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JANUARY 14, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Come
& you will see.*

JOHN 1:39



PASTOR'S CORNER

**We have just entered Ordinary Time
in our Liturgical Year...**



What Ordinary Time Means in the Catholic Church

Because the term “ordinary” in English most often means something that’s not special or distinctive, many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Even though the season of Ordinary Time makes up most of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church, the fact that Ordinary Time refers to those periods that fall outside of the major liturgical seasons reinforces this impression. Yet, Ordinary Time is far from unimportant or uninteresting.

Why is Ordinary Time Called Ordinary?

Ordinary Time is called “ordinary” not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word “ordinalis” which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word “ordo” from which we get the English word “Order.” Thus, the numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church, the period in which we live our lives neither in feasting (as in the Christmas and Easter seasons) or in more severe penance (as in Advent and Lent), but in watchfulness and expectation of the Second Coming of Christ. It’s appropriate, therefore, that the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time always features either John the Baptist’s acknowledgement of Christ as the Lamb of God or Christ’s first miracle ~ the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana. Thus for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ, the Lamb of God, walks among us and transforms our lives.

There’s nothing “ordinary” about that!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm ~ Robert Seifert

8:30am ~ Carmen and Ester Morina

10:30am ~ Dorothy Donatelli

The new Sunday Mass Schedule started last weekend

Monday, January 15, 2024

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

8:00am ~ Anne Deely

**** Adoration in Church today from 8:30am - 12pm*

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

8:00am ~ Laura Alegado

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Saint Anthony, Abbott

8:00am ~ Joseph Magee III

Thursday, January 18, 2024

8:00am ~ Dr. Joseph Toland

Friday, January 19, 2024

8:00am ~ Patricia and David Hall

Saturday, January 20, 2024

5:00pm ~ Rose and Charles Eckardt

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am ~ Louise Costello

10:30am ~ Gerald Comber

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SAME! THANKS!**

UPDATE TO THE ST. HILARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



This June, we have completed the first year of our two-year Capital Campaign. As previously noted, our original goal was \$350,000. The generosity of our parishioners has been overwhelming. Currently a total of **\$427,176.25** has been pledged. Of that amount, we have collected and deposited \$344,008. Of the 231 families who have pledged, 165 families are paid in full. All of our projects have been completed...now we just have to pay the bills! I hope you enjoyed our new air conditioning system in the Church in summer. Our children and teachers were kept cool with our brand new school air conditioning system. Our new lighting in the parking lot and the new beautiful side Church doors have been a most welcome addition as well. So, as we are in the second year of our Campaign, I am most grateful for your kind generosity. As always, the people of St. Hilary always come through! Thank you! -- Fr. Murray



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".



In this year of reviving our devotion to the Eucharist and encouraging everyone to return to Mass, we will offer weekly meditations, reflections, and poetry from various saints and authors on the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, which is "the source and summit of the Christian life." Excerpts are taken from the book *The Holy Hour*, a Word on Fire publication.

Reflection: Light from Light (by Bishop Robert Barron)

This perfect high priest, having ascended to the heavenly temple, brings into the true Holy of Holies that of which the blood of thousands of sacrificed animals were but the symbol. The Son's great act of obedience that took place on the cross now stands permanently in the presence of the Father as a sweet offering, effecting reconciliation. Jesus is the high priest on the Day of Atonement, but his sacrifice is perfect and has eternal validity, and the Holy of Holies that he has entered on our behalf is not an earthy simulacrum but the very dwelling place of God.

DRINKING FROM MY SAUCER

by John Paul Moore



I've never made a fortune and it's probably too late now. But I don't worry about that much, I'm happy anyhow.

And as I go along life's way, I'm reaping better than I sowed. I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

I don't have a lot of riches, and sometimes the going's tough. But I've got loved ones around me, and that makes me rich enough.

I thank God for his blessings, and the mercies He's bestowed. I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

I remember times when things went wrong, my faith wore somewhat thin. But all at once the dark clouds broke, and the sun peeped through again.

So God, help me not to gripe about the tough rows that I've hoed. I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage, when the way grows steep and rough, I'll not ask for other blessings, I'm already blessed enough.

And may I never be too busy, to help others bear their loads. Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

————★————
I have a dream

NEW SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY MASS
STARTING IN 2024

I am grateful for all of you who have returned to Mass after the pandemic. I hope and pray that more of our parishioners will return to Mass as well. There is nothing like being there! Watching Mass on TV no longer fulfills the Sunday obligation, unless you are sick, elderly, have an emergency or have conflicts with work schedules. With this in mind, please note our new Mass Schedule **BEGINNING THIS WEEKEND JANUARY 6/7, 2024:**

2024 Winter/Spring/Fall Schedule
*(January thru June,
and Sept. thru Dec., 2024)*

Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 8:30am and 10:30am

2024 Summer Schedule
(1st Sunday in July thru Labor Day in Sept. '24)
Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 9:00am and 11:00am

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone who made our Christmas celebration so special at St. Hilary Church... the Church decorators, the choir, cantors and instrumentalists lead by Justin Jue, the altar servers, Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, and Santa, who stopped by to pray silently at the manger on Christmas Eve.

Thanks also to those who dropped off Christmas gifts and delicious goodies at the Rectory (trust me, they have been very much enjoyed!) I greatly appreciate your Christmas cards, and the ones with nice family photos are always extra special and have an honored place again on my fridge! Thanks to all those who gave to our Christmas Collection and also the donations for Christmas Flowers. Your presence, loyalty, and kindness are wonderful blessings to me.

-- Father Murray

JOY
NOEL
ANGEL
JESUS
PEACE HOPE
WISEMEN
CHRISTMAS
BELIEVE FAITH
PRINCE OF PEACE
THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to celebrate the Birth of Christ in our beautifully decorated Church!



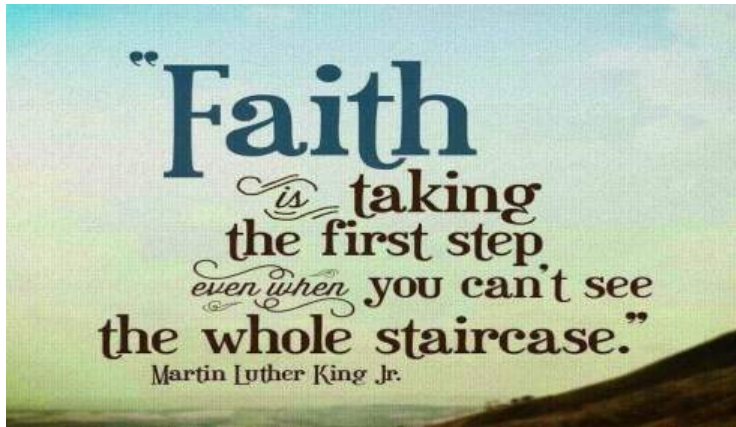
Our Nativity is a very welcome sight each year.



Father Murray invited all the children to join him at the altar for the homily.

Santa stopped by our Church on Christmas Eve to pray silently at the Manger; a very poignant moment.





ST HILARY EAGLES BLOCK POOL WINNERS

This is the end of the regular season - congrats to all the regular season pool winners. Many, many thanks to Bob Lattanzi for his hard work with organizing and maintaining the Block Pool. Stay tuned for the SuperBowl Block Pool...

Week 16 Winners

- Pool #1:** Yaegel Family
- Pool #2:** Foley Family

Week 14 Winners

- Pool #1:** Frank Altamuro
- Pool #2:** St. Hilary

Week 12 Winners

- Pool #1:** Maria Greenberg
- Pool #2:** Katie Toffling

Week 10 Winners

- Pool #1:** Kathy Lennon
- Pool #2:** Hueber Family

Week 08 Winners

- Pool #1:** Greenberg Family
- Pool #2:** Rehiel Family

Week 06 Winners

- Pool #1:** The Stengels
- Pool #2:** Valentino Fam.

Week 04 Winners

- Pool #1:** Joe Henry
- Pool #2:** Mary McCallister

Week 02 Winners

- Pool #1:** Steve Farrell
- Pool #2:** Linda Powers

Week 15 Winners

- Pool #1:** Ray Vandegrift
- Pool #2:** St. Hilary

Week 13 Winners

- Pool #1:** Kathy Lennon
- Pool #2:** Hueber Family

Week 11 Winners

- Pool #1:** Dan & Mary McVey
- Pool #2:** Art Fry (Schein)

Week 09 Winners

- Pool #1:** Joe McGinty
- Pool #2:** Hal Fagan

Week 07 Winners

- Pool #1:** Alex Muttreja
- Pool #2:** Egan Family

Week 05 Winners

- Pool #1:** Michele Stefanelli
- Pool #2:** Ed Walker

Week 03 Winners

- Pool #1:** Anne Wise
- Pool #2:** Alaina DiCiaccio

Week 01 Winners

- Pool #1:** Alex Muttreja
- Pool #2:** Egan Family

GIVING TREE 2023 RESULTS

- Ukraine Relief** (1206 Cottman) ~ 180 items in 18 bags
- * very nice clothes such as seaters, sweatshirts, pants sports clothes, jackets, socks, etc.
 - * games, balls, bats, etc.

- Birthright** ~ 150 items in 15 bags
- * very, very nice clothes such as outfits, onesies, socks, blankets
 - * diapers and wipes

THANK YOU TO ALL for your kindness and generosity!



New Year, New Beginnings...



Open to all ladies ~ please join us for Faith, Fun and Fellowship.

Next Ladies Sodality Meeting is on Thursday, Jan. 25 at 7pm in the Parish Center. We will start the meeting off with a rosary, followed by planning for 2024. Refreshments will be served. Any questions, feel free to reach out to Stacey Ellis at 215-896-3424 or scallah9@aol.com

MASS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PRESENTATION OF ANNIVERSARY AWARDS

Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 11:00am
Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul

CONGRATULATIONS

to two of our parishioners who will be receiving the St. John Neumann Award for 5 years of Volunteer Service as PREP Catechists at St. Hilary Parish:

**DR. CELESTE CATTIE
MRS. STACEY ELLIS**

Thank you for sharing your time & talent at St. Hilary!

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION**

January 7, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$5,123
Electronic Giving: \$4,102

Total: \$9,225

January 8, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$5,617
Electronic Giving: \$4,288

Total: \$9,905

ST. HILARY 55+ SPIRIT CLUB NEWS

The St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club **next meeting is Wednesday, January 17** at which time the Abington Fire Marshall will talk about fire safety. New members are always welcome. We are a very welcoming & fun group! You do not have to be a parish member to join. If you have any questions, feel free to call Ro or Mike Schell at 215-663-1421 or Rosesylvia McDonald at 215-219-0651. Doors open at 9am and meeting starts at 10am.

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, 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, 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, Dilynn Listman, Anne Visco, Daniel Hare, Gloria Hannah, BJ Verdon, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Martha Serdner, Rolando Juarez, Colleen Legare, Tom Montvydas, Theresa Williams, Jim Curley, Bob Donnolly, Harry Huss

Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:
Dr. Rolando Juarez Patricia Murphy Friel

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 8:30am and 10:30am,
(new schedule started in January 2024))

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
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In Residence ~ Rev. Jacob John
Deacon ~ Deacon Joseph W. Bernauer, Jr.
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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 8:30am to 4pm (**Closed Mon., 1/15/24**)
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!*



SOME PHOTOS FROM THE 55+ SPIRIT CLUB CHRISTMAS GATHERING... A FUN TIME WAS HAD BY ALL WITH LUNCH, A VISIT FROM SANTA AND THE SHS CHOIR!



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