

# St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

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SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For whoever  
is not against  
us is for us.

MARK 9:40



## PASTOR'S CORNER

**"Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets."**

In the Scriptures, prophets were not to be understood as soothsayers, fortune tellers, or predictors of the future. A true prophet was one who tried to live in a right relationship with God. For Jesus, anyone who gives a cup of water to someone in His name can be a prophet. Any good deed done in the name of Jesus Christ, no matter how great or small, shows we belong to Him. Yet living in a right relationship with God can sometimes be controversial, such as standing up for the protection of the unborn, traditional marriage, and advocating for care of the elderly or terminally ill against laws promoting so-called "mercy killing." Simply being at Church worshipping God can be prophetic in a culture that dismisses faith.

We live in a culture that is obsessed with looking good. People go to any length, endure any pain, and pay any price for a bodily makeover. Yet real beauty is not found in looking good, but being good. Jesus calls us all for a spiritual makeover. This spiritual makeover can be painful too, as if someone is "cutting off your hand or plucking your eye." To put God and His priorities first, and living right with Him, calls for sacrifice. The results will enable us to realize our true and best selves.

Jesus comes to change bread and wine into His Body and Blood. Think of what He can change in us! Whatever is defective in our spirits, He can perfect. May we embrace our prophetic calling to be found to be a holy people, moral and just, in His sight. Let us decide for heaven once again...a decision that has everlasting results!

God Bless,  
*Father Murray*



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sunday, September 29, 2024**

*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00pm ~ Elizabeth L. May

8:30am ~ Kathleen T. Murray

10:30am ~ George Gianfortune

**Monday, September 30, 2024**

*Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

8:00am ~ Virgil Procaccino

**8:30am-4:00pm ~ Adoration**

*(The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed daily after the 8am Mass - all are welcome to join.)*

**Tuesday, October 1, 2024**

*St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of Church*

8:00am ~ Norman Downey, Jr.

**Wednesday, October 2, 2024**

*The Holy Guardian Angels*

8:00am ~ Joseph DeGrazia IV

**Thursday, October 3, 2024**

8:00am ~ Thomas Sheerin, Jr.

**Friday, October 4, 2024**

*Saint Francis of Assisi*

9:00am ~ Michael Coulston

**Saturday, October 5, 2024**

5:00pm ~ Stephen Emrich

**Sunday, October 6, 2024**

*Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30am ~ Bob Seifert

10:30am ~ Marie and James Wise

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## 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](mailto:mariastell72@gmail.com)

## UPDATE TO THE ST. HILARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

 We are now completing our two-year Capital Campaign. As previously noted, our original goal was \$350,000. The generosity of our parishioners has been overwhelming. A total of \$427,176.25 had been pledged. Of that amount, we have collected and deposited \$403,773. Of the 231 families who have pledged, 202 families are paid in full. All of our projects have been completed, and all bills are now paid, thanks to you! I hope you enjoy our new air conditioning system in the Church. Our children and teachers 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. Thank you to those who are still paying toward their pledge. So, as we are now in the completion stage of our Campaign, I remain most grateful for your kind generosity.

God's grace & peace, Fr. Murray

## THE 2025 MASS BOOK FOR ANNOUNCED MASSES IS OPEN

You can call or stop by the Rectory during business hours. Any questions, please contact Marian at the Rectory at 215-884-3252 or email [sthilaryrydal@gmail.com](mailto:sthilaryrydal@gmail.com)



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## OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

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



### **OCIA 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 and Confirmation
- Are married to a Catholic & attend Mass, and would like to become a member of the Catholic Church

OCIA is a spiritual formation process beginning in October and ending with initiation in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. OCIA classes are taught by Father Murray and are held every Monday evening from 7:00-8:30pm at the rectory. Please encourage your friends and neighbors with interest in Catholicism, too! Please contact Fr. Murray soon at [sthilaryrydal@gmail.com](mailto:sthilaryrydal@gmail.com) or 215-884-3252.

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**PLEASE JOIN US...**

### For the 1st St. Hilary's FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

**THIS Sunday, Sept. 29**

**1:00 to 3:00pm**

**in front of the Parish Center**

Please join us as we celebrate Back-to-School, our Parish Capital Campaign, and cheer on our Eagles! Proceeds will benefit both St. Hilary CYO & Home and School. All are welcome!

### Join TuitionCare 2024!

**Would you rather send your PA Income Tax money to Harrisburg or redirect it to SHS School?**

TuitionCare is a program developed by the Foundation for Catholic Education that allows you to redirect your PA income tax dollars toward St. Hilary of Poitiers School providing a tuition credit for ALL families in Grades K-8! Anyone associated with St. Hilary Parish or School can participate! If you are new to the program, the minimum to redirect is \$1,000. For each participating School or Parish family, the SHS School TuitionCare fund will receive \$1,000 toward tuition credits for K-8 families. You can also find additional info on the school website: [www.sainthilaryschool.com](http://www.sainthilaryschool.com) under "Admissions". Thank you for your consideration.

### OCTOBER COUNT FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

*Every year (not including 2020 & 2021) each parish in the Archdiocese is required to submit an "October Count" ~ so during each weekend mass during the entire month of October, each person is counted. There are 4 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's important to always attend Church especially for our spiritual well-being, and in the month of October, it's important you attend your home parish. Thank you!*

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



40 hours DEVOTION

**Sunday, Oct. 20  
Monday, Oct. 21  
Tuesday, Oct. 22**

**7:00pm each night**

**Speaker:  
Msgr. Joseph Shields**

Our parish is celebrating a special devotion called Forty Hours on October 20-21-22. Services will begin at 7:00pm each of these evenings. Forty Hours devotion is an ancient devotion praising & honoring the Lord Jesus Christ present in the Holy Eucharist. This devotion was introduced to the United States by Saint John Neumann, 4th Bishop of Philadelphia, in 1853. The Forty Hours devotion consists of Songs, Prayers, Reflections on God's Word, and Benediction. On Tuesday, Oct. 22, there is a special procession around the Church with the Blessed Sacrament, symbolizing the call of Jesus "to come & follow me."

We are asking our families to come and participate in some or all of these devotions. It is one way to give thanks and praise to God for all His love. As Catholics we believe that Jesus is present in a special way in the Holy Eucharist. By coming to Him, we can be certain to receive much needed blessings and graces to help us in our journeys in life, especially in troubling times.

Our Forty Hours devotion begins at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, October 20. The church will be open all day for private visits to the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, Monday & Tuesday. Evening services will be held at 7:00pm each of those nights.

**Msgr. Hugh Joseph Shields** was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 1972 and served in several parishes in Philadelphia. He received permission to join the St. James the Apostle Missionary Society for 13 years. He ministered in Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador. Also, he lived and worked in administration in Boston with the St. James Society. Returning to Philadelphia, he served in several parishes, with a 5 year interval as the Vicar for the Hispanic Catholic Community. He retired from the role of "pastor" at St. Thomas Aquinas parish in South Philadelphia in 2020 and presently lives at St. John the Baptist Parish. We're happy he'll be here with us!



**St. Hilary's Ladies Day of Recollection**  
**ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!**

**Date:** NEXT Saturday October 5, 2024

**Theme:** Encountering Christ

**Retreat Master:** Sr. Ana Dura

**Cost:** \$20 per person (includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch)

**Location:** St. Hilary Parish Center

**RETREAT DAY SCHEDULE**

Registration & Light Breakfast: 8:30-9:15am

Introduction, Morning Prayer, Reflection: 9:15-10am

Personal Pondering & Confession: 10:15-11am

Mass: 11:00am

Lunch: 12:15pm

Closing Reflection & Sharing: 1-2pm

**\*\*\* For Reservations:**

**Call the Rectory by THIS**

**Tuesday at 215-884-3252**

**to sign up! Please join us!**



**Sister Ana Dura, CSR (Sister of the Redeemer)**

Sister Ana began her professional career in Occupational Therapy, which she continued after entering the Congregation in 2000. Since then, she has served in many roles in the congregation, such as the Province Vocation and Formation Director, accompanying women in their discernment of God's call. She served a term on the Province Leadership Team and currently oversees Redeemer Valley Farm, connecting individuals with creation and community through sustainable agriculture. The Pope's Encyclical, "Laudato Si" has been a great inspiration to her. We look forward to Sister Ana joining us!

**EUCARISTIC ENCOUNTER WEEKEND ~** We will be celebrating the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis, soon to be canonized a saint, on the **weekend of October 19th to October 22**. We are honored to be able to host the Blessed Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles; they will be displayed in our Parish Center. Blessed Carlo Acutis was a remarkable boy. At a very early age, he developed a great love for the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament even though his parents were not practicing their faith. He encountered faith through people who worked for the family and townsfolk who attended daily Mass. As he grew to adolescence, he was involved in technology and had a great proficiency, beyond his age. He developed a website that cataloged all the Eucharistic Miracles. He cared for the outcast among his peers and was known for his joy-filled charity. On October 1, 2006, he was diagnosed with acute promyelocytic leukemia and died 11 days later. Immediately people came to pay their appreciation for the kindness & love this young man showed them. Soon people were seeking his intercession in prayer. He was beatified by Pope Francis in 2020. More info to follow...



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**In Service to One. In Service to All.**  
**Next Meeting: Wednesday, Oct. 2**  
**7pm in the Rectory**

St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish Knights of Columbus Council is collecting much needed clothing for the poor and homeless of the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia, to be distributed by St. Francis Inn Ministries. You were asked to please deposit items in marked boxes in the back of Church at every Mass over a period of two weeks - the last date to drop off items is THIS weekend, Sept. 28/29. **Thanks to all who contributed!!**

There will be a meeting of the Knights of Columbus on **Wednesday, October 2nd at 7:00pm in the Rectory** (not the Parish Center). All men - members and those interested - are welcome and encouraged to join us!

The Order was founded on the principles of faith, unity, and fraternity. The Knights are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect, and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, and neighbors, and put charity and community first. We look forward to seeing you on Wed., October 2nd (we normally will meet on the first Wednesday of each month). Thanks!



### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECENTLY BAPTIZED AT ST. HILARY CHURCH:

Hunter Rim, son of Tony and Michelle.

Grace Catherine DiCiacco, daughter of Daniel & Danielle

Alexander Clinton Zimmerman, son of Leanne

### MEMORIAL GARDEN AT ST. HILARY



Recently, new Memorial Bricks were installed in the St. Hilary Memorial Garden in front of the Church:

*In loving memory of Edward "Big Ed" Grzeskiewicz*

*In loving memory of Walter Griffin, Jr.*

*In loving memory of David L. Lon, Sr.*

*In loving memory of David and Rita Cifuni*

*In loving memory of John and Ann Keppol*

*In loving memory of Joseph Pinto*

*Remembered with love Valerie Keppol-Altimari*

## OCTOBER ~ RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October is recognized as Respect Life Month by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and Sunday, October 6 is Respect Life Sunday. For the month of October, we will have a table set up in the Church vestibule with literature regarding life issues. This year, St. Hilary Parish will be collecting donations to support the work of the Sisters of Life. The Sisters of Life is both a contemplative and active religious community dedicated to protecting and enhancing the sacredness of all human life. Their work is specifically focused on ending abortion and euthanasia. They assist women who are vulnerable to abortion, with resources such as housing, medical and legal support, counseling, assistance in continuing education, and helping with finding employment.

**The following is a list of needed items needed by the Sisters :**

- \* Size 6 diapers (most needed)
- \* Newborn diapers      \* Pull-Ups      \* Wipes
- \* Girls clothing sizes newborn, 2T, 4T
- \* Receiving blankets      \* Plush blankets
- \* Nice lotions & soaps for the Moms
- \* Stroller / Carseat combos



Donations will be collected throughout the month of October and can be placed in the basket in the Church vestibule. Thank you in advance for your kind and generous 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 Thursday, October 3** at Elizabeth Blackwell Planned Parenthood at 12th & Locust. We are in particular need of volunteers on that day between 12noon to 4pm. For more info, please call Annmarie Dugan at 267-253-1693. Thank you.



## Updated St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club News:

St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club began the new year with a very informative presentation by Margaret Fitzpatrick Ph.D. from Willow Grove PT. Our next meeting will be on Wed., October 16 when Faye Hyman from The Insurance Shops will be speaking about Medicare coverage. There might be 15-20 insurance companies offering the same Medicare supplement plans, but looking at them to insure you get the best coverage is key. New members are always welcome - we are a very fun and welcoming group! You do not have to be a parish member to join. If you have questions, feel free to call Ro Schell at 215-206-5313, Mike Schell at 215-206-4530, or Rosesylvia McDonald 215-219-0651.

## ST. HILARY'S EAGLES FOOTBALL BLOCK POOL

### **Week 02 Winners**

**Pool #1:** Connie Fennell

**Pool #2:** Fenstermaker Family



### **Week 01 Winners**

**Pool #1:** Debbie Shute

**Pool #2:** Alaina DiCiacco

If you purchased Football Blocks and haven't paid yet,  
please do so soon by dropping off money at the  
Rectory or in the weekend collection basket. 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, Gloria Hannah, BJ Verdon, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Martha Serdner, Rolando Juarez, Colleen Legare, Theresa Williams, Bob Donnelly, Gloria Merron, Ilda Lea, Stephen Kampfl, Isaiah Walter

Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:

Mary Lima      Bob Lightcap

## ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays at 5:00pm

Sundays at 8:30am and 10:30am,

(new schedule started in January 2024; this will be the permanent schedule all during the year, including the summer)

### WEEKDAY MASSES

8 AM on Monday thru Friday

### CONFESIONS:

Saturdays 4 – 4:45 PM

### HOLY DAYS

7 PM Vigil; 8 AM and 10 AM on holy day

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

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**Music Director ~ Justin Jue**      **Plant Manager ~ Hal Fagan**

**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. Thanks!

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Oct. 4-6, 2024** is in Doylestown, PA at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. If you struggle with the emotional pain of a traumatic pregnancy loss, whether through abortion or miscarriage, you can experience His mercy and compassion in a safe & confidential setting. To register or more info, call Evelyn at 215-317-5752. All requests are strictly confidential.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

### September 22, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$5,738

Electronic Giving: \$3,181

**Total: \$8,919**

### September 24, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$4,514

Electronic Giving: \$3,008

**Total: \$7,522**

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