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OCTOBER 26, 2025

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"O GOD, BE
MERCIFUL
TO ME, A
SINNER"**

LUKE 18:13



PASTOR'S CORNER

"Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner."

A great Scripture scholar, Reverend Raymond Brown once wrote that if no change occurs as a result of prayer, then one has not really prayed. Prayer is the lifting up of our hearts and minds to praise God. It is to give Him thanks for His mercy and patience with our unconverted side of our lives. Realizing that, at times, we are poor in spirit, poor in love, and poor in charity and mercy, we come before the Lord. We come not to praise ourselves, like the Pharisees in the gospel today, but in the spirit of the tax collector who, realizing his poverty, prayed "Have mercy on me, a sinner."

In an interview, Pope St. Francis said, "I am a sinner but I trust in the infinite mercy and patience of Jesus Christ." He models the true spirit of prayer. In the end, it is not how we compare with others as a measure of virtue. It is how we compare with God. When we compare ourselves to God, we can all say, "Have mercy on me, a sinner."

At every Eucharistic celebration, great changes take place. By God's spirit, bread and wine are transformed and changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. May the fruit of our prayer be seen by the changes that occur in our lives. May we leave behind our old selves, and may our true selves shine forth as we bear the image and likeness of Christ.

God Bless,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Vigil ~ Rev. Tom Murphy

8:30am ~ Annie McReynolds

10:30am ~ Ed McAleer

Monday, October 27, 2025

8:00am ~ Rev. Tom Murphy

*** *Adoration 8:30am - 4pm*

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

8:00am ~ The Schembie Family

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

8:00am ~ Jerome and Helen Waldron

Thursday, October 30, 2025

8:00am ~ Vincent and Louise Costello

Friday, October 31, 2025

8:00am ~ Robert Gliwa

Saturday, November 1, 2025

All Saints Day

(not a holyday of obligation this year)

5:00pm ~ Living & Deceased of St. Hilary

All Souls Mass

Sunday, November 2, 2025

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

8:30am ~ Living & Deceased of St. Hilary

10:30am ~ Daniel Callahan

*The 2026 Mass Book for
Announced Masses is now open.*



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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Congratulations to the School & PREP children who received their First Holy Communion recently! Lord, bless our children who have come to your Table.

Nicolas Adamow	John Thomas Bolton, Jr.
Amelia Budney	Anne Budney
Taylor Michael Cohen	Peyton Day
James Delaney	Andriy Dobush
George Dorsey	Greyson Evans
Chloe Ferro	Michael Gillard
Logan Hartsough	Michael Helak
Peyton Howard	Charlotte Kane
Emma Keenan	John Keenan
Colin Daniel McKenna	Lacie Mattern
Alexander Milano	Daniela Motruc
Ustym Mykytchyn	Ryan Niewood
Owen O'Neill	Divinity Savage
Reagan Signarovitz	Brady Smalarz
Cecilia Skoczylas	Aiden Sullivan
	Nora Zimmer



THANKS FOR 40 HOURS PARTICIPATION!

Nothing gives more joy to a pastor than seeing the Church full. Thanks to all of you who made time for these beautiful devotions. It was a moment of grace as we lifted each other up in prayer. Thanks also to Mr. Justin Jue, our Cantors, Lectors, Altar Servers, Student Council, and all our children, especially our First Communion class.

Special thanks to Msgr. Mullin for his energetic reflections on the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation. As he celebrates his 50th Anniversary of Priesthood, we wish him many happy and restful years ahead.

Thank you again to all those who attended our annual Forty Hours at St. Hilary! - - Fr. Murray

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS SCHOOL **PreK Kindergarten Grades 1-8**

During October, you can sign up for CYO winter sports.

The link to sign up for CYO is below:

<https://registration.teamsnap.com/form/40455>

ST. HILARY SCHOOL **RACE FOR EDUCATION**

SHS has started their annual Race for Education, and we ask you to please join us in supporting this fundraiser (last year, over \$45,000 was raised!) St. Hilary's is a special community where students exhibit incredible school pride and enthusiasm. We could not engage in all of the wonderful learning opportunities and fun events without the monetary support of the great St. Hilary families, friends, and terrific parishioners - thank you! Please know that no amount is too small and your support is greatly appreciated!

Race for Education Link:

<https://independent.pledgebrite.org/fund/sthilaryrfe25>

Online donations are open now ~ or instead you can drop an envelope in the weekend collection baskets or black lockbox outside the rectory marked "Race for Education" (please be sure to include your name & address or email). You can make a general donation, or you can donate to a specific child or to faculty.

Thanks so much for your consideration!



Join TuitionCare!

Would you rather send your PA Income Tax money to Harrisburg or redirect it to SHS School?

TuitionCare is a program developed by the Foundation for Catholic Education that allows you to redirect your PA income tax dollars toward St. Hilary of Poitiers School providing a tuition credit for ALL families in Grades K-8! Anyone associated with St. Hilary Parish or School can participate! If you are new to the program, the minimum to redirect is \$1,000. For each participating School or Parish family, the SHS School TuitionCare fund will receive \$1,000 toward tuition credits for K thru 8 families. Much more information can be accessed here via the QR code above, or on www.sainthilaryschool.com. Thank you!



**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US
FOR HOSPITALITY SUNDAY
NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd
AFTER THE 8:30am AND 10:30am
MASSES IN THE PARISH CENTER!**

**PLEASE STOP BY FOR SOME FOOD,
FUN, & FELLOWSHIP!!**



In Catholic tradition, All Saints Day honors all those who have passed on to the Kingdom of Heaven. The Holy Day obligation is suspended in the USA when this solemnity falls on either a Saturday or a Monday.



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
OUR ANNUAL
ALL SOULS MASS
AT ST. HILARY CHURCH ON
SATURDAY, NOV. 1
AT THE 5:00pm MASS**

All Souls Day, also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and the Day of the Dead, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of all those who have died. At the 5pm Mass on Saturday, November 1st, the names of those who died since last November and were buried from St. Hilary Church will be read out loud. Please join us as we pray for all of the deceased in our lives who we keep close to our hearts always.



**BEFORE YOU GO
TO BED NEXT SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 1st**

RANDOM FACTS ABOUT DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME...

- * Ben Franklin first proposed the idea of daylight saving time in 1784 but it didn't become law in the U.S. for the first time until 1918. Then it was repealed in 1919, and it wasn't reinstituted nationwide until 1974 as a way to cope with the energy crisis. It still isn't mandated by federal law, though, so not all states participate.
- * The period of time covered by daylight saving time has changed a few times in the U.S. Prior to 1986, it ran from the last Sunday in April and to the last Sunday in October. In 1986, it changed to the first Sunday in April through the last Sunday of October. The last change began in 2007, with daylight saving time currently running in the U.S. from the 2nd Sunday in March through the 1st Sunday in Nov.
- * The time changes occur at 2:00am, not midnight. It's thought to be a time when the fewest people & businesses will be impacted, since most people will be at home, after most restaurants and bars will already have closed, and before most early shift workers need to be at work.
- * It's daylight "saving" time, not daylight "savings".
- * There's some scientific evidence that our bodies don't handle the time change all that well. One article cites a study that bodies naturally adapt as dawn comes earlier and earlier each day in late winter; but the change to daylight saving time interrupts that gradual process (much like a punch in the face for our Circadian rhythms).
- * The only states that don't currently participate in the time change are Arizona & Hawaii (although there's a small donut-shaped area in the Navajo Nation in Arizona where daylight saving time is observed).

ELECTION BALLOTS FOR ST. HILARY PARISH COUNCIL

The purpose of the Parish Council is to foster full participation of the entire parish in the life and mission of the parish and of the Universal Church.

***** PLEASE CIRCLE UP TO TWO (2) NAMES, CUT OUT THIS SECTION, AND PLACE BALLOT IN THE COLLECTION BASKET, OR YOU CAN DROP IT OFF IN THE RECTORY OFFICE OR IN THE SECURE BLACK LOCKBOX OUTSIDE THE RECTORY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CALL THE RECTORY *****

(must be at least 18 yrs. of age and a member of St. Hilary to participate in nominating)

PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOT BY NOVEMBER 12 ~ THANK YOU!

Chuck Beugless

Joe Kelly

Mike Schell

Shirley Callahan

Matt Matkowski

Christopher Vito

Stacey Ellis

Ashley McVey

Meghan Vito

Thank you for your input and participation in this Parish Council Election!



ST. HILARY'S EAGLES FOOTBALL BLOCK POOL



Week 06 Winners

Steve Farrell and Frank Davis

Week 05 Winners

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Week 04 Winners

Connie Fennell and Fenstermaker Family

Week 03 Winners

Dan & Mary McVey and Terri Supka

Week 02 Winners

Dave Luschini and Gracie DiCiacco

Week 01 Winners

Ed McDonald and Tom Gilton

EFFECTIVE PRAYER IS HUMBLE, YET BOLD

Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you receive it, and you will." (Mark 11:24) The best prayers require the boldness to ask for what we want and the humility to surrender to God's will. Some tips:

- * **Seek Reconciliation**...start with a thorough examination of conscience to see what needs confessing.
- * **Step Aside**...have conversations with our beloved Father, instead of listing demands; put the focus back on Him.
- * **Give Thanks**...each day, honor God as the source of all that is good in your life; it will strengthen our faith in His care.
- * **Act in Faith**...asking God for help with your concerns is a sign of humility and bold faith.



It is with great pleasure to announce that **Jack Greenberg**, one of our very own St Hilary parishioners, has been accepted by Archbishop Perez and has begun studies for priesthood at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as of September 2025! Congratulations to Jack, and his proud family! Let us prayerfully support him as he takes the necessary steps to discern his call more clearly.

ANNUAL BLOCK COLLECTION



Thanks to all those who have already contributed to our annual Parish Block Collection! Your loyalty and care for the needs of the parish have been an inspiration. Your generosity and kindness are appreciated! Thanks & God bless you.
-- Father Murray



Rachel's Vineyard

October is Respect Life month. This year, St. Hilary Parish will be highlighting the important ministry of Rachel's Vineyard, which is a ministry of Priests for Life. The Rachel's Vineyard weekends for healing after abortion as well as after any traumatic pregnancy loss are offered during the year in locations across the US and Canada, with additional sites around the world. **During October, there will be baskets for monetary donations for Rachel's Vineyard.** Thanks!



St. Hilary Knights of Columbus In Service to One. In Service to All.

Thanks to all the St. Hilary Parishioners for their kind and generous donations the past two weekends for the poor and homeless in Kensington.

Officers Meeting ~ Oct. 29 at 7pm in the Rectory
Members Meeting ~ Nov. 5 at 7pm in the Rectory

Please see today's "insert" for information about the upcoming Advent Scripture Series



WE CAN LEARN A LESSON FROM THE GEESE

Geese fly in a "V" formation. They do this to conserve energy, and the birds take turns being in the front, falling back when they get tired, and it is easier to keep track of every bird in the group. Flying in a formation may assist with the communication and coordination within the group as well. The geese fly unitedly in a format that teaches us to develop our inner qualities and philosophy toward our journey called life. If we unite and stay together with those who move in the same direction as us, just like geese, our effort will be less, and it will be easier and more pleasant to reach the goals. People get the best results if they support themselves in hard times, if they respect each other at all times, sharing problems & the most difficult jobs. If we learn the true value of bonding, if we are aware of the feeling of sharing and caring, life will be simpler and more beautiful. So let's see together today what we can learn from the geese!

SAINT HILARY'S 55+ SPIRIT CLUB

St. Hilary's 55+ Spirit Club will have its next meeting on Wednesday, November 19th. New members are always welcome - we are a fun and welcoming group! You don't need to be a parishioner to join the group. Please call Ro Schell at 215-206-5313 or Mike Schell at 215-206-4530 with any questions. Hope to see you on Nov. 15th! Thanks!

Missionary Disciple Prayer

Good and Gracious God,
Your Son, Jesus Christ, invites all
people to follow Him and become His Dis-
ciples. Touch our hearts, enlighten our
minds, and stir our spirit.

Help us daily to take up our Cross and
follow Him: by living His Word and
proclaiming his Good News to those
around us.

May our faith in you increase;
may our hunger for the Gospel intensify
and may our souls be strengthened as we
are *Called to be a Missionary Disciple* and
learn to love one another
as He has loved us. Amen.

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, Michele Kelly, Tina Savarino, 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, Anne Visco, Daniel Hare, BJ Verdon, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Martha Serdner, Theresa Williams, Bob Donnolly, Ilda Leal, Isaiah Walter, Regina Carberry, Scott Paris, Ben Paris, Michelle Hannah, Michael Keough, Joanne McKee, Jamie Leal, Helen Toland, Maryanne Powell, Sandra Rogers, Timothy Funk, Michelle Stuetz, Kim Huntoweski, Ariel Cleveland, Mary Garcia, Soon Lee

*Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:
Deacon Clement McGovern*

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH

WEEKEND MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

8 AM on Monday thru Friday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4 – 4:45 PM; Sundays in Lent after 10:30am Mass

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

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in the Eucharist demands great
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STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

October 19, 2025

Sunday Offering: \$4,563

Electronic Giving: \$3,108

Total: \$7,671

October 20, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$4,413

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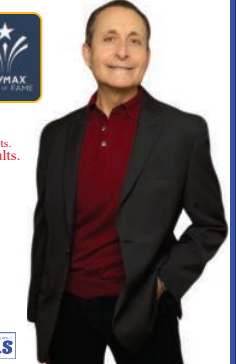
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