St. Cecilia Rectory to save your seat. All are welcome! Please call 215-725-1240.



**Abington Life Chain**  
**Sunday, October 1 from 2-3pm**  
**Old York Rd. between Keith & Horace Rds.**  
*Spend one hour, standing 8 feet apart, in silent prayer for the unborn. Signs will be provided at the two corners of Keith and Horace Roads. For more info, call Patrick Stanton at 267-718-4851.*

**ST. HILARY 55+ SPIRIT CLUB** had its first meeting of the year on Sept. 20. Father Jacob John gave a wonderful talk about his life in India dealing with his childhood, seminary life, and his assignments after being ordained. Father Jacob then finished his presentation describing his various ministries in Philadelphia, which included both his parish and hospital assignments. Also at the meeting, we welcomed five new members & everyone enjoyed the camaraderie and being able to catch up since the June meeting.

The **next meeting is Wednesday, October 18** at which time Natacha Rivera, MS, Advocacy Coordinator for the Victim Services Center of Montgomery County, will be talking to us about "financial safety" & common scams to be aware of, steps to take to prevent these crimes, and steps to consider if it has happened. New members are always welcome! We are a very welcoming and fun group! You do not have to be a parish member to join. If you have questions, please feel free to call Ro or Mike Schell at 215-663-1421 or Rosesylvia McDonald at 215-219-0651. Looking forward to seeing you on October 18 - doors open at 9am and the meeting starts at 10am. Thank you!

**PRE-CANA** offered by St. Cecilia Parish will be on Saturday, October 21st at the Mother Boniface Spirituality Center at 3501 Solly Ave (next to Father Judge H.S.). All engaged couples preparing to marry in the Catholic Church must attend a Pre-Cana session. The day will begin at 9am and conclude at 6pm, after the 5pm Mass at St. Cecilia Church. Pre-registration is required; call 215-725-1240 to register.

**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, 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, 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 Listman, Anne Visco, Daniel Hare, Gloria Hannah, BJ Verdon, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Martha Srdner, Rolando Juarez, Colleen Legare, Tom Montvydas, Theresa Williams

*Please pray for the souls  
of all the deceased*

**ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

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**

7 PM Vigil

8 AM and 10 AM on holy day

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**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 8:30am to 4pm

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!



**ST HILARY EAGLES BLOCK POOL**



**Week 02 Winners**

**Pool #1:** Steve Farrell

**Pool #2:** Linda Powers



**Week 01 Winners**

**Pool #1:** Alex Muttreja

**Pool #2:** Egan Family



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** ~ still seats on the St. Cecilia bus for this event on Saturday, October 28 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. All women who register will save \$10 off the regular admission of \$60, as well as free bus transportation. To register with St. Cecilia's group discount and reserve your free seat on the bus, call Theresa Kuhar at 215-694-3709. All are welcome to this Catholic Women's Conference ~ Created for Love: Daughter, Sister, Bride, Friend, Mother.

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