

St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

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JULY 26, 2020

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish
Sunday Mass Video Available
All Public Sunday Masses will resume on
our Summer Schedule

5:00pm Vigil

9:00am Sunday

11:00am Sunday

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 – 4:45 PM

Daily Mass is Monday—Friday 8:00am
(Please be mindful of social
distancing guidelines)

Watch our Sunday Masses through our
Flocknote Video or YouTube available
through our website

Pastor - Rev. Kevin P. Murray

Weekend Assistance - Rev. Edward Dixey, OSA
Weekend Assistant—Msgr. Gregory J. Fairbanks

Permanent Deacon - Deacon John K. Hunter

Pastor Emeritus - Msgr. Michael J. Carroll

St. Hilary School Principal - Mrs. Eileen Fagan

PREP Program Coordinator - Mrs. Noreen Forkin

Music Director, Justin Jue,

jjue@sainthilaryschool.com

Maureen Maher, Business Manager

Marian Stengel, Parish Secretary

Rectory Phone (215) 884-3252

School Phone (215) 887-4520

BAPTISM: First and third Sundays of the month.
Contact the Rectory for more information.

MATRIMONY: Couples planning to marry
should contact the Rectory six months before the
date desired for the wedding.

RECTORY OFFICE IS NOW OPEN!

Pastor's Corner

"give your servant an understanding heart to judge and to distinguish right from wrong"
1 Kings 7-12

At the time of Jesus there was no banks, security vaults to place your valuables or money. The safest place, especially during war was in the earth. Today Jesus tells of a man, who found a treasure so valuable he sold everything to buy the field in which he found it. Jesus tells us where to find a treasure so valuable it is worth any sacrifice. Yet are we willing to make such a sacrifice? It might mean giving up certain ambitions, habits or relationships. To do so we will discover a joy that nothing on earth can give us. It is simply to live in a right relationship with God. Jesus Himself is our model, He is the pearl of great price, the treasure we all long for. Think of the sacrifices we make for our possessions, be they a house, car or clothing. These things have only monetary value. What Jesus promises never decreases in value, never diminishes. Let us pray for the wisdom Solomon asked for today. The wisdom to know right from wrong and to possess an understanding heart. To live in a right relationship with God is to possess a treasure of limitless joy and possibilities.

God bless,
Father Murray



Sunday, July 26, 2020
ALL MASSES in Church have
Resumed on our Summer Schedule

If you are unable to attend Mass in person please watch our Video Masses

5:00pm Rosie Duffy
9:00am Louise & Vincent Costello
11:00am Rosie Duffy

Monday, July 27, 2020
8:00am John K. Hunter
No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday, July 28, 2020
8:00am Living & Deceased members of
St. Hilary of Poitiers Church

St. Martha
Wednesday, July 29, 2020
8:00am Lillian Block

St. Peter Chysologus, Bishop &
Doctor of the Church
Thursday, July 30, 2020
8:00 am Deceased members of
Lyons Family

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Friday, July 31, 2020
8:00 am George Schlacter

St. Hilary of Poitiers Memorial Garden



Our beautiful Memorial Garden in front of our Church has bricks with names of loved ones, both living and deceased. The cost of each brick is \$100.00, If you are interested in purchasing a memorial brick to be included in our Memorial Garden, please send an email to:
sthilaryrydal@gmail.com and we will get back to you promptly to answer any questions and let you know how to reserve one. (215)884-3252

Archdiocese of Philadelphia Opens Office for Youth Ministry

Today, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia announced that Archbishop Pérez has accepted the recommendations of the Task Force to form two distinct and new offices. In doing so, the Archbishop expressed sincere gratitude for the hard work and dedication of those who served this vital ministry under the OYYA and ANTHEM models.

One of the new offices will focus on youth ministry and the other will focus on young adult ministry with appropriate collaboration between them. Each office will have its own director with additional staffing to be determined.

In order to provide for consistency in approach, adherence to the recommendations set forth by the Task Force, and alignment with Archdiocesan goals, the work of both offices will be overseen by Mrs. Ann Menna, Deputy Secretary for Catechetical Formation in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and Reverend Steven DeLacy, the Archbishop's Delegate for Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

As this new model unfolds, it will be accompanied by further study and research to ensure appropriate development as well as allocation of resources in a prudent fashion.

In the coming weeks a search committee will be led by the Archdiocesan Human Resources Office, Mrs. Menna, and Father DeLacy to identify and hire the best possible candidates to staff the newly formed offices. Their search will be shaped by the work and findings of the task force. Currently, it is expected that the offices will be staffed by fall of 2020.

Catholic Human Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Provides Overview of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Efforts and Community Impact Demonstrating the Ongoing Commitment of Administrators and Staff in Assisting Those Impacted By the Pandemic. *Catholic Human Services is the largest faith-based human services provider in Southeastern Pennsylvania and benefits more than 300,000 individuals of all faiths annually.*

The Secretariat for Catholic Human Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (CHS) is continuing to provide critical support and emergency assistance to individuals, seniors, families, and children impacted by the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic throughout the five-county metropolitan area.

CHS, which administers a broad range of human services programs as an expression of the charitable works of our local Church, is comprised of various agencies that serve general community needs, including [Catholic Social Services](#), [Catholic Housing and Community Services](#), and [Nutritional Development Services](#).

Recently, CHS shared an overview of its COVID-19 response during the last three months and the community impact of these critical relief efforts. These efforts demonstrate the ongoing commitment of administrators and staff in assisting those in need during these challenging and unprecedented times.

Philadelphia County Nutritional Development Services has distributed 50,000 diapers to hundreds of families with infants and toddlers throughout Center City Philadelphia. Catholic Housing and Community Services has delivered 2,000 meals per week to 300 seniors in their homes, along with 1,700 wellness calls to provide emotional support. Catholic Social Services' Saint John's Hospice has provided daily over 400 men experiencing homelessness a days' worth of nourishing "to-go" meals. Catholic Social Services' Women of Hope (Lombard) safe haven has provided over 75 hot "to-go" meals per week to women experiencing homelessness.

Montgomery County Nutritional Development Services has provided 28, 274 meals to five emergency feeding sites for children and youth ages 18 years and younger. Catholic Housing and Community Services has provided 123 seniors with food assistance at their homes along with 1,166 wellness calls to provide emotional support. Catholic Social Services' Martha's Choice Marketplace has provided nearly 2,500 families per month with food assistance including fresh produce, dairy, meats, and pantry essentials. Since the onset of the pandemic, Martha's Choice Marketplace has distributed approximately 400,000 pounds of food.

5 Things Too Many Catholics Think the Church Stopped Teaching... But Didn't, let's set the record straight on some things here today, things that we taught before 1965 and *still* teach long after 1965 today.

1) Sin, including Mortal Sin, still exists

Sin didn't morph into "making mistakes." Personal sin didn't disappear and morph into "corporate or social sin."

In the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, sections 1846-1876, the issue of sin, both venial and mortal, are defined in union with the constant teaching of the Church.

Since sin didn't evaporate into the ether, neither did the necessity to address their effect and need for healing. Being in a state of mortal sin will still send you to hell. Dismiss that at your own risk. Being in a state of mortal sin still excludes a person from the reception of the Eucharist until Confession has happened. Receiving the Eucharist in a state of mortal sin is, itself, a mortal sin.

We have never taught that one has a right to the Eucharist in any old state. Never. In fact, if we did, that would point to a belief that the bread and wine must still be just bread and wine. We do not believe this either.

2) Sunday Mass/ Holy Day Masses are currently dispensed during the Covid 19 pandemic

A Catholic in good standing, exempting those who are ill or taking care of someone who is ill, are obliged to worship God in Mass on every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation. That never changed.

When one chooses to opt out of Mass in favor of sleeping in, sports, shopping, or anything in this vein, one has found a god they think is more worthy of their time than the God.

That any Catholic would believe their faith life is just fine without Mass is delusional. Willfully missing mass is starving oneself to death spiritually. To knowingly and willfully miss Mass *is* mortally sinful. To teach one's children by word or example that Mass is optional is to teach your children how to mortally sin. This is a very serious matter.

3) The sanctity of human sexuality is still upheld

We view human sexuality as such a profound good that the Church advises against the abuse of human sexuality into a mere plaything. We have always had problems with the misuse of human sexuality and the devastation it brings.

I know, I know...what about those clerics who sexually preyed on their flocks? They did so in direct opposition to the teachings of the Church.

The use of artificial birth control was never a "let your conscience be your guide" type of thing. That was the mantra of clerics who either bought into worldly views on human sexuality or were too cowardly to uphold those teachings for fear of the backlash that would come.

The Church does not okay the use of porn, masturbation, homosexual acts, or any other use of human sexuality that goes against its very nature.

I know this is not popular, but the Church has not changed its teachings about this. See *Catechism* sections 2331-2400.

4) Confession is still necessary for the forgiveness of Mortal Sin

Sin needs to be forgiven for the relationship between God and with His people to be restored. It is that relationship that opens us to the freedom of receiving God's grace in the sacraments. It is that relationship that opens us to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Mortal sin severs that relationships. Without that relationship, we have no true access to the grace of the other sacraments nor to the Kingdom of Heaven. Confession is the way we fix that.

Whether one feels that is true or not, does not change that this is the constant teaching of the Church. See *Catechism* sections 1446-1470.

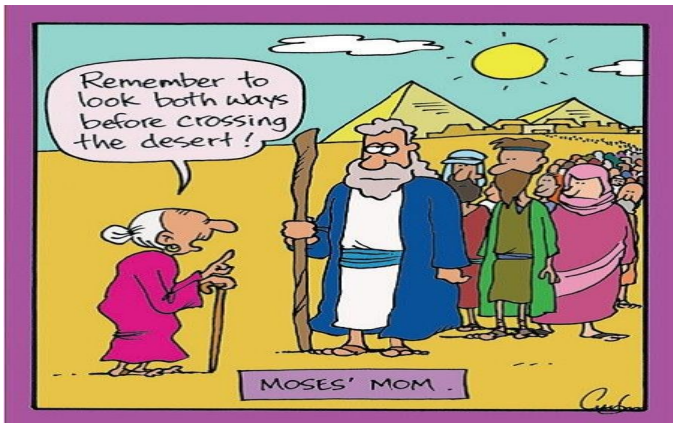
5) The Catholic faith is not a buffet where one picks and chooses what is okay and comfortable

The Catholic faith has the right to say that this is what we believe. It has the right to set the standard. We do so because this is what Christ taught. End of story.

The point of faith isn't to numb. The point of faith is to challenge to greater heights, courage, and holiness. Every rule and teaching of the Church comes from what it means to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves. It is an integral whole. Once we start picking and choosing, we damage the whole. When people start picking and choosing, it becomes easier and easier to abandon faith altogether.

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CATHOLIC HUMOR



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I'VE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THAT HE'S GOING TO BE WITH ME FOREVER, BUT HE JUST DOESN'T GET IT

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS PARISH— INTRODUCES A NEW WAY TO COMMUNICATE



Flocknote is an engaging communication service, created **BY** Catholics **FOR** Catholic parishes. Flocknote helps to reach people where they are already at – in their email inboxes. There's nothing for people to download, or pick up after church. Flocknote serves the unique purpose of assisting parishioners in their quest to stay up-to-date with their parish's news and information.

For those who have signed up for our flocknote communication hopefully you have enjoyed the information that we have shared with you over the past weeks. In addition to our spiritual segment we are able to keep you informed as to any parish based information you should be aware of. Please encourage others to join.

HELP US CONNECT YOU TO "FLOCKNOTE" NAME:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish Prayer Line

To request Parish Prayer Line prayers for a loved one, friend who is ill, or a service man or woman, please call Evelyn at 215 947- 4951, Pat at 215 485-5512, the Rectory at 215-884-3252 or if you would like your name removed from our list.

Please pray for the following:

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| Michael Dooley | Angela Gavin | Tina Hardimon |
| Jack Avak | William Hartner | Lionel Melly Wright |
| Michael Brown | Mary Jane Hummel | Cole Plachter |
| Bob Bray | Pat Cass | Mary Joe Reaby |
| Nicholas Liddy | Michele Kelly | Arlene Rims-Lloyd |
| Bob Kilcoyne | Tina Savarino | Kevin Rosenbaum |
| Elizabeth Dieckman | Sarah Koehler | Capt..Schaffer |
| David Gengler | Paris Luckowski | Jacalyn Strigle |
| Helen Weinstrup | Judy Sklar | Dan Webb |
| Mary Jane Namola | Bernadette Redican | Rhodena Thompson |
| Sophia Southerling | Gina Devaney | Bruce Thompson II |
| Mary Deely | Bob Steele | Linda Urie |
| TJ McDonald | Evelyn Strigle | George Tomesko |
| Charles Mulligan | Linda Smithson | Donna Alamar |



Burial & Cremation

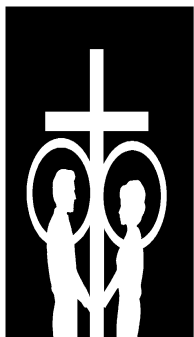
Pope Francis, through the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, has issued instructions regarding the burial of the deceased especially those who choose cremation. This instruction should help to maintain and recognize the human body as a living temple of God's presence. Proper respect for the deceased and their remains must always be upheld.

Copies on the guidelines are available at the rectory

The Sacrament of Marriage

"The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman established between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church pg.400)



For Catholics a valid sacramental marriage is before a Priest and two witnesses in what is called the Form of Marriage. If you have been married by a Justice of the Peace or in a Civil Marriage and wish to have your marriage blessed by the Church and be able to return to the sacraments, most especially, the Sacrament of the Eucharist, please call the rectory at 215-884-3252

PREPARING FOR YOUR WEDDING

You can visit www.phillycatholiclife.org to schedule your Pre-Cana classes. You would select **PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE**. Scroll down and select **FIND OUT MORE ABOUT PREP AND REGISTER**. At the bottom of the page select **REGISTER NOW**. We recommend that you register and attend the seminar **at least six months before your wedding date to reserve a seat**.

You can also contact the Family Life Office at 610-873-2016. if you have any questions regarding registration.

St. Hilary's PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

Our program will begin in September, and we are in need of the following:

a teacher for 3rd Grade

an Assistant for 3rd Grade

an Assistant for 7th Grade

If you are interested and would like to volunteer please call Father Murray at (215) 884-3252. Help share the Word of God with our children.

PREP registration is going on now for Grades 1-7. If you have any questions and/or would like to register, please email Noreen Forkin (PREP Coordinator) @sthilaryprep@gmail.com

Thank you!

You must be a registered member of our parish. (registration is now on line) as well as the documentation needed.



**ST. HILARY OF POITIERS PARISH
ALL FAMILIES INTERESTED IN HAVING
YOUR CHILD BAPTIZED NEED TO CALL
THE RECTORY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.
ALL FAMILIES MUST ATTEND A PRE-
JORDAN CLASS PRIOR TO THE BAPTISM.
(IF YOU HAVE ALREADY ATTENDED A
PRE-JORDAN CLASS FOR ANOTHER
CHILD, YOU DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND.
TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS CALL THE
RECTORY # 215 884-3252**

DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL?

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church.

When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church always seeks to balance two realities. On one hand the durable bond of marriage. This is God's law. On the other hand, the Church is concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Even though a Catholic wedding was celebrated, perhaps there was some deficiency in the consent of the parties involved regarding intentions, understanding or ability? The annulment procedure addresses these circumstances.

If you are divorced and want to marry in the Church or remarried outside the Catholic Church, please telephone the Tribunal Office at 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 587-3750

