

# St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

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FEBRUARY 15, 2026

*SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*



LET YOUR 'YES' MEAN 'YES,'  
AND YOUR 'NO' MEAN 'NO.'

MATTHEW 5:37

## PASTOR'S CORNER

**"Keep the commandments and they will save you."**

- - Sirach 15

St. Paul today writes that "we speak God's wisdom." This wisdom became personified in Jesus Christ. Jesus' words are challenging for sure. He reminds us not just to avoid sins, like murder or adultery - we must also be mindful of those unchecked faults that lead to these serious sins...faults like anger, jealousy, resentment, gossip, harsh words, and lust. Words can kill and hurt just as much as any weapon. Pornography and lustful thoughts can be just as serious as adultery if left unchecked. Jesus calls us today to break the links of anger and impurity that will lead to serious sin. Avoiding uncontrollable anger can lead to an end to conflict. Being committed to purity can bring an end to infidelity, and to be committed to telling the truth can bring about greater integrity.

These struggles may be painful and call for sacrifice. It may seem like someone is "tearing out your eye or cutting off your arm." Spiritual operation on the soul can bring suffering just as an operation on the body. Yet operations on the soul or body are sometimes necessary for healing to take place. The psalmist sings, "Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord." Discipline and sacrifice, Jesus assures us, will always lead to happiness and a greater sense of well-being.

God Bless,  
Father Murray



## Mass Intentions for the Week

**Sunday, February 15, 2026**

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5:00pm ~ Joseph Magee III

8:30am ~ Anna Vasturia

10:30am ~ Paul Varallo

**Monday, February 16, 2026**

8:00am ~ Carmen Scalfaro, Jr.

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

**Tuesday, February 17, 2026**

*The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*

8:00am ~ Ray and Kathleen McCabe

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026**

*Ash Wednesday*

8:00am ~ Stanley & Pauline Betley

10:00am ~ Living & Deceased of St. Hilary

7:00pm ~ Living & Deceased of St. Hilary

**Thursday, February 19, 2026**

8:00am ~ Kevin Charles Gallagher

**Friday, February 20, 2026**

8:00am ~ William Johnston

**Saturday, February 21, 2026**

5:00pm ~ Bandura Family

**Sunday, February 22, 2026**

*First Sunday of Lent*

8:30am ~ John, Rose, and Henry McErlean

10:30am ~ Gerard and Rita Passanante

*Announced Masses still available for 2026*

*Stations of the Cross will begin on March 5*



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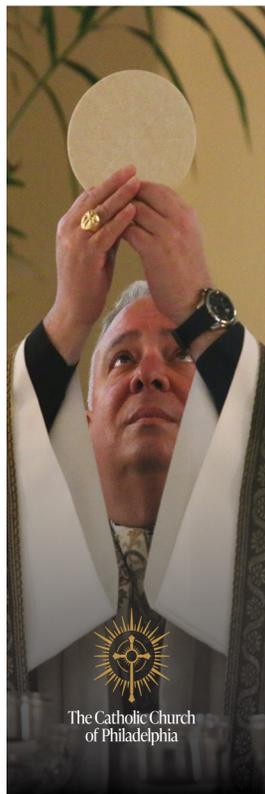
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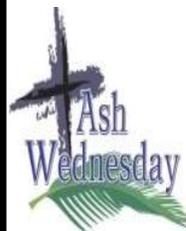


**SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR NEW STUDENTS AS WELL AS RETURNING STUDENTS FOR THE 2026-27 YEAR IS NOW OPEN FOR PREK - 8th!**



## ASH WEDNESDAY IS THIS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026

**MASSES are at 8:00am, 10:00am and 7:00pm  
(Ashes are given out during Mass)**



The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, February 18, on all the Fridays of Lent, and on Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age & older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, which we have on Mondays, is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.

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Drawing will be held Sunday, May 24, 2026,  
after the 10:30AM Mass.

Each raffle ticket is \$10.  
Great prizes to be had!

Raffle Tickets will be on sale after all Masses at  
two of the Church entrances.

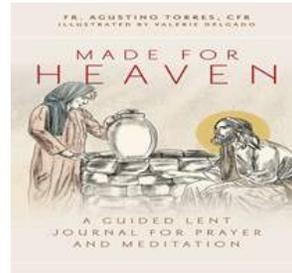
Raffle Tickets will also be on sale in the  
Rectory Mondays thru Thursdays from 8:30am to  
4:00pm (closed from 12-1pm).

\*\* 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 Instruc-  
tion Sheet included. Please stop by the table af-  
ter Mass 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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IN  
PARTICIPATING IN THIS  
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**PLEASE JOIN US  
FOR OUR LENTEN SCRIPTURE SERIES ~  
YOUR CHOICE OF TWO DIFFERENT SESSIONS!**



**STARTS FEB. 17th**  
Take a Lenten Journey  
with Fr. Agustino Torres,  
CFR, this Lent to reorient  
your life toward God -  
through prayer, fasting,  
and almsgiving - and learn  
that you are made for  
heaven!

**Made for Heaven...this 6-Week Lenten Series will  
be offered by Kathy Lill on six Tuesdays at  
1:30pm in the Rectory (Feb. 17th, Feb. 24th,  
March 3rd, March 10th, March 17th, March 24th)**  
Offering: \$15  
Register: Call the Rectory at 215-884-3252 or email  
to sthilaryrydal@gmail.com  
\*\*\* Please register & pick up your book from the  
Rectory before the first session...thanks!



**STARTS FEB. 25th**  
Bishop Robert Barron's  
exploration of Catholicism  
is deeply rooted in the lives  
of the saints, as he seeks to  
capture the essence of the  
faith through the stories  
and teachings of those who  
have lived out their faith.

**This 4-Week Series, "God's Friends in Heaven and  
On Earth", will be offered by Fr. Murray on  
four Wednesdays at 7:00pm in the Rectory  
(Feb. 25th, March 4th, March 11th, March 18th)**

Register: Call the Rectory at 215-884-3252 or email  
to sthilaryrydal@gmail.com

Week 1: St. Peter & St. Paul

Week 2: St. Katharine Drexel and St. Teresa  
(Little Flower)

Week 3: St. Edith Stein & St. Theresa of Calcutta

Week 4: St. John of the Cross & St. Teresa of  
Avila

**MASS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND  
PRESENTATION OF ANNIVERSARY AWARDS**

**CONGRATULATIONS  
CATHY KNIELE**

who received the Our Lady of Guadalupe Award for her  
15 years of volunteer service as a  
PREP Catechist at St. Hilary!

Thank you to Cathy for sharing her time & talent at  
St. Hilary Parish!

**ST. HILARY ("Not-So-Super")  
SUPER BOWL BLOCK POOL WINNERS**

**MANY THANKS TO BOB LATTANZI,  
OUR FOOTBALL BLOCK POOL EXPERT!  
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PARISH ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

*St. Hilary Parish made \$3,000 from the  
3 Super Bowl Block Pools,  
and paid out \$4,500 in winnings!  
We sold out all 300 Super Bowl blocks!!*

**Below are the big winners from the  
Super Bowl Block Pools ~ Congratulations!**

Nina Skoczylas	\$663
Justin Muttreja	\$613
Donna Martin	\$613
Bob Tate	\$285
Maggie Looby	\$285
Jeff Long	\$285
Megan Peppard	\$201
Mosie Barrett	\$201
Mary & Dan McVey	\$201
Dave Schein	\$201
Foley Family	\$201
Gerry Montague	\$201

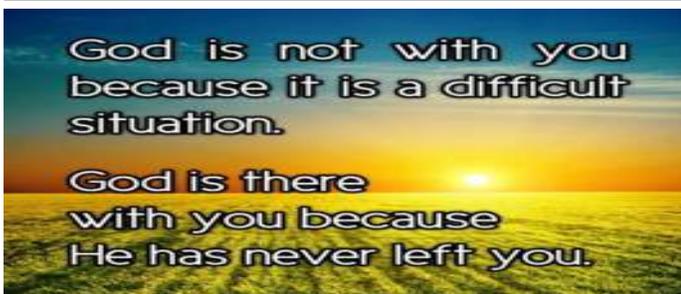
**\$50 Winners:**

Frank & Mary Davis	Bridget McErlean
Roy & Carol Stein	Grandkids

**\$25 Winners:**

Pop Ogre Hartey	Father Murray
Gracie DiCiacco	Brenner Family
Roseann Schell	Wylesol Family
Pat McElroy	Drumm Family
Stuart & Karen Skinner	Diane Davis
Frankie McCarron	Rick Alegado
George & Lois Dasey	Billy B Brazukas
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**THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!**



**SAVE THE DATE & MARK YOUR CALENDARS!  
MEN & YOUNG MEN'S RETREAT  
SATURDAY, MARCH 21st  
ST. HILARY PARISH CENTER 8:30am-1:00pm  
**Theme:** St. Joseph the Man ~  
Protector, Builder, Husband, and Father  
**Retreat Master:** Rev. Stephen DeLacy  
**Cost:** \$20 (includes Continental Breakfast & Lunch)  
**More info to follow in upcoming Bulletins!****

**LADIES AUXILIARY OF MARY**  
Due to Confirmation being on Feb. 26, the regular meeting is being pushed to **Thursday, March 5 at 7:00pm** in the Parish Center - all women are welcome to join us for the Rosary and monthly meeting! Call Stacey w/ questions 215-896-3424.



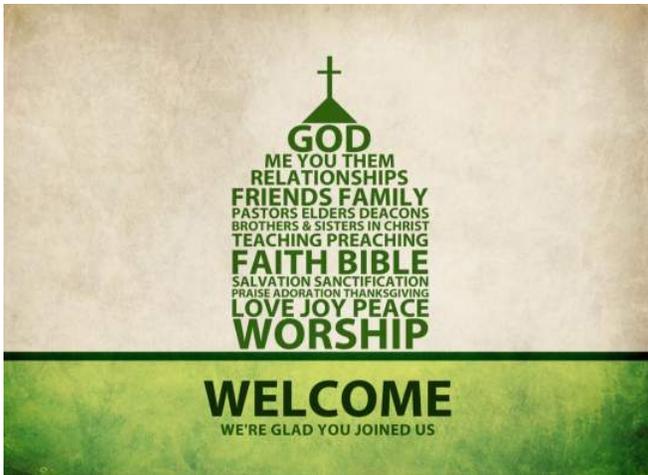
**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**  
**FEBRUARY 18 - MARCH 29**  
*You are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood located on Comly Road & Roosevelt Boulevard and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. To sign up or for more information, please go to [www.40daysforlife.com](http://www.40daysforlife.com)*

 **Congratulations again to  
St. Hilary Knights of Columbus**  
who received the Father McGivney Award in recognition of their growing membership!

- DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?**  
*In the words of Pope Francis*
- \* Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
  - \* Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
  - \* Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
  - \* Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
  - \* Fast from worries and have trust in God.
  - \* Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
  - \* Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
  - \* Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
  - \* Fast from selfishness & be compassionate to others.
  - \* Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
  - \* Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

## SAINT HILARY'S 55+ SPIRIT CLUB

St. Hilary's 55+ Spirit Club will have its next meeting on Wed., March 18. New members are always welcome - we are a fun & welcoming group! You don't need to be a parish member to join. If you have questions, please call Ro Schell at 215-206-5313 or Mike Schell at 215-206-4530.



### THANK YOU FROM GIRL SCOUT TROOP 71507

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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, please call Virginia at 215-663-1418.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:

Michael Dooley, Jack Avak, Michael Brown, Nicolas Lid-  
dy, Bob Kilcoyne, Mary Jane Namola, Elizabeth Dieckman, Sophia Southerling, TJ McDonald, Ahmed Abdul, Sal Sermania, Sue Masantonina, Angela Gavin, William Hartner, Mary Jane Hummel, 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, Fidelity Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Martha Srdner, 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, Thomas Decicico, Jr., Irene Tucci

*Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:*  
John O'Malley Fred Kuss Mary Ganly

## 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:

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Fridays 8:30am to noon

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**THANK YOU** to all those who kindly & generously contributed to our first Snow Removal bill! To-date, we have received \$4,820 from your kind & generous snow removal donations!

**Our "updated" snow removal bills now total \$14,475.**

If you'd like to contribute, please mark an envelope "Snow Removal" and put it in the collection basket at Mass or drop it in the secure black lockbox outside the Rectory at any time of night or day. Thanks so much for your consideration!

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

**February 8, 2026**

Sunday Offering: \$9,412

Electronic Giving: \$3,830

**Total: \$13,242**

**February 9, 2025**

Sunday Offering: \$5,036

Electronic Giving: \$3,426

**Total: \$8,462**

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