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FEBRUARY 26, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



One

**DOES NOT LIVE
BY BREAD ALONE**

MATTHEW 4:4

PASTOR'S CORNER

"One does not live on bread alone."

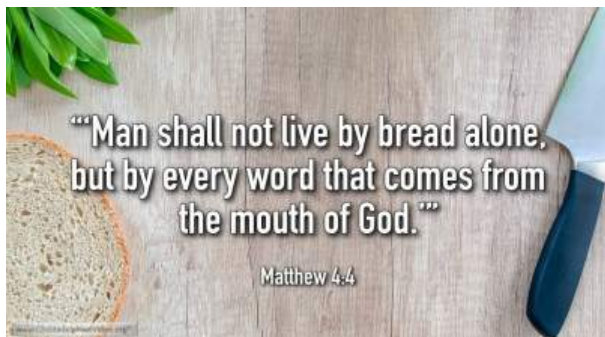
- Matthew 4:41

The scripture takes us into a garden and a desert. The garden brings images of life, order, and beauty. The desert is barren, harsh, and life is lean. In our life, we can experience both of these extremes. At times, life is orderly and runs smoothly. Other times, life is a struggle; hard and challenging. In each situation, the age-old temptation shows itself - to break faith with God. In the garden, Adam and Eve had it all, but are tempted to think it is not enough. The devil sows seeds of doubt. Life can be more fulfilling without God's wisdom. In the desert, Jesus struggles with the same temptation. The devil urges Him to seek fame, wealth, and power, apart from God's wisdom.

Wanting more of this world's goods and doing less with God is ever-present in our day as well. God wants much more for us than anything that the world can offer. He wants nothing more for us than our complete happiness. Adam and Eve had paradise and thought it was not enough. Once they bit into that temptation, Adam and Eve lost everything.

The good news is that Jesus comes to restore Paradise. Paradise is simply to live in a right relationship with God. He alone can satisfy our longings for happiness. "Not by bread alone do we live, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." During this season of Lent, may that wisdom be ever sought by us all.

Happy Lent,
Father Murray



Sunday, February 26, 2023

First Sunday of Lent

5:00pm Vigil ~ Kevin Supka

8:00am ~ Lois Mahan

10:00am ~ Theresa James

12:00pm ~ Kathleen Tracey

Monday, February 27, 2023

Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbott & Doctor of Church

8:00am ~ William Bonsall

*** Adoration from 8:30am to 4:00pm

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

8:00am ~ Paul Hess

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

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

Thursday, March 2, 2023

8:00am ~ Mary Forst

7:00pm ~ Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 3, 2023

Saint Katharine Drexel

9:00am ~ Calvin and Molly Semple

Saturday, March 4, 2023

5:00pm Vigil ~ Robert Montague

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

8:00am ~ John, Rose and Henry McErlean

10:00am ~ Joseph Magee III

12:00pm ~ Kevin Supka

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- * Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- * Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- * Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- * Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- * Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- * Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- * Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- * Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- * Fast from selfishness & be compassionate to others.
- * Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- * Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

ST. HILARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

THANKS to this parish community for the tremendous support for the 2022 St. Hilary Diamond Jubilee Capital Campaign. Seeing the progression of this campaign these past months has been truly a blessing. We have an exciting update; this campaign has raised **\$406,841.25**. Through your prayers and help, we have even surpassed our initial goal of \$350,000. The sooner that the pledges are redeemed, the better it will be for paying for these projects. We currently have about \$237,538 of the campaign contributions already deposited, and it is imperative that we continue to collect all payments on pledges to ensure that we can complete all the capital work. Thank you very much!

PROJECT UPDATE

Just a reminder that the monies raised from the Jubilee Capital Campaign are directed toward the following goals:

- * New Air Conditioning System in the School ~ completed
- * New Lighting in the back parking lot for safety and security ~ completed
- * New Air Conditioning System in the Church ~ completed
- * New Church Doors ~ will be installed in a few months...please see the pictures to the right, of the beautiful stained glass to be inserted into our new Church doors

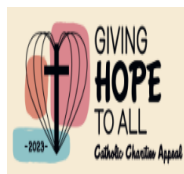
Once again, I am sincerely thankful for the overwhelming response & generosity! New pledges are most welcome. All donations are appreciated! *Father Murray*

Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal will provide necessary support to several thousands of people. These individuals are served by an array of organizations, programs, and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

The beneficiaries of this Appeal focus on five key areas:

- Education
- Social Services
- Local Mission Activities
- Clergy
- Evangelization, Parish and Spiritual Life

Thank you for your support of the annual Catholic Charities Appeal.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

STEWARDSHIP REPORT TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

February 19, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$4,897
Electronic Giving: \$2,516

Total: \$7,413

February 20, 2022

Sunday Offering: \$6,157
Electronic Giving: \$3,355

Total: \$9,512

3 NEW CHURCH DOORS COMING SOON...



ST. HILARY

LOCATION OF DOOR:
SCHOOL HALL DOOR

SACRED HEART OF JESUS

LOCATION OF DOOR:
CHURCH TO COURTYARD



SACRED HEART OF MARY

LOCATION OF DOOR:
HALL TO CHURCH



THREE PILLARS OF LENT

The three pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (acts of charity). Lent is a realistic down-to-earth time. It's about ashes and the cross. It's about money, food, and how I spend my time. It's about sin and sorrow. It's about life and death.



One of the Prefaces in the 1974 Sacramentary used for Lenten Masses thanked God because "each year you give us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery with mind and heart renewed." Joyful? That seems strange for Lent.

But it's like an exercise program. At the very beginning, you're sore all over, yet you also feel invigorated, energized, enlivened...and you really feel good about yourself. Your body is made for this.

So it is with Lent. Our penitential practices may be hard at times, but they lift our inner spirit. We're made for more than TV reruns or computer games.

We are made for the unimaginable greatness of God.

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".



ST. HILARY OF POITIERS SCHOOL

At St. Hilary of Poitiers School, we focus on educating the whole child. We encourage our students to discover and develop their talents. Our Christian faith permeates each aspect of who we are and what we do. Our students are encouraged to develop leadership abilities and interpersonal skills, understand personal responsibility, practice sportsmanship, and provide service to the community. Recognizing that both home and school are an integral part to our faith-centered community, parents and teachers partner to guide each student to recognize and discover Christ in all people, and understand the importance of preparing students to be deeply rooted in their faith and their education, and become peace-filled citizens of the world.



SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023-24 YEAR IS NOW OPEN FOR PREK - 8th!

Please visit www.sainthilaryschool.com for more information and a virtual tour. You can also contact the principal, Mrs. Fagan, at 215-887-4520 or email to efagan@sainthilaryschool.com



HOSPITALITY SUNDAY AT ST. HILARY PARISH SUNDAY, MARCH 12



AFTER THE 8am AND THE 10am MASSES

All are welcome to stop in the Parish Center on March 12 to have a drink and a snack after the 8am and 10am Masses! Please join us!

ST. HILARY VERY SUPER SUPER BOWL POOL



MANY THANKS TO BOB LATTANZI, OUR FOOTBALL BLOCK POOL EXPERT! HIS TIME & SUPPORT OF ST. HILARY'S PARISH ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!



St. Hilary Parish made \$6,700 from the 2022 regular season football pool (\$5,700 from sales and \$1,000 from four weekly winning blocks).

St. Hilary Parish made \$3,000 from the 3 Super Bowl Block Pools, and paid out \$4,500 in winnings!

Thanks to all who participated!!



Below are the big winners from the Super Bowl Block Pools:

Dave S. (Vare)	\$500
Ann Wise	\$500
Dan DiCiacco	\$500
Kathy Lennon	\$265
Joe Kilian	\$240
Stephen Vito	\$240
Pat & Cass Egan	\$218
Forkin Family	\$193
Mike O'Rourke	\$193
Tom Yaegel	\$193
Rick Alegado	\$193
Frank Altamuro	\$168
George & Joann Brenner	\$50
Bill McGinn	\$50
McCrea Family	\$50

Thank You



There were also many who won \$25:

Frank & Kate Hopkins, Mary McCallister, Bill & Ellen Romano, Brazukas Family, Father Murray, Art (Vare), Joe Henry, Bob Tate, Kilkenny Kats, Stuart & Karen Skinner, David Luschini, Pete & Deb Comas, Sharon (Matty) Hopkins, Bernadette Mulvey, Otto Family, Kevin Tracey, Mosie Barrett, Bob Donnelly, Connie Fennell, Tom Greenfield, Alex Muttreja, Amanda Spahits, Tommy Shute, John Roken, Tumbler Hueber, Mike Verdi, Gracie Keller, Alaina DiCiacco, Bob & Diane Sawyer, Joanne McKee, Kevin Walker, Jennifer Powers, The Ogre (Hartey), John Kolla, Ray Vandegrift, Meredith Merlini, John Dunleavy, Frank Davis

THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

LENTEN CALENDAR



Daily Mass

Monday thru Friday at 8am,
followed by the Rosary
Adoration every Monday 8:30am to 4pm
(No Adoration on Monday, Feb. 20)

Confessions

Saturdays 4:00 to 4:45pm
Sundays during Lent after the 10am Mass
Monday Evening, April 3 at 7:00pm

*** Stations of the Cross During Lent

Thursday afternoons at 2:15pm
Thursday Evenings at 7:00pm

*** **Begins this Thursday, March 2**

Lenten Scripture Series ~ Parables of the Kingdom

Six-week Scripture Study Sessions
(see information on this page)

Taize Prayer

Monday, March 20 at 7:00pm
(by Director Justin Jue & St. Hilary Choir)



Pro-Life Union

Life Advocate Resource Conference

Saturday, April 1, 2023

St. Matthew Church Hall

219 Fayette St., Conshohocken, PA 19428

** Free event but registration required by emailing
pcorbett@prolifeunion.org or call 215-885-8150

Over 15 member organizations will be attending. Learn of their special pro-life missions and how they can help advance the pro-life message. We will focus on how to become a more effective advocate for the unborn and for abortion-vulnerable women, how to motivate other pro-life minded people to get involved, etc. Please join us!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ST. HILARY LENTEN SCRIPTURE STUDY



This program studies and explores the parables of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. Come and see how these stories of Jesus - spoken so long ago - are still relevant for us today! The parables are drawn from ordinary life that reveal God's universal truths.

*This six-week program began last week, February 20 - see below for info. *
Call the Rectory SOON at 215-884-3252.
All are welcome!*

- Mondays 10am with Sandy Repitcky in Parish Ctr.
- Tuesdays 1:30pm with Kathy Lill in the Rectory
- Wednesdays 7pm with Fr. Murray in the Rectory *
- * Fr. Murray's group begins March 1 for four weeks
- Thursdays 7pm with Celeste Cattie in the Rectory

Cost: \$20



SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS FIRST FULL WEEK OF LENT:

Sunday ~ imagine being responsible for all the souls in the world; offer a Rosary for the intentions of the pope

Monday ~ ask God to show you what is keeping you from experiencing His love fully - worry, fears, etc.

Tuesday ~ offer an extra small sacrifice for God, just for today...no snacking, coffee without cream, etc.

Wednesday ~ enjoy pretzels, a traditional Lenten snack; the crossed arms of the pretzel recalled monks at prayer

Thursday ~ today, look for opportunities to practice the virtues...humility, patience, and kindness

Friday ~ attend Mass this First Friday, or find ways to be present to Him who is present to you

Saturday ~ the Bible teaches us to deny ourselves and give instead to those in need; read Matthew 6:1-4 to learn more about sacrificial almsgiving

UPDATED 55+ SPIRIT NEWS:

The 55+ Senior Spirit Club is sponsoring the 2nd annual Pilgrimage. This time we will travel to St. Rita of Cascia Shrine in Phila. on Tues., April 25, leaving St. Hilary at 8:30am and returning at 3pm. This trip is open to all parishioners and their guests. We are limited to one bus so reserve your seat ASAP. Spirit Club members pay \$25 and non-members \$45; covers deluxe motorcoach, guided Shrine tour, donation to Shrine and lunch in their center. Confession is available and Mass will be said at noon. After lunch is private prayer time and gift shop visit. Call Margie at 215-885-8722 or mimagee526@gmail.com. Our March 15 meeting will feature Bill Monaghan's music. We are very lucky to have him for a touch of Ireland itself. We meet 10am in the Parish Center. Rumor is our Irish bakers will be at work. Another reminder to check the flyers for upcoming St. Hilary Travels trips. They are found at the entrance to church. For reservations and information, call Michele Laganella at 215-498-5908. Thank you!



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 and infirmed, please join by calling 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, Mary Deely, TJ McDonald, Ahmed Abdul, Sal Sermania, Sue Masantonia, 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, Tina Hardimon, 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, Timothy Dempsey, Dilynn Listman, Anne Visco, Daniel Hare, Gloria Hannah, BJ Verdon, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Kathy Huss

*Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:
Temple Univ. Police Officer Christopher Fitzpatrick
Bishop David O'Connell Ethel Forgeng*

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 8:00am, 10:00pm, and 12pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

8 AM on Monday thru Friday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4 – 4:45 PM

*** Confessions on the Sundays in Lent after the 10am 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

In Residence ~ Rev. Jacob John

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Music Director ~ Justin Jue

Plant Manager ~ Hal Fagan

BAPTISM: Sundays after the 12pm 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 Friday: 8:30 AM to 4 PM
Closed for Lunch: 12 PM to 1 PM

*Please note that church envelopes as well as Tuition payments can be dropped off in the secure **BLACK** lockbox outside the rectory during off-hours. Thanks!*

Divine Mercy said: "Tell all people, My daughter, that I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls."

(St. Faustina Diary, 1074)

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Hello Fellow Parishioners,

I have had diabetes for the last 20 years and it has taken a toll on my kidneys. I am looking for a Living Donor. The surgical procedure is less invasive on the donor than it was in the past. The procedure is done arthroscopically, usually just requiring 3-5 days in the hospital. Please contact me if you are willing to get tested or know someone who is willing.

Thank you,

Kevin Fries, Parishioner

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