

# St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

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AUGUST 20, 2023

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*O woman,  
great is your faith!*

MATTHEW 15:28



## PASTOR'S CORNER

**"Oh God, let all the nations praise you."**

Today's gospel tells us of a woman of great faith. She comes looking for help for her daughter who is ill. At first, Jesus seems to ignore her; remaining silent and unresponsive. She is, after all, a foreigner and not a member of the Jewish race or faith. Jesus seems to be testing her resolve and engages in a tongue & cheek dialogue... "It is not right to take the food of children and throw it to the dogs."

The tone with which a thing is said makes all the difference in how it is received. I can call someone a "devil" and mean it, or with a smile on my face and it then takes on a whole different meaning. Jesus and the woman engage in this give-and-take sarcasm. Certainly, Jesus wants her daughter to be healed, but He wants something more. He wants the woman to be a disciple - not just for the moment, but forever. He longs for her heart and devotion, just as He did for His own people. In the end, it was the woman's persistent love and faith that moved Jesus to act. After all, as Isaiah reminds us, "Foreigners will join themselves to the Lord and minister to Him."

Jesus looks for that same persistent faith and love in you and me...a faith expressed not only when we think we need Him, but faith when He seems distant and unresponsive. Our patient and persistent faith will win the day for us as well. God will never cease to be the God of those who serve and love Him, in good times and in bad. He is the God of every nation and peoples.



God  
Bless,  
*Father*  
Murray

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Sunday, August 20, 2023

*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
5:00pm Vigil ~ Madeleine Kelly  
9:00am ~ Joseph Magee III  
11:00am ~ Mae McGovern

### Monday, August 21, 2023

*Saint Pius X, Pope*  
8:00am ~ Harrington Family  
**\*\*\* No Adoration in Church until September**

### Tuesday, August 22, 2023

*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
8:00am ~ Josephine Harrington

### Wednesday, August 23, 2023

*Saint Rose of Lima*  
8:00am ~ Cass Brown

### Thursday, August 24, 2023

*Saint Bartholomew, Apostle*  
8:00am ~ Kathleen Tracey

### Friday, August 25, 2023

*Saint Louis and Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest*  
8:00am ~ Joseph A. Curillo, Jr.

### Saturday, August 26, 2023

5:00pm ~ Cass Brown

### Sunday, August 27, 2023

*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
9:00am ~ Annie McReynolds  
11:00am ~ Carlos Canon

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TWITTER ACCOUNT, INSTAGRAM, AND FACEBOOK PAGE!  
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## UPDATE TO THE ST. HILARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

This June, we have completed the first year of our two-year Capital Campaign. As previously noted, our original goal was \$350,000. The generosity of our parishioners has been overwhelming. Currently a total of \$421,276.25 has been pledged. Of that amount, we have collected and deposited \$316,188.50. Of the 230 families who have pledged, 160 families are paid in full. All of our projects have been completed...now we just have to pay the bills! I hope you are enjoying our new air conditioning system in the Church. Our children and teachers were 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. So, as we enter the second year of our Campaign, I am most grateful for your kind generosity. As always, the people of St. Hilary always come through! God's grace and peace.

## **ST. HILARY OF POITIERS SCHOOL** PreK      Kindergarten      Grades 1-8

**Website:** [www.sainthilaryschool.com](http://www.sainthilaryschool.com)

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**OPENING OF SCHOOL**  
Wed., Sept. 6 for Grades 5-8  
Thurs., Sept. 7 for Grades 1-4  
Fri., Sept. 8 for Gr. PreK thru 8

**ST. HILARY OF POITIERS SCHOOL** has developed and maintains an Asbestos Inspection and Management Plan as required by the Asbestos Emergency Response Act of 1986 (AHERA). A copy of the plan is available for your inspection at the school office during regular office hours. Any inquiries regarding the plan should be directed to the school's asbestos consultant, Acer Associates, at 856-809-1202.

**ST. HILARY OF POITIERS SCHOOL** admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin. All rights, privileges, programs, and activities accorded are made available to all students of our school. Similar policies apply to the school staff. Our school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, or in any school administered program.



## SECOND YEAR OF EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The Church teaches that the Eucharist "is the source and summit of the Christian life." It is a living source because the sacrament of the Eucharist contains the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. This belief is not make-believe or a symbol, but based on the very words of Jesus Christ: "This is My Body and this is My Blood."

We began our Eucharistic Revival with a beautiful outdoor procession of the Holy Eucharist on May 24. May we all rekindle our faith in the gift of the Holy Eucharist, the Real Presence of Jesus Christ. During this year, parishes are asked to devote their attention to a renewed excellence in the celebration of the Liturgy, and cultivate a deeper appreciation for the Church's Eucharistic devotion. An Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress will be on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. May the Eucharistic Revival bear good fruit in our spiritual lives as we focus more intentionally on our relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

### Prayer for the Eucharistic Revival

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope,  
and I love You!

I beg pardon for those who do not believe,  
nor adore, nor love You. (Three times)

Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
I adore You profoundly.  
I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul,  
and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the  
tabernacles of the world in reparation  
for the outrages, sacrileges,  
and indifference by which He is offended.

And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred  
Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of  
Mary,

I beg of You the conversion of sinners.  
Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

[phillyeucharisticrevival.org](http://phillyeucharisticrevival.org)

## THE 2024 MASS BOOK FOR ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE DECEASED IS OPEN

You can call or stop by the Rectory during business hours. Any questions, please contact Marian at the Rectory Mondays thru Thursdays.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

August 13, 2023

August 14, 2022

Sunday Offering: \$3,185	Sunday Offering: \$4,228
Electronic Giving: \$2,320	Electronic Giving: \$2,066
<b>Total: \$5,505</b>	
<b>Total: \$6,294</b>	



**NEW SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY MASS  
STARTING IN 2024**

I am grateful for all of you who have returned to Mass after the pandemic. I hope and pray that more of our parishioners will return to Mass as well. There is nothing like being there! Watching Mass on TV no longer fulfills the Sunday obligation, unless you are sick, elderly, have an emergency or have conflicts with work schedules. So come home to the Lord who desires to make His home in you. With this in mind, please note our new Mass Schedule beginning in January 2024:

**2024 Winter/Spring/Fall Schedule**

(January thru June & September thru December)

**Saturdays at 5:00pm**

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

**2024 Summer Schedule**

(1st Sunday in July thru Labor Day in September)

**Saturdays at 5:00pm**

**Sundays at 9:00am and 11:00am**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**\*\*\* From the weekend of Sept. 9, 2023 thru the end of 2023, the weekend Mass Schedule is back to the way it was, prior to summer: Saturday at 5pm, and Sunday at 8am, 10am, & 12pm.**

**Prayer to Begin a  
School Year/Semester**

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
Creator of body and mind and heart;  
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and  
knowledge to guide your people  
in all their ways.

At the beginning of this new school year  
(or semester/term)

we implore your mercy:  
bless the students, teachers,  
and staff,

that together we may grow in faith, hope,  
and love as we learn from you and each  
other how to follow your Son Jesus.

Expand the horizons of our minds,  
that we may grow in wisdom,  
understanding, and knowledge;  
deepen our commitment to seek  
the truth of your ways;  
and enliven our faith to reach out  
to those in need.

Glory and praise to you, Lord God,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus  
forever and ever.

Amen

**PREP REGISTRATION**

**AT ST. HILARY PARISH**

**(Parish Religious Education Program)**

**LAST CALL for PREP REGISTRATION...**

**Registration for 2023-24 has been underway ~  
deadline is August 21.**

**PREP Classes Tuesday nights 6:30pm**

**Registration is online**

**Please go to our parish website at  
[www.sthilarypoitiers.org](http://www.sthilarypoitiers.org) to register!**

Parents of 1st grade students must send a copy of their child's Baptismal certificate to the Rectory by mail (Attn: PREP) or drop it in the secure black mailbox outside the rectory. You can also email a copy of the Baptismal Certificate to [sthilaryprep@gmail.com](mailto:sthilaryprep@gmail.com). Please email Noreen Forkin, PREP Coordinator, or you can call the Rectory at 215-884-3252 with any questions. You must register your child(ren) by August 21 - thank you!

**INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS**

**The following are some thoughts...one of which you may connect with for further reflection.**

- \* A friend is a person who listens attentively while you say nothing.
- \* The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail, not his tongue.
- \* Deal with each other's faults as gently as if they were your own.
- \* No man/woman is worthy of your tears. But when you find one who is, they won't make you cry.
- \* Thinking well is wise...planning well is wiser...but doing well is wisest.
- \* If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem.
- \* Just because the message might not ever be received does not mean it wasn't worth sending.
- \* Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Walk beside me and just be my friend.
- \* Respect is what we owe; love is what we give.
- \* People may doubt what you say, but they will always believe what you do.
- \* Forbidden fruit creates many jams.
- \* God won't ask how much overtime you worked. He will ask if you did work overtime for your loved ones and family.



## MEMORIAL TREES

The 18 new Memorial Trees in front and along the side of St. Hilary of Poitiers Campus now have a memorial plaque in front of each tree ("In loving memory of ..."). They have been placed in alphabetical order, starting with the trees closest to the Rectory.



## **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) at St. Hilary Parish**

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

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



RCIA is a spiritual formation process beginning in October and ending with initiation in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. RCIA classes are taught by Father Murray and are held every Monday evening from 7:00-8:30pm at the rectory. These classes are for anyone with interest, no matter what your current denomination. Please also encourage your friends and neighbors with interest in Catholicism, too! If you are interested and/or would like more info, please contact Fr. Murray at 215-884-3252 .

**"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".**



All of us have the responsibility to bring beauty, reverence and dignity to our celebration of Mass. The church directs us to do this in very simple and concrete ways:

- to receive the Eucharist, one must be in a state of grace; serious sin must be confessed before receiving Holy Communion.
- fast from food at least one (1) hour before receiving Holy Communion; exceptions taking medication or other health issues.
- a simple bow before receiving Holy Communion and responding Amen.
- quiet reflection when returning to the pew acknowledging Christ's presence, and words of praise and thanksgiving and petitioning the Lord to answer our many needs. Leaving Church after receiving is not appropriate.
- to remember we are to become what we receive... how do we reflect the spirit of the Eucharist in our relationships, choices and decisions.
- be mindful of Christ's continuing presence in the Tabernacle; if able, genuflect entering and leaving Church or a simple bow is appropriate for those who cannot genuflect.

**Divine Mercy Said:** "My daughter, in this meditation, consider the love of neighbor.. Is your love for your neighbor guided by My love? Do you pray for your enemies? Do you wish well to those who have, in one way or another, caused you sorrow or offended you? Know that whatever good you do to any soul, I accept it as if you had done it to Me." (St. Faustina's Diary, 1768)

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**The Risen Christ statue which hangs up high outside of our church was dedicated back on May 21, 2023 ~ and the plaque pictured here was recently placed in the back of church, showing the names of the deceased donors for which the Risen Christ statue was dedicated.**



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