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APRIL 21, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

i will lay down
MY LIFE
for the sheep

JOHN 10:15



PASTOR'S CORNER

"I Am the Good Shepherd"

Jesus calls each of us by name. As Isaiah spoke long ago, "See upon the palm of my hands I have written your name. On the palm of those hands nails were pierced for love of you." Yes, Jesus is the Good Shepherd like no other...One who laid down His life for you and me.

Peter came to know this Good Shepherd and the love that transformed his life. In the First Reading, we see him no longer filled with himself but instead filled with the Holy Spirit. He boldly proclaims the Name above every other name - the Name by which we are saved from sin and the hopelessness of death.

The power of Jesus' resurrection is offered to us all, and the power to protect us from the wolves in our midst who want us to be scattered from God's saving voice. As one writer puts it, "Counselors can comfort you in a storm, but you need God who can still the storm. Friends can hold your hand at your death bed, but you need God who has defeated the grave. Philosophers debate the meaning of life, but you need God, the creator of life, who shows life's true beauty and meaning."

The wolves are on the prowl, but they are no match for the one we call the Lamb of God. He comes to us in the sacraments, especially Penance and the Holy Eucharist, to fill us with His creative Spirit. In this great Easter season, may we grow in greater awareness of the "love the Father bestowed on us, letting us be called the children of God."



Happy Easter,
Father Murray

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm ~ Jack Catto

8:30am ~ Grace Clark

10:30am ~ Joseph Giannitti

The new Sunday Mass Schedule started in January

Monday, April 22, 2024

8:00am ~ Robert Seifert

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

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

8:00am ~ Joseph DeGrazia III

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

8:00am ~ Daniel and Kathleen Murray

Thursday, April 25, 2024

Saint Mark, Evangelist

8:00am ~ Marie and James Wise

Friday, April 26, 2024

8:00am ~ Laura Hopkins

Saturday, April 27, 2024

5:00pm ~ Charles Eckardt

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30am ~ John, Rose and Henry McErlean

10:30am ~ Stephen Sonnie

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



This coming June, we will complete 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 \$427,176.25 has been pledged. Of that amount, we have collected and deposited \$352,722. Of the 231 families who have pledged, 170 families are paid in full. All of our projects have been completed, and all bills are now paid, thanks to you! I hope you enjoyed our new air conditioning system in the Church in summer. 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 are in the second year of our Campaign, I am most grateful for your generosity. As always, the people of St. Hilary always come through! *God's grace & peace, Fr. Murray*



ST. HILARY RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE will once again be participating in the Pro-Life Union's Baby Bottle Campaign and

this year, 100% of the contributions will be donated to the Pro-Life Union for their Guiding Star Ministries Maternity Home. The home provides housing, counseling, training, and a range of other services to pregnant women. Members of the Respect Life Committee will be distributing baby bottles at the church entrances after every Mass on Mother's Day weekend, May 11/12. We respectfully request that you fill them with loose change and bills. The bottles will then be collected by the members after all Masses on the weekend of May 25/26. Thanks in advance for your kind assistance!



SUMMER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

After receiving feedback from both the Pastoral Council and Liturgy Committee, as well as others, the Summer Sunday Mass Schedule will be the same as the current schedule. In the past, the summer Sunday schedule was 9am and 11am, but we will keep the summer schedule the same as now, which is 8:30am and 10:30am. Thank you for your input. Our Weekend Mass Schedule will remain:

Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 8:30am and 10:30am

GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU

He Himself has said, "I will not in any way fail you nor give you up, nor leave you without support."

Hebrews 13:5



May your troubled heart find peace and comfort in the knowledge that you are never alone. May God's presence ease your trembling spirit and give you rest. He knows how you feel. He is ever aware of your circumstances and ready to be your strength, your grace and your peace. He is there to cast sunlight into all of your darkened shadows, to send encouragement through the love of friends and family, and to replace your weariness with new hope. God is your stronghold. And with Him as your guide, you need never be afraid. No circumstances can block His love. No grief is too hard for Him to bear. No task is too difficult for Him to complete. When what you are feeling is simply too deep for words and nothing anyone does or says can provide you with the relief you need, God understands. He is your provider today, tomorrow, and always. And He loves you. Cast all your cares on Him and believe.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

2024 EASTER COLLECTION (to-date): \$20,209
2023 EASTER COLLECTION: \$20,207

April 14, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$4,143
Electronic Giving: \$2,420

Total: \$6,563

April 16, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$6,410
Electronic Giving: \$2,413

Total: \$8,823



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PLEASE JOIN US!



**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS
SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024**

5:00PM AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA

The Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass is celebrated with couples in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia who have been married 1-5 years, 25 years, and 50 years. It is on May 4 at 5:00pm. Celebrant is Archbishop Nelson Perez. To RSVP, please call 215-587-0500 or through the link: <https://form.jotform.com/230443950527152> Thank you!

LADIES NIGHT OUT 2024 PRESENTS:

FOR THE RUN THE ROSES



GRAB YOUR HATS AND MAKE SOME BETS!

WHEN: MAY 10, 2024
WHERE: ST. JAMES PARISH HALL, 8320 BROOKSIDE RD., ELKINS PARK, PA 19027 6:30 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M.

TICKETS AND HATS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE ON APRIL 21 AFTER THE 10:30 A.M. MASS.

- \$30 PER PERSON (APPETIZER, GLASS OF WINE AND DESSERT).
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***** TICKETS FOR LADIES NIGHT OUT WILL BE ON SALE THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 21 AFTER THE 10:30am MASS IN THE PARISH CENTER.**

We are pleased to share with you that the **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage** that will travel across the USA this summer will be passing through the Archdiocese of Philadelphia between May 30 and June 3! See below for the link to get up-to-date information. What a grace that we will all have the opportunity to welcome & adore Jesus. All are invited to join in the pilgrimage as it makes various stops.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage
passes through the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

May 30 to June 3



Full details, use QR code or phillyeucharisticrevival.org/pilgrimage

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to the St. Hilary School Lion Pride 5K Run Committee!! Thank you to everyone who participated in, donated, sponsored and/or volunteered to make our First Annual 5K Run a GRAND SUCCESS for St. Hilary School! Thanks to our Choir Members for beginning our Run with the National Anthem and the Rock Band for providing great entertainment during the afternoon! Sunshine, happy faces, music, and an ABUNDANCE of SHS SPIRIT contributed to an AMAZING afternoon!!! The winner of the 5K Run was Mr. Justin Jue! We look forward to next year!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

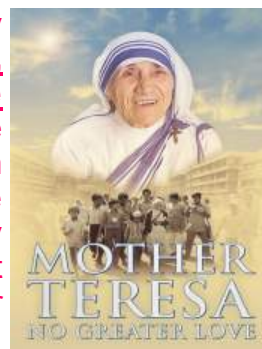
The Knights of Columbus will be handing out information next weekend, April 20/21. Also, there will be a meeting of the Knights on Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. All members & new members are welcome & encouraged to join us!



The Order was founded on the principles of faith, unity, and fraternity. The Knights are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect, and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, and neighbors, and put charity and community first. **Our parish is working to start our own Council and need a few more good men to join us.** As a fraternal benefit society, the Knights provide access to inexpensive life insurance for your family. Join for free today online at: <https://www.kofc.org> and we will contact you with more details. Thanks for your consideration!

LADIES SODALITY AT ST. HILARY

The next Ladies Sodality Meeting will be on Thursday, April 25th at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. Please come join us as we share popcorn and watch a movie about the wonderful Mother Teresa! Any questions, please contact Stacey Ellis at 215-896-3424 or scallah9@aol.com - thanks!



MANNA BAGS will be distributed at all of our Masses next weekend, April 27th/28th. You are asked to kindly return your filled Manna Bag by either Saturday, May 18th or Sunday, May 19th.

Food/Canned items in greatest need are:
peanut butter beef stew tuna fish fruit
vegetables pasta soups pork & beans

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration in helping all those in emergency situations. Your food donations will go to Saint Vincent Food Cupboard.



ST. HILARY 55+ SPIRIT CLUB NEWS

The St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club had its April meeting on the 17th - the Parish Center was decorated in a springtime modality. The presentation by Thomas Wieckowski on the life of John Wanamaker's Family was entertaining and enlightening. Everyone enjoyed the baked treats and conversation among the tables. **The next meeting is Wed., May 15** at which time fellow parishioner Ray Vandegrift will be talking to the club about financial planning in retirement. New members are always welcome. We are a very welcoming & fun group! You do not have to be a parish member to join. Please call Ro or Mike Schell at 215-663-1421 or Rosesylvia McDonald at 215-219-0651 with any questions. Looking forward to seeing you on May 15; doors open at 9am and the meeting starts at 10am.

2024 "ANNOUNCED" MASSES AVAILABLE

There are still Masses (weekend and daily) remaining in 2024 if you'd like to have a Mass said for deceased loved ones. Please call the Rectory at 215-884-3252 or feel free to stop by the Rectory during business hours with any questions. Thanks!

USED SOLAR ECLIPSE GLASSES instead of being thrown away can be passed on to Latin American kids to enjoy the August 2024 Eclipse - you can mail to: Eclipse Glasses USA, LLC, PO Box 50571, Provo, UT 84605. Thanks for your consideration!

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 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, Gloria Hannah, BJ Verdon, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Martha Serdner, Rolando Juarez, Colleen Legare, Theresa Wil-liams, Jim Curley, Bob Donnolly, Gloria Merron

*Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:
Msgr. John Conahan Rev. James Turner, OSFS*

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

Pastor ~ Rev. Kevin P. Murray

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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!*

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 !



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Earth Day Mass on April 21st at 3pm - Join Father Chris Walsh from St. Cecilia Church for an outdoor mass at the Medical Mission Sisters (8400 Pine Road in Philadelphia). Give praise to God the Creator of all things and pray for the grace to be better stewards of the earth. Bring your chair or a blanket. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. If there is inclement weather, the Mass will be inside at the same time.

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