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MAY 4, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

FOLLOW ME

John 21:19



PASTOR'S CORNER

"Do You Love Me?"

Rumors were beginning to circulate that Jesus had risen from the dead. Can you imagine what the Apostles must have thought? What would Jesus say to them, the ones who utterly failed Him in His hour of need? After a night of fishing without any success, they came to shore. A charcoal fire catches their eyes. For Peter, it must have been a painful flashback...for on Holy Thursday night, it was at a fire that he denied Jesus three times.

However, the fire Jesus prepared was a fire of mercy and healing. All Jesus wanted to know from Peter was if he still loved Him. Peter says, "Yes, I love you!" But the word for love here is the Greek translation of *philos*. What Peter is saying is that his love is imperfect and not as it should be, not what it could be, not what he wishes it to be. Peter's humility and honesty was enough for Jesus...so much so that Jesus appoints Peter as head of the Church. Peter realizes success rests not on his own power, but on the power of God's grace.

Like Peter, our love for God may not be as it should be. Our sins have disrupted our relationship with Him. At times, we have betrayed and hurt people we love. Despite our imperfections, Jesus always provides room for reconciliation through the sacrament of Penance. He provides a nourishing meal of recovery through the Holy Eucharist. Like Peter, may we plunge ourselves into the waters of faith and say with renewed hope, "I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me!"

Happy Easter,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

5:00pm Vigil ~ Henry and Marie Fajt

8:30am ~ Madeleine Kelly

10:30am ~ Timothy Dempsey

Monday, May 5, 2025

8:00am ~ Gaetanna Monterosso

8:30am - 4:00pm ~ Adoration of the Blessed

*** 7:00pm ~ Miraculous Medal Devotion (see pg. 5)*

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

8:00am ~ Jeff Bernauer

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

8:00am ~ Joseph DeGrazia III

Thursday, May 8, 2025

8:00am ~ Bernard Gliwa

Friday, May 9, 2025

8:00am ~ Daniel J. Murray

Saturday, May 10, 2025

5:00pm ~ Lidia Yaticilla

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30am ~ Patsy Whalen

10:30am ~ Christine Schroeder



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

THANK YOU AGAIN!

I know that the idea of snow is far back in our minds now but with our high snow removal bills this winter, it is still hanging around - but your assistance has been SO very remarkable! Thank you to everyone who contributed to this...parishioners, 55+ Spirit Group, and SHS students. Many thanks for your kindness & generosity! - Fr. Murray

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Missionary Hubs in the Archdiocese

On January 5, 2025, Arch. Perez released a pastoral letter regarding the future of the Church of Philadelphia. In it, he discussed 2 primary challenges facing the church today - the first problem is many of our fellow Catholics have drifted away from the church and do not regularly attend Mass. In fact, 83% of baptized Catholics don't come to church. The second problem is that there continues to be a shortage of priests across the Archdiocese. In his letter, he reiterates that he did not become the Archbishop to close parishes; he came here to "build up the Church of Philadelphia." In an attempt to reverse the trend and build up the church, he announced the creation of Missionary Hubs across the diocese. A hub is an initiative planted in a local community, most likely within an existing parish setting. It will be focused on missionary outreach for a region within a county and serve a group of existing parishes. It will include various Catholic ministries and invite people into a relationship with Jesus Christ. A hub is designed to help our parish communities focus on the 83% of those who don't come through the church doors. Missionary Hubs are not intended to replace existing parishes. Rather, they are designed to enrich, supplement, and actively support parish life. Hubs are meant to work alongside and in collaboration with existing parishes. In cases where there are not sufficient priests to assign to each parish, parishes served by the Missionary Hub may be led by a Parish Life Director instead of a priest. The Archdiocese has created a website with more info and videos about this change, which the Archbishop plans to roll out in phases over the next decade. You can access the website at trustandhope.org.



***** We will also have someone from the Archdiocese visit St. Hilary's NEXT Saturday, May 10 from 10am to 12pm in Church for an information session. Please join us!**

MEN'S RETREAT

Our Men's Retreat was very successful! We had about 30 participants who spent the morning of April 12 reflecting, praying, and praising the Lord. This Lenten Retreat was directed by Msgr. Hank McKee who had inspirational stories and insights to the faith. Many thanks to him and to all our men who took part in this





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MANNA BAGS will be distributed at all of our Masses this weekend. Kindly return your filled Manna Bag on Saturday, May 17 or Sunday, May 18. **Canned items in greatest need are:**

beef stew tuna fish fruit
vegetables pasta soups pork & beans

The donations will be going to St. Katharine Drexel Food Pantry and will be getting picked up on May 19. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration in helping those in emergency situations.

THANK YOU, Pope Francis

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

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\$10. Big prizes!

Individual
Raffle Tickets can be
purchased
after 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 tickets). 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!

(If you sold a packet of tickets, please return them
to the Rectory asap in the secure black lockbox
outside the Rectory any time, for your convenience,
or return them in the weekend collection basket.)

FRITZ'S STICKY BUNS

**They are back by popular demand NEXT
weekend, May 10th/11th after all Masses
(while supplies last) and we will
have more iced ones!**

\$15 for box of six (no pre-orders)

Thanks for participating!



2025-26 PREP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

PREP Registration is now open for Grades 1-7. Please
go to www.sthilarypoitiers.org to register for PREP; you
can then drop payment to the Rectory. Contact Noreen
at sthilaryprep@gmail.com with questions.



ST. HILARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MEMBERS MEETING

ON THURS., MAY 8

7:00pm IN THE RECTORY

All men - members and those interested - are
encouraged and welcome to attend the
Members Meeting on May 7. Thanks!

LENT & EASTER THANKS!

Deepest thanks to all who traveled with us during the season
of our Lent and Easter celebrations. Your presence at daily
Mass, Stations of the Cross, and our Scripture Studies was
much appreciated. I am most grateful to all our Volunteers,
Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Altar Servers, and Choir
Members for your prayerful leadership and participation. Our
Church looks so beautiful and inviting - many thanks to our
loyal volunteers who spent Holy Saturday decorating our
Sanctuary. Finally, special thanks for all who donated to our
Easter Flowers as well as our Easter Sunday Offering. May
this season of Easter refresh our spirits in newfound hope that
the Risen Lord brings to all our lives!
- - Fr. Murray



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED AND
CONFIRMED AT THE EASTER VIGIL,
MICHAEL GERARD DOWNES AND MELISSA ELIZABETH BAUER**

**We pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit that they will be
steadfast & courageous in professing the faith. God bless them!**

ST. HILARY 19th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025
North Hills Country Club**

Golf Package (\$220pp) All Inclusive:

- Golf - Cart - BBQ Lunch
- Dinner (beer, wine & soda) - Awards

GREAT Raffle Prizes!!! Please join us!

Brochures for this fun Golf Tournament are in the
Church and Rectory. Any questions, please call the
Rectory at 215-884-3252 or
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**PRAYER OF DEVOTION TO
OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL**

*Virgin Mother of God, Mary Immaculate,
I unite myself to you under your title of
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal.
May this medal be for me
a sure sign of your motherly affection
and a constant reminder of my devotion to you.
While wearing it, may I be blessed
by your loving protection and
preserved in the grace of your Son.
Most powerful virgin, Mother of our Savior,
keep me close to you every moment of my life
so that like you, I may live and act
according to the teaching and example of Jesus.
Keep me as your faithful child
that I may follow your example throughout life
and enjoy heaven forever with you.
Amen.*



As we honor Mary during this month of May, we hope that you please join us for our Miraculous Medal Novena on three Mondays in Church at 7:00pm

Mondays: May 5th, 12th & 19th @ 7pm

The Miraculous Medal was given to Saint Catherine Laboure by the Virgin Mary through a series of three apparitions.

"Behold, your Mother! And from that hour," the Gospel continues, "the disciple took her into his home." (John 19:27)



ST. HILARY RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE will again be participating in the Pro-Life Union's Baby Bottle Campaign and this year, 100% of the contributions will be donated to the Pro-Life Union for their Guiding Star Ministries Maternity Home. The home provides housing, counseling, training, and a range of other services to pregnant women. Members of the Respect Life Committee will be distributing the baby bottles at the church entrances after every Mass this weekend, May 3/4. We respectfully request that you fill them with loose change and bills. The bottles will then be collected by the members after all the Masses on the weekend of May 17/18. **Thank you!!**

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".



At the Last Supper, Jesus said, "This is my body... this is the cup of my blood" (Matthew 26:26-28) over the bread and wine, and so it was. He commanded His Apostles, and the priests after them, to do the same at every Mass (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1375)

When we receive Communion, we're literally heart-to-heart with Jesus. The details are a mystery, but that doesn't stop Jesus from coming to us, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, in the Eucharist.

Ladies Auxiliary of Mary

Thursday, May 22

7:00pm in Parish Center

Come celebrate with us as we dedicate our night to our Blessed Mother to honor her in the month of May! The Ladies

Auxiliary gather to connect with each other and grow in faith. All women are welcome! Weather permitting, we will start the meeting outside by the Blessed Mother Statue to the right of the Church to pray the Rosary. Please join us! If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Ellis at scallah9@aol.com



Updated St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club News:

The St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club next meeting will be **Wednesday, May 21**. We will be entertained by the professional actor, director & educator, Neil Hartley, who is Franklin Delano Roosevelt in the captivating one-man show which is set against the background of the 1930s and the Great Depression. Experience and hear FDR's famous "fireside" chats and learn of the programs created through the New Deal. As usual, refreshments will be served. 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 questions, please call Ro Schell at 215-206-5313, Mike Schell at 215-206-4530, or Rosesylvia McDonald at 215-219-0651. Looking forward to seeing you on May 21; doors open at 9am & meeting starts at 10am.

"A Patient is a person, matter how small."

-- William Lile, M.D.

Please attend the most amazing & heartwarming presentation ever delivered by a pro-life physician.

**Thursday, May 8, 2025 from 7:30-9:00pm
St. Katherine Parish Center
9700 Frankford Ave., Philadelphia 19114**

There is no charge for this event, sponsored by St. Katherine Parish's Respect Life Committee and others. For add'l info, contact Mike at 215-393-3610

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. 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, 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, Donna Cunningham, Joanne McKee, Jamie Leal, Helen Toland, Maryanne Powell

***Please pray for the souls of
all of the deceased***

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

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.

2025 "ANNOUNCED" MASSES STILL AVAILABLE

There are still Masses (weekend and daily) remaining in 2025 if you'd like to have a Mass said for deceased loved ones. Call the Rectory at 215-884-3252 or you can email sthilaryrydal@gmail.com with any questions, or stop by the Rectory during business hours. Thanks!



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