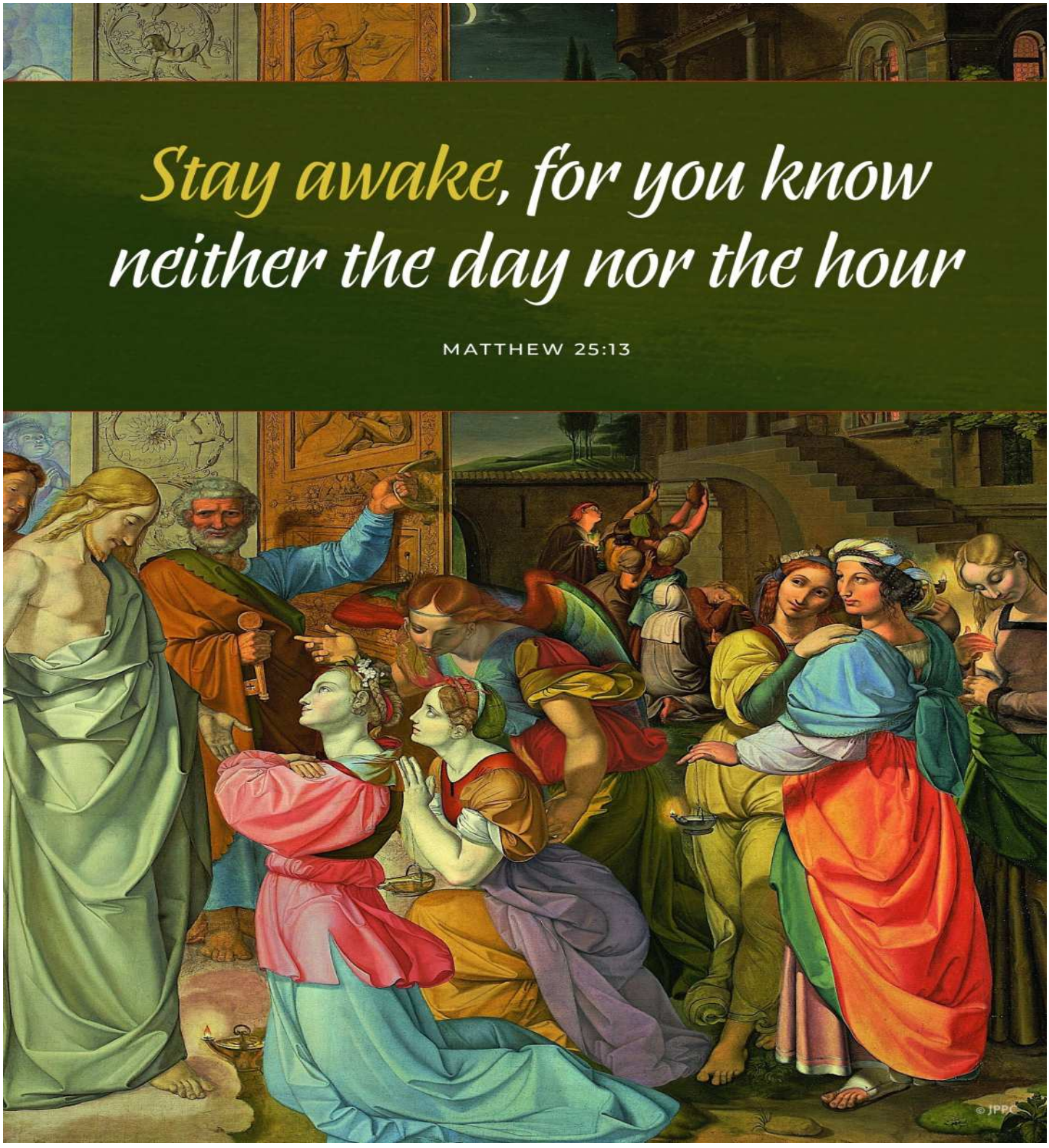
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NOVEMBER 8, 2026

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Whenever I read the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, I think of the magnificent Cathedral in Strasburg, France. The parable is depicted in the entrance with statues representing the wise and foolish virgins, as well as the seducer.



The snakes and toads on the back of the seducer can clearly be seen here on the side with the foolish virgins. While the man wearing a crown looks handsome and fashionably dressed up front, the vermin indicate his malevolent nature. The apple that he is holding alludes to the fruit from the tree of knowledge and the Fall of Man after Adam and Eve were tempted to eat from it. This leaves little doubt about the true identity of the seducer. When looking closely, one can see that the foolish virgins are holding their oil lamps upside down, indicating they are empty.

When thinking about the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, it is important to consider the first-century wedding traditions of Palestine. Scholars tell us that it was the custom of the day for young maidens – friends and family members of the bride – to meet the bridegroom when he came to bring his bride to her new home. Being prepared was key – for one did not know when the bridegroom would arrive.

The question remains for us to ask ourselves, are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him? Or will be deceived by the temptations of the world be left unprepared when the time comes?

Oremus pro invicem
(Let us pray for one another)

Msgr. Fairbanks



Sunday, November 8, 2026
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00pm Vigil ~ James Wardle
8:30am ~ Anna Marie Monaghan
10:30am ~ James Madden

Monday, November 9, 2026
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
8:00am ~ Michael Schlacter

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of Church
8:00am ~ All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop
8:00am ~ All Veterans

Thursday, November 12, 2026
Saint Josephat, Bishop and Martyr
8:00am ~ Anne Kugler

Friday, November 13, 2026
Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
8:00am ~ Joseph Lebisky

Saturday, November 14, 2026
5:00pm ~ All Homebound and Caregivers

Sunday, November 15, 2026
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am ~ McErlean & McReynolds Families
10:30am ~ Angela Luciano



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 info, 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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PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



*The **2026-27 St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal** invites us to support those preparing to serve the Church. Your gift to the Appeal helps form seminarians, candidates for the Permanent Diaconate, and lay leaders who will guide and care for God's people. Most importantly, your generosity provides for the future of our faith. Please prayerfully consider making a contribution this year to help prepare the next generation of shepherds for Christ's flock. You can donate by mail or do so online at **scs.edu/appeal** Envelopes are also on the windowsills. Thank you!*

This weekend, November 7th/8th at Masses, we will be visited by our very own Jack Greenberg who will speak to us on behalf of the Seminary!



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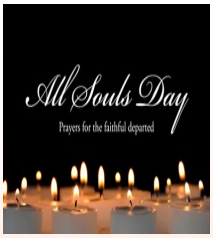
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SAVE THE DATE ~ SAT., DEC. 12
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ST. HILARY CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
Details to follow in future Bulletins...



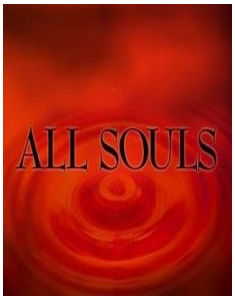
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All Souls Day, also known as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed and the Day of the Dead, is a day of prayer and remembrance for the souls of all those who have died. At the ***10:30am Mass last Sunday, November 1st****, the names of those who died since the end of October last year and were buried from St. Hilary Church were read out loud. Their names are below. Loved ones were contacted and invited to this mass. Please join us as we pray for all of the deceased in our lives who we keep close to our hearts always.*

Charles Mulligan William Hamburger Marian Stevens Maureen Fitzgerald Cecilia Croul
Michael Ferrill Richard Drach Charles Harron Roger Gengler John O'Malley
Fred Kuss John Devine Frank Hauser Gregory Smith Eleanor Cantando
Eileen Clauss Margaret Golden Jorge Manchola Catherine Casey Theresa McGinely
Joseph Lebisky Betty Skinner Dania Babos Brian Scanlon Margaret Greiner
Joseph Chacko Max Vahedi Anne Winterberger Robert Bailey Margaret Delaney
Sharon Adams Theodore Zalewski Brother John McErlean, C.B. Gerry Holland

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



During this month of November, we will remember all of our dear deceased loved ones at Masses. A special Memorial Shrine has been set up at the Blessed Mother altar, where you can feel free to place names of the deceased in the Book of Life and also light a Memorial Candle.

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS ANNUAL GIVING TREE!



The gifts will benefit the following 3 organizations:

* **Birthright** which aids women in crisis pregnancy and after childbirth
* **Cradle of Hope** which provides warmth and shelter for single moms
* **St. Vincent de Paul** which meets the needs from infancy thru age 13

The Giving Tree will be placed at the main entrance to the Church with tags listing the needed items **beginning Nov. 21/22**. 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 gifts be **UNWRAPPED** and placed under the tree **with the tag attached please** at the entrance to Church **by Dec. 12/13**. Thanks to your kind generosity, this drive has always been a great success and a wonderful way to begin the season of giving!



NEW SATURDAY VIGIL MASS TIME WILL BE 4:00 PM EFFECTIVE ON THE FIRST WEEKEND IN ADVENT, NOVEMBER 28, 2026

A poll was conducted in the parish recently - thanks to all who participated in the voting. I was very encouraged that so many people took the time to vote. As announced at all the Masses recently, the results were clear, as you see below.

Total Online Votes w/ QR Code:
Move to 4:00pm: 130 votes
Keep at 5:00pm: 78 votes

Total Votes from Paper Ballots, Phone, Emails:
Move to 4:00pm: 68 votes
Keep at 5:00pm: 27 votes

GRAND TOTAL FROM ALL VOTES:
Move Saturday to 4:00pm Mass: 198
Keep Vigil at 5:00pm Mass: 105

***** The time for the Vigil Mass will change to 4:00pm effective on the first weekend of Advent, Saturday, Nov. 28, 2026. (Confessions will then move to 3-3:45pm.) Prior to Nov. 28, we will continue with 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass and 4-4:45pm Confessions. Thank you again for voting.**

Msgr. Fairbanks

ST. HILARY'S EAGLES BLOCK POOL

Week 07 Winners ~ Pat & Bridget Looby and Kate Burke

Week 06 Winners ~ Nina Skoczylas and Linda Powers

Week 05 Winners ~ *Jim Brady and Jim McElvaney*

Week 04 Winners ~ Todd Corabi and Gina Vare

Week 03 Winners ~ *Anne Wise and Alan Rotkiwiecz*

Week 02 Winners ~ *Jim Brady and Jim McElvaney*

Week 01 Winners ~ *Tom Stefanelli &Karen Monteleone*

All Saints...Did you know?

In our three altars, the relics of six saints can be found. In the Main Altar are found the relics of Saint Verecundus and Saint Severianus, martyrs. In the Blessed Mother Altar are the relics of Saint Aurelia and St. Timothy, martyrs. And in the St. Joseph Altar are the relics of Saint Sixtus and Saint Perpetua, martyrs.

The relics of the saints are placed in altars to honor the saints as heroic witnesses to the faith and to connect the Mass to the early church's practice of celebrating in catacombs among martyr's tombs. This practice celebrates that the sacrifice of Christ celebrated on the altar is connected to the sacrifice of the martyrs who shed their blood for Christ.

The relics are also a reminder that the saints' lives were sacred temples of the Holy Spirit and that their bodies are worthy of respect.





PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ADVENT SCRIPTURE SERIES: WAY OF THE STAR
Tuesdays at 1:30pm in the Rectory
Starting on Tues., Nov. 17 ($15pp)

Way of the Star is an imaginative Catholic Advent devotional that brings together scripture, sacred art, original music, and imagination. Sit with Mary in the quiet after Gabriel departs; walk the road to Bethlehem; enter the stable; behold the wonder on the faces of the shepherds and Magi as they approach the newborn King. Way of the Star offers a beautiful way to experience the Nativity and prepare your heart for Christmas.

Call or email the Rectory to sign up
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and please pick up your book from the Rectory before the first session. Thank you!

OCTOBER COUNT FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Each year, every parish in the Archdiocese is required to submit an "October Count" ~ as you know, at each weekend mass during the past month of October, each person was counted. Below are the results, and then compared with results from 2025.

2026 OCTOBER COUNT RESULTS

Total Attendance in October for 12 Masses: 1,835
Total Number of Weeks: 4 (4 weekends in 2026)
* Average Attendance per weekend at Mass: **459**

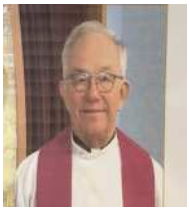
2025 OCTOBER COUNT RESULTS

Total Attendance in October for 12 Masses: 1,959
Total Number of Weeks: 4 (4 weekends in 2025)
* Average Attendance per weekend at Mass: **490**

ST. HILARY LADIES AUXILIARY OF MARY

Due to Thanksgiving, our monthly meeting will be a week earlier. Please come join us on **Thursday, Nov. 19 at 7:00pm in Parish Center**. All women welcome!
Call Stacey w/ questions at 215-896-3424.

Welcome to St. Hilary Parish Fr. Steve Katziner



Dear St. Hilary Parishioners,

I am now taking up residence at St. Hilary Rectory with the status of a retired Archdiocesan priest. I'm looking forward to meeting you, praying with you, and working with Msgr. Fairbanks. For the last 2 years, I've been in residence at Regina Coeli Residence for Priests in Warminster. This house closed due to financial constraints and the remaining 4 priests moved into local rectories.

I graduated from Presentation BVM and then I attended Cardinal Dougherty H.S. After that, I went to St. Charles Seminary and was ordained in 1974. I have served as the parochial vicar at various parishes including St. Jerome, St. Cecilia, and St. Ephrem.

Please feel free to introduce yourself!

Fr. Steve Katziner



Updated St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club News:

Next meeting is Wed., November 18 where the topic will be "Duels, Fools, and Scoundrels of Civil War" presented by Herb Kauffman, Civil War Lecturer and author. New members are always welcome - we are a very fun & welcoming group! You do not have to be a parish member to join. Call Club President Michele Laganella at 215-498-5908 with questions. Doors open at 9am; meeting starts at 10am. (December meeting will be Dec. 16 for the club Christmas Party.)



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, Sue Masantonia, Angela Gavin, William Hartner, Mary Jane Hummel, Tina Savarino, Sarah Koehler, 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, 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, Thomas Decicico, Jr., Irene Tucci, John McGahey, Elvyra Owen

Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:
BJ Verdon

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH

WEEKEND MASSES
Saturdays at 5:00pm
*** Saturday Vigil will change to 4:00pm starting 11/28/26
Sundays at 8:30am and 10:30am,

WEEKDAY MASSES
8 AM on Monday thru Friday

CONFESSIONS:
Saturdays 4 – 4:45 PM (3-3:45pm beginning 11/28/26)

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 at least 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.*



ST. HILARY OF POITIERS ANNUAL BLOCK COLLECTION

Thank you for your responses so far to the annual St. Hilary Block Collection. Your kind & generous contributions are much appreciated!

- - Msgr. Fairbanks

Block Collection To-Date: $25,200

STEWARDSHIP REPORT
TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

November 1, 2026	November 2, 2025
Sunday Offering: $5,144	Sunday Offering: $5,949
Electronic Giving: $2,504	Electronic Giving: $2,274
Total: $7,648	**Total: $8,223**

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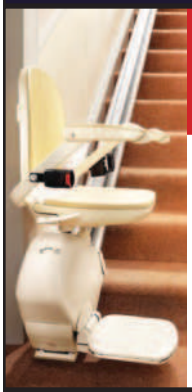
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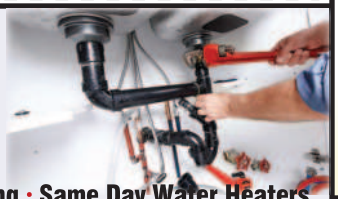
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