

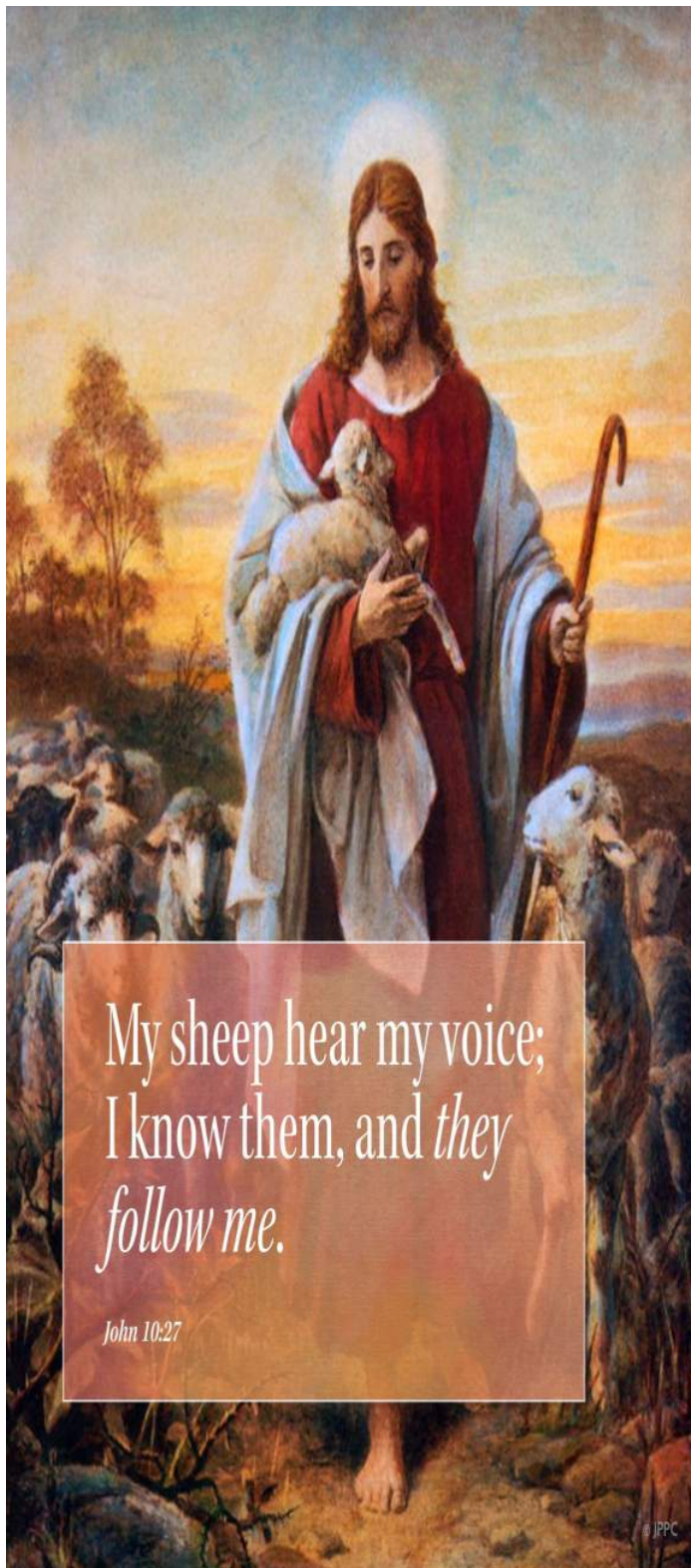
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MAY 11, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



PASTOR'S CORNER

"My sheep hear my voice and follow me."
John 10:27

At the time of Jesus, one of the most popular pets for a child was a little lamb. Little children and their lambs virtually grew up together. They were so close that if the lamb wandered away or was found grazing in other pastures, all that the child had to do was make a sound or call out. The familiar voice would impel the lamb to follow the child. Through experience, the lamb knew that particular voice could be trusted.

The gospel today tells of Jesus the Good Shepherd. "My sheep hear my voice and they follow me" ~ Jesus' voice is one we all can trust! After all, He gave His life for us all. Jesus is the voice that leads us to pastures full of life and hope. His voice can be heard in the teachings of the Church that carry on His wisdom.

There are many voices that call out to us today...voices in the media, on the internet, in politics, etc. that are urging us to pasture in fields that lead us away from the nourishing pastures of God. The voice of Jesus calls us to be like Him. The voice of Jesus Christ is the one definitive voice that speaks for God. Follow that voice and you'll know His saving grace. He will shelter us and deliver us from all of our wants and needs. Yes, the Lamb of God is the one to follow - and we will be lead to springs of life-giving water, and every tear will be wiped away from our eyes.

Happy Easter and Happy Mother's Day,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm Vigil ~ Lidia Yacilla

8:30am ~ Patsy Whalen

10:30am ~ Christine Schroeder

Monday, May 12, 2025

Saints Nereus and Achilleus; Saint Pancras, Martyrs

8:00am ~ John Mannis

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

8:30am - 4:00pm ~ Adoration

**** 7:00pm ~ Miraculous Medal Devotion (see pg. 5)**

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

Our Lady of Fatima

8:00am ~ Joseph Magee III

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Saint Matthias, Apostle

8:00am ~ Timothy Dempsey

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Saint Isidore

8:00am ~ Regina and Walter Levy

Friday, May 16, 2025

8:00am ~ Joseph Gianfortune

Saturday, May 17, 2025

5:00pm ~ William and Rosemary Wynne

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30am ~ John, Rose and Henry McErlean

10:30am ~ Dorothy Donatelli



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.



***** THANKS TO ALL who attended the information session presented by the Archdiocese. Many thanks to Anthony Cesarini for setting this up with the Archdiocese, and for Todd & Stacey Ellis who were on hand to organize the gathering.**

MEN'S RETREAT

Our Men's Retreat was very successful! We had about 30 participants who spent the morning of April 12 reflecting, praying, and praising the Lord. This Lenten Retreat was directed by Msgr. Hank McKee who had inspirational stories and insights to the faith. Many thanks to him and to all our men who took part in this Men's Retreat!



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beef stew tuna fish fruit
vegetables pasta soups pork & beans

The donations will be going to St. Katharine Drexel Food Pantry and will be getting picked up on May 19. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration in helping those in emergency situations.



THINKING OF YOU ON MOTHER'S DAY,
AND SAYING A *special* PRAYER—

THAT GOD,
WHO KNOWS HOW DEAR YOU ARE,
WILL KEEP YOU IN HIS CARE.

THAT HE WILL *bless* YOUR DAILY LIFE
WITH JOYS OF EVERY KIND—
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Drawing will be held Sunday, June 8, 2025,
after the 10:30AM Mass.

Each raffle ticket is
\$10. Big prizes!

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purchased
after Masses.

Individual Raffle
Tickets will also be on
sale in the Rectory

Mondays thru Thursdays 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 to the Rectory as soon as possible in the secure black lockbox outside of 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

Fritz's Bakery was unfortunately unable to fulfill our order for Mother's Day weekend, but rescheduling for June 7/8 weekend!

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, contact Noreen Forkin at sthilaryprep@gmail.com. Thanks!

LENT & EASTER THANKS!

Deepest thanks to all who traveled with us during the season of our Lent and Easter celebrations. Your presence at daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, and our Scripture Studies was much appreciated. I am most grateful to all our Volunteers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Altar Servers, and Choir Members for your prayerful leadership and participation. Our Church looks so beautiful and inviting - many thanks to our loyal volunteers who spent Holy Saturday decorating our Sanctuary. Finally, special thanks for all who donated to our Easter Flowers as well as our Easter Sunday Offering. May this season of Easter refresh our spirits in newfound hope that the Risen Lord brings to all our lives!
- - Fr. Murray



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED AND
CONFIRMED AT THE EASTER VIGIL,
MICHAEL GERARD DOWNES AND MELISSA ELIZABETH BAUER**

**We pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit that they will be
steadfast & courageous in professing the faith. God bless them!**

ST. HILARY 19th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025
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**Brochures for this fun Golf Tournament are in the
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**PRAYER OF DEVOTION TO
OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL**

*Virgin Mother of God, Mary Immaculate,
I unite myself to you under your title of
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.
May this medal be for me
a sure sign of your motherly affection
and a constant reminder of my devotion to you.
While wearing it, may I be blessed
by your loving protection and
preserved in the grace of your Son.
Most powerful virgin, Mother of our Savior,
keep me close to you every moment of my life
so that like you, I may live and act
according to the teaching and example of Jesus.
Keep me as your faithful child
that I may follow your example throughout life
and enjoy heaven forever with you.
Amen.*



As we honor Mary during this month of May, we hope that you please join us for our Miraculous Medal Novena on three Mondays in Church at 7:00pm

**Remaining Mondays:
May 12th & 19th at 7pm**

The Miraculous Medal was given to Saint Catherine Laboure by the Virgin Mary through a series of three apparitions.

"Behold, your Mother! And from that hour," the Gospel continues, "the disciple took her into his home." (John 19:27)



ST. HILARY RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE will again be participating in the Pro-Life Union's Baby Bottle Campaign and this year, 100% of the contributions will be donated to the Pro-Life Union for their Guiding Star Ministries Maternity Home. The home provides housing, counseling, training, and a range of other services to pregnant women. Members of the Respect Life Committee distributed the baby bottles at the church entrances last weekend, and more are still available. We respectfully request that you fill them with loose change and bills. The bottles will then be collected by the members after all the Masses NEXT weekend, May 17/18. **Thank you!!**

*She opens her mouth with
wisdom, and the teaching of
kindness is on her tongue.
Proverbs 31:26*

*Happy
Mother's Day*

**Ladies Auxiliary of Mary
Thursday, May 22
7:00pm in Parish Center**

Come celebrate with us as we dedicate our night to our Blessed Mother to honor her in the month of May! The Ladies Auxiliary gather to connect with each other and grow in faith. All women are welcome! Weather permitting, we will start the meeting outside by the Blessed Mother Statue to the right of the Church to pray the Rosary. Please join us! If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Ellis at scallah9@aol.com



Updated St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club News:

The St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club next meeting will be **Wednesday, May 21**. We will be entertained by the professional actor, director, and educator, Neil Hartley who is Franklin Delano Roosevelt in the captivating one-man show which is set against the background of the 1930s and the Great Depression. Experience and hear FDR's famous "fireside" chats and learn of the programs created through the New Deal. As usual, refreshments will be served.

New members are always welcome. We are a very welcoming & fun group! You do not have to be a parish member to join. If you have questions, please feel free to call Ro Schell at 215-206-5313, Mike Schell at 215-206-4530, or Rosesylvia McDonald at 215-219-0651. Looking forward to seeing you on May 21; doors open at 9am; starts at 10am.



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:

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*Please pray for the souls of
all of the deceased*

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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

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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

*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.*

ST. HILARY PARISH OUTREACH



The Outreach Team wishes to sincerely thank the parishioners for their continued remarkable support! A number of individuals, families, and service organizations have very recently received direct assistance.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

April 27, 2025

Sunday Offering: \$4,854

Electronic Giving: \$2,371

Total: \$7,225

April 28, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$4,302

Electronic Giving: \$1,850

Total: \$6,152

2025 Easter Collection to-date: \$19,220

2024 Easter Collection: \$20,809

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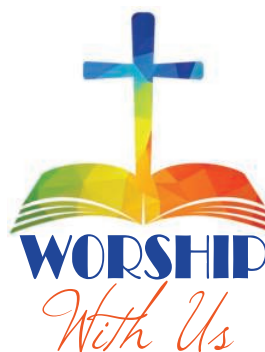
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