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JUNE 8, 2025

PENTECOST SUNDAY



PEACE
be with you.

JOHN 20:19

PASTOR'S CORNER

"Come, Holy Spirit"

Today - Pentecost Sunday - is the birthday of the Church. But why today and not Christmas, Easter Sunday, or the Ascension? What makes this day so singular to make it the birthday of the Church? This is the day when the disciples emerged from a womb of fear and doubt, guilt and shame, to go out into the world proclaiming their faith and allegiance to Jesus Christ fearlessly. This is the day that the disciples caught fire; they were now on fire for God. Despite the world's threats and intimidation, nothing could put that fire out. They wanted to build a city, a culture, a life where God would be praised and worshipped above all - not just in a Church building, but in a way of living where one's conscience is formed by God's moral truths. This way of life and choosing between right and wrong are not based on opinion polls, but by spiritual and Gospel values.

Pentecost needs to happen all over again in each of us. You and I are called to be on fire for God. Our culture continues to tread on our values. Government policies threaten how we worship, our respect for conscience, our respect for traditional values, and respect for life. Like that first generation of Christians, let us stand firm in the faith...to speak out and speak for it...and never take it for granted.

We pray:

*"Come Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful,
enkindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit
and they shall be created,
and they shall renew the face of the earth."*

Happy Pentecost,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday

5:00pm Vigil ~ Stephen Emrich

8:30am ~ William and Rosemary Wynne

10:30am ~ Mike and Peggie Lyons

Monday, June 9, 2025

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:00am ~ Henry Fajt

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

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

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

8:00am ~ Patty Culp

* *5:00pm ~ Graduation Mass*

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Saint Barnabas, Apostle

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

Thursday, June 12, 2025

8:00am ~ Thomas Sheerin, Sr.

Friday, June 13, 2025

Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00am ~ Karen and Ed McMenamin

Saturday, June 14, 2025

5:00pm ~ Jack Whalen

Sunday, June 15, 2025

The Most Holy Trinity

8:30am ~ Mary Ann Murphy

10:30am ~ Francisco and James Garcia



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Happy birthday to the Catholic Church! Happy birthday to you, who are the body of the Church!

We are all familiar with our own birthdays, and we celebrate them because they mark the day of the year in which we entered into this life. But did you know you have a second birthday? Because you are part of the body of the Church, Pentecost is the Church's birthday, and yours as well. And like any birthday, it's a cause for celebration.

The word Pentecost is Greek and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and their followers, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations. Pentecost is also a Jewish holiday, which the Jews use to celebrate the end of Passover. Jews celebrate the gift of the law to Moses at Mt. Sinai on this day. But we, as Catholics celebrate the birth of our Church.

At Pentecost, the Apostles and their followers were gathered in a room. Jews from all over the world were gathered with Peter, the leader of the Apostles, and the Eleven. At this time, a great wind blew and a flame appeared as a tongue of fire, which split itself into many individual flames above the heads of all those present. The Holy Spirit came upon these people and each began to speak in tongues. Despite the fact many had no common language, they were perfectly able to understand one another. Others who were not so blessed, accused those speaking in tongues of being drunk, but Peter arose and addressed the crowd, explaining that it was only 9 o'clock, and that this phenomenon was not intoxication, but rather this was the work of the Holy Spirit, prophesized in the scripture.

Peter then called all those present to be baptized and about three thousand people were baptized that day. These people were among the first Catholics, and Peter is the first pope of the Catholic Church. The symbols of Pentecost are the flame, wind, and the dove, which represents the Holy Spirit. The color of Pentecost is red and the priest wears red vestments on this day.



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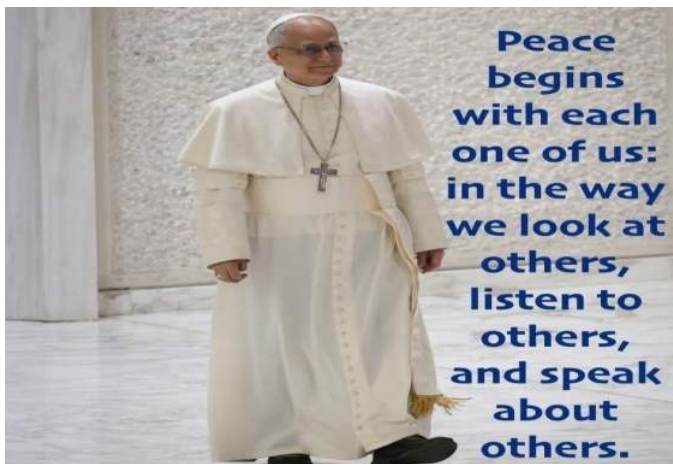
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Peace begins with each one of us: in the way we look at others, listen to others, and speak about others.

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

AFTER THE 10:30 MASS JUNE 8,
ALL OF THE WINNERS WILL BE
ANNOUNCED IN THE
PARISH CENTER AT THE
HOSPITALITY SUNDAY!
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PREP REGISTRATION

(Parish Religious Education Program)
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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!

**GOLF
Outing**

The 19th Annual St. Hilary Golf Outing on June 2nd
was a beautiful day at North Hills Country Club as
78 golfers took to the fairways and greens. Thanks
to all of our golfers - and special thanks to all of our
Tee Sponsors, our Silver Sponsor (Liberty Roof-
ing), our Bronze Sponsor (Al & Susan DelFra) and our Prize Sponsor
(Dicks Sporting Goods & Chris McCrea). You will see all the signs
in front of Church along Susquehanna Rd. Many thanks also to our
Golf Committee: Chris McCrea, Bob Lattanzi, Paul & Patty Carbone,
Hal Fagan, Kevin Tracey, and Marian Stengel. Yes, Father Murray's
team's winning streak over Msgr. Fairbanks' team continues...

(more pictures & info in next week's Bulletin)



IN THE MONTH OF MAY WE HONORED OUR BLESSED MOTHER

In Case You're Wondering?

Along the side of our Church are 16 stained glass windows. Each window celebrates and pictures the vital role Mary had in bringing about our salvation in Christ. The images are based on the Litany of Loreto and approved by Pope Sixtus V in 1587. This Litany originated in Loreto, Italy, where its usage was recorded as early as 1531. The Feast of Our Lady of Loreto is celebrated on December 10th.

Images on the Blessed Mother side of the Church:

Most Mother Amiable

This celebrates Mary's friendliness toward God and the desire to please Him.

Mother of the Creator

God is our source of all creation; in Him we move and have our being. Yet in all humility, He, through Mary, became part of Her own creation.

Mother of the Savior

Mary's fiat brought forth Jesus Christ, conceived in Her virgin womb.

Virgin Most Precedent

Mary remains our model and inspiration on how to live as sons and daughters of God.

Virgin Most Merciful

Mary opens the abyss of God's great mercy to all; no sinner is ever lost from Her protection.

Virgin Most Faithful

Mary not only heard the Word of God but acted on it. She was ever-faithful to God's will, even standing at the Cross with her Crucified Son.

Cause of our Joy

Mary's spirit rejoices in God our Savior. Mary reveals to us the source of lasting joy - her son, Jesus.

Spiritual Vessel

"The Lord poured the finest wine of His divine life into Mary. She contains Christ and radiates His essence to others."

-- St. John Chrysostom

Images on the St. Joseph side of the Church:

Mystic Rose

Mary's beauty leads us to God and her fragrance attracts our soul to Christ.

Ark of the Covenant

This is the Symbol of God's presence in the Old Testament. Mary carried the Savior within her and became a living Holy of Holies. As we know in the Annunciation, "Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with you."

Gate of Heaven

Mary is the gate through which Christ entered our world. As we pray, "All for you, Lord Jesus, through Mary." Mary gives us safe passage to her Son...the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Morning Star

The morning star announces the coming of the light of day. Mary is the Morning Star announcing the coming of the true light of our world, Jesus. Her Son brings us the hope of the unending day of God's Kingdom.

Comforter of the Afflictive

Mary brings comfort to all of our afflictions. She bore all her afflictions, even the death of Her own Son, with deep faith and confidence, trusting that in God, all will be well.

Queen of Martyrs

Mary is our inspiration of all the martyrs, who suffered for their faith in her Son. She courageously suffered the passion and crucifixion of Jesus.

Queen of Virgins

Mary is the Immaculate Virgin, the model of all virgins who consecrate their whole lives in service of their one true love, Jesus Christ.

Queen of Peace

It is through Mary that we find the peace the world cannot give us. It is the peace of Christ that we offer to each other; the peace that means God is with us through all the challenges and heartaches of life.

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 for Pope Leo XIV



Heavenly Father,
We thank you for Pope Leo XIV,
The vicar of your Christ, the successor of Peter.
We pray that you bless Him with:
The heart of a shepherd
– to lead your people to +Jesus,
The heart of an Apostle
– to courageously proclaim the Gospel,
The heart of a servant
– to give of Himself out of love for you,
The heart of a missionary
To reach out to those forgotten by society
– and nourish them with your inspired Word,
The heart of a priest,
To sacrifice himself for the holiness of your people,
The sacred heart of your Son, +Jesus
To bring your love, mercy and compassion
– to a world wounded by sin, division and violence.
May Mary, the Mother of the Church, embrace him with her prayers,
That Pope Leo XIV may be a true example of holiness to your people.

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 Lid-
dy, Bob Kilcoyne, Mary Jane Namola, Elizabeth
Dieckman, Sophia Southerling, TJ McDonald, Ahmed
Abdul, Sal Sermania, Sue Masantonio, Angela Gavin, Wil-
liam Hartner, Mary Jane Hummel, Pat Cass, Michele Kelly,
Tina Savarino, Nicholas Esposito, Sarah Koehler, Paris
Luckowski, Judy Sklar, Bernadette Redican, Gina Deva-
ney, 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, Anne Vis-
co, Daniel Hare, BJ Verdon, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana
DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Martha Serdner, Theresa Wil-
liams, Bob Donnolly, Ilda Leal, Isaiah Walter, Regina Car-
berry, Scott Paris, Ben Paris, Michelle Hannah, Michael
Keough, Donna Cunningham, Joanne McKee, Jamie Leal,
Helen Toland, Maryanne Powell, Sandra Rogers

Please pray for the souls of all of the deceased

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

Pastor ~ Rev. Kevin P. Murray

Weekend Assistant ~ Msgr. Gregory J. Fairbanks

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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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

May 25, 2025

Sunday Offering: \$4,017

Electronic Giving: \$4,174

Total: \$8,191

May 26, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$6,050

Electronic Giving: \$2,126

Total: \$8,176

June 1, 2025

Sunday Offering: \$4,539

Electronic Giving: \$2,626

Total: \$7,165

June 2, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$7,067

Electronic Giving: \$2,478

Total: \$9,545

Ascension Thursday: \$929

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