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FEBRUARY 23, 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES
do good to those who hate you

LUKE 6:27



PASTOR'S CORNER

"Treat others the way you wish to be treated."

Every day, a man of years walked down to pick up his newspaper; always polite and courteous toward the man behind the counter. However, the man behind the counter was always rude and hostile, barely making eye contact. Someone asked the old man why he was always so polite and courteous to that rude man behind the counter, and the old man replied, "Why should I let him decide how I should act?!"

The readings of Mass today ask us to ponder such a question. Do we allow others to determine how we are going to act, especially when we meet up with hostility? Jesus calls us to higher ground; "Treat others the same way you wish to be treated." Many times, in St. Paul's words, we resemble the "man from earth" rather than the "man from heaven." Adam, the man from earth, passed on his weaknesses to us all. Yet Jesus, the Man from heaven, has passed on His grace...the grace to realize it is more human to be slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Studies show that hatred, retribution, and holding grudges cause more high blood pressure, more sleepless nights, and more ill health than we realize. As we enter this holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, may we sacrifice our hatred and sacrifice our desire to get even, out of love for Him, who sacrificed so much for us. May we always strive to embrace the vision of the Man from heaven.

God Bless,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm ~ Catherine Ott

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

10:30am ~ Joseph Magee III

Monday, February 24, 2025

8:00am ~ Mary Lima

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

8:30am-4:00pm ~ Adoration

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

8:00am ~ Jerome and Helen Waldron

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

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

Thursday, February 27, 2025

Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbott & Doctor of Church

8:00am ~ William Bonsall

***** 4:00pm ~ Confirmation**

Friday, February 28, 2025

8:00am ~ Luis Nunez

Saturday, March 1, 2025

5:00pm ~ Dolores Luschini

and Susan Fredericks-Kots

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30am ~ Mary Lima



ST. HILARY WEDNESDAY NIGHT ROSARY GROUP

Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm on the first floor of the Parish Center to pray the Rosary. All are welcome! For more information, contact Maria Greenberg at 215-603-3092 or mariastell72@gmail.com

CHECK OUT THE ST. HILARY PARISH TWITTER ACCOUNT, INSTAGRAM, AND FACEBOOK PAGE!

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WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR?

It is a special period of celebration and grace that takes place every 25 years, offering all the faithful a unique opportunity for spiritual renewal and a closer relationship with God. Pope Francis has announced the year 2025 as a special Jubilee Year. As Pilgrims of Hope, it is a time for a genuine encounter with the

Lord, especially in the sacrament of the Eucharist. Further information and various activities surrounding this Jubilee Year will be forthcoming.

JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen.

Archbishop Perez published a Pastoral Letter on Sunday, January 5, 2025. This letter outlines his hopes for the Church of Philadelphia over the coming years. To watch the video and read the Letter from the Archbishop, please go to this link: <https://trustandhope.org>, or you can use the QR Code seen here. There are Archdiocesan Consultation Sessions to learn even more. We will have local information sessions to further address any questions, and we will share those dates as soon as they are scheduled.



"I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting Him encounter them...no one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since 'no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord'... Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that He is already there, waiting for us with open arms."

"The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community."

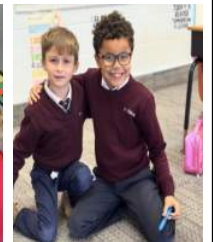


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St. Hilary Parish CYO Spring Sports Registration is still open. Registration for softball, baseball, high school volleyball, track, flag football, and cadet soccer is now open. Cadet soccer is now also open for students in grades PreK - 2nd. This will be a six-week program on Wednesdays; 5pm to 6pm starting April 9th. Students will receive a t-shirt and are asked to bring a ball. The link to register for any of the CYO Spring Sports is below. Deadline to register is February 23. Thank you.

<https://registration.teamsnap.com/form/21370>



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One Winner receives \$2,500 (Seller \$125)
One Winner receives \$1,000 (Seller \$100)
One Winner receives \$500 (Seller \$50)

Drawing will be held Sunday, June 8, 2025,
after the 10:30AM Mass.

**Each raffle ticket is \$10.
Great prizes to be had!**

**Individual Raffle Tickets can be
purchased after all Masses.**

**Individual Raffle Tickets will also be
on sale in the Rectory Mondays thru
Thursdays from 8:30am to 4:00pm
(closed from 12-1pm).**

**** It would be greatly appreciated if
you would take a packet of 25 tickets
to sell them (anyone can sell the tick-
ets). There will be an Instruction
Sheet included. Please stop by the
table after Mass, or Monday thru
Thursday at the Rectory, to pick up a
packet to sell (special incentive for
sellers, too)!**

**If you have any questions, please call
the Rectory Mondays thru Thursdays
at 215-884-3252 or you can email to
sthilaryrydal@gmail.com**

**THANKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
IN PARTICIPATING IN THIS
FUNDRAISER FOR ST. HILARY
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UPCOMING LENTEN SERIES



The Chosen is a fresh look at the Gospels.
It involves a made-for-tv series for those who are just curious
about who Jesus is and was.

Several aspects of the film will be discussed during
the sessions. There are a few seasons of *The Chosen*, but this
Lenten Series will focus on just one season of *The Chosen*.

PLEASE SIGN UP!

**Pick one of the sessions to attend. All sessions are held in
the Rectory basement. There is no fee; just a free will
offering at the end. Contact the Rectory at 215-884-3252
or email to: sthilaryrydal@gmail.com to sign up.**

Tuesday afternoons at 1:30pm with Kathy Lill (4 sessions)
on:
March 11, March 25, April 1, April 8

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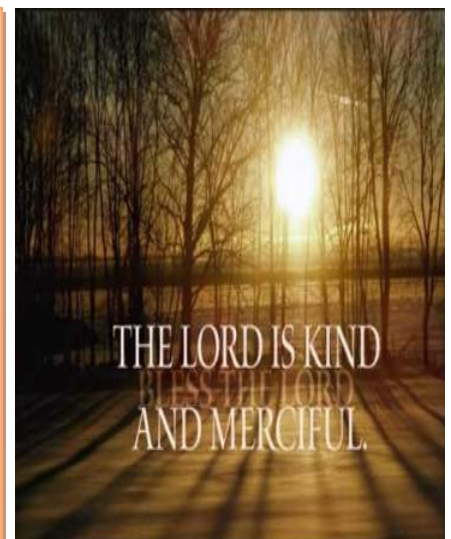
Wednesday nights at 7pm with Fr. Murray (4 sessions)
on:
March 12, March 26, April 2 and April 9

WE HOPE YOU JOIN US!

FRITZ'S STICKY BUNS
THIS WEEKEND!

*This weekend of Feb. 22/23
after Masses
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*Thanks for
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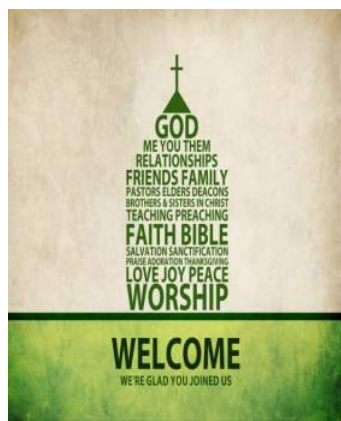
**ST. HILARY
LADIES AUXILIARY OF
MARY
THURSDAY, MARCH 6
AT 7:00PM**

Come join us in the Parish Center where we will start with the Rosary, and then work on details for upcoming events. Please contact Stacey at 215-896-3424 with any questions.



**ST. HILARY
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MEMBERS MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 6 AT
7:00PM
IN RECTORY BASEMENT**

All men - members and those interested - are welcome & encouraged to attend.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY
SUNDAY, MARCH 16**

after the 8:30am & 10:30am
Masses

ALL ARE WELCOME!
PLEASE STOP BY THE
PARISH CENTER!



**17th Annual Man Up Philly
Men's Spirituality
Conference -
Saturday, March 8, 2025
Becoming Pilgrims of Hope**

The men of our parish are invited to join Catholic Men from throughout the Archdiocese for the 17th Annual Man Up Philly Men's Conference on March 8th at Cardinal O'Hara HS. Speakers include Ward FitzGerald, CNBC Contributor and Papal Knight, Eddie Morris, creator Team Hope, Msgr. Federico Britto, Pastor of St Cyprian Parish and our special keynote speaker, Brian Dawkins, Pro Football HOF safety.. Back by popular demand, Mark Forrest, internationally recognized Irish tenor, who will lead our Eucharistic Adoration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available, and the Conference will conclude with Mass celebrated by our Archbishop Most Reverend Archbishop Nelson Perez.

For more information and to register go to the website: www.manupphilly.com

**ST. HILARY "VERY SUPER"
SUPER BOWL BLOCK POOL
WINNERS**



**MANY THANKS
TO BOB LATTANZI, OUR
FOOTBALL BLOCK POOL EXPERT!
HIS TIME & SUPPORT OF ST. HILARY'S
PARISH ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

*St. Hilary Parish made \$8,000 from the
2024 regular season football pool
(total payout to winners was \$8,000).*

*St. Hilary Parish made \$3,000 from the
3 Super Bowl Block Pools,
and paid out \$4,500 in winnings!*

We sold out all of the 300 Super Bowl blocks!!

**Below are the big winners from the
Super Bowl Block Pools ~ Congratulations:**

Bernadette Mulvey	\$758
Barb Ferrari	\$575
Marilyn Henry	\$575
John Kolla	\$260
Tom Greenfield	\$260
Jimmy "the K" Kelly	\$260
Carly Calabrese	\$233
Nora Long	\$233
Cifuni Family	\$233
Christy Steffanelli	\$183
David Luschini	\$183

Thank You

\$75 Winners:

Rehiel Family Vito Family Carol Schlacter

\$50 Winners:

Anthony Cesarini Jim Brady John Tyszka
Hughes Girls Father Murray Hartey Family

\$25 Winners:

Bill McGinn Connie Fennell Deb Charley
George & Joanne Brenner
Bill & Nicole Romano Moose71 Kelly
Roy & Carol Stein Grandkids
Onslager Family Paul & Karen Owens

THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!!!



Updated St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club News:

The St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club next meeting will be this **Wed., March 19**. New members always welcome - we are a very fun and welcoming group! You do not have to be a parish member to join. Call Ro Schell at 215-206-5313, Mike Schell at 215-206-4530, or Rosesylvia McDonald 215-219-0651 with any questions.



Sure, snow can be pretty and nice to look at and all, but the invoices not so much...

Our snow removal and salt application bills so far have totaled \$6,550, and that is just from Dec. and Jan. -- not including the past couple of snow and ice storms in February! If you would like to

contribute toward our winter snow bills, it would be much appreciated!! Please mark your envelope "Snow Assistance" ~ you can place them in the collection basket during any weekend Mass, or drop them in the secure black lockbox outside the Rectory. 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, 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, Nicholas Esposito, 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. Schaffir, 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 Listman, Anne Visco, Daniel Hare, Gloria Hannah, BJ Verdon, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Martha Serdner, Rolando Juarez, 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

*Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:
Carmen Scalfaro*

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

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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.

DRIVER NEEDED for Tuesday mornings for St. Basil's Support Ministry Food Pantry. Please contact Sister Monica at 631-432-9587. Thanks for your consideration.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

February 16, 2025

Sunday Offering: \$7,846

Electronic Giving: \$2,517

Total: \$10,363

February 17, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$5,934

Electronic Giving: \$2,203

Total: \$8,137

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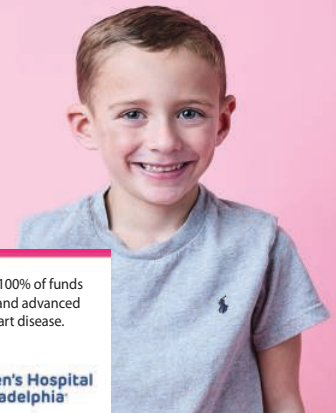
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