

# St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

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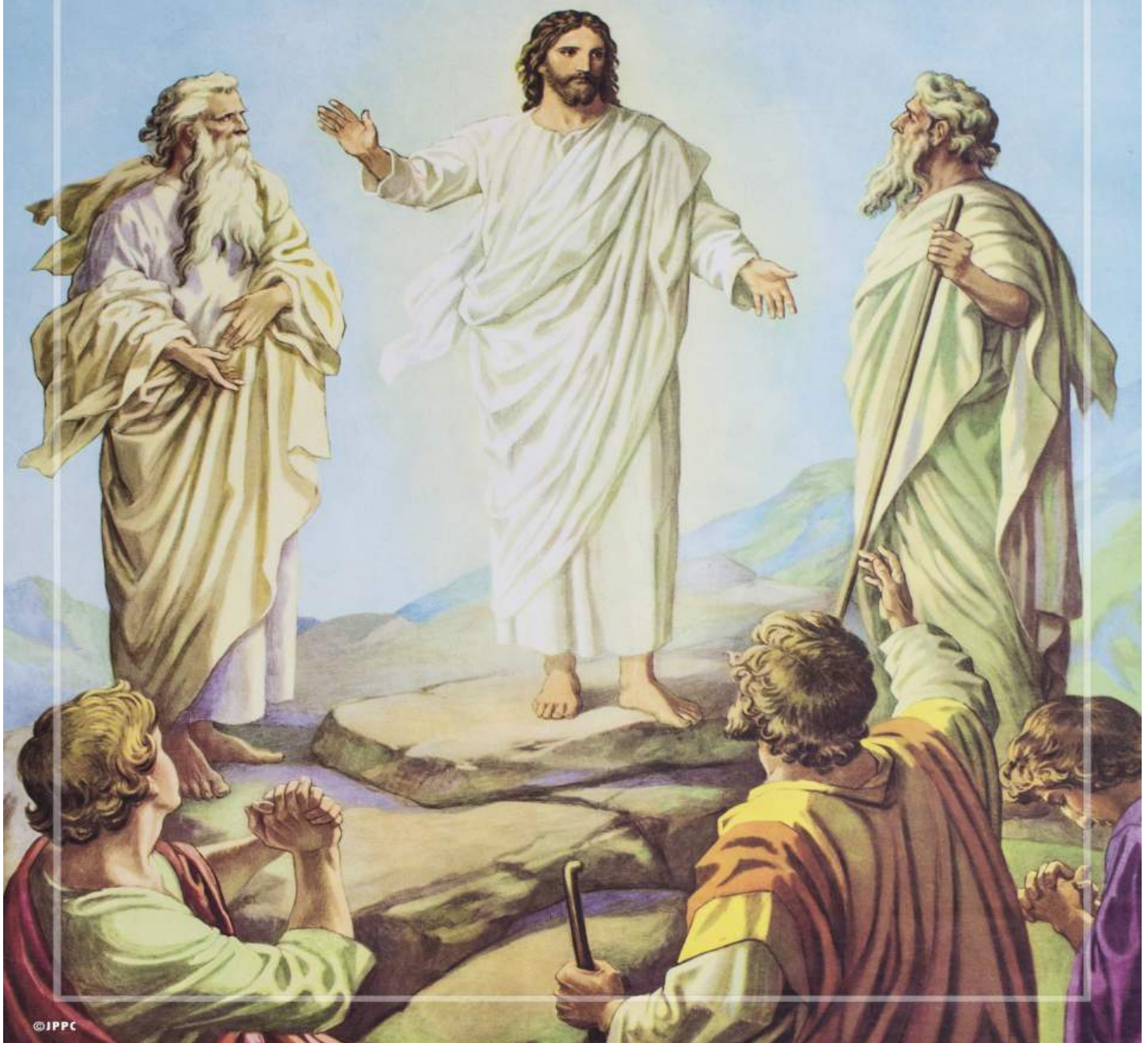
APRIL 16, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**THIS IS MY BELOVED SON**

*with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.*

MATTHEW 17:5



## PASTOR'S CORNER

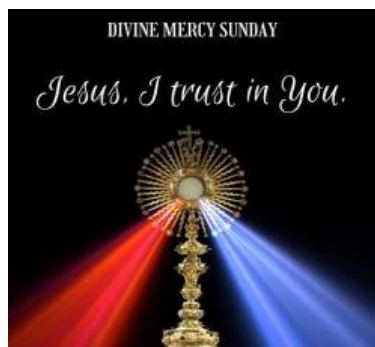
**“Peace be with you.”**

At the young age of 29, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938) had a vision of the Risen Christ. Christ gave her this message of mercy: “On the cross, the fountain of mercy was opened wide by the lance...no one have I excluded. The flames of mercy are burning me...I want to pour them out on all souls.” Today, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. As He often did in His public ministry, Jesus returns to the Apostles who are hiding in fear and shame. He returns not to scold or blame them, but to restore shattered lives. One of the great proofs of Christ’s resurrection was the apostles’ acceptance of Christ’s forgiveness. The healing was not self-generated; it could only have happened by their experience of seeing the Risen Christ and being embraced by His mercy.

The fountain of mercy awaits all of us in and through the Sacrament of Penance. Here in this great sacrament, the Risen Christ awaits us to draw us out of our self-created tombs. The confessional is not a torcher chamber, as Pope Francis tells us, but a chamber of mercy. Just like the Apostles, we all, at times, have denied Christ - and like Thomas, we have had our doubts. Yet we must come to believe the message of Christ ~ there is no sin greater than His mercy.

Let that mercy overflow in us and spill over to others...to forgive as the Lord has forgiven us. The gift we have received we should then give as a gift. Pope John XXIII reminded us that “we are not on earth to be museum keepers, but to cultivate gardens of life.” Pope John Paul II once spoke of mercy as “content of intimacy with our Lord; the content of our dialogue with Him.”

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, let us rejoice and be glad that the Lord is risen! He comes to raise us up out of guilt and shame. May we show our intimacy with Him by our acts of mercy, while we cultivate gardens of new life.



Happy Easter,  
*Father Murray*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sunday, April 16, 2023**

*Divine Mercy Sunday*

5:00pm ~ Joseph Magee III

8:00am ~ Mary Forst

10:00am ~ Lillian Black

12:00pm ~ Olivia Cuoci

**Monday, April 17, 2023**

8:00am ~ Christopher M. Stever

**8:30am - 4:00pm ~ Adoration in Church**

**Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

8:00am ~ William Bonsall

**Wednesday, April 19, 2023**

8:00am ~ Margaret and John Fitzpatrick

**Thursday, April 20, 2023**

8:00am ~ Joan Gallagher

**Friday, April 21, 2023**

*Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of Church*

8:00am ~ Mary Forst

**Saturday, April 22, 2023**

5:00pm ~ Joseph DeGrazia

**Sunday, April 23, 2023**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

8:00am ~ Joseph Vittorelli

10:00am ~ Mary Forst

12:00pm ~ Joseph DeGrazia IV

“O give thanks to the Lord,  
for He is good; His love is  
ever-lasting, His mercy lasts  
forever.”

Ps 118: 1



## ST. HILARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



THANKS to this parish community for the tremendous support for the 2022 St. Hilary Diamond Jubilee Capital Campaign. Seeing the progression of this campaign these past months has been truly a blessing. We have an exciting update; this campaign has raised **\$407,191.25**. Through your prayers and help, we have even surpassed our initial goal of \$350,000. The sooner that the pledges are redeemed, the better it will be for paying for these projects. Of the 229 campaign responses, 141 are now paid in full. We currently have about \$286,200 of the campaign contributions already deposited, and it is imperative that we continue to collect all payments on pledges to ensure that we can complete all the capital work. Thank you very much for your kind generosity!!

### PROJECT UPDATE

Just a reminder that the monies raised from the Jubilee Capital Campaign are directed toward the following goals:

- \* New Air Conditioning System in the School ~ completed
- \* New Lighting in the back parking lot for safety and security ~ completed
- \* New Air Conditioning System in the Church ~ completed
- \* New Church Doors ~ will be installed in a few months...please see the pictures in the Church, of the beautiful stained glass to be inserted into our new Church doors

Once again, I am sincerely thankful for the overwhelming response & generosity! New pledges are most welcome. All donations are very much appreciated!

*Father Murray*



*THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CELEBRATED THE TRIDUUM AND EASTER WITH US AT ST. HILARY CHURCH! AND THANKS FOR YOUR KIND AND GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EASTER COLLECTION.*

*THE CHURCH IS BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED ~ THANKS TO ALL OF OUR DEVOTED DECORATORS!!*

*THANK YOU ALSO TO ALL WHO DONATED FOR THE LOVELY EASTER FLOWERS!*



## 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.

## MEMORIAL TREES

Over the years, many trees on the property had to be removed. Our new plan is to plant new trees to add more beauty to our property grounds. These new trees are called **Saucer Magnolias**. They are a beautiful pink and white flowering tree. See the picture here of a bloomed one.

If you would like to donate one of these trees in memory of a loved one, please call the Rectory. Thanks for your kind consideration.



## **ST. HILARY OF POITIERS SCHOOL**

At St. Hilary of Poitiers School, we focus on educating the whole child. We encourage our students to discover and develop their talents. Our Christian faith permeates each aspect of who we are and what we do. Our students are encouraged to develop leadership abilities and interpersonal skills, understand personal responsibility, practice sportsmanship, and provide service to the community. Recognizing that both home and school are an integral part to our faith-centered community, parents and teachers partner to guide each student to recognize and discover Christ in all people, and understand the importance of preparing students to be deeply rooted in their faith and their education, and become peace-filled citizens of the world.



### **SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023-24 YEAR IS NOW OPEN FOR PREK - 8th!**

Please visit [www.sainthilaryschool.com](http://www.sainthilaryschool.com) for more information and a virtual tour. You can also contact the principal, Mrs. Fagan, at 215-887-4520 or email to [efagan@sainthilaryschool.com](mailto:efagan@sainthilaryschool.com)

### **EXCITING NEWS!**

We are happy to announce that St. Hilary of Poitiers School is one of only a few schools that has been awarded a School Safety Grant for \$40,000. The grant will assist with the installation of a Complete Surveillance Security System with cameras around the property. In addition, a fob entry system will be installed to secure and record all visitors in and out of the building. We are very grateful to our principal, Mrs. Eileen Fagan, for her dedicated and untiring efforts in pursuing this grant to bring much greater security to our school and peace of mind to all of us.

"Coffee with a Cop" is on Sunday, April 23 from 10:45-11:45am at St. Hilary. The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to help break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve by removing agendas and allowing opportunities to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood. This event is presented by the Abington Police Department, Father Murray, and all of St. Hilary...building relationships, one cup at a time. Join your neighbors and police officers for some coffee and conversation. Thanks for your consideration!



**ST. HILARY**  
**17th ANNUAL**  
**GOLF TOURNAMENT** ~  
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**Golf Tournament Brochures are in the Church and Rectory. Any questions, please call the Rectory at 215-884-3252 or email [sthilaryrydal@gmail.com](mailto:sthilaryrydal@gmail.com)**



### **THE RISEN CHRIST**

A six-foot statue of the Risen Christ will be placed on the front wall entrance to St. Hilary Church. This beautiful piece celebrates Christ's victory over sin and death. His outstretched arms beckon us all to come to Him – "All who are weary and find life burdensome, I will give you rest."

Funds for this gift to our parish were taken from generous donations to our St. Hilary Memorial Fund from the families of the deceased parish family members below, in their loving memory:

*Ray and Catherine McCabe  
Frank and Doris Devinney  
Guy and Pat Pacitti  
Joseph and Evelyn Strigle  
Marg Lawton  
Arthur Stevens  
Robert and Rita Schnepf*



Information on the Dedication and Installation of this statue will be shared with these families and the whole parish when the exact date is determined. May the Risen Christ bless you and your loved ones.

*SAINT HILARY  
LADIES NIGHT OUT 2023  
PRESENTS*



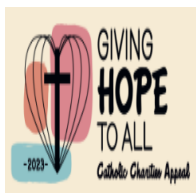
**FRIDAY, MAY 5  
6:00 - 9:30PM  
\$35pp**

**Ukrainian Cultural Center  
700 N. Cedar Rd., Jenkintown**

Ticket includes Dinner (BYOB), Taco Bar, and one glass of wine. Please join in on the fun! All proceeds from Ladies Night Out 2023 will go toward improving Technology, Academics, and Arts at St. Hilary School.

**\*\*\* TICKETS FOR 'LADIES NIGHT OUT' WILL BE SOLD THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 16 AFTER THE 10am MASS IN THE PARISH CENTER \*\*\***

For 65 years, the Catholic Charities Appeal has embodied the spirit of missionary discipleship by giving hope to those in need throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. What if our community food banks couldn't feed the hungry? What if our shelters for the homeless couldn't provide hot meals? What if our after-school programs weren't there to keep kids safe? If any of those things couldn't happen, the results would be disastrous for close to a million people who count on us for help each year. If the Catholic Charities Appeal didn't receive much needed support from people like you, that dire scenario would be a reality. So thank you for giving hope to all. We remind you and ask you to please send your Catholic Charities donations directly to the Archdiocese in the envelop that was mailed to you. We won't be taking up a separate collection. **Thank you!**



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL**

**ST. HILARY RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE**

will be distributing baby bottles on Mother's Day weekend at all the Masses (May 13th/14th). This year, 100% of the contributions will be donated to the Pro-Life Union in order to support homeless pregnant women at their guiding Star Ministries Maternity Home. The bottles will then be collected at all of the Masses on the NEXT weekend, May 20th/21st. A member from our Respect Life Committee will be at all of the entrances of the Church to hand out and collect the bottles; also, literature about the Pro-Life Union will be available to pick up. Thanks in advance for your kind assistance!

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS FOR HEALING  
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**April 21-23, 2023**

**National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa  
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For more information, please call Evelyn at 215-317-5752. Read more online at [www.rachelsvineyard.org](http://www.rachelsvineyard.org) (all requests are confidential). God bless you for your consideration. To donate, email [evelynwalsh50@gmail.com](mailto:evelynwalsh50@gmail.com) for more info.

**MEMORIAL CROSSES**

Memorial Crosses are designed to remind us, and the world, of this crime against the human race. An accompanying sign reads: **"Each Cross Represents 1,000,000 Surgical Abortions Since 1973"** You will see these crosses on our property for two weeks.



Memorial Crosses do create an impact. Two mothers who aborted have come and placed flowers at the location. It was part of their healing. Another mother considering abortion called their hotline for help. A father, ready to arrange the abortion of his child, related that he saw the crosses and got the message.

### UPDATED 55+ SPIRIT NEWS:

**The 55+ Senior Spirit Club** will have our regular meeting on Wednesday, April 19 at 10am in the Parish Center. There are still some seats on the bus trip to St. Rita's Shrine on Monday, April 24. This trip is sponsored by the Spirit Club and open to all those wishing to make the pilgrimage. Sign up at the meeting or reserve a seat by contacting Margie Magee at 2315-885-8722 by April 19. The bus leaves St Hilary at 9am sharp and returns by 3pm. The cost includes motorcoach, driver tip, Shrine tour & donation, and lunch. Mass is celebrated at noon.

**SENIOR HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR** on Tuesday, April 25 from 10am-1pm at Temple Univ. Jeanes Hospital Campus; health screenings, blood pressure and stroke risk assessment available and free parking. For more info, call 215-728-4861 or email Barbara.Buford@tuhs.temple.edu

**St. Faustina of the Divine Mercy Said:** "...My daughter, I have inclined my heart to your requests. Your assignment and duty here on earth is to be for mercy for the whole world. No soul will be justified until it turns with confidence to My mercy, and this is why the first Sunday of Easter is to be the Feast of Mercy. On that day, priests are to tell everyone about My great and unfathomable mercy."

*"Used with permission of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M."*

### 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 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, Kathy Huss, Martha Serdner, Rolando Juarez, Tom Hall

*Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased  
Pat Pacitti Deacon John Kreczkevich*

## 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

**Pastor ~ Rev. Kevin P. Murray**

**Weekend Assistant ~ Msgr. Gregory J. Fairbanks**

**In Residence ~ Rev. Jacob John**

**Pastor Emeritus ~ Msgr. Michael J. Carroll**

**School Principal ~ Eileen Fagan**

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**Coordinator of Religious Education ~ Noreen Forkin**

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**Business Manager ~ Maureen Maher**

**Parish Secretary ~ Marian Stengel 215-884-3252**

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**Music Director ~ Justin Jue**

**Plant Manager ~ Hal Fagan**

**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

*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!*

### Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 5:15pm

### Cathedral Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul

*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.*

*To RSVP, visit <https://phillycatholiclife.org> or call 215-587-0500.*

### ST. HILARY PARISH OUTREACH



The Outreach Committee extends its sincere continued gratitude for your ongoing outstanding generosity. Recently, Cradle of Hope, Manor Food Bank and the Ukrainian Center received substantial donations. We again request referrals to the office for people in need, in particular in the parish. May you be blessed especially in this Easter season.

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