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DECEMBER 7, 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PEACE



PASTOR'S CORNER

"PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD"

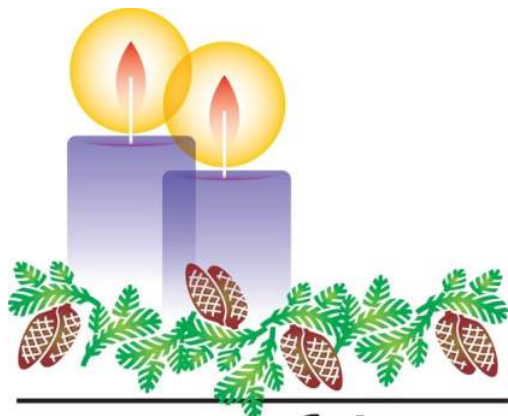
-- Matthew 3:1-12

In our First Reading today, Isaiah laments that his world is falling apart. His once prosperous nation is in utter ruin. Yet he remains a person of hope that the majestic Israel, now a mere stump, will come to life again. A new king is coming to rule...not with weapons of war, but with mercy. It is God's mercy that will enable the "wolf to be a guest of the lamb, the calf and lion browse together, and that a little child will lead them."

Jesus Christ is the child of Isaiah's dream. Advent is now our call to follow the Lord's lead. Pope Francis reminds us that we must be willing to be lead; to come out of ourselves and to find the God of perpetual surprises. The wolf and the lamb, the calf and the lion, are within us all. They are present within our struggle between good and evil, and within the pride that wants our will to be done, not God's.

The little child comes to us today humbly in the Eucharist. May we derive hope from His lessons of mercy and prepare a way for Him to enter our minds and hearts. His presence within will be a source of unending hope, no matter the situation. This is the season "to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day."

Happy Advent,
Father Murray



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

5:00pm Vigil ~ Raymond Luschini

8:30am ~ Willard and Anna Gould

10:30am ~ Leanora Verdi

Monday, December 8, 2025

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(holyday of obligation)

8:00am ~ Patsy Whalen

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

7:00pm ~ Celeste Tate

*** *No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament today*

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

8:00am ~ Joseph Kattner

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Our Lady of Loreto

8:00am ~ Carmen Scalfaro

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Saint Damasus I, Pope

8:00am ~ Edward Metzger

Friday, December 12, 2025

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am ~ Verna Cauvin

Saturday, December 13, 2025

5:00pm ~ Kathleen Weiseman

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

8:30am ~ William and Anna Sheerin

10:30am ~ Daniel Callahan

The 2026 Mass Book for Announced Masses is open.



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**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:**

**Monday, Dec. 8 at
8:00am, 10:00am, and 7:00pm
(all holyday Masses are on Monday,
Dec.8 — no Vigil Mass on Dec. 7)**

On this holyday of obligation, we
commemorate that Mary was conceived in
St. Anne's womb without Original Sin.



Please take a moment to read this quote of St. Pope Francis. It's fitting for believers & non-believers alike.

"You can have flaws, be anxious and even be angry, but do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world. Only you can stop it from failing. You are appreciated, admired, and loved by so many. Remember that being happy is not having a sky without a storm, a road without accidents, a job without effort, a relationship without disappointments. To be happy is to stop feeling like a victim and become the author of your own fate. It's walking through deserts, but being able to find an oasis deep in the soul. It is thanking God every morning for the miracle of life. It's kissing your children, cuddling your parents, having poetic moments with your friends, even when they hurt us. Being happy is letting the creature that lives in each of us live free, joyful & simple. You have the maturity to be able to say, 'I've made mistakes' and it's having the courage to say you're sorry. It's having the sense to say, 'I need you' and having the ability to say, 'I love you'. May your life become a garden of opportunities for happiness. And when you make a mistake, start over. Because only then will you be in love with life. You'll discover that being happy isn't having a perfect life. But use tears to irrigate tolerance. Use your defeats to train your patience. Above all, never give up on the people that love you. Never give up on being happy, because life is an incredible spectacle."

-- Pope Francis



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\$43,079 was raised!
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**SAVE THE DATE ~
ST. HILARY OF POITIERS
2025 CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**

**NEXT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13
6:00 - 8:00pm**

**CELEBRATE THE START OF THE CHRISTMAS
SEASON WITH:**

Live Nativity Pictures with Santa
Secret Santa Shop Bake Sale
Food Music Games
Cash and Basket Raffles & More!

SHS Christmas Festival Raffle Tickets

1st Prize: \$1,000 2nd Prize: \$300 3rd Prize: \$200
Tickets are \$10 each, or three for \$25. You can stop
by the Rectory during business hours by Dec. 10 to
purchase tickets - thank you for your consideration!

**Congratulations to
Jackson Wolf!**

Jackson was named a 2026 Neumann Scholar by the Office of Catholic Education of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia! This honor entitles Jackson to a four-year tuition scholarship to an Archdiocesan high school of his choice. Jackson's hard work at St. Hilary School resulted in this outstanding accomplishment and has distinguished him as one of the most academically talented students in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Out of approximately 518 qualified students who submitted scores, only 50 have been named Neumann Scholars. St. Hilary School was proud to have 8 students qualify as a candidate for the Neumann Scholarship this year. Congratulations & thank you to the faculty for their spiritual and academic guidance to Jackson and all the students at SHS!



ST. HILARY PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to our newly elected St. Hilary
Parish Council members:

Stacey Ellis
Joe Kelly
Matt Matkowski
Mike Schell
Meghan Vito

Many thanks to all of our nominees and to all those who
submitted ballots during the voting process.

Present Parish Council Members:

Father Kevin Murray	Deacon Joe Bernauer
Eileen Fagan	Debbie Brazukas
Anthony Cesarini	Bridget Drumm
Stacey Ellis	Noreen Forkin
Joe Kelly	Bob Lattanzi
Beth Lewandowski	Karen Looby
Matt Matkowski	Allyson Burton-McCreery
Bridget McErlean	Rosemary Naab
Adrienne Rehiel	Mike Schell
Kevin Tracey	Meghan Vito



**CONGRATULATIONS
TO
FATHER JACOB
JOHN ON HIS
25th JUBILEE!
THANKS TO ALL WHO
JOINED US LAST
SATURDAY AT MASS
AND AFTER MASS IN
CELEBRATING!**



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Thank you for your most generous
response to the Catholic Charities
Appeal. So far, we have raised
\$34,720 toward our parish goal of
\$47,000. "Where charity and love
prevail, there God is ever found."

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS ANNUAL GIVING TREE!

The gifts will benefit 3 organizations:

- * **Birthright** which aids women in
crisis pregnancy and after childbirth
- * **Cradle of Hope** which provides
warmth and shelter for single moms
- * **St. Francis Inn** which meets the
most immediate needs of the destitute

The Giving Tree is now placed at the
main entrance to the Church with
tags listing the needed items. Also,
inside the Church, a basket with tags
can be found by both of the side exit doors, and you can pick
up a tag from there as well. We ask that all of the gifts please
be **UNWRAPPED** and placed under the tree at the entrance to
Church **by Dec. 20th/21st**. Thanks to your kind generosity,
this drive has always been a great success and a wonderful
way to begin the season of giving!



In 1965, Charles Schulz, a devout Christian and creator of the Peanuts comic strip, was asked to create a Christmas special for CBS featuring the Peanuts characters. He agreed, with one requirement...that they allow him to include the story of the birth of Jesus. Although the station's executives were hesitant and tried to convince him otherwise, Schulz was insistent. As a result, for the past 50 plus years, millions of people have watched "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and heard the story of Jesus and "what Christmas is all about."

Linus, a child who seems to have some insecurities, carries a security blanket with him at all times. Linus never drops his blanket, except while sharing the message of "what Christmas is all about." He drops it at the exact moment he says the words, "Fear not!" In this seemingly innocent moment, Linus delivers a powerful reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. We are to "fear not," for Jesus is born. We needn't rely on material things for security; we have God with us, "Immanuel" (Matthew 1:23), Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior - the true meaning of Christmas.

Linus picks up his blanket at the end of his speech. However, he "drops" it again later. Amid big, bright, shiny artificial trees, Charlie Brown chose the least of these...a little, wooden tree with just a few branches. Shortly thereafter, Linus uses his blanket to wrap about the base of the tree and says, "Maybe it just needs a little love." In that moment, the tree "awakens," stands tall and firm, and we are reminded that no matter who we are, how many mistakes we've made, a "little love" can make all the difference.



Let's strive to "fear not" (Luke 2:10) and "love one another" (John 13:34) ~ not just at Christmas-time, but the whole year through.

ST. HILARY LADIES AUXILIARY OF MARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

**THIS THURSDAY, DEC. 11
6:30pm in the Parish Center**

**Please mark your calendars &
plan to join us!**

All ladies are welcome.

**Any questions, please contact
Stacey Ellis at 215-896-3424.**



CHRSTMAS MAGNETS

St. Hilary Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas magnets (\$5 each) during Advent at all Masses. Thanks!



ADVENT SEASON

"Come, Lord Jesus"

DAILY MASS Monday to Friday at 8:00am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mondays 8:30am to 4:00pm;
private visits encouraged



SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUPS are on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday nights; four weekly sessions which started the week of November 17th

CONFESSIONS are **every** Saturday 4-4:45pm; the Sundays in Advent after the 10:30am Mass; and on Monday, December 15th at 7:00pm



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Holyday of Obligation on Monday, December 8th
Masses for this holyday are all on Monday, Dec. 8th (no Vigil)

8:00am and 10:00am and 7:00pm



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Wednesday, December 24th
4:00pm

and
Thursday, Dec. 25th
8:30am & 10:30am

MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Wednesday, December 31st
4:00pm

and
Thursday, January 1, 2026
8:30am & 10:30am



SAINT HILARY'S 55+ SPIRIT CLUB

St. Hilary's 55+ Spirit Club will have its next meeting on **Wed., December 17**. This will be a special one that will include lunch and we will be entertained by the SHS Choir. There's a rumor that we may be joined by "the jolly man in the red suit." New members are always welcome - we are a fun and welcoming group! You don't need to be a parishioner. If you have questions, please call Ro Schell at 215-206-5313 or Mike Schell at 215-206-4530. Looking forward to seeing you on December 17. Doors open at 9am and the meeting starts at 10am. Thanks!

ST. HILARY'S EAGLES FOOTBAL BLOCK POOL

Week 11 Winners ~ Maryann McDonald & Greenfield Fam.

Week 10 Winners ~ Mike Coyle and Dan Cifuni

Week 09 Winners ~ Mosie Barrett and Debbie Comas

Week 08 Winners ~ Alex Muttreja and Egan Family

Week 07 Winners ~ Forkin Family and Anthony Cesarini

Week 06 Winners ~ Steve Farrell and Frank Davis

Week 05 Winners ~ Steve Farrell and Frank Davis

Week 04 Winners ~ Connie Fennell & Fenstermaker Fam.

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

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 all of the deceased
William Hamburger Patrick Callahan
Laurita Buehler*

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 (**Closed on Mon., 12/8 for holy day**)
*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.*



ANNUAL BLOCK COLLECTION

Thanks to all those who have already contributed to our annual Parish Block Collection! **Total contributed to-date is \$22,285.**
Your generosity & kindness are appreciated!

-- Father Murray

STEWARDSHIP REPORT TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

November 23, 2025

Sunday Offering: \$5,215

Electronic Giving: \$2,907

Total: \$8,122

November 24, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$4,358

Electronic Giving: \$3,295

Total: \$7,653

November 30, 2025

Sunday Offering: \$3,906

Electronic Giving: \$2,299

Total: \$6,205

December 1, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$5,383

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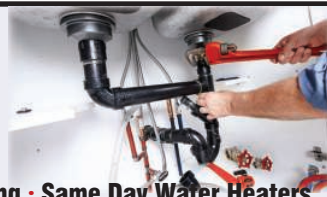
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