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AUGUST 10, 2025

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Blessed
are those servants
whom the master finds
vigilant on his arrival."*

LUKE 12:37



PASTOR'S CORNER

"Blessed those servants whom the Master finds vigilant on His arrival."

-- Luke 12:25

Today, Jesus calls us all to be vigilant, to be a people of vision. Something extraordinary is on the horizon. It may be here before you know it, so live every waking hour and every day in anticipation of the arrival of the Son of Man. We proclaim at Mass, "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again." We are called to order our lives in the light of that belief. The rich man in last week's gospel lost the vision of the world to come. He failed to store up treasure in heaven and be rich in the things that matter to God. Like our ancestors in the faith, we are sojourning to a foreign land. We should be searching and longing for that city with "foundation whose architect and maker is God."

God's city is our destiny, our true home. If we build our lives on the foundation of this world, we are like a foolish mountain climber - one whose goal is to reach the top of the mountain but is distracted halfway up by momentary pleasures and settles for a lesser vision than the more grandeur vision at the top.

God wants so much more for us. May all of us be among those blessed servants whom, when the Lord returns, still finds us climbing. May we be ever vigilant, and may our faith burn brightly, reflecting His wisdom and truth.

God Bless,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, August 10, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Vigil ~ Margaret Kilkenny

8:30am ~ John, Rose, and Henry McErlean

10:30am ~ Joe Hartey

Monday, August 11, 2025

Saint Clare, Virgin

8:00am ~ Thomas Bossert, Sr.

(Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed after daily Mass.)

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

8:00am ~ James E. Owen, Jr.

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

8:00am ~ Bergen Family

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

8:00am ~ David McNeill

7:00pm Vigil for Holyday ~ Timothy Dempsey

Friday, August 15, 2025

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

10:00am ~ Joe Hartey

Saturday, August 16, 2025

5:00pm ~ Celeste Tate

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am ~ Annie McReynolds

10:30am ~ Michael Laganella



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What is the Assumption?

The first name of this solemnity was the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Later, its name in the East carried over, the Dormition (or Falling Asleep) of Mary. In the West, it became known as the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This solemnity celebrates the fact that Mary's Assumption is "a pledge of the future participation of the members of the mystical Body of Christ in the paschal glory of the Risen Christ." It shows that the Lord "reserves a munificent reward for his humble Servant because of her faithful cooperation with the divine plan, which is a destiny of fullness, happiness, glorification of her immaculate soul, her virginal body, perfect configuration to her Risen Son" (Directory, no. 180). The Mass has a proper vigil, and the solemnity replaces the Mass of the day when it occurs on a Sunday in Ordinary Time. What does this all mean? On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which the Church celebrates every year on August 15. Simply put, the dogma of the Assumption states that at the end of her life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken, body and soul, into Heaven. While this event isn't reflected in Sacred Scripture, it is clearly part of the Church's earliest observance.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE ASSUMPTION

A holyday of obligation

Thursday, August 14th at 7:00pm

Friday, August 15th at 8:00am and 10:00am



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You can also contact the
principal, Mrs. Fagan, at
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USED UNIFORM SALE is on Thursday, August 14 in the Parish Center from 6-7pm (cash or check only).

2026 MASS BOOK FOR ANNOUNCED MASSES AT ST. HILARY CHURCH

The 2026 Mass Book for Announced Masses is now open. Masses can be obtained during business hours (8:30am to noon and 1:00 to 3:30pm Mondays thru Thursdays)

Any questions, please contact Marian at the Rectory at 215-884-3252 or email to sthilaryrydal@gmail.com.

PREP REGISTRATION (Parish Religious Education Program) AT ST. HILARY PARISH

PREP registration for 2025-2026 is now underway. Classes are Tuesdays at 6:30pm.

*** You need to register online by going to
sthilarypoitiers.org; click "Register PREP"

You can drop off payment in the secure black lockbox outside the Rectory at any time, for your convenience, or mail it to the Rectory. Also, 1st graders need a copy of their baptism certificate, which can be dropped off or mailed. Please contact Noreen Forkin at sthilaryprep@gmail.com.



OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

OCIA, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, is the process by which people who are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith can attend classes and have the opportunity to become members of the Catholic Church.

OCIA is for adults who:

- Are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith
- Have never been baptized
- Have been baptized in another Christian faith and are interested in the Catholic faith
- Are baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation
- Are married to a Catholic and attend Mass, and would like to take the next steps to become a member of the Catholic Church

OCIA is a spiritual formation process beginning in October and ending with initiation in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. OCIA classes are taught by Father Murray and are held every Monday evening from 7:00-8:30pm at the rectory. These classes are for anyone with interest, no matter what your current denomination. Please encourage your friends & neighbors with interest in Catholicism, too! If you are interested in attending and/or would like more information, please contact Father Murray at 215-884-3252, or you can email to: sthilaryrydal@gmail.com. Thank you!

**CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR PEACE IN OUR
HEARTS, OUR COMMUNITY,
OUR COUNTRY, AND THE WORLD**



Loving God, our hearts are troubled by the violence and hatred that surround us. We are called in these moments to wrestle with the devastation, grief, and fear that remain. We acknowledge the sinfulness of any act of racism, discrimination, or hatred, because we know it is not of you. We repent of any part we may have had in allowing this evil to continue, and ask your forgiveness for those times when we failed to support others. As your children, we seek your grace and the courage we need to demand dignity and justice for all people, regardless of race, creed, or color. Heal us as your family in these tragic moments. May those affected by these horrors in any way, whom we commend to you, remind us of the ten commandments you give us, and the greatest commandment of all — to love one another. Amen.



Almighty and eternal God,
in your unfailing love,
You provide ministers for your Church.
We pray for those whom you call to serve
the Church of Philadelphia as priests, deacons,
and religious brothers and sisters.
Inspire all those called
to give a generous response.
Grant them courage
and vision to serve your people.
May their lives and service
call your people to respond
to the presence of your Spirit among us,
faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus Christ,
that we may: announce glad tidings to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives,
set prisoners free,
and renew the face of the earth!

**Faith doesn't always
take you out of the
problem, Faith takes you
through the problem.
Faith doesn't always
take away the pain,
Faith gives you the ability
to handle the pain.
Faith doesn't always
take you out of
the storm, Faith calms
you in the midst
the storm.
Amen**

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS

The following are some thoughts...one of which you may connect with for further reflection.

- * A friend is a person who listens attentively while you say nothing.
- * The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail, not his tongue.
- * Deal with each other's faults as gently as if they were your own.
- * No man/woman is worthy of your tears. But when you find one who is, they won't make you cry.
- * Thinking well is wise...planning well is wiser...but doing well is wisest.
- * If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem.
- * Just because the message might not ever be received does not mean it wasn't worth sending.
- * Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Walk beside me and just be my friend.
- * Respect is what we owe; love is what we give.
- * People may doubt what you say, but they will always believe what you do.
- * Forbidden fruit creates many jams.
- * God won't ask how much overtime you worked. He will ask if you did work overtime for your loved ones and family.



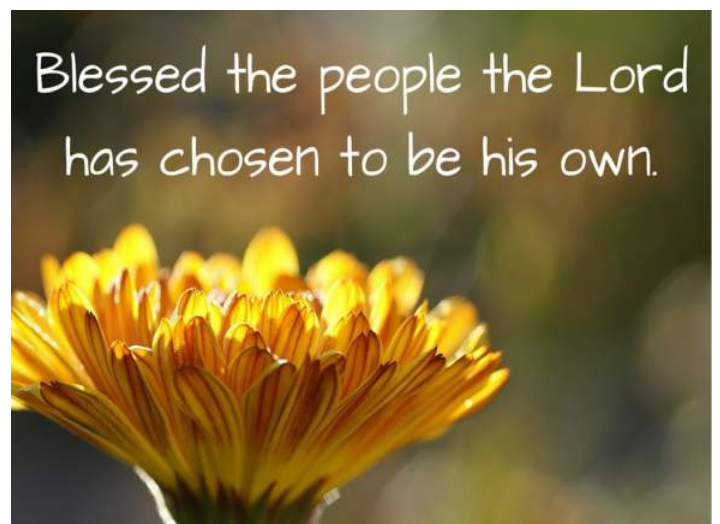
Americans should not be forced to pay for the killing of preborn children or fund the clinics that kill them. The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting all Catholics to join a

focused effort of prayer to stop taxpayer funding of the abortion industry. In particular, we will invoke the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life with this prayer:

*Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family
on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own
son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your
homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.
We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to
you. May your example inspire us also to welcome,
cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.
Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and
defense of human life — especially where it is
vulnerable or threatened.
Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.
Amen.*

We ask Catholics to offer this prayer daily, from now until October 1, the beginning of Respect Life Month. More info can be found at www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph. Thank you for responding to this invitation to pray and for your support in protecting innocent children and their vulnerable mothers from the evil of abortion.

St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us!



THE SHOE BOX

A man and woman had been married for more than 60 years. They had shared everything; they talked about everything. They had no secrets from each other except that the little old woman had a shoebox on the top of her cupboard that she had cautioned her husband never to open or ask her about. For all these years, he had never thought about the box...but one day, the little old woman got very sick and the doctor said she would not recover. In trying to sort out their affairs, the little old man took down the shoebox and took it to his wife's bedside. She agreed that it was time that he should know what was in the box. When he opened it, he found 2 knitted dolls and a stack of money totaling \$95,000.

He asked her about the contents. She said, "When we were to be married, my grandmother told me a secret of a happy marriage was to never argue. She told me that if I ever got angry at you, I should just keep quiet & knit a doll." The little old man was so moved; he had to fight back tears. Only 2 precious dolls were in the box. She had only been angry with him twice in all those years of living and loving! He almost burst with happiness! "Honey," he said, "that explains the dolls, but what about all this money? Where did it come from?" "Oh," she said, "that's the money I made from selling all the other dolls."

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 Liddy, Bob Kilcoyne, Mary Jane Namola, Elizabeth Dieckman, Sophia Southerling, TJ McDonald, Ahmed Abdul, Sal Sermania, Sue Masantonio, Angela Gavin, William Hartner, Mary Jane Hummel, Pat Cass, Michele Kelly, Tina Savarino, Sarah Koehler, Paris Luckowski, Judy Sklar, Bernadette Redican, Gina Devaney, 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 Marro-ne, Jim Comet, Ian Reilly, Kira McKeever, Michael Lucas, John Rieth, Holly Judge, Greg Ziembe, Anne Visco, Daniel Hare, BJ Verdon, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Martha Serdner, Theresa Williams, Bob Donnolly, Ilda Leal, Isaiah Walter, Regina Carberry, Scott Paris, Ben Paris, Michelle Hannah, Michael Keough, Donna Cunningham, Joanne McKee, Jamie Leal, Helen Toland, Maryanne Powell, Sandra Rogers, Timothy Funk

Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:

Anne Levy Sister Nicoletta Marie DiTrollo, RSM

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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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Fridays 8:30am to noon (**closed on Fri., Aug. 15 - holyday**)

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August 3, 2025

Sunday Offering: \$7,832

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