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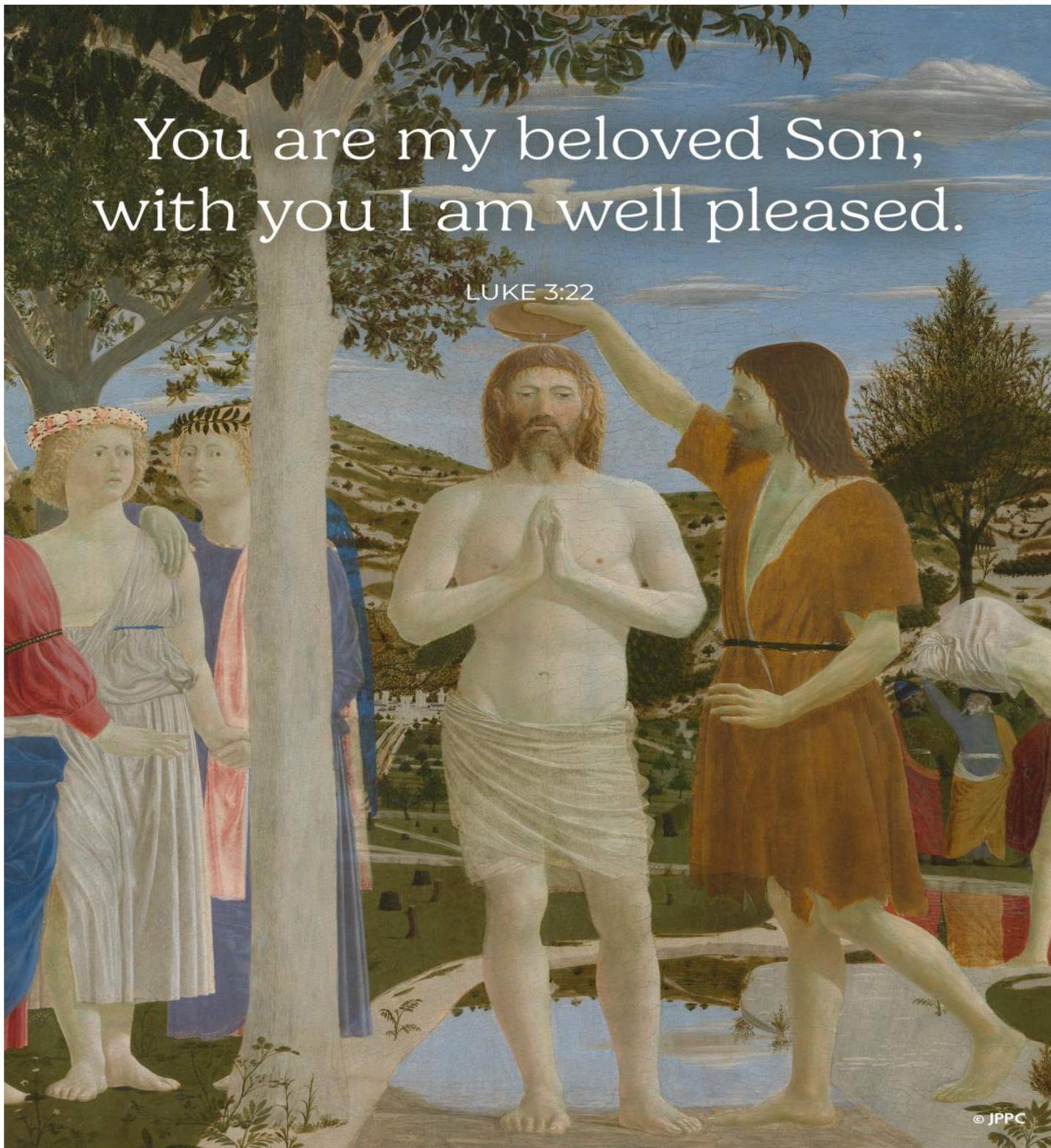
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JANUARY 12, 2025

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.

LUKE 3:22



PASTOR'S CORNER

***"You are my beloved Son,
with you I am well pleased."***

(Luke 3:15-22)

The wonderful season of Christmas comes to an end today as we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. We pray that its great hope, its spirit, and fragrance will be filtered through all the moments of the New Year. Christmas highlights the great mystery that can be felt every day. As St. Paul writes, "The grace of God has appeared saving all." This saving grace is found in a surprising and unexpected place, a child lying in a manger.

Today, we find that child in another surprising and unexpected place in the waters of Baptism. When Jesus stepped into those waters, He not only changed the current of those waters...He changed the currents of "godless ways, worldly desires, sin, and lawlessness." By our Baptism, we are given the grace to swim against the tide of worldly ways. May we all keep the hope and fragrance of Christmas alive by our eagerness to do good as the Lord sees the good.

Let us, as in the words of St. Gregory, "become a living force for good, a light shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in glory of Him who is the light of heaven."

Now God is found today in a surprising and unexpected place **in you** by the mystery of the Eucharist.

Happy and Blessed New Year,
Father Murray



*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord

5:00pm ~ Jack Whalen

8:30am ~ Carol Costello

10:30am ~ Eleanor Giannitti

Monday, January 13, 2025

Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00am ~ Joseph Magee III

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

8:30am-4:00pm ~ Adoration

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

8:00am ~ Arthur Mattia

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

8:00am ~ Joseph Hare

Thursday, January 16, 2025

8:00am ~ David Gengler

Friday, January 17, 2025

Saint Anthony, Abbott

8:00am ~ Laura Alegado

Saturday, January 18, 2025

5:00pm ~ William and Rosemary Wynne

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am ~ Dr. Joseph Toland

10:30am ~ John Malone



**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

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ST. HILARY OF POITIERS

Feast Day: January 13

How does a pagan man eventually become one of the most important Christians of his time? The story of St. Hilary helps us see that God can and does work through each one of us.



Hilary was born in Poitiers, France, sometime around the year 300. His parents were very wealthy and made sure he received a good education. Hilary was raised as a pagan. Pagans worshipped many gods. That did not make sense to Hilary. He thought that there could only be one true God. To learn more, Hilary read the Scriptures.

Meeting Jesus in the Gospels and learning what Jesus taught about God the Father changed Hilary's heart. He was baptized and became a Christian.

Hilary was married and had a daughter, so it was surprising when he was chosen to be the Bishop of Poitiers. But in those days, bishops were chosen by local priests and approved by the people. Hilary was respected for his intelligence and his modesty. People thought that he would make a good leader.

At that time, a priest named Arius was preaching that Jesus not truly God. This was a heresy, or false teaching, but many people - including the emperor - began to believe in Arius's preaching. Hilary opposed Arius's ideas and spoke out against him. He wanted everyone to know that it is through Jesus, God's only Son, that we are saved. The emperor punished Hilary by sending him away to a part of ancient Greece that is today know as Turkey.

Hilary made good use of his four years in exile. He wrote important books and sermons about the Blessed Trinity, and he composed hymns that expressed the beliefs of our faith. When he was finally permitted to return to Poitiers, the people gathered in the town square to cheer him. He spent the rest of his life writing and preaching. He died around 368 and was named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius IX in 1851. Reportedly, one of the first known Christmas hymns is "*Jesus Refulsit Omnium*" ("Jesus, Light of All the Nations"), written by St. Hilary of Poitiers in the fourth century. Today he is invoked as the patron saint against snake bites.

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MORE SAFETY FOR ST. HILARY SCHOOL!

St. Hilary of Poitiers School has been awarded the 2024-25 School Safety Grant through the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency for \$61,500! We anticipate that these grant funds will be allocated for a new front door, new signage on the property, and blue band radios for all buildings. We extend our gratitude to the Montgomery County Dept. of Public Safety, The School Safety Specialist and School Safety Coordinator, Abington Management Team, Rep. Ben Sanchez, and Abington Police Depts. for their assistance. The new side door and hallway door from the previous grant will be installed soon. More info on exciting improvements as we receive further info from the state!

FALL DEEPER IN LOVE WITH CHRIST IN THE NEW YEAR

At the center of all we do as Catholics, we must have a personal and close relationship with Jesus. He offers to each of us a deep, intimate, "I love you forever" kind of relationship. Make time to fall deeper in love with Christ:

T...TALK: Prayer is an amazing privilege. Through it, we have an open invitation: "Call to me, and I will answer you" (Jeremiah 33:3). We have a promise that He hears us: "When you call me, and come to pray to me, I will listen to you" (Jeremiah 29:12).

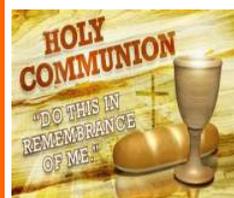
I...INTIMACY: To love Christ, we must know Him. In Scripture, God tells us who He is (Exodus 34:6), how He feels about us (Isaiah 43:4), what He desires for us (Luke 12:32), and how being His will make us happy (Matthew 5:7). Try to make Scripture a part of every day.

M...MEET HIM: Relationships grow through shared experiences. We meet Jesus in prayer, Scripture, the Sacraments, and above all, during the Mass.

E...EVERYTHING FOR LOVE: St. Therese of Lisieux discovered that she could delight God by simply picking up a pin out of love. He wants to hear us, His beloveds, say: "I love you, too" in words and actions. Essential to falling in love with God is making time for Him.

WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR?

It is a special period of grace and celebration that takes place every 25 years, offering all the faithful a unique opportunity for spiritual renewal & a closer relationship with God. Pope Francis has announced the year 2025 as a special Jubilee Year. As Pilgrims of hope, it is a time for a genuine encounter with the Lord, especially in the sacrament of the Eucharist. Please take home the book, 33 Days of Eucharistic Glory, which can be found at the Church doors. Further info as well as various activities surrounding this Jubilee Year will follow.



CONGRATULATIONS to the new
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy
Communion at St. Hilary Church:

**Maureen Luschini
and
Larry Newberry**

ST. HILARY'S EAGLES FOOTBALL BLOCK POOL

*** Thank you to Bob Lattanzi, our football pool specialist,
for his time and talent with our annual Eagles Block Pool!.

*** Stay tuned to the Bulletin, your email, and Flocknotes
for upcoming information about the Super Bowl Pool.

Week 16 Winners

Pool #1: Onslager Family

Pool #2: Adam Ungaro

Week 15 Winners

Pool #1: Patricia Zalewski

Pool #2: Looby Family

Week 14 Winners

Pool #1: Frankie McCarron

Pool #2: Jackie Gillard

Week 13 Winners

Pool #1: Leo & Ann Vaccaro

Pool #2: Annamae Lennon

Week 12 Winners

Pool #1: Debbie Shute

Pool #2: Alaina DiCiaccio

Week 11 Winners

Pool #1: Lattanzi Fam.

Pool #2: Owens Family

Week 10 Winners

Pool #1: Yaegel Family

Pool #2: Foley Family

Week 09 Winners

Pool #1: Big Ed Bongard

Pool #2: Dan Cifuni

Week 08 Winners

Pool #1: Nina Skoczylas

Pool #2: Brenner Fam.

Week 07 Winners

Pool #1: Mary McCallister

Pool #2: Vito Family

Week 06 Winners

Pool #1: Alex Muttreja

Pool #2: Egan Family

Week 05 Winners

Pool #1: Hartey Family

Pool #2: John Tyszka

Week 04 Winners

Pool #1: Ed Bongard

Pool #2: Valentino Fam

Week 03 Winners

Pool #1: Debbie Shute

Pool #2: Alaina DiCiaccio

Week 02 Winners

Pool #1: Connie Fennell

Pool #2: Fenstermakers

Week 01 Winners

Pool #1: Debbie Shute

Pool #2: Alaina DiCiaccio



DRINKING FROM MY SAUCER

by John Paul Moore

I've never made a fortune and it's
probably too late now.

But I don't worry about that much, I'm happy anyhow.

And as I go along life's way, I'm reaping better than
I sowed.

I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup
has overflowed.

I don't have a lot of riches, and sometimes the
going's tough.

But I've got loved ones around me, and that makes me
rich enough.

I thank God for his blessings, and the mercies
He's bestowed.

I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup
has overflowed.

I remember times when things went wrong, my faith wore
somewhat thin.

But all at once the dark clouds broke, and the sun
peeped through again.

So God, help me not to gripe about the tough rows
that I've hoed.

I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup
has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage, when the way grows
steep and rough,

I'll not ask for other blessings, I'm already blessed enough.

And may I never be too busy, to help others bear their
loads. Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer,
'cause my cup has overflowed.

MASS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PRESENTATION OF ANNIVERSARY AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS

to two of our parishioners who received special awards for
their volunteer service as PREP Catechists at St. Hilary:

ANTHONY CESARINI

5 Years of Volunteer Service

BERNADETTE MULVEY

10 Years of Volunteer Service

Thank you to Anthony and Bernadette for sharing their
time & talent at St. Hilary Parish!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone who made our Christmas celebration so special at St. Hilary Church...the Church decorators, the cantors and instrumentalists lead by Justin Jue, the altar servers, Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, and Santa, who stopped by to pray silently at the manger on Christmas Eve.

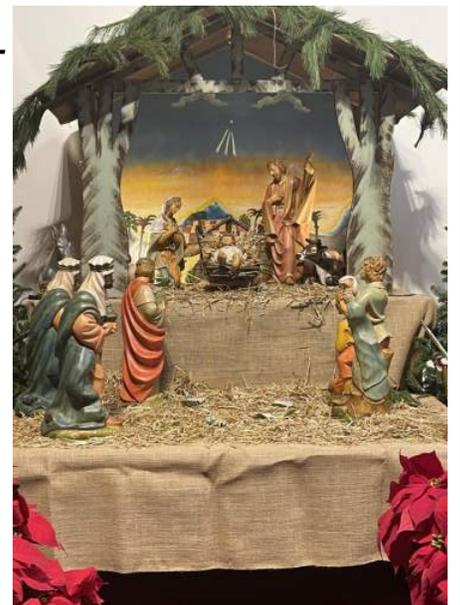
Thanks also to those who dropped off Christmas gifts and delicious goodies at the Rectory (trust me, they have been very much enjoyed!) I greatly appreciate your Christmas cards, and the ones with nice family photos are always so special and have an honored place again on my fridge! Thanks to all those who gave to our Christmas Collection (\$41,724 to-date) and also the Christmas Flowers. Your presence, loyalty, and kindness are wonderful blessings to me.

-- Father Murray

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BELIEVE FAITH
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THANK YOU



Thank you to everyone who joined us on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to celebrate the Birth of Christ in our beautifully decorated Church! Our Nativity is a very welcome sight each year. Santa stopped by our Church on Christmas Eve, and he also knelt silently at the manger. Father Murray invited all the children to join him at the altar for the homily on Christmas Eve.



Updated St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club News:

The St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club next meeting will be on **Wed., January 15** at which time we will be playing Bingo. New members always welcome - we are a very fun and welcoming group! You do not have to be a parish member to join. Call Ro Schell at 215-206-5313, Mike Schell at 215-206-4530, or Rosesylvia McDonald 215-219-0651 with any questions. Looking forward to seeing you on Jan. 15. Doors open at 9am; meeting starts at 10am. Thanks!



ST. HILARY LADIES AUXILIARY OF MARY

**THURSDAY,
JANUARY 23
7:00pm**

PLEASE JOIN US!

Open to all women of the parish! Any questions, please contact Stacey Ellis at 215-896-3424.



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, 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

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,
(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

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4 – 4:45 PM

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

*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!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

December 29, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$5,475
Electronic Giving: \$2,179

Total: \$7,654

December 31, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$4,716
Electronic Giving: \$4,213

Total: \$8,929

January 5, 2025

Sunday Offering: \$5,023
Electronic Giving: \$5,828

Total: \$10,851

January 7, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$5,123
Electronic Giving: \$4,102

Total: \$9,225

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