

# St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

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FEBRUARY 12, 2023

*SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*



LET YOUR 'YES' MEAN 'YES,'  
AND YOUR 'NO' MEAN 'NO.'

MATTHEW 5:37

## PASTOR'S CORNER

**"Keep the commandments and they will save you."**

- - Sirach 15

St. Paul today writes that "we speak God's wisdom." This wisdom became personified in Jesus Christ. Jesus' words are challenging for sure. He reminds us not just to avoid sins, like murder or adultery - we must also be mindful of those unchecked faults that lead to these serious sins...faults like anger, jealousy, resentment, gossip, harsh words, and lust. Words can kill and hurt just as much as any weapon. Pornography and lustful thoughts can be just as serious as adultery if left unchecked. Jesus calls us today to break the links of anger and impurity that will lead to serious sin. Avoiding uncontrollable anger can lead to an end to conflict. Being committed to purity can bring an end to infidelity, and to be committed to telling the truth can bring about greater integrity.

These struggles may be painful and call for sacrifice. It may seem like someone is "tearing out your eye or cutting off your arm." Spiritual operation on the soul can bring suffering just as an operation on the body. Yet operations on the soul or body are sometimes necessary for healing to take place. The psalmist sings, "Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord." Discipline and sacrifice, Jesus assures us, will always lead to happiness and a greater sense of well-being.

God Bless,  
Father Murray



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sunday, February 12, 2023**

*6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00pm Vigil ~ Maria DeGiosoffato

8:00am ~ Larry Mascio

10:00am ~ Dugan and Costello Families

12:00pm ~ Rudolph DiMassa

**Monday, February 13, 2023**

8:00am ~ Kathleen Tracey

\*\*\* 8:30am to 4:00pm ~ Adoration

**Tuesday, February 14, 2023**

*Saint Cyril, Monk and Saint Methodius, Bishop*

8:00am ~ Kathleen and Tom Walsh

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023**

8:00am ~ Kevin Supka

**Thursday, February 16, 2023**

8:00am ~ Raymond and Kathleen McCabe

**Friday, February 17, 2023**

*The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

8:00am ~ Laura Alegado

**Saturday, February 18, 2023**

5:00pm Vigil ~ Bandura Family

**Sunday, February 19, 2023**

*7th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am ~ John, Rose and Henry McErlean

10:00am ~ James and Bernadette Thomas

12:00pm ~ Elizabeth Cirigliano

**The Miraculous Medal Shrine**, a Marian devotional destination and ministry of the Vincentians of the Eastern Province in the Germantown section of Philadelphia, has been elevated by the Vatican to Minor Basilica status. This designation is shared by only one other church in the city of Philadelphia, the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, and 91 others across the United States. **The Shrine, along with the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception that houses it, are now known as the Basilica Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.**

## **ST. HILARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

THANKS to this parish community for the tremendous support for the 2022 St. Hilary Diamond Jubilee Capital Campaign. Seeing the progression of this campaign these past months has been truly a blessing. We have an exciting update; this campaign has raised **\$406,841.25**. Through your prayers and help, we have even surpassed our initial goal of \$350,000. The sooner that the pledges are redeemed, the better it will be for paying for these projects. We currently have about \$237,538 of the campaign contributions already deposited, and it is imperative that we continue to collect all payments on pledges to ensure that we can complete all the capital work. Thank you very much!

### **PROJECT UPDATE**

Just a reminder that the monies raised from the Jubilee Capital Campaign are directed toward the following goals:

- \* New Air Conditioning System in the School ~ completed
- \* New Lighting in the back parking lot for safety and security ~ completed
- \* New Air Conditioning System in the Church ~ completed
- \* New Church Doors ~ will be installed in a few months...please see the pictures to the right, of the beautiful stained glass to be inserted into our new Church doors

Once again, I am sincerely thankful for the overwhelming response & generosity! New pledges are most welcome. All donations are appreciated! *Father Murray*

## **3 NEW CHURCH DOORS COMING SOON...**



ST. HILARY

LOCATION OF DOOR:

**SCHOOL**  
**HALL**  
**DOOR**

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

LOCATION OF DOOR:

**CHURCH**  
**TO**  
**COURTYARD**



SACRED HEART OF MARY

LOCATION OF DOOR:

**HALL**  
**TO**  
**CHURCH**



### **WOMEN OF ST. HILARY...**

Please join us for a wonderful FREE presentation on women's safety in today's world on

**Thursday, February 23**

**at 7:00pm**

**in the Parish Center**

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Topics which will be discussed include home security, physical security, automobile security, travel security, technological security, workplace security, and security reminders for parents, children, senior citizens, as well as people with disabilities. Any questions, call Stacey Ellis at 215-896-3424. Thanks for your consideration!



**SOME PICTURES  
OF THE AIR  
CONDITIONING  
BEING INSTALLED  
INTO ST. HILARY  
CHURCH**



### **STEWARDSHIP REPORT** **TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**February 5, 2023**

Sunday Offering: \$7,730

Electronic Giving: \$3,228

**Total: \$10,958**

**February 6, 2022**

Sunday Offering: \$7,084

Electronic Giving: \$3,040

**Total: \$10,124**

**ST. HILARY OF POITIERS SCHOOL**



**THANK YOU to everyone who joined us for the 10am Mass Jan. 29 as we "packed the pews" for the annual Opening of Catholic Schools Week! And thanks to all those who toured our terrific school!**

*At St. Hilary of Poitiers School, we focus on educating the whole child. We encourage our students to discover and develop their talents. Our Christian faith permeates each aspect of who we are and what we do. Our students are encouraged to develop leadership abilities and interpersonal skills, understand personal responsibility, practice sportsmanship, and provide service to the community. Recognizing that both home and school are an integral part to our faith-centered community, parents and teachers partner to guide each student to recognize and discover Christ in all people, and understand the importance of preparing students to be deeply rooted in their faith and their education, and become peace-filled citizens of the world.*

**SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023-24 YEAR IS NOW OPEN FOR PREK - 8th!**

Please visit [www.sainthilaryschool.com](http://www.sainthilaryschool.com) for more information and a virtual tour. You can also contact the principal, Mrs. Fagan, at 215-887-4520 or email to [efagan@sainthilaryschool.com](mailto:efagan@sainthilaryschool.com)

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.

**St. Hilary's Adoration Society**

There is Adoration in Church every Monday from 8:30am til 4:00pm  
Come spend some time with the Lord!  
*(Please sign in when you arrive!)*



**ST. HILARY VERY SUPER SUPER BOWL POOL**



**THANK YOU SO MUCH TO BOB LATTANZI, OUR FOOTBALL BLOCK POOL EXPERT! HIS TIME & SUPPORT OF ST. HILARY'S PARISH ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**



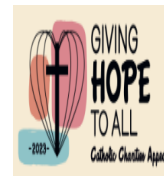
You needed to have reserved your Block(s) from Bob directly for the BIG SuperBowl game - GO BIRDS! For those who still owe money for the Super Bowl Pool, checks are made payable to St. Hilary; please put "Super Bowl" in the memo section of your check. You can drop off checks in the secure black lockbox outside the Rectory in an envelope marked "Super Bowl Pool". You can also put your marked envelope in the Sunday collection baskets by next weekend, or Venmo Robert Lattanzi @sc1225. Thanks for participating!



St. Hilary Parish made \$6,700 from the 2022 regular season football pool (\$5,700 from sales and \$1,000 from four weekly winning blocks). Thanks!!!



Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal will provide necessary support to thousands of people. These



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL**

individuals are served by an array of organizations, programs, and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The beneficiaries of this Appeal focus on five key areas:

- Education
- Social Services
- Local Mission Activities
- Clergy
- Evangelization, Parish and Spiritual Life

Thank you for your support of the annual Catholic Charities Appeal.

## ST. VALENTINE'S STORY

Let me introduce myself; my name is Valentine. I lived in Rome during the third century. That was long, long ago. At that time, Rome was ruled by an emperor named Claudius. I didn't like Emperor Claudius, and I wasn't the only one! A whole lot of people shared my feelings.

Claudius wanted to have a big army. He expected men to volunteer to join. Many men just did want to fight in wars. They did not want to leave their wives and families. As you might have guessed, not many men signed up. This made Claudius furious. So what happened? He had a crazy idea. He thought if men were not married, then they would not mind joining the army. So, Claudius decided not to allow any more marriages. Young people thought that this new rule was cruel. I thought it was preposterous! I certainly wasn't going to support that law. Did I mention I was a priest? One of my favorite works as a priest was to marry couples. Even after Emperor Claudius passed his law, I kept on performing marriage ceremonies - secretly, of course. It was really quite exciting. Imagine a small candlelit room with only the bride and groom and myself. We would whisper the words of the ceremony, listening all the while for the steps of the soldiers.

One night we did hear footsteps. It was scary! Thank goodness the couple I was marrying escaped in time. I was caught, however. I was thrown in jail and told that my punishment was death. I tried to stay cheerful. And do you know what? Wonderful things happened. Many young people came to the jail to visit me. They threw flowers and notes up to my window. They wanted me to know that they, too, believed in love. One young woman was the prison guard's daughter. Her father allowed her to visit me in the cell. Sometimes we would sit and talk for hours. She helped me to keep my spirits up. She agreed that I did the right thing by ignoring the Emperor and going ahead with the secret marriages. On the day I was to die, I left my friend a little note, thanking her for her friendship and loyalty. I signed it, "**Love from your Valentine.**"

I do believe that this note started the custom of exchanging love messages on Valentines Day. It was written on the day that I died, which was February 14, 269 A.D.



## **"BOAT HOLES"**

Once a young man was asked to paint a boat that belonged to an affluent man. The young man got some red paint and brushes and began to paint the boat, as requested by the owner. While painting, he discovered a tiny hole in the ship's hull and quietly fixed it. After completion of the painting, the young man received the money for the paint job and left.

The boat's owner showed up at the painter's house the next day with a substantial check, far greater than the painting payment. "You've already given me the money for painting the boat, sir," said the surprised painter. "But this isn't for the paint job; it's for repairing the hull in the boat," said the owner. The young man replied, "But it was such a little service...it's not worth paying me that much for money something so insignificant."

"My dear boy," said the owner. "You do not understand the significance of your act. Let me tell you what happened. I forgot to mention the hole when I asked you to paint the boat. When you were done with the paint, my kids took the boat and went on a fishing trip once the paint had dried. They were unaware of there being a hole. I was not there at that time. When I returned and discovered that my children had taken the boat, I was distressed because I remembered it had a hole. I tried to contact them several times but couldn't reach them. Imagine my delight when I saw them return from their fishing trip. After that, I carefully examined the boat and discovered that you had repaired the hole. You see, now, what you did? You protected my children's lives! I don't have enough money to repay you for your very thoughtful act."

So, no matter what, who when or how...keep your spirit up. Keep your spirit up to help, sustain, wipe tears, listen, and carefully repair any leaks you find. Because sometimes, the smallest act of kindness and thoughtfulness may be worth more to others.

You may have repaired many "boat holes" along your way, even without realizing how many lives you may have impacted. Similarly, many may have fixed holes in your boat without realizing it. So, be grateful and keep being kind and thoughtful.



**UPDATED 55+ SPIRIT NEWS:**

**55+ Spirit Club** ~ A reminder that the Spirit Club meeting is Wed., Feb. 15 at 10am in the Parish Ctr. This month, we welcome Mary Wible from the Civil War Museum in Holmesburg. This coincides with Lincoln's birthday Feb. 12. It is always amazing to find these local treasures. She has asked us to collect stamps for their Wounded Warriors Project (bring to the meeting). She will have more information. Free refreshments, as always, for members. Guests are welcome. Bus trip info and sign-ups at meeting.

Margie 215-885-8722 / Bridget 215-663-0411

**Upcoming Trips**...please look for flyers at church doors. Also call Michele at 215-498-5908.

- **Doo-wap Disco** on April 12 at The Shore Club for \$95pp all inclusive
- **Totally Tenors** on May 21 at Tomasello Winery for \$120pp all inclusive
- **Miracle of Christmas** on December 12 at Sight and Sound in Lancaster for \$140pp.

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE UPCOMING LENTEN SCRIPTURE SERIES WILL BE COMING VERY SOON...**

*PLEASE STAY TUNED TO THE SUNDAY BULLETIN AS WELL AS TO FLOCKNOTES (if we have your email address, then you receive updates from us; please give us your email if you'd like Flocknotes)*

**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, Mary Deely, 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, Tina Hardimon, 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, Timothy Dempsey, Dilynn Listman, Anne Visco, Daniel Hare, Gloria Hannah, BJ Verdon, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Kathy Huss, Christopher Kirk

Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:  
Thomas Carroll

**ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH**

**WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturdays at 5:00pm  
Sundays at 8:00am, 10:00pm, and 12pm

**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

**Pastor ~ Rev. Kevin P. Murray**

**Weekend Assistant ~ Msgr. Gregory J. Fairbanks**

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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: 8:30 AM to 4 PM

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!

**The Best Valentine is GOD**

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."*

John 3:16



**Divine Mercy said:** "My pupil, have great love for those who cause you suffering. Do good to those who hate you. It is not always within your power to control your feelings. You will recognize that you have love if, after having experienced annoyance, you do not lose your peace, but pray for those who made you suffer."

(St. Faustina Diary, 1628)

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