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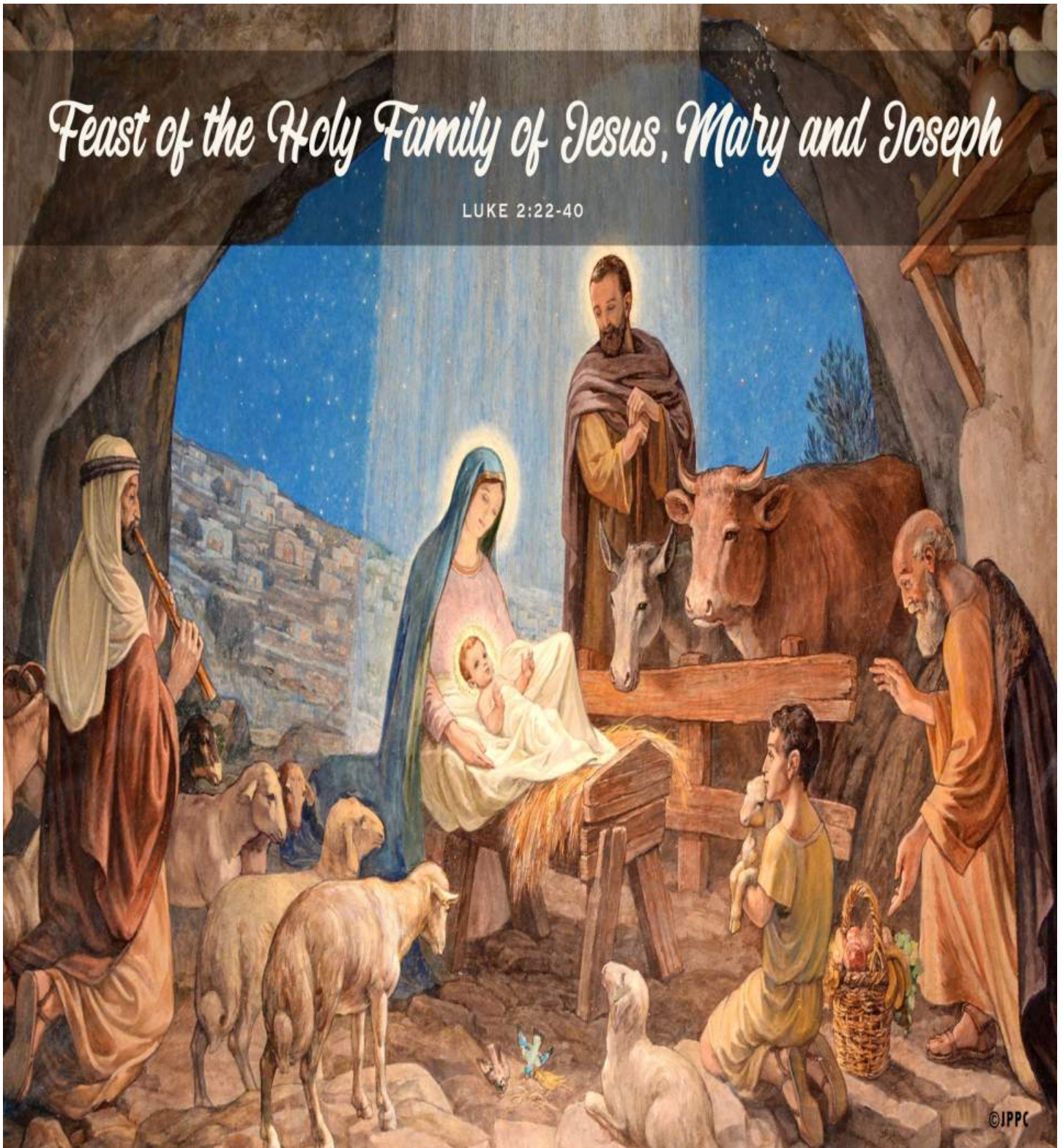
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DECEMBER 31, 2023

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

LUKE 2:22-40



PASTOR'S CORNER

"Put on love that is the bond of perfection."
(Col. 3:12-17)

Love, St. John Paul II reminds us, is the "Fundamental and innate vocation of every human being." Love is our participation in the very life of God; as Scripture reminds us, "God is love." True love was revealed to us in the sacrifice of God's only Son on the Cross. "From the pierced side of Christ, Pope Benedict XVI reminds us, "the Christian discovers the path along which our life and love must move." It is within the family structure that we follow that path...the sacrifice of husbands and wives to be faithful to their vows of faithfulness, permanency, and openness to children; the path of gratitude and respect children show to their parents; the path of great mercy and sensitivity to our elders, the sick the poor, and the needy. The call of love is no easy path to follow, especially in single parent homes, and those struggling with divorce or unemployment. In such moments, there is a great temptation to stray from the path of love, to give up and lose hope. Yet in such moments when human strength seems depleted, we must turn again to the source of love; the deep well of God 's holy graces.

Today we look for inspiration by following the example of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Life was not perfect for them. Mary and Joseph struggled in their marriage. The family became outcasts from their society. Mary lost her husband and became a widow. She, too, witnessed and experienced the loss of her only child, executed on a Cross. However, they learned the lesson well "that all things are possible with God." Faith and love for God saw them through the good times and bad times. Faith and love rooted in God bound them together. St. Paul reminds us that "love never fails" but not just any kind of love - only God's kind of love. Love is, after all, a Person...and when the Person of God is foremost in our lives, we, too, will discover that "love never fails."

God Bless and Merry Christmas,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, December 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

5:00pm ~ Joseph Magee III

8:00am ~ Marie and James Wise

10:00am ~ Tom Stengel

12:00pm ~ Lydia Yatecilla

Monday, January 1, 2024

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(NOT a holy day of obligation in 2024)

8:00am ~ Joseph and Delia King

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

8:00am ~ Charlotte Groll

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00am ~ Tom Hall

Thursday, January 4, 2024

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:00am ~ Madeleine Kelly

Friday, January 5, 2024

Saint John Neumann, Bishop

9:00am ~ Patsy Whalen

Saturday, January 6, 2024

5:00pm ~ Patsy and Jack Whalen

Sunday, January 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30am ~ Vincent Tartaglia

10:30am ~ Janet Haney

(The new Sunday Mass Schedule starts this weekend)

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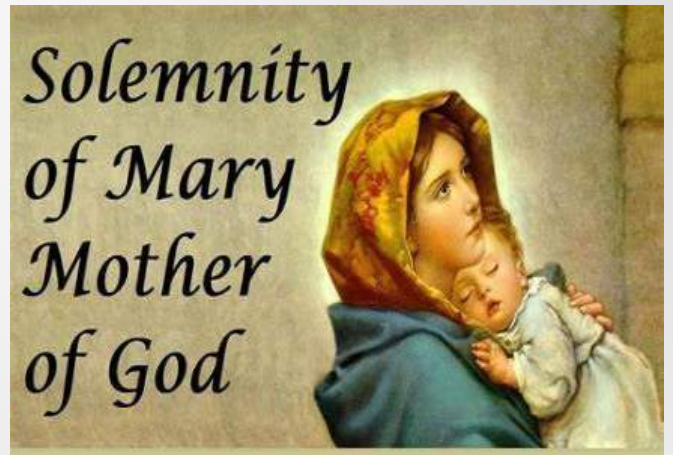
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SAME! THANKS!**

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 \$422,176.25 has been pledged. Of that amount, we have collected and deposited \$325,986. Of the 231 families who have pledged, 163 families are paid in full. All of our projects have been completed...now we just have to pay the bills! 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 kind generosity. As always, the people of St. Hilary always come through! God's grace and peace.

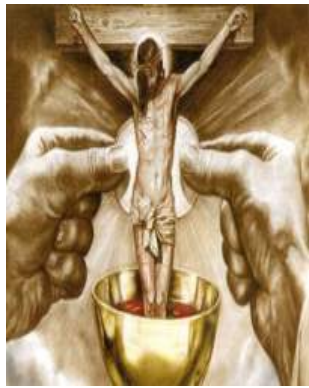


MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY
(January 1st is not a holy day of obligation in 2024 since it falls on a Monday)
Mass on Monday, January 1, 2024 is the daily Mass at 8:00am - all are welcome!

REMINDER...

Our Weekend Mass Schedule, starting **NEXT weekend, January 6th/7th, 2024, is as follows:**

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



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”.



In this year of reviving our devotion to the Eucharist and encouraging everyone to return to Mass, we will offer weekly meditations, reflections, and poetry from various saints and authors on the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, which is “the source and summit of the Christian life.” Excerpts are taken from the book *The Holy Hour*, a Word on Fire publication.

Reflection: *Exploring Catholic Theology*
by Bishop Robert Barron

Under the signs of bread and wine, Jesus becomes really present to us as food and drink, and therefore the Eucharist is what, in John Paul II's phrase, makes the Church (Ecclesia de Eucharistia). And this is why the Eucharist is so central to evangelization. Staying with Jesus, participating in his life - which is the telos of evangelization - is closely tied to the Eucharist. Proclamation, interpretation, incorporation, and mission all flow from and return to the Eucharist.

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. With this in mind, please note our new Mass Schedule **BEGINNING ON JANUARY 6th/7th, 2024:**

2024 Winter/Spring/Fall Schedule
(January 6th/7th thru June, and Sept. thru Dec., 2024)

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

2024 Summer Schedule
(1st Sunday in July thru Labor Day in Sept. '24)
Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 9:00am and 11:00am



**SOME PICS
FROM THE 55+
SPIRIT CLUB
CHRISTMAS
GATHERING...
A FUN TIME WAS
HAD BY ALL
WITH LUNCH, A
VISIT FROM
SANTA AND THE
SHS CHOIR!**



A NEW YEAR YEAR'S PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence, filling us every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that you would help us release our grip on the things to which you've said "no," "not yet," or "wait."

We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead.

We pray that you keep us far from the snares and traps of temptations, and that you would whisper in our ear when we need to run, and whisper in our heart when we need to stand our ground.

We pray for your protection over our families and friends. We ask for your hand to cover us and keep us distanced from the evil intent of the enemy, and that you would be a barrier to surround us, that we'd be safe in your hands.

We ask that you would keep our footsteps firm, on solid ground, helping us to be consistent and faithful. Give us supernatural endurance to stay the course, not swerving or being too easily distracted by other things that would seek to call us away from a close walk with you.

Forgive us for all the times we have worked so hard to be self-sufficient, forgetting our need for you. Forgive us for letting our fear and worry control our minds, and for allowing pride and selfishness to wreak havoc over our lives.

We confess our need for you...fresh...new...again. We ask that you make all things new in our hearts, in our minds, and in our lives for this coming new year.

We ask that you would provide for our needs; we ask for your grace and favor. We pray for your blessings to cover us. We pray that you would help us to prosper and make every plan that you have birthed in our heart to succeed.

Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set your way before us. May all your plans succeed so that we may reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.

To you be glory, in this New Year, and forever.

In Jesus' name, Amen.



GIVING TREE THANKS

The Outreach Group expresses its gratitude for your generous Giving Tree donations! This year, over 175 items will go to Ukraine Relief, and 60 clothes items and numerous packages of diapers will go to Birthright. **May your goodness of spirit light your Christmas season!**



CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD BLESS the following child who was recently baptized at St. Hilary Church:

Natalie Ann Tracey, daughter of Matthew and Rachel Tracey.

***** Please note that due to early bulletin deadlines for Christmas and New Years, the most recent winners may not be current in the bulletin.**

ST HILARY EAGLES BLOCK POOL WINNERS



Week 13 Winners

Pool #1: Kathy Lennon

Pool #2: Hueber Family



Week 12 Winners

Pool #1: Maria Greenberg

Pool #2: Katie Toffling

Week 11 Winners

Pool #1: Dan & Mary McVey

Pool #2: Art Fry (Schein)

Week 10 Winners

Pool #1: Kathy Lennon

Pool #2: Hueber Family

Week 09 Winners

Pool #1: Joe McGinty

Pool #2: Hal Fagan

Week 08 Winners

Pool #1: Greenberg Family

Pool #2: Rehiel Family

Week 07 Winners

Pool #1: Alex Muttreja

Pool #2: Egan Family

Week 06 Winners

Pool #1: The Stengels

Pool #2: Valentino Fam.

Week 05 Winners

Pool #1: Michele Stefanelli

Pool #2: Ed Walker

Week 04 Winners

Pool #1: Joe Henry

Pool #2: Mary McCallister

Week 03 Winners

Pool #1: Anne Wise

Pool #2: Alaina DiCiaccio

Week 02 Winners

Pool #1: Steve Farrell

Pool #2: Linda Powers

Week 01 Winners

Pool #1: Alex Muttreja

Pool #2: Egan Family

FLIGHT 2024 INSTRUCTIONS

Good morning and welcome to Flight 2024.

We are prepared to take off into the New Year.

Please make sure your Positive Attitude and Gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position.

All self-destruct devices: pity, anger, pride, selfishness, and resentment should be turned off at this time.

All negativity, hurt, and discouragement should be put away.

Should you lose your Positive Attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer.

Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith.

Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith.

There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight.

God, our Captain, has cleared us for take-off.

Destination ~ GREATNESS!

Wishing you a New Year filled with new HOPE, new JOY, and new BEGINNINGS!

Stay Blessed and welcome in 2024



OUR NEW YEAR BLESSING

May your New Year be a time of peace, joy & serenity!

May each day bring you closer to Christ and more loving to those in your family!

May each week see you advancing in the practice of faith, hope, and charity!

May each month give to you the aid, comfort, and strength you need from God!

May the march of the seasons make you appreciate and be grateful for all the good things you enjoy!

May the end of the new year find you happier, healthier, and holier than you have ever been!

Amen.

ST. HILARY 55+ SPIRIT CLUB NEWS

The St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club had a wonderful visit from the St. Hilary School Choir at the December meeting. In addition, a special visit from Santa greeted the members, followed by a holiday luncheon. The Parish Center was decorated in full Christmas mode. **The next meeting is Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at which time the Abington Fire Marshall will talk to the members about fire safety.** As always, new members are welcome. We are a very welcoming and fun group! You do not have to be a parish member to join. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Ro or Mike Schell at 215-663-1421 or Rosesylvia McDonald at 215-219-0651. Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting on January 17th - doors open at 9am and the meeting starts at 10am.



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 Masantonina, 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
Baillie, 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, Tom Montvydas,
Theresa Williams, Jim Curley, Bob Donnolly

*Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:
Joe Hartey Msgr. Ignatius Murray*

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays at 5:00pm

** Sundays at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm

** (Starting *NEXT* Sunday, Jan. 7th, Masses at 8:30am & 10:30am)

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

Weekend Assistant ~ Msgr. Gregory J. Fairbanks

In Residence ~ Rev. Jacob John

Deacon ~ Deacon Joseph W. Bernauer, Jr.

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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 8:30am to 4pm

Closed for Lunch: 12 PM to 1 PM

*** Rectory is closed on Monday and Tuesday,

January 1st & 2nd, 2024 ***

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!

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Christ and throughout the Christmas Season.

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