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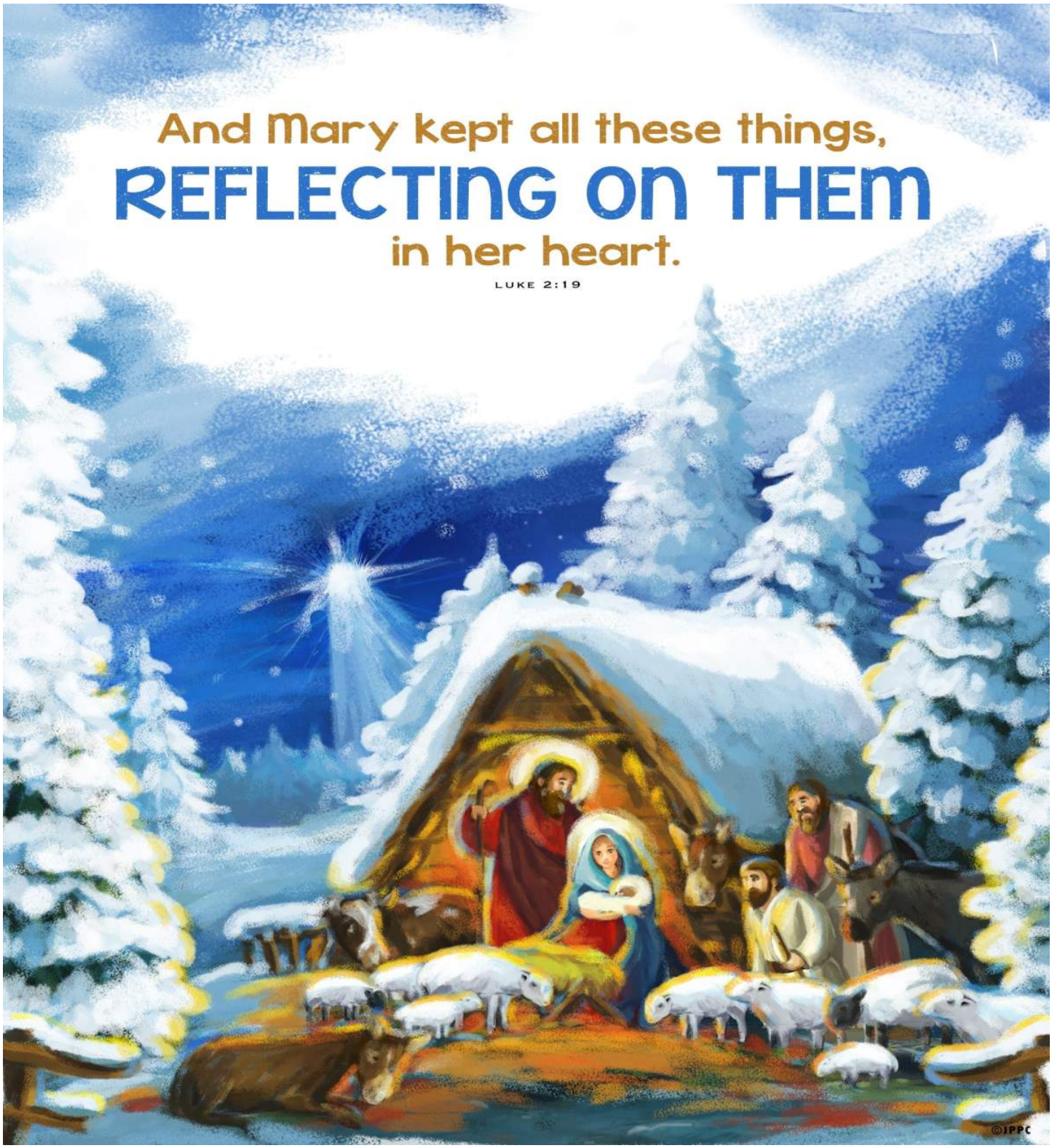
JANUARY 1, 2023

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



PASTOR'S CORNER

"The Shepherds went in haste"

The Shepherds went in haste and found the Son of God lying in a manger. The word "haste" here means an eagerness to do God's will. Mary, too, went in haste to visit Elizabeth. Her whole being proclaimed the greatness of the Lord and her and her spirit found joy in God her Savior. Perhaps in this New Year, our first resolution should be in haste to embrace God's wisdom and do His will. In doing so, we will find the God that Pope Francis calls the God of perpetual surprises!

Like Mary and the Shepherds, we will find the joy of God's love; a love that wants to do great things for us. May we be fervent in prayer, frequent in confessing our sins, and ever-faithful to worship Him each week at Mass. With these graces, we can be proud in our evangelization of our faith, and defend it while not being silent in the presence of all those who mock our beliefs and traditions.

Mary, we are told, "kept these things, reflecting on them in her heart." May we cultivate that reflective spirit as we ponder God coming to us as a child. May our eyes be wide open, amazed and astonished at the many ways God comes to us. Mary found God within her womb, Shepherds and Kings found God in a manger, and a Roman soldier found God on a Cross. We, today, amazingly find God in bread and wine, transformed into His Body and Blood.

"May the Lord continue to
bless you and keep you and
be gracious to you and
let His face shine upon you and
give you His peace."

Happy and Holy New Year,
Father Murray

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, January 1, 2023
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
4:000pm Vigil ~ Robert F. Babcock
8:00am ~ Living & Deceased of St. Hilary
10:00am ~ Anne McGee
12:00pm ~ Charlotte Groll

Monday, January 2, 2023
Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
8:00am ~ David Stever
**** NO ADORATION TODAY ****

Tuesday, January 3, 2023
8:00am ~ Joseph M. Magee III

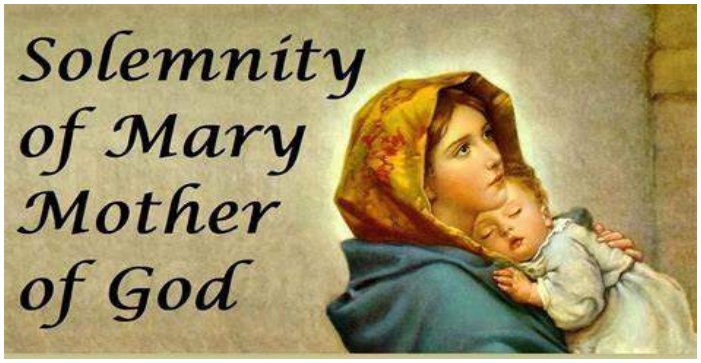
Wednesday, January 4, 2023
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
8:00am ~ Vincent Tartaglia

Thursday, January 5, 2023
Saint John Neumann, Bishop
8:00am ~ Joseph and Delia King

Friday, January 6, 2023
Saint Andre Bessette, Religious
9:00am ~ Patsy and Jack Whalen

Saturday, January 7, 2023
5:00pm Vigil ~ Madeleine Kelly

Sunday, January 8, 2023
Epiphany of the Lord
8:00am ~ Rosie Duffy
10:00am ~ Michael Laganella
12:00pm ~ Kevin Turner



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ST. HILARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

I want to thank this parish community for the tremendous support for the 2022 Diamond Jubilee Capital Campaign. Seeing the progression of this campaign these past few months has been truly a blessing. We have an exciting update; this campaign has raised $358,621.25. Through your prayers and help, we have even surpassed our initial goal of $350,000.

For those who have yet to donate to the campaign, it is definitely not too late to still support. Please remember that this initiative will be beneficial for both our Parish and School. The sooner that the pledges are redeemed, the better it will be for paying for these projects. We currently have about $199,000 of the campaign contributions deposited, and it is imperative that we continue to collect all payments on pledges to ensure we can complete all the capital work. Thanks!

Gratefully,
Father Murray

SPECIAL THANKS TO WACKERMAN FUNERAL HOME for providing us the 2023 calendars for our homes!

THANK YOU TO THE CHURCH DECORATORS for their time and talent in decorating our beautiful Church!

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.

Reverence, dignity, beauty... simple ways we all can proclaim our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

St. Hilary's Adoration Society

There is Adoration in Church every Monday from 8:30am til 4:00pm ***(The Church will NOT be open on Monday, January 2, 2023).***

Come spend some time with the Lord!

"GIVEN" TREE THANKS...

The Outreach Group congratulates and commends the parishioners for another season of outstanding generosity! Some general collection results are as follows:
St. Katherine received 23 hats, 15 pairs of gloves, 150 pairs of socks, over 75 books, and 7 bags of various miscellaneous items.

Birthright received over 140 various items and 56 diaper packages.

May you be blessed for your kind generosity!!!

FLIGHT 2023 INSTRUCTIONS

Good morning and welcome to Flight 2023.
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 2023!

FALL DEEPER IN LOVE WITH CHRIST IN THE NEW YEAR

At the center of all we do as Catholics, we must have a personal and close relationship with Jesus. He offers to each of us a deep, intimate, "I love you forever" kind of relationship. Make time to fall deeper in love with Christ:

T...TALK: Prayer is an amazing privilege. Through it, we have an open invitation: "Call to me, and I will answer you" (Jeremiah 33:3). We have a promise that He hears us: "When you call me, and come to pray to me, I will listen to you" (Jeremiah 29:12).

I...INTIMACY: To love Christ, we must know Him. In Scripture, God tells us who He is (Exodus 34:6), how He feels about us (Isaiah 43:4), what He desires for us (Luke 12:32), and how being His will make us happy (Matthew 5:7). Make Scripture a part of every day.

M...MEET HIM: Relationships grow through shared experiences. We meet Jesus in prayer, Scripture, the Sacraments, and above all, during the Mass.

E...EVERYTHING FOR LOVE: St. Therese of Lisieux discovered that she could delight God by simply picking up a pin out of love. He wants to hear us, His beloveds, say: "I love you, too" in words and actions. Essential to falling in love with God is making time for Him.

MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Saturday, Dec. 31st at 4:00pm
and
Sunday, January 1st, 2023 at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm

OUR NEW YEAR BLESSING

May your New Year be a time of peace, joy, and 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 WINNERS EAGLES BLOCK POOL

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

Week 12 ~ Radtke Family and Bib & Celeste Tate

Week 12 ~ Connie Fennell and Fenstermaker Family

Week 11 ~ McCrea Family and Rehiel Family

Week 10 ~ Otto Family and St. Hilary

Week 09 ~ Barbara Ferrari and Meredith Merlini

Week 08 ~ Dan McVey and Ed Walker

Week 07 ~ St. Hilary and George Naab

Week 06 ~ Ed Bongard and Rosemary Naab

("Bye" Week on 10/23/22)

Week 05 ~ McCrea Family & Carbone Family

Week 04 ~ Jim Brady and Bob & Celeste Tate

Week 03 ~ The Stengels and Valentino (for 7th Grade)

Week 02 ~ Christy Stefanelli and Egan Family

Week 01 ~ Kathy McCaffrey and Roy & Carol Stein

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.

SCHOOL SAFETY

In light of the recent school shootings and the rising concern for the safety of the students and faulty, a School Security Site Assessment was completed by the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety, along with security assessments by the Abington and Philadelphia Police, and Montgomery County Emergency Management Team at the start of the school calendar year. All three services identified the targeted concern of limiting access to the school building. Since the school is connected to the church, it allows unimpeded access to the school. The recommendation was made to limit access to the school on weekends and to school personnel only, during school hours. This access will be through the main door only, and all visitors' access will be recorded. With these restrictions, the school main entrance will not be accessible for Masses or to enter the church. Entrance to the church for Mass will be by the front doors on Susquehanna Road, as well as the two side doors. We thank you for your patience and understanding!

UPDATED 55+ SPIRIT NEWS:

55+ Spirit Club Group ~ the next meeting is on January 18; this meeting will be coordinated with Principal Mrs. Fagan in honor of Catholic Schools Week. It will also be a game day! On Februay 15, we will meet Mary Wible from the GAR Civil War Museum. She is anxious to introduce this local Holmesburg museum to us. They have a program collecting stamps for wounded veterans. She will explain it but suggested Christmas was a good time to start collecting - just cut off stamps, leaving a 1/4" border; no peeling needed Old stamp collections accepted. Happy New Year to all!

Margie 215-885-8722 / Bridget 215-663-0411

Congratulations to
Alaina Mae DiCiacco, daughter of Daniel and Danielle, who was recently baptized at St. Hilary Church.

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 215-663-1046.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:
Michael Dooley, Jack Avak, Michael Brown, Nicolas Liddy, Bob Kilcoyne, Mary Jane Namola, Elizabeth Dieckman, Sophia Southerling, Mary Deely, TJ McDonald, Ahmed Abdul, Sal Sermania, Sue Masantonia, Angela Gavin, William Hartner, Mary Jane Hummel, Pat Cass, Michele Kelly, Tina Savarino, Nicholas Esposito, Sarah Koehler, Paris Luckowski, Judy Sklar, Bernadette Redican, Gina Devaney, Bob Steele, Linda Smithson, Eileen Burger, Brian Bailie, Tina Hardimon, 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, Timothy Dempsey, Dilynn Listman, Anne Visco, Daniel Hare, Gloria Hannah, BJ Verdon, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Chap Nowiicke, Kathy Huss

Please pray for the souls of the deceased:
James Griffin Theresa Rossitter

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH

WEEKEND MASSES
Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 8:00am, 10:00pm, and 12pm

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

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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: 8:30 AM to 4 PM
Closed for Lunch: 12 PM to 1 PM

*** Rectory is closed on Monday, January 2, 2023, and will re-open on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 ***

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!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks again to all those who have contributed to the St. Hilary Annual Block Collection, as well as for the Christmas collection and Christmas flowers. I am so very grateful for your kind generosity to our parish! - - *Father Murray*

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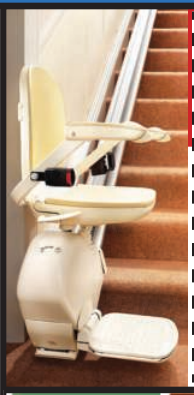

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