

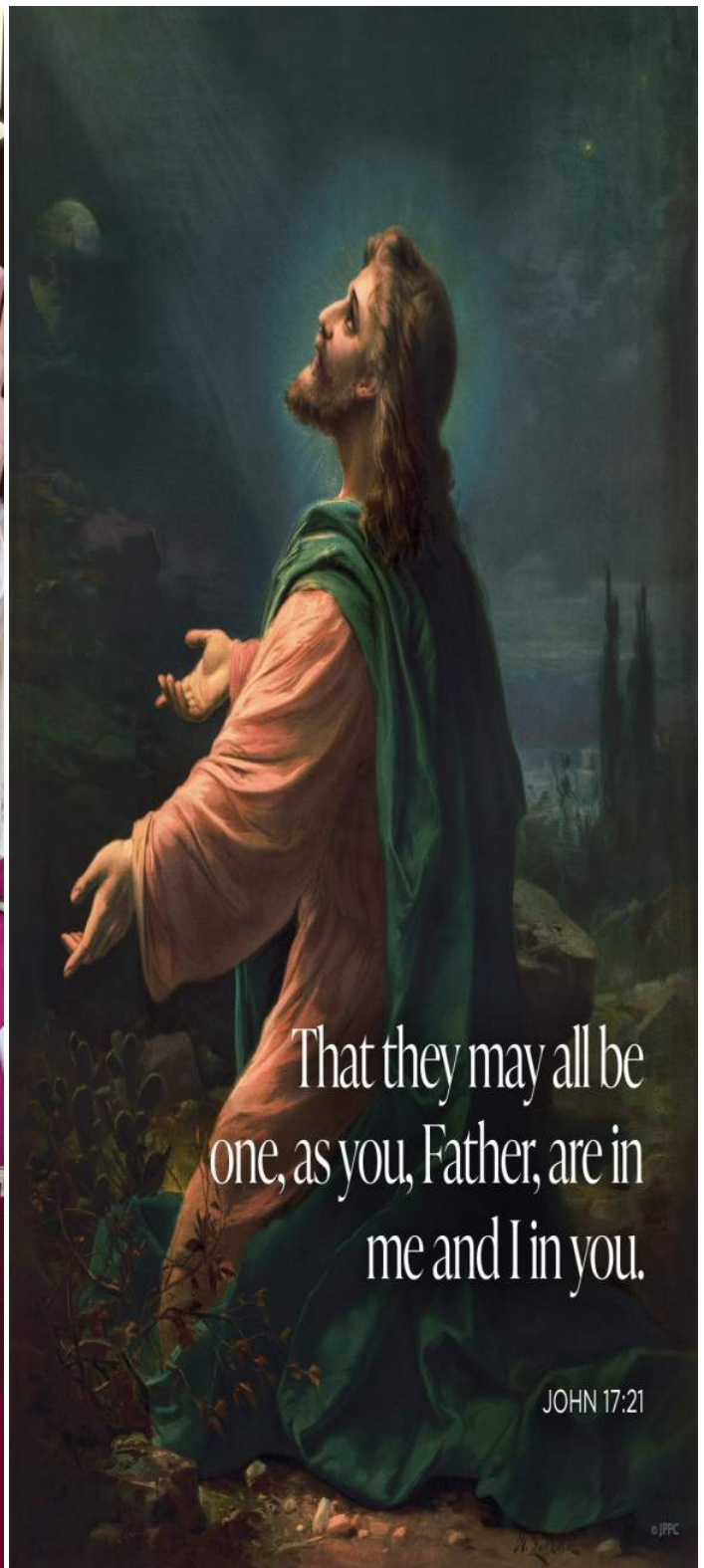
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JUNE 1, 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



PASTOR'S CORNER

"I pray that all may be one as the Father and I are one." (John 17:20)

In one of my last conversations I had with my mother before she died, she expressed her gratitude to God and for her family. Her final instruction was that my brothers and sisters would care always for each other, and strive to always be at peace. Final hours with people we love are grace-filled moments. In the gospel, we hear of Jesus' final conversation with His family before His death. It is called the Farewell Discourse. His wish was "that all may be one, as He and the Father are one."

The community life that Jesus shared with His Father and the Holy Spirit energized His life. It was the source of His greatest security and strength in times of darkness, and inspiration when hope began to fade. Now we are invited to be part of that most sacred community. We can be an answer to Jesus' prayer "that all may be one." It may call for sacrifice, to let go of our pride and hurts, to initiate the peace process, especially in struggling relationships. Human relationships will surely test the soul. The efforts for peace may seem beyond reach and our own willpower. Yet now as part of the sacred community of Father, Son, and Spirit, all things are possible.

We come to the Eucharist, to our Risen Lord, the Alpha and Omega, of our faith. We hear His voice, "Come." Come and receive a power greater than your own, the power of love and grace that makes all things new.

Happy Easter,
Father Murray



I AND MY FATHER ARE ONE

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter

5:00pm Vigil ~ Shirley Kennedy

8:30am ~ Timothy Merlini & Family

10:30am ~ William P. Hughes, Sr.

Monday, June 2, 2025

Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

8:00am ~ Sister Martinas Murray and

Farrell Murray

(Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed after daily Mass.)

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

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

8:00am ~ Agnes Irene Sheridan

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

8:00am ~ Helen Monahan

Thursday, June 5, 2025

Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

8:00am ~ Joseph and Joan Gallagher

Friday, June 6, 2025

Saint Norbert, Bishop

8:00am ~ John Kohlbrenner

Saturday, June 7, 2025

5:00pm ~ Stephen Emrich

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday

8:30am ~ William and Rosemary Wynne

10:30am ~ Mike and Peggie Lyons

ST. HILARY WEDNESDAY NIGHT ROSARY GROUP

Please join us this Wednesday evening at 7:00pm on the first floor of the Parish Center to pray the Rosary. All are welcome! This will be the last one until Fall. For more info contact Maria Greenberg at mariastell72@gmail.com

CHECK OUT THE ST. HILARY PARISH TWITTER ACCOUNT, INSTAGRAM, AND FACEBOOK PAGE!

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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.





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Thanks to all those who attended the information session presented by the Archdiocese. Thank you also to Anthony Cesarini for setting this up with the Archdiocese, and for Todd & Stacey Ellis who were on hand to organize the gathering.



St. Hilary of Poitiers PARISH COUNCIL

We ask our parish members to prayerfully consider new members to join our present Parish Council members. New members are elected and appointed as well by the pastor. At least 6 new members will be chosen by election or appointment.

Please submit one name on the Ballot below, after you have consulted with your nominee. Nominees must:

- * Have an active prayer life
- * Be a registered member of St. Hilary Church
- * Have a deep love and reverence for the Eucharist witnessed by regular Sunday Mass attendance
- * Actively strive to support and live out the moral teachings of the Church
- * If married, be married validly by the Church

After the nomination ballots are collected and approved, we will then have our election.

Please return the Ballot below to the Rectory or in black lockbox outside the Rectory by June 3rd.

***** Detach below, and return by 6/3/25 ~ thank you!**

Dear Father Murray,

I'd like to nominate _____ for election to the Parish Council.

Your Name

Additional Comments: _____

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

Each raffle ticket is
\$10. Big prizes!

Individual Raffle
Tickets are also on
sale in the Rectory
THIS Monday thru
THIS Thursday from
8:30am to 4:00pm
(closed from 12-1pm)

**THANKS TO ALL
WHO SOLD AND
PURCHASED TIX!**

***** If you sold a packet of tickets,
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THIS COMING TUESDAY, JUNE 3 to the
Rectory in the secure black lockbox
outside the Rectory any time of night or
day, for your convenience, or drop
them off in the Rectory this coming
Monday or Tuesday during business
hours. NO TICKETS can be returned in
the collection basket at Masses next
weekend.**

**Join us next Sunday after 10:30 Mass
in the Parish Center for the drawings!**



PREP REGISTRATION
(Parish Religious Education Program)
AT ST. HILARY PARISH

PREP registration for 2025-2026 is now
underway. Classes are Tuesdays at 6:30pm.

***** You need to register online by going to
sthilarypoitiers.org; click "Register PREP"**

You can drop off payment in the secure black
lockbox outside the Rectory at any time, for
your convenience, or mail it to the Rectory.
Also, 1st graders need a copy of their baptism
certificate, which can also be dropped off or
mailed. Any questions, please contact Noreen
Forkin at sthilaryprep@gmail.com. Thanks!



**ST. HILARY
19th ANNUAL
GOLF TOURNAMENT
THIS MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025
North Hills Country Club**

*Have fun and thank you to all who signed up for this fun
annual event, and for all who helped sponsor this day!*

Faith

*is when you praise God in the storm,
you trust Him in the valley,
and you follow Him in the dark.
If God is the reason why
you are still breathing,
praise Him. Amen.*



ST. HILARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MEMBERS MEETING
ON THURSDAY, JUNE 5
7:00pm in the Parish Center

**"People are often unreasonable and self-centered.
Forgive them anyway.**

**If you are kind, people may accuse you of
ulterior motives.**

Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you.

Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

**Give the world the best you have and it may
never be enough.**

Give your best anyway.

**For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.
It was never between you and them anyway."**



Mother Teresa

FRITZ'S STICKY BUNS

**After Masses NEXT WEEKEND
Sat., June 7 and Sunday, June 8;
\$15 per box of 6, while supplies last.**

(We ordered more iced ones!)

Thank you for participating in this fundraiser!



BLESSED VIRGIN MARY QUIZ

1. **What is the Immaculate Conception?**
 - ___ The virgin birth of Jesus Christ
 - ___ The preservation of Mary from original sin
 - ___ The sinless state of Mary at the moment of her death
 - ___ The announcement from the Angel Gabriel that God wanted Mary to give birth to the Redeemer
2. **Where did the angel Gabriel appear to Mary when he asked her to be the Mother of the Redeemer?**
 - ___ Bethlehem ___ Jerusalem
 - ___ Nazareth of Galilee ___ Egypt
3. **How old was Jesus when Mary and Joseph presented Him at the Temple in Jerusalem?**
 - ___ three weeks old ___ one year old
 - ___ eight days old ___ forty days old
4. **How many Marian dogmas has the Catholic Church proclaimed?**
 - ___ five ___ four ___ three ___ two
5. **When does the Catholic Church celebrate the birthday of Mary?**
 - ___ August 15 ___ September 8
 - ___ January 1 ___ December 8
6. **Which Marian Prayer is recorded in the Gospel of Luke?**
 - ___ The Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 - ___ The Angelus
 - ___ Hail, Holy Queen
 - ___ Magnificat, or Canticle of Mary
7. **Mary is said to be descended from which character of the Old Testament through her father?**
 - ___ Aaron ___ Naomi
 - ___ Rebekah ___ David
8. **When Mary appeared to St. Philomena in her cell in the dungeon, she compared herself to what celestial body?**
 - ___ moon ___ star ___ sun ___ comet

(answers are on the last page)



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".

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED "LADIES NIGHT OUT" AND THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO WORKED HARD FOR THIS EVENT!



UPDATED 55+ SPIRIT NEWS:

The 55+ Senior Spirit Club ~ next meeting will be Wednesday, June 18 beginning at 10am in the Parish Center. This will be the last meeting until the Fall. Please join us! Thanks!

THINGS TO PONDER...

- If the #2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still #2?
- Why do we drive on parkways & park on driveways?
- Why do “fat chance” & “slim chance” mean the same?
- Why do people say “heads up” when you should duck?
- Why isn’t “phonetic” spelled the way it sounds?
- Why are you “in” a movie, but “on” TV?
- Why are there no “B” batteries?
- Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?
- Why is a “pair” of eyeglasses just one item?

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ:

1. The preservation of Mary from original sin
 2. Nazareth of Galilee 3. Eight days old
 4. Four 5. September 8
 6. Magnificat, or Cantic of Mary
 7. David 8. Moon
- Thanks for playing!*

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

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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.

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TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

May 18, 2025

Sunday Offering: \$3,814

Electronic Giving: \$2,347

Total: \$6,161

May 19, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$5,064

Electronic Giving: \$3,145

Total: \$8,209

May 11, 2025

Sunday Offering: \$4,439

Electronic Giving: \$2,516

Total: \$6,955

May 12, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$5,878

Electronic Giving: \$2,683

Total: \$8,561

May 4, 2025

Sunday Offering: \$4,060

Electronic Giving: \$3,171

Total: \$7,231

May 5, 2024

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