

# St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

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MARCH 26, 2023

*FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT*



*Lazarus*  
**COME OUT!**

JOHN 11:43

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### "I am the Resurrection and the Life"

-- John 11:1-45

The remaining weeks of Lent will have St. John as our spiritual guide. He weaves together beautiful stories of Jesus' encounter with people who are broken, fearful, and despairing. The Samaritan woman found refreshing water in Jesus' mercy. The blind man not only had his physical sight restored but his spiritual sight as well. He now saw Jesus as Lord of his life. In the gospel of this 5th Sunday in Lent, Jesus delivers Lazarus from the most hopeless situation...death itself.

We all experience similar moments that we find in these stories. More than ever, we, like the people in these stories, must turn to the Lord. Even though we cannot be near Him in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, He will find a way to be near us. He remains our Good Shepherd; with Him there is mercy and our surest hope. All we need to do is call on Him in prayer. Prayer is the greatest power in the universe...a power that "stretches infinitely beyond us and connects us with that love that made and sustains the universe." Pray that the Lord in His loving mercy will protect us and deliver us from any danger.

This past Monday was the first day of spring. The light of day increases in nature and the earth will be transformed and burst with new life. May the light of Christ increase and intensify in our human nature. May we burst forth with an increase of divine life and help renew the face of the earth.

God's grace & peace.

*Father Murray*



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Sunday, March 26, 2023

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

5:00pm Vigil ~ Dorothy Trappler

8:00am ~ Mary Melly

10:00am ~ Barbara Krol

12:00pm ~ Virginia Gilton

### Monday, March 27, 2023

8:00am ~ Joe Curcillo

**8:30am-4pm ~ Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

### Tuesday, March 28, 2023

8:00am ~ Joan Gallagher

### Wednesday, March 29, 2023

8:00am ~ Joan Gallagher

### Thursday, March 30, 2023

8:00am ~ Rev. Michael McCleane

2:15pm ~ Stations of the Cross

7:00pm ~ Stations of the Cross

### Friday, March 31, 2023

8:00am ~ Vincent Costello

### Saturday, April 1, 2023

5:00pm Vigil ~ Victor Schembie

### Sunday, April 2, 2023

*Palm Sunday*



8:00am ~ Joan Gallagher

10:00am ~ Molly and John Gallagher

12:00pm ~ Constance McGettigan





## 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. We currently have about \$281,568 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 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*

## HOW IS YOUR LENT GOING?

**Practice Gratitude in the Moment...**if you feel like you're drifting through Lent, don't wait for the perfect time to restart (there isn't a perfect time). So wherever you are, stop, give yourself a few spare minutes and thank God for, say, 10 things about your day or your life right now. Gratitude helps turn our hearts back to God.

**If You Didn't Start Lent With a Plan, Make One Now...**Lent isn't meant to be a competition of who can give up the most or be the most holy. It is meant to be a time of renewal, of clearing out the junk in our lives and letting Springtime enter our hearts. But let us also not forget that it is a time of friendship, of walking with Christ through His time in the desert.

**Just Walk Quietly and Humbly With Your God...**as we get ever nearer to Holy Week, remember God wants us as much as we want Him. Come into Christ's embrace and grow in His love.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

### March 19, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$6,185

Electronic Giving: \$2,871

**Total: \$9,056**

### March 20, 2022

Sunday Offering: \$4,493

Electronic Giving: \$5,096

**Total: \$9,589**

## 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.



**CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD BLESS OUR ST. HILARY 2nd GRADE SCHOOL AND PREP STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE THIS PAST WEDNESDAY EVENING!**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING  
SCHOOL AND PREP CHILDREN WHO  
RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF  
CONFIRMATION ON MARCH 14, 2023:**

Kevin **Peter** Andrews   
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Lucas **Francis** Dougherty  
Saverio **Peter** Dougherty  
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Adelaide **Genevieve** Edwards   
Maeve **Hope** Formica  
Sebastian **Wolfgang** Gorski  
Bryce **Valentine** Hanton  
Abigail **Rose** Hayburn   
Amanda **Cecilia** Howard  
Alexis **Theresa** Keke  
Theodor **Patrick** Kuchar  
Ava **Isabelle** Labrusciano   
Molly **Margherita** Lon  
Laila **Rose** McDonald  
Marley **Apollonia** McGauley  
Thomas **Joseph** Nardone   
Alyssa **Katharine** O'Rourke  
Gavin **Patrick** Peters  
Francis **Francis** Rago  
Molly **Catherine** Ryan   
Gianna **Elizabeth** Siravo  
Marielle **Rose** Tate  
Erin **Maria** Tracey  
Theresa **Margaret** Vandegrift   
Dylan **Vincent** Wardlow  
Alexis **Bridget** Wimsey  
Riley **Theresa** Wimsey  
Liam **Joseph** Zakrewski 



**2023 HOLY WEEK SERVICES**



**PALM SUNDAY MASSES**

5:00pm ~ Saturday Vigil  
Sunday, April 2, 2023  
8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

**Monday, April 3, 2023**

7:00pm ~ Lenten Confessions

**HOLY THURSDAY**

**Thursday, April 6, 2023**

7:00pm ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper  
8:30pm to 10:00pm ~ Adoration  
of the Blessed Sacrament  
10:00pm ~ Night Prayer

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**April 7, 2022**

9:00am ~ Morning Prayer  
3:00pm ~ Adoration of the Cross  
and Holy Communion Service

**HOLY SATURDAY**

**April 8, 2022**

11:00am ~ Blessing of Food  
7:30pm ~ Easter Vigil Mass

**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**

**April 9, 2022**

8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

Jesus suffered, died, and rose again to reconcile the world to the Father. All our efforts this Lent have been to further this reconciliation among ourselves, and with our God.

The events we will commemorate during Holy Week have made this possible. Jesus' life, death, and resurrection enable us to overcome the world, and to "bear the likeness of the man from heaven."

You are invited to continue your spiritual growing this Lent by participating in our Holy Week services in which we relive the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

May the hope of the Resurrection keep the joy of the Lord and His peace in your hearts.

## LENTEN CALENDAR



### Daily Mass

Monday thru Friday at 8am,  
followed by the Rosary  
Adoration every Monday 8:30am to 4pm

### Confessions

Saturdays 4:00 to 4:45pm  
Sundays during Lent after the 10am Mass  
Monday Evening, April 3 at 7:00pm

### Stations of the Cross During Lent

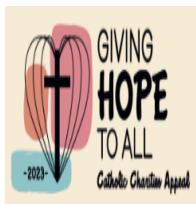
Thursday afternoons at 2:15pm  
Thursday Evenings at 7:00pm

### Lenten Scripture Series ~ Parables of the Kingdom

Five-week Scripture Study Sessions



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## *SAINT HILARY'S PRESENTS*



**FRIDAY, MAY 5**

**6:00 - 9:30PM**

**\$35pp**

**UKRAINIAN CULTURAL CENTER**

Information about ticket purchases to follow  
in upcoming Bulletin. Please mark your  
calendars & plan to attend this very fun night!

### **SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS UPCOMING WEEK OF LENT:**



*Sunday ~ fast from unnecessary screen-time today; use the time to read a book, walk outside, pray, etc.*

*Monday ~ this week, get up when the alarm goes off and offer your day to God's service*

*Tuesday ~ send your parish priest a "spiritual bouquet" - listing the prayers you'll offer for him (e.g. 3 Hail Marys, an Our Father, etc.)*

*Wednesday ~ today, complete an errand or chore you've been putting off*

*Thursday ~ the Our Father is the prayer given to us by Jesus; pray each line slowly and really think about what you are saying*

*Friday ~ today, fast from complaining; cultivate gratitude instead*

*Saturday ~ declutter, dust, and clean the house in preparation for Holy Week...the holiest time of the year*

**A pepsi costs \$1.50 in a vending machine, \$3.00 in a grocery store, and \$5.00 at a theme park. The only thing that changed is its location. The next time you feel like you don't have any worth, consider that maybe it's not you. Maybe it's your location. Finding the place that God intends for you to be...will change everything.**

*(Borrowed)*



**UPDATED 55+ SPIRIT NEWS:**

**The 55+ Senior Spirit Club** ~ our members and guests left the Parish Center with eyes smiling after our St. Patrick's celebration with Bill Monaghan. His beautiful voice, guitar, tin whistle, and harmonica brought Irish music to life and audience participation added sparkle. **Our next meeting will be April 19 at 10am.** It is never too late to join the group.

The bus trip to St. Rita's Shrine in Philadelphia is being booked. Please reserve your seat ASAP. We will leave in front of St. Hilary at 9am sharp & return by 3pm. The trip is being sponsored by the Spirit Club but open to all. The cost includes a Shrine donation, driver tip, and lunch at the Shrine conference center. Members pay \$25 and non-members pay \$45. The bus is a deluxe motorcoach and the Shrine has elevator service. Questions can be answered by calling Margie Magee at 215-885-8722 or email to mmagee526@gmail.com (note new email address). Checks are payable to St Hilary Spirit Club and can be mailed to rectory or put in rectory black lockbox.

**Divine Mercy said:** "Look into My Heart and see there the love and mercy which I have for humankind, and especially for sinners. Look, and enter into My Passion."  
(St. Faustina Diary, 1663)

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**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:  
James Fenningham*

**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

\*\*\* Confessions on the Sundays in Lent after the 10am Mass

**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**

**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!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for "Coffee with a Cop" 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. More details to follow in next week's bulletin..

**St. Hilary Parish Outreach**



Because of your generosity, our St. Hilary Outreach Program continues to help those in need. There are some donations pending; will update upon completion. Your continual generous and kind donations are appreciated!

St. Hilary Outreach welcomes new referrals of people in need, especially in the parish. If you know of anyone, please contact Father Murray.

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