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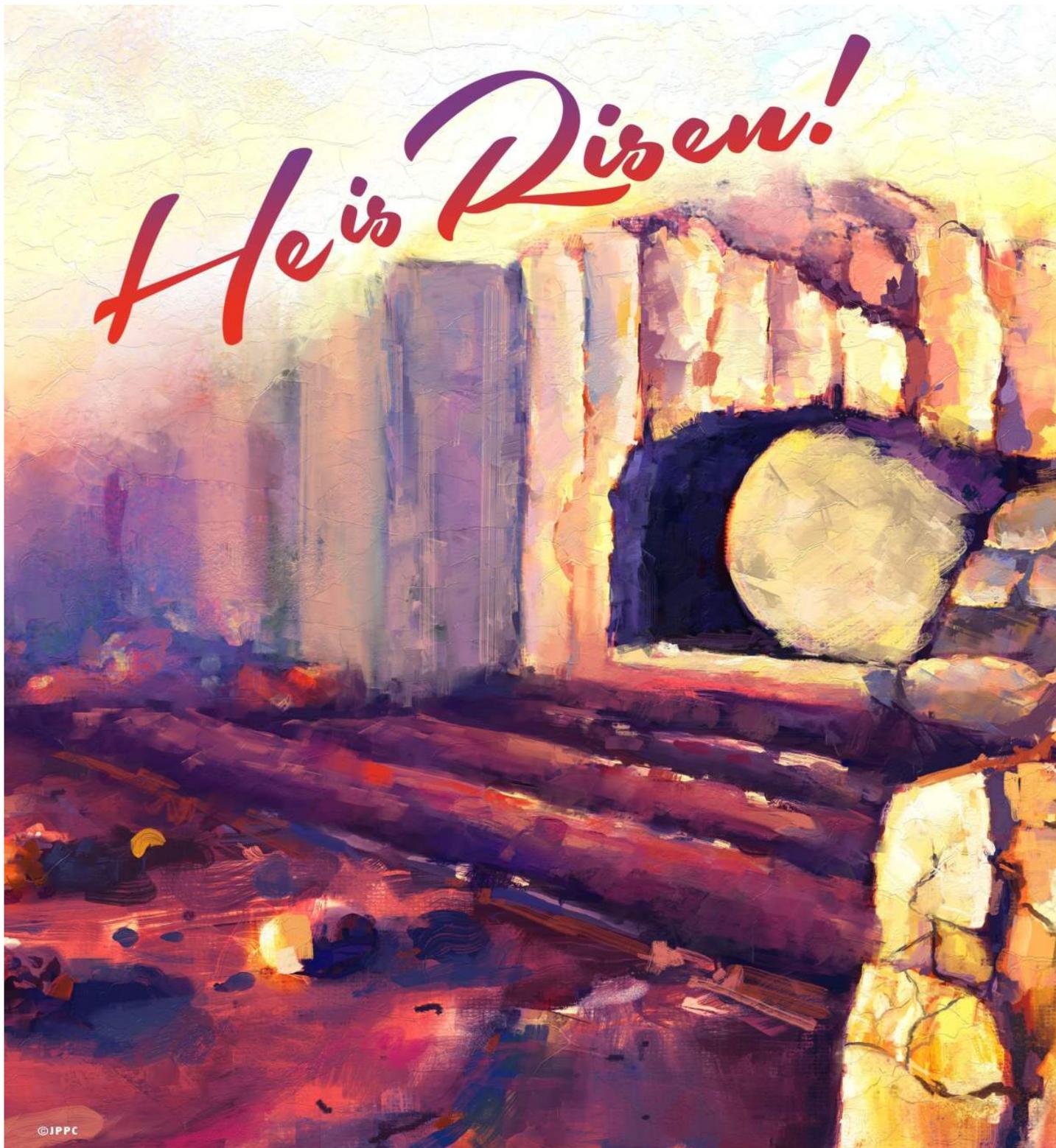
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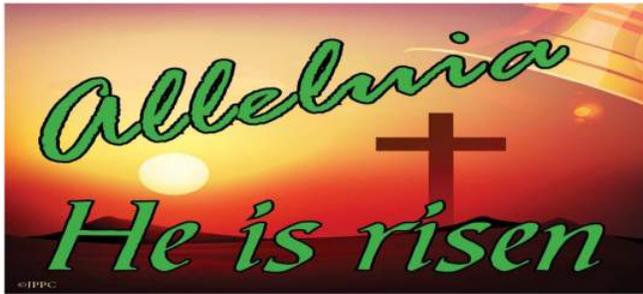
APRIL 20, 2025

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

He is Risen!



PASTOR'S CORNER



"The night shall be as bright as day." (Exsultet)

In an address to young people, Pope St. John Paul II said:

"Do not let hope die; stake your life on it. We are not the sum of our weakness and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of His Son."

On this Easter Day, we are called to heed those prophetic words. Our hope is in a Person, who came back from the dead. Our hope is renewed each morning no matter how dark the night has been. The light of Jesus Christ, risen from the dark night of death, burnt away the guilt, failures, and weaknesses of the Apostles. Because of the Father's love for them, they were able to rise from the tomb of their failures. They were able to become the image of his Son and change the world.

At times, we experience long nights... nightmares that we can't seem to awaken from. Jesus risen is calling us all out of our tombs - the tombs of fear, despair, regrets, and sin. With Christ ever before us, the future is full of hope and promise. The Father's love now at work in us will enable us to become the image of His Son. May we all rise when this darkness is over to become better persons...kinder, compassionate, and ever more grateful for the gift of life. As the beautiful Easter Exsultet proclaims:

"The sanctifying power of the night dispels wickedness, washes away faults, restores innocence to the fallen and joy to mourners, fosters concord and brings down the mighty."

Christ is risen ~ let us rejoice and be glad!
Wishing you God's grace and peace.

Happy Easter,
Father Murray



Sunday, April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
7:30pm Easter Vigil ~ Living & Deceased
8:30am ~ Anne Hauser
10:30am ~ Albert Funk

Monday, April 21, 2025

***** No Daily Mass and No Adoration this day**

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
8:00am ~ Joseph DeGrazia IV

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
8:00am ~ Arthur Mattia

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Thursday within the Octave of Easter
8:00am ~ Daniel J. Murray and Kathleen Murray

Friday, April 25, 2025

Friday within the Octave of Easter
8:00am ~ Joseph Magee III

Saturday, April 26, 2025

Saturday within the Octave of Easter
5:00pm ~ Shirley Kennedy

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Second Sunday of Easter
8:30am ~ John, Rose and Henry McErlean
10:30am ~ Pedro and Maria Garcia



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Missionary Hubs in the Archdiocese

On January 5, 2025, Arch. Perez released a pastoral letter regarding the future of the Church of Philadelphia. In it, he discussed 2 primary challenges facing the church today - the first problem is many of our fellow Catholics have drifted away from the church and do not regularly attend Mass.



In fact, 83% of baptized Catholics don't come to church. The second problem is that there continues to be a shortage of priests across the Archdiocese. In his letter, he reiterates that he did not become the Archbishop to close parishes; he came here to "build up the Church of Philadelphia." In an attempt to reverse the trend and build up the church, he announced the creation of Missionary Hubs across the diocese. A hub is an initiative planted in a local community, most likely within an existing parish setting. It will be focused on missionary outreach for a region within a county and serve a group of existing parishes. It will include various Catholic ministries and invite people into a relationship with Jesus Christ. A hub is designed to help our parish communities focus on the 83% of those who don't come through the church doors. Missionary Hubs are not intended to replace existing parishes. Rather, they are designed to enrich, supplement, and actively support parish life. Hubs are meant to work alongside and in collaboration with existing parishes. In cases where there are not sufficient priests to assign to each parish, parishes served by the Missionary Hub may be led by a Parish Life Director instead of a priest. The Archdiocese has created a website with more info and videos about this change, which the Archbishop plans to roll out in phases over the next decade. You can access the website at trustandhope.org.

***** We will also have someone from the Archdiocese visit St. Hilary's on Saturday, May 10 from 10am to 12pm for an information session.** If you are interested or have more questions, mark your calendars and watch the Bulletin for further information.



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KEEP EASTER JOY ALIVE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

This Easter joy can't be contained to just one day...the Church gives us a whole season to celebrate! Try these ideas to prolong the joy of Easter:

* Keep a Lenten practice that helped you grow closer to God (small sacrifice, attend extra Mass, acts of charity, etc)

* Decorate the house by displaying an image of the Risen Christ in your home; put out bouquets of flowers (real or artificial) for the garden in which Jesus rose (John 19:41)

* Proclaim the Good News by wearing a cross or crucifix, saying grace in public, talking about His grace, and imitating His forgiveness.



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after the 10:30AM Mass.

Each raffle ticket is \$10. Big prizes!

Individual Raffle Tickets can be purchased after Masses.

Individual Raffle Tickets will also be on sale in the Rectory

Mondays thru Thursdays from 8:30am to 4:00pm (closed from 12-1pm).

** It would be greatly appreciated if you would take a packet of 25 tickets to sell them (anyone can sell the tickets). There will be an Instruction Sheet included. Please stop by the table after Mass, or Monday thru Thursday at the Rectory, to pick up a packet to sell (special incentive for sellers, too)!

If you have any questions, please call the Rectory Mondays thru Thursdays at 215-884-3252 or you can email to sthilaritydal@gmail.com

THANKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!

(If you sold a packet of tickets, please return them to the Rectory in the secure black lockbox outside the Rectory at any time, for your convenience, or return them in the weekend collection basket.)

SHS Home and School Presents
Ladies' Night Out



Emerald Isle Soirée
Friday, May 9th, 6:30-9:30pm

St. James Parish Hall
8310 Brookside Rd. Elkins Park, 19027

Tickets: \$40pp includes dinner, drinks, and entertainment

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Tickets will be available for purchase on April 13th after the 10:30am mass

Tickets will also be sold after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, April 27 as well as in the Rectory Office Mondays thru Thursdays during business hours.

**CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE FOLLOWING SCHOOL AND PREP CHILDREN
WHO ARE NEW ALTAR SERVERS
AT ST. HILARY CHURCH:**

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| Aisling Carney | Antonella Cesarini | Ava Delesandro |
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| Eamon Martin | Carly Mattern | Molly Mattern |
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MEN'S RETREAT

Our Men's Retreat was very successful! We had about 30 participants who spent the morning of April 12 reflecting, praying, and praising the Lord. This Lenten Retreat was directed by Msgr. Hank McKee who had inspirational stories and insights to the faith. Many thanks to him and to all our men who took part in this Men's Retreat!

WHAT POPE FRANCIS SAYS ABOUT HOPE...

Faith Gives Us Hope

We gain victory over the world by our faith; confessing it, nourishing it, and trusting in God.

Hope does not exist in a vacuum, Pope Francis reminds us. In fact, the 3 cardinal virtues of faith, hope, and love all work together. Faith reinforces hope and can keep us going; hope can increase our faith when we have trouble believing; love works with both - because it is when we love that both faith and hope are renewed. It's when we share these gifts in trusting obedience to God that we can see how they are working in others' lives, too. That gives us strength to work for good.

PRAY: God of hope, strengthen my faith that I may trust in hope and better love all who cross my path.

FRITZ'S STICKY BUNS

They are back by popular demand the weekend of May 10th/11th after all Masses (while supplies last) and we will have more iced ones!
\$15 for a box of six (no pre-orders)



Thanks in advance for participating !



ST. HILARY
19th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025
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- Dinner (beer, wine & soda) - Awards
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Brochures for this fun Golf Tournament are in the Church and Rectory. Any questions, please call the Rectory at 215-884-3252 or email to sthilaryrydal@gmail.com

PLEASE JOIN US!



ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!
HE HAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD!



Our prayers and meditations during this season, which lasts seven weeks from Easter Sunday until Pentecost, can also remind us of the many ways in which, what we commonly refer to as the Paschal Mystery, is not some whimsical story, as some might have you believe these days. (The Paschal Mystery refers to Jesus' Passion, Resurrection, Ascension into Heaven, and sending of the Holy Spirit.) Christ wasn't just some philosopher or prophet but was indeed the Son of God, the Second Person of the Trinity! After His Resurrection, Jesus wasn't a ghost either! One of the apostles, St. Thomas, inadvertently helped provide proof of that when, at Jesus' bequest, he touched His wounds from His crucifixion, after having previously expressed his doubts about our Lord's rising from the dead. After His Resurrection, Christ had a glorified body, one that could move and appear or disappear instantaneously, much as the two disciples discovered when they met Him on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13).

When we renew our baptismal vows at Mass on Easter Sunday, we strengthen our faith and our determination to "walk in newness of life" with our Lord, as St. Paul put it so well (Rom. 6:4). With Christ's help, we can free ourselves from the shackles of our sins and share Eternal Life with Him when we pass away. Just as He conquered death, then so can each one of us, if we persevere in prayer and in sincerely trying to do His will.

Easter prayers also help us reflect on the fact that these efforts toward holiness will indeed be rewarded in heaven or in hell at the Last Judgment, reaffirming the eternal destination established at our death. Our bodies in heaven will be immortal, pain-free, and able to move at the speed of thought, much like Christ's in the gospel accounts of events between His Resurrection and His Ascension! (Imagine never having to worry about aches and pains again? Or about some craving that will only make you more miserable afterwards?)

In our Easter prayers, let us keep "our eyes on the prize" as we contemplate St. Paul's words that our bodies shall rise in power and in incorruptibility to join our souls if we have attained Eternal Life with God. Happy Easter!

Updated St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club News:

The St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club next meeting will be **Wednesday, May 21**. New members are always welcome. We are a very welcoming & fun group! You do not have to be a parish member to join. If you have questions, please feel free to call Ro Schell at 215-206-5313, Mike Schell at 215-206-4530, or Rosesylvia McDonald at 215-219-0651.

Ladies Auxiliary of Mary

Thursday, April 24

7:00pm in Parish Center

Come join us for the next Ladies Auxiliary of Mary - we will start off with the rosary and then play Bingo and serve refreshments. All ladies are welcome! Call Stacey w/ questions at 215-896-3424. Thanks!



ST. HILARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



OFFICERS MEETING

ON WED., APRIL 30

7:00pm IN THE RECTORY

AND

MEMBERS MEETING

WED., MAY 7 at 7:00pm IN THE RECTORY

All men - members and those interested - are encouraged and welcome to attend the Members Meeting on May 7. Thanks!

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, Dilynn List- man, Anne Visco, Daniel Hare, BJ Verdon, Fidelia Almeri- ni, Liliansa DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Martha Serdner, The- resa Williams, Bob Donnolly, Ilda Leal, Isaiah Walter, Re- gina Carberry, Scott Paris, Ben Paris, Michelle Hannah, Michael Keough, Donna Cunningham, Joanne McKee, Jamie Leal, Helen Toland, Maryanne Powell

Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:

Margaret Kilkenny Norma Rotoli Celeste Tate

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

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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.

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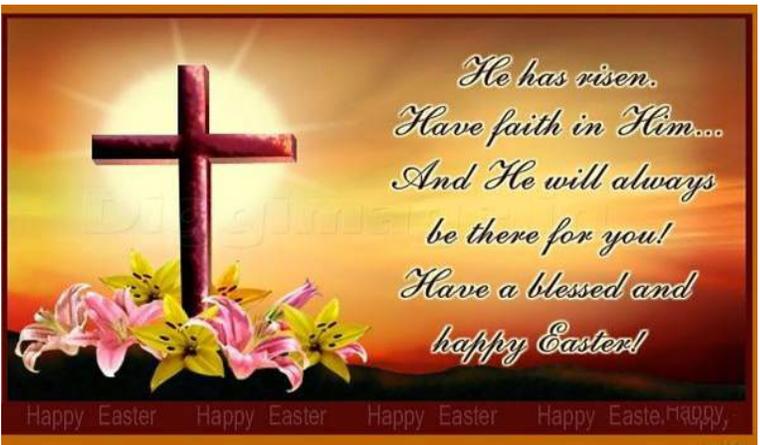
Monday to Thursday 8:30am to 4pm; closed for lunch 12-1

Fridays 8:30am to noon (**Closed on Easter Monday**)

Please note that church envelopes, as well as Tuition pay- ments and other school payments, can be dropped off in the secure **BLACK** lockbox outside the rectory during off-hours.

2025 "ANNOUNCED" MASSES STILL AVAILABLE

There are still Masses (weekend and daily) remaining in 2025 if you'd like to have a Mass said for deceased loved ones. Call the Rectory at 215-884-3252 or email to sthilaryrydal@gmail.com with any questions, or stop by the Rectory during business hours. Thanks!



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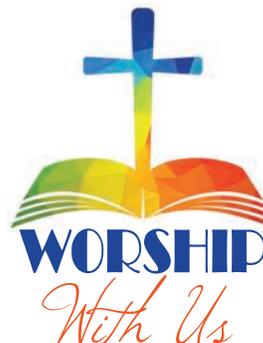
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