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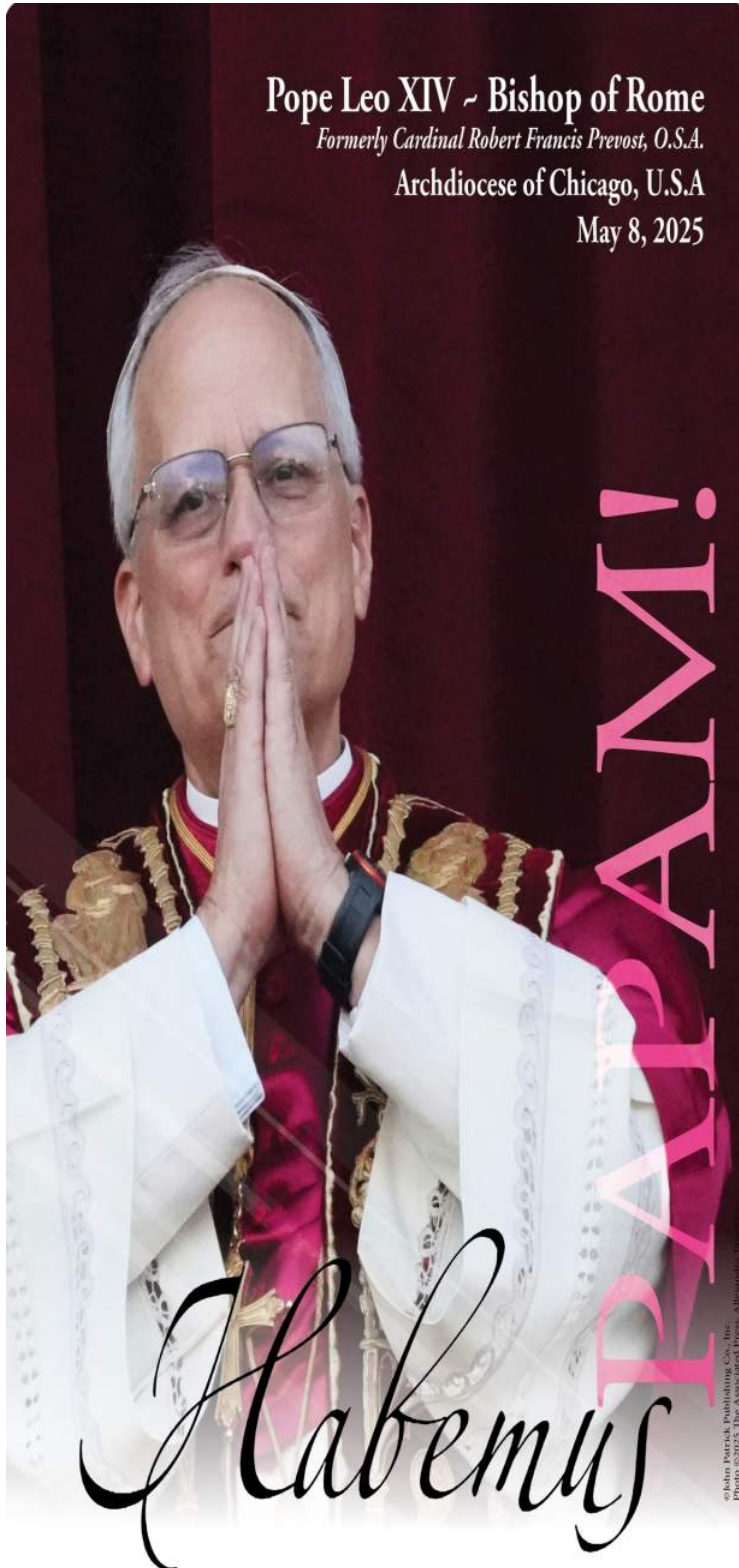
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pope Leo XIV ~ Bishop of Rome

Formerly Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, O.S.A.

Archdiocese of Chicago, U.S.A

May 8, 2025



*... Always remember
... Always be grateful
... Never forget*



Memorial Day

PASTOR'S CORNER

"Peace I leave with you."

John 14:23-29

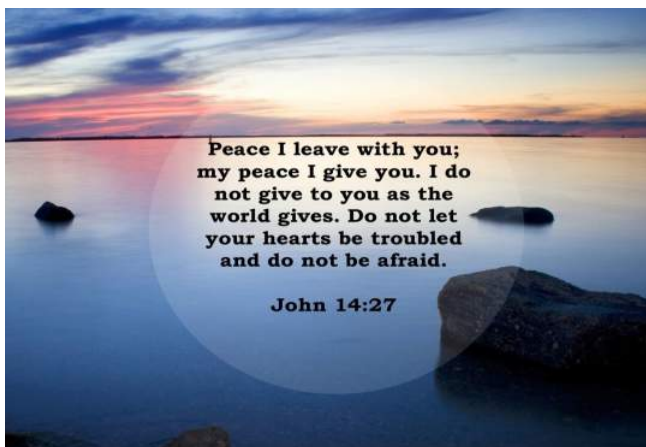
Jesus today gives His disciples a precious and unique gift. He tells them, "Be at peace; my peace be with you." The peace of Christ is the realization that His love is unconditional and His mercy is forever. There is no sin, betrayal, or failure greater than His love. It was this gift that enabled the disciples to be freed from their guilt and go out to proclaim this "Good News."

Yes, there is a love in the world like no other...a love that sustains us always; independent of life's many changes, moods, and setbacks. It never diminishes, in good times and bad. How do we experience this kind of peace? Jesus simply says, "Be true to my Word, act on my Word, and then God will make His dwelling within you."

The same Christ present in the tabernacle now dwells in you through the gift of the Eucharist. Today we offer each other the peace of Christ. It is a prayerful assurance that we extend to each other. It is a way of reminding the person next to you that despite the storms raging in your life...the tensions, worries, and the hurts - you are not alone. The Lord is with you!

The real guiding light on this earth is not the sun or the moon. It is the glory of God that gives us the light out of the darkness of troubling times. The lamb is the Lamb once slain who lives forever!

Peace be with you,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm Vigil ~ Richard Hopkins

8:30am ~ Mary Jane Garry

10:30am ~ Daniel Callahan

Monday, May 26, 2025

St. Philip Neri, Priest

8:00am ~ Jean Gianfortune

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

***** NO Adoration on this day**

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

8:00am ~ Patsy Whalen

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

8:00am ~ Jerome and Helen Waldron

***** 7:00pm Vigil ~ Living & Deceased**

Thursday, May 29, 2025

The Ascension of the Lord (holyday of obligation)

8:00am ~ Living & Deceased

10:00am ~ George Gianfortune

Friday, May 30, 2025

8:00am ~ Suzann Wardle

Saturday, May 31, 2025

5:00pm ~ Shirley Kennedy

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30am ~ Timothy Merlini & Family

10:30am ~ William P. Hughes, Sr.



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

CHECK OUT THE ST. HILARY PARISH TWITTER ACCOUNT, INSTAGRAM, AND FACEBOOK PAGE!

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Missionary Hubs in the Archdiocese

On January 5, 2025, Arch. Perez released a pastoral letter regarding the future of the Church of Philadelphia. In it, he discussed 2 primary challenges facing the church today - the first problem is many of our fellow Catholics have drifted away from the church and do not regularly attend Mass. In fact, 83% of baptized Catholics don't come to church. The second problem is that there continues to be a shortage of priests across the Archdiocese. In his letter, he reiterates that he did not become the Archbishop to close parishes; he came here to "build up the Church of Philadelphia." In an attempt to reverse the trend and build up the church, he announced the creation of Missionary Hubs across the diocese. A hub is an initiative planted in a local community, most likely within an existing parish setting. It will be focused on missionary outreach for a region within a county and serve a group of existing parishes. It will include various Catholic ministries and invite people into a relationship with Jesus Christ. A hub is designed to help our parish communities focus on the 83% of those who don't come through the church doors. Missionary Hubs are not intended to replace existing parishes. Rather, they are designed to enrich, supplement, and actively support parish life. Hubs are meant to work alongside and in collaboration with existing parishes. In cases where there are not sufficient priests to assign to each parish, parishes served by the Missionary Hub may be led by a Parish Life Director instead of a priest. The Archdiocese has created a website with more info and videos about this change, which the Archbishop plans to roll out in phases over the next decade. You can access the website at trustandhope.org.





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Thanks to all those who attended the information session presented by the Archdiocese. Thank you also to Anthony Cesarini for setting this up with the Archdiocese, and for Todd & Stacey Ellis who were on hand to organize the gathering.



St. Hilary of Poitiers PARISH COUNCIL

We ask our parish members to prayerfully consider new members to join our present Parish Council members. New members are elected and appointed as well by the pastor. At least 6 new members will be chosen by election or appointment.

Please submit one name on the Ballot below, after you have consulted with your nominee. Nominees must:

- * Have an active prayer life
- * Be a registered member of St. Hilary Church
- * Have a deep love and reverence for the Eucharist witnessed by regular Sunday Mass attendance
- * Actively strive to support and live out the moral teachings of the Church
- * If married, be married validly by the Church

After the nomination ballots are collected and approved, we will then have our election.

Please return the Ballot below to the Rectory or through Church in the collection basket by May 28th.

***** Detach below, and return by 5/28/25 ~ thank you!**

Dear Father Murray,

I'd like to nominate _____ for election to the Parish Council.

Your Name

Additional Comments: _____

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Drawing will be held Sunday, June 8, 2025,
after the 10:30AM Mass.

Each raffle ticket is
\$10. Big prizes!

Individual
Raffle Tickets can be
purchased
after Masses.

Individual Raffle
Tickets are also on
sale in the Rectory
Mondays thru Thurs-

days from 8:30am to 4:00pm (closed from 12-1pm).

** 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, or Monday thru Thursday at the Rectory, to pick up a packet to sell (special incentive for sellers, too)!

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

THANKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!

***** If you sold a packet of tickets, please return them NO LATER THAN Tues., June 3 to the Rectory in the secure black lockbox outside the Rectory any time of night or day, for your convenience, or return them in the weekend collection basket. Thank you!!**

FRITZ'S STICKY BUNS (rescheduled!)

**After Masses on Sat., June 7
and Sunday, June 8
(\$15 per box of 6)**



PREP REGISTRATION

(Parish Religious Education Program)
AT ST. HILARY PARISH

PREP registration for 2025-2026 is now underway. Classes are Tuesdays at 6:30pm.

***** You need to register online by going to sthilarypoitiers.org; click "Register PREP"**

You can drop off payment in the secure black lockbox outside the Rectory at any time, for your convenience, or mail it to the Rectory. Also, 1st graders need a copy of their baptism certificate, which can also be dropped off or mailed. Any questions, please contact Noreen Forkin at sthilaryprep@gmail.com. Thanks!



**ST. HILARY
19th ANNUAL
GOLF TOURNAMENT
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025
North Hills Country Club**

*Have fun and thank you to all who signed up for this fun annual event, and for all who helped sponsor this day!
(The deadline for golfers has passed, due to North Hills policy.)*



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Holyday of Obligation ~
Thursday, May 29

Mass Times:

**Wed., May 28 at 7:00pm
and
Thursday, May 29 at
8:00am and 10:00am**

The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ commemorates the Christian belief of the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven. It is one of the ecumenical feasts of Christian Churches, ranking with the feasts of the Passion, of Easter, and Pentecost. It is traditionally celebrated on the 40th day of Easter, following the account of Acts 1:3 that the risen Jesus appeared for 40 days prior to his Ascension.

ST. HILARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



**OFFICERS MEETING
ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 28th
7:00pm in the Rectory**

**MEMBERS MEETING
ON THURSDAY, JUNE 5
7:00pm in the Parish Center**



TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

Memorial Day marks the day in 1921 when four unknowns were exhumed from four World War I American cemeteries in France. Army Sgt. Edward F. Younger chose the Unknown Soldier of World War I, who now lies in the tomb. President Warren G. Harding officiated at the interment ceremonies at the Memorial Amphitheater on November 11, 1921.

There are three other soldiers buried at the tomb. In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill to select and pay tribute to the unknowns of World War II and Korea. The selection ceremonies and the interment of those unknowns took place in 1958. The Unknown of Vietnam was only unknown for a short time. After being placed into the tomb in 1984, the Unknown was exhumed in 1988. Thanks in part to mitochondrial DNA testing, Department of Defense scientists were able to identify the remains.

It was decided that the crypt that contained the remains of the Vietnam Unknown will remain vacant. The crypt cover was replaced with a new inscription that now reads: "Honoring and Keeping Faith with America's Missing Servicemen, 1958-1975"

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is guarded 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and in any weather by Tomb Guard sentinels. Tomb Guards are volunteers – part of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, also known as "The Old Guard." It is the oldest active-duty infantry unit in the Army, serving the US since 1784. The honor of Tomb Guard is incredibly rare. The badge is the least awarded in the Army. It takes a high level of dedication to be a Tomb Guard. They work in 24-hour shifts and when they aren't walking the mat, they are living in the quarters beneath it. During that time, they complete training and prepare their uniforms, which can take up to eight hours.

Changing of the Guard is an elaborate ritual that happens every hour on the hour October 1 to March 31, and every half-hour from April 1 to September 30. Visitors are welcome to watch the ceremony, but must stand and remain silent.

The ceremony starts with the relief commander announcing the Changing of the Guard on the plaza. The Tomb Guard marches 21 steps behind the Tomb, turns, faces east for 21 seconds, turns and faces north for 21 seconds, then takes 21 steps down the mat, and then repeats the process. After the turn, the sentinel executes a sharp "shoulder-arms" movement to place the weapon on the shoulder closest to visitors watching the ceremony. This signifies that the sentinel stands between the Tomb and any potential threat. Doing things in increments of 21 symbolizes the 21-gun salute, which is the highest military honor that can be bestowed.



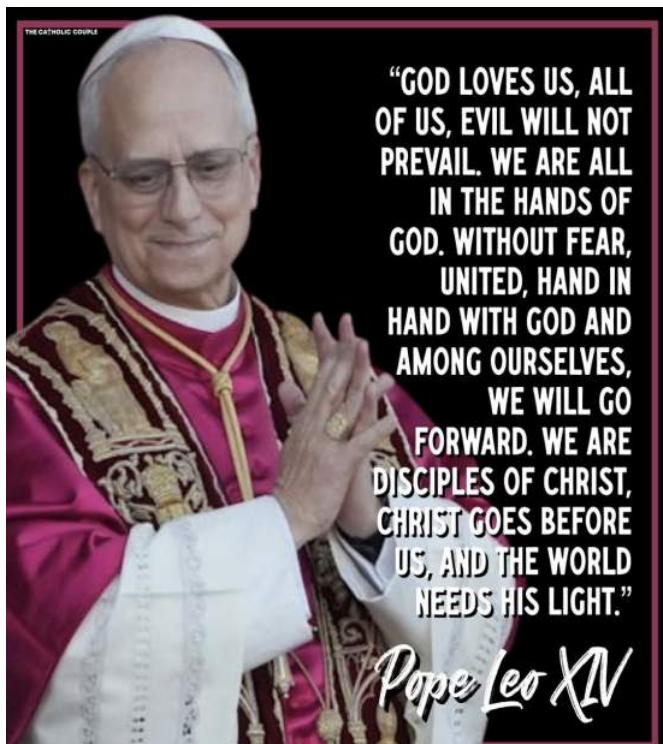
The goal of a Catholic Liturgy is to Communicate a transcendent awareness of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. Faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist demands great beauty, dignity, and reverence".

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED "LADIES NIGHT OUT" AND THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO PLANNED, SET UP, CLEANED UP, AND WORKED HARD FOR THIS FUN EVENT!



UPDATED 55+ SPIRIT NEWS:

The 55+ Senior Spirit Club ~ next meeting will be **Wednesday, June 18** beginning at 10am in the Parish Center. This will be the last meeting until the Fall. Please join us! 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, 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, 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

*Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:
Janet McKeever*

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

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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.

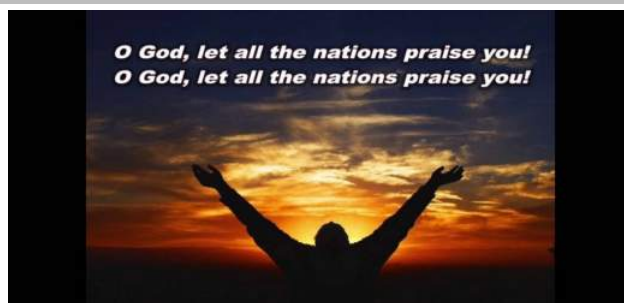
RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

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

Fridays 8:30am to noon

***** Rectory Offices are closed on Monday, May 26**

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.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Many thanks for returning the filled Manna Bags last weekend (they got picked up on Mon., May 19 by the St. Katherine Food Cupboard). The items will be put to good use by those in need.

Also, thank you for returning the Baby Bottles for Pro-Life last weekend. Your contributions of loose change & bills will go a long way in helping those in the Guiding Star Ministries Maternity Home.

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