

# St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

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FEBRUARY 5, 2023

*FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*



You are  
THE  
salt OF THE Earth

MATTHEW 5:13

## PASTOR'S CORNER

**“You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.”**

Salt was a precious commodity in the time of Jesus; almost as precious as gold. As we know, it was often used to preserve food or for medicinal purposes. Salt brings out the flavor in food; it brings out the best. To call someone “salt of the earth” was the highest of compliments, referring to one’s loyalty as well as durability.

Today, Jesus pays each of us that very same compliment. We are called to preserve the rich tradition of our faith to be lights of hope in times of darkness. Living in a right relationship with God, sharing our bread, sheltering the homeless, etc. allows Christ’s light to shine through us. This call of Jesus is a great challenge today, in a culture that wants to settle for less. Sacred truths are dismissed, and standards for human behavior in speech and ethics are lowered. We are called to be bold and courageous, and realize the cross will be as real for us as it was for Jesus.

Salt is made up of the purest of things; the mixture of sun and water from the sea. We are made from the most purest of all things from the Son of God and water of Baptism. May we never settle for less but discover the dignity of holy living. In Christ, we find the courage to be loyal and persevere in the struggle of faith. In Him, we can fulfill that sacred calling to be “the salt of the earth and the light of the world.”

God Bless,  
*Father Murray*



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sunday, February 5, 2023**

*5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00pm Vigil ~ John Steinmetz

8:00am ~ Mary Forst

10:00am ~ Kathleen Tracey

12:00pm ~ Donald McGettigan

**Monday, February 6, 2023**

*Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs*

8:00am ~ Maureen Myers

\*\*\* 8:30am to 4:00pm ~ Adoration

**Tuesday, February 7, 2023**

8:00am ~ T.J. Kelly

**Wednesday, February 8, 2023**

*Saint Jerome Emiliani and Saint Josephine Bakhita*

8:00am ~ Bill Kelleher

**Thursday, February 9, 2023**

8:00am ~ Nancy Cole

**Friday, February 10, 2023**

*Saint Scholastica*

8:00am ~ Kenneth Cassidy

**Saturday, February 11, 2023**

5:00pm Vigil ~ Maria DeGiosoffato

**Sunday, February 12, 2023**

*6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00am ~ Larry Mascio

10:00am ~ Dugan and Costello Families

12:00pm ~ Rudolph DiMassa

**The Miraculous Medal Shrine**, a Marian devotional destination and ministry of the Vincentians of the Eastern Province in the Germantown section of Philadelphia, has been elevated by the Vatican to Minor Basilica status. This designation is shared by only one other church in the city of Philadelphia, the Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, and 91 others across the United States. **The Shrine, along with the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception that houses it, are now known as the Basilica Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.**

## 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 **\$406,841.25**. 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. We currently have about \$237,538 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!

### 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 to the right, 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 of your pledges and gifts are appreciated!

*Father Murray*

## MASS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PRESENTATION OF ANNIVERSARY AWARDS

Archbishop Nelson Perez celebrated the annual Mass with the presentation of anniversary awards which recognize the ministry of Directors and Catechists of Parish Religious Education (PREP).

### Congratulations to our own PREP Catechists:

- \* Joann Brenner received the St. Martin DePorres Award for 20 years of service!
- \* Cara Peters and Bob Lattanzi and Carolyn Muttreja received the St. John Neumann Award for 5 years!

### CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU!

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

### January 29, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$5,915  
Electronic Giving: \$2,019

**Total: \$8,006**

### January 30, 2022

Sunday Offering: \$4,057  
Electronic Giving: \$2,304

**Total: \$6,361**

## **3 NEW CHURCH DOORS COMING SOON...**



ST. HILARY

LOCATION OF DOOR:

**SCHOOL**  
**HALL**  
**DOOR**



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JESUS

LOCATION OF DOOR:

**CHURCH**  
**TO**  
**COURTYARD**



SACRED HEART OF  
MARY

LOCATION OF DOOR:

**HALL**  
**TO**  
**CHURCH**

“Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in His love than in your own weakness.”

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta



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



**THANK YOU to everyone who joined us for the 10am Mass last weekend as we "packed the pews" for the Opening of Catholic Schools Week! And thanks to all those who toured our terrific 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)



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

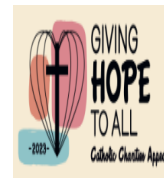
Come spend some time with the Lord!



## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

In the Church of Philadelphia, our parishes will mark this important occasion at Masses during this weekend. It is a time for all of us to offer prayers of thanksgiving and petition for all those who have made commitments to the Consecrated Life and their vital service to God's people. Pope Francis tells us, "Though it is true that this mission demands great generosity on our part, it would be wrong to see it as a heroic individual undertaking, for it is first and foremost the Lord's work, surpassing anything which we can see and understand." The mission of Consecrated Life is realized in its missionary responsibility, in union with the Church, and for the sake of the Kingdom! May all who have made a commitment to Consecrated Life through the priesthood, religious life, consecrated virginity, secular institutes, societies of apostolic life, and the eremitical life, continue to be enriched by Jesus Christ and to respond generously to their vocation.

Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal will provide necessary support to thousands of people. These



### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL**

individuals are served by an array of organizations, programs, and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The beneficiaries of this Appeal focus on five key areas:

- Education
- Social Services
- Local Mission Activities
- Clergy
- Evangelization, Parish and Spiritual Life

Thank you for your support of the annual Catholic Charities Appeal.



**St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish**  
**VERY SUPER Super Bowl Block Pool**



The VERY SUPER Super Bowl is on Sunday, February 12th.  
 No expertise is needed, just pure random luck.

Blocks will be sold for \$25 each. Here's how it works:

The administrator, Bob Lattanzi, will randomly place your names on the grid(s), until the grid is full (100 blocks for one entire grid).

At that time, numbers from 0 to 9 will be randomly chosen for both,  
 the PHILADELPHIA EAGLES and the Kansas City Chiefs.  
 The completed blocks will be circulated through email before the kickoff.

The unit digit from each team's score will be used as lookups to determine the winning participants.  
 For example, EAGLES 49 versus CHIEFS 13, we would use  
 EAGLES 9 and CHIEFS 3 as the lookups.

We will have a \$25 winner after every score, including extra points.  
 The score at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter will win 15% of the remaining pot  
 (probably about \$175).

The score at Halftime will win 20% of the remaining pot  
 (probably about \$250).

The score at the end of the 3rd Quarter will win 15% of the remaining pot  
 (probably about \$175).

The score at the end of regulation will win 50% of the remaining pot  
 (probably about \$600).

Unless the game goes overtime, then the score at the end of regulation and the  
 score at the end of the game split that 50% equally.

If we sell out 100 blocks, we estimate that the Parish will pay out \$1,500 in winnings and  
 make \$1,000 to offset a variety of costs. We hope to sell 200 blocks and have 2 completed grids,  
 doubling our intake and payouts (feel free to buy multiple blocks).

Pool contact is Bob Lattanzi,  
 phone number 215-833-2535 (you can text, or leave a voicemail message),  
 and email address is RRLATT@COMCAST.NET

**\*\*\* Blocks are to be purchased by phone or email DIRECTLY TO BOB LATTANZI ~  
 let Bob know by Thursday, Feb. 9 how many blocks you want...thank you. \*\*\***

*Checks should be made payable to St. Hilary, please put "Super Bowl" in the memo section of your check. You can drop off cash or checks to the Rectory in an envelope marked "Super Bowl Pool" (or if after business hours, you can put your marked envelope in the black lockbox which is right next to the red mailbox). Or you can put your envelope in next weekend's church collection basket, or you can Venmo Bob Lattanzi @sc1225.*

**PLEASE BE SURE TO LET BOB KNOW BY THURSDAY, FEB. 9 HOW MANY  
 BLOCKS YOU WANT. THANKS, AS ALWAYS, FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!!!**

*St. Hilary Parish made \$6,700 from the 2022 regular season football pool  
 (\$5,700 from sales and \$1,000 from four weekly winning blocks). Thanks!!!*

**UPDATED 55+ SPIRIT NEWS:**

**55+ Spirit Club** ~ Thanks to Mrs. Fagan and the teaching staff who gave us a preview of Catholic Schools Week at our January meeting. We heard songs, a rock concert, and speeches sharing busy school lives. You make us very proud - thank you. Our next meeting is **Wed., February 15** when we will celebrate Valentines Day and Presidents Day at 10am in the Parish Center. We hope anyone interested in the Civil War will join us as we will be introduced to a Civil War Museum in Holmesburg by Mrs. Wible. We are also collecting used stamps for the Wounded Warriors Project. It is never too late in the year to join our Senior Group!

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

**Upcoming Trips**...please look for flyers at church doors. Also call Michele at 215-498-5908.

- **Doo-wap Disco** on April 12 at The Shore Club for \$95pp all inclusive
- **Totally Tenors** on May 21 at Tomasello Winery for \$120pp all inclusive
- **Miracle of Christmas** on December 12 at Sight and Sound in Lancaster for \$140pp.

**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, Christopher Kirk

*Please pray for the souls of the deceased:  
Rev. Joseph DiGregorio Tom Jackson  
Carl Smith*

**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**

efagan@sainthilaryschool.com School phone: 215-887-4520

**Coordinator of Religious Education ~ Noreen Forkin**

sthilaryprep@gmail.com

**Business Manager ~ Maureen Maher,**

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

**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!*

**St. Hilary Parish Outreach**



*Because of your generosity, our Outreach Program continues to help those in need. Your continual kind donations are so appreciated! St. Hilary Parish Outreach welcomes referrals of people in need, especially in the parish. If you know of anyone, please contact Fr. Murray. Thanks!*

**Divine Mercy said:** "...My heart is even more wounded by their distrust after a fall. It would be less painful if they had not experienced the goodness of My heart.." (St. Faustina Diary, 1532)

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