

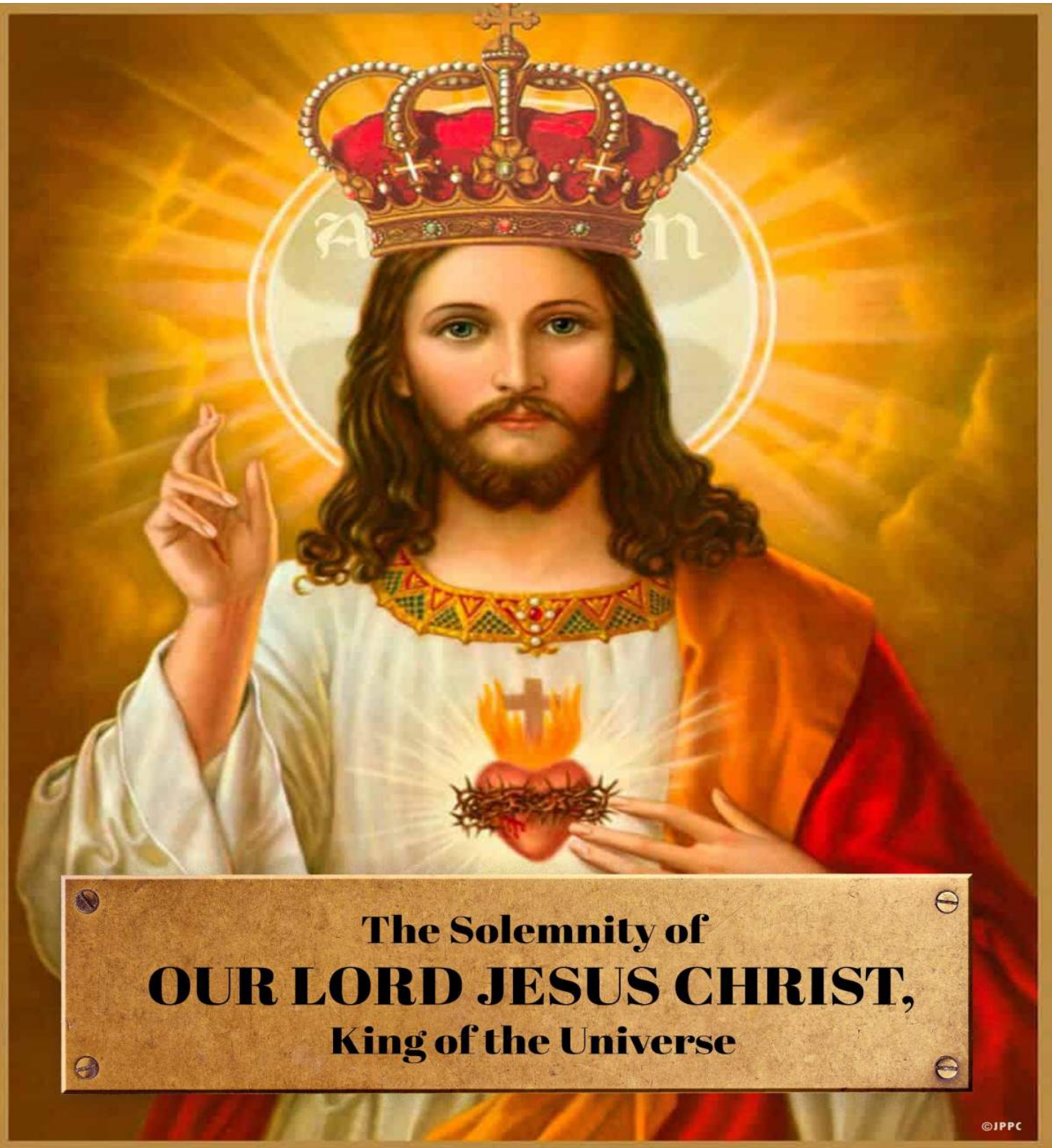
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NOVEMBER 23, 2025

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



PASTOR'S CORNER

***"He is the image of the invisible God, for in Him,
all the fullness was pleased to dwell."***

- - Col. 1:12-20

St. Paul today proclaims Jesus Christ the image of God and all the fullness of God dwells in Him. Yet in the gospel today, St. Luke describes a man hanging on a cross. Jesus now seems empty of all fullness, bleeding, and slowly dying. Is this the fullness of God? Absolutely! Do you want to know what God looks like? Then look to the cross. On the cross, Jesus is most like God...giving His life, pouring out mercy by His blood, sweat, and tears. It was that image that enabled the good thief to turn and say, "Remember me when you come into your kingdom." The good thief has the vision to see what others refused to see - Jesus as the true image of God. Perhaps Jesus' greatest miracle was that He stayed on the cross; He stayed committed to God's ways, no matter the cost.

This is our challenge today - stay committed to God's ways. There is a spiritual crucifixion taking place today. The world continues to crucify God's morality and commandments. You can expect to be jeered and mocked if you dare say anything is sinful or immoral. If you don't go along with the "new morality" then you're on the wrong side of history. The question is...are we on God's side?

May we continue to proclaim Christ as our King and allow Him to reign supreme over all our choices and decisions. As we move into the Advent season, let us strive each day to be full of God and less of ourselves. Then, by God's grace, we will hear those words of Jesus: "This day you will be with me in paradise."

God Bless,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

5:00pm Vigil ~ Linda Hare

8:30am ~ Magdolna Szabo

10:30am ~ Celeste Tate

Monday, November 24, 2025

Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs

8:00am ~ McGlynn and McGarrity Families

***** Adoration 8:30am to 4:00pm**

Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

8:00am ~ Jerome and Helen Waldron

6:30pm ~ Family Thanksgiving Mass

Wednesday, November 26, 2025

8:00am ~ Joseph Magee III

Thursday, November 27, 2025

Thanksgiving Day

8:00am ~ James McGovern

Friday, November 28, 2025

No 8:00am Mass on this day

Saturday, November 29, 2025

5:00pm ~ Lidia Yacilla

Sunday, November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

8:30am ~ Joan Barbetta

10:30am ~ Margaret Kilkenny

***The 2026 Mass Book for
Announced Masses is now open.***



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Thanksgiving Blessing

- * May an abundance of GRATITUDE burst forth as we reflect upon what we've received.
- * May Thanksgiving overflow in our hearts, and often be proclaimed in our prayers.
- * May we gather around the table of our hearts the faithfulness, kindness, and goodness of each person who is dear to us.
- * May the harvest of our good actions bring forth plentiful fruit each day.
- * May we discover a hidden Wisdom in our moments of distress and sorrow.
- * May our basket of blessings surprise us with its rich diversity of gifts and its opportunities for growth.
- * May all that nourishes our lives bring us daily satisfaction and renewed hope.
- * May we slow our hurried thoughts and pace of life so we can be aware of, and enjoy, what we too easily take for granted.
- * May we always be open, willing, and ready to share our blessings with others.
- * May we never forget the Generous One who loves us lavishly and unconditionally.

(adapted from a writing by Joyce Rupp)

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*You are cordially
invited to join us as
Father Jacob John
celebrates a
Mass of Thanksgiving
in honor of his
25th Jubilee*

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**NEXT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29th
5:00pm MASS**

**Celebration Reception to follow after Mass in
the Parish Center ~
all are welcome for**

hors d'oeuvres & refreshments!

**Please mark your calendars and plan to join us
for this very special occasion!**

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS SCHOOL **PreK Kindergarten Grades 1-8**

Join TuitionCare!

**Would you rather send your PA Income Tax
money to Harrisburg or redirect it to SHS School?**

TuitionCare is a program developed by the Foundation for Catholic Education that allows you to redirect your PA income tax dollars toward St. Hilary of Poitiers School providing a tuition credit for ALL families in Grades K-8! Anyone associated with St. Hilary Parish or School can participate! If you are new to the program, the minimum to redirect is \$1,000. For each participating School or Parish family, the SHS School TuitionCare fund will receive \$1,000 toward tuition credits for Kind. thru 8th families. More information can be accessed here via the QR code above, or on www.sainthilaryschool.com. Thank you for your consideration!



**THANK YOU to
all who donated
to the Race for
Education Fund-
raiser! A grand
total of \$43,079
was raised! This
money will go**

**toward Science & STEM Programs, Extracurricular
Activities, AC Expenses, and Safety & Security.**

Veteran's Day Museum

The SHS 6th, 7th, and 8th graders presented a moving and informative Veteran's Day Museum recently on Veteran's Day, honoring the sacrifices of our brave veterans.



Shown holding the flag is Mr. John Stever, a faithful St. Hilary parishioner and veteran.

The **2025-26 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 use the QR code here. Thank you!



Last weekend at Masses, we were visited by Jack Greenberg, one of our own St. Hilary parishioners, who began studies for priesthood at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary in September. Let us please pray for Jack and all the seminarians!

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



Father, in your plan for our salvation, you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. Give the Church more priests, worthy ministers for your altars and ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel. Grant also to us an increase in vocations to the Religious Life. May more of our young people respond to your call in a spirit of joyful generosity. May they serve your people in love by following in the footsteps of Christ your Son and provide by their way of life a convincing sign of Your Kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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.



SAVE THE DATE ~

**ST. HILARY OF POITIERS
2025 CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**

**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!



**FRITZ'S STICKY BUN SALE WILL BE
AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND,
NOV. 22nd/23rd ~ HOPING THAT YOU
WILL PURCHASE SOME (cash or check)
AND THEN PLEASE ENJOY THEM!
(THEY FREEZE WELL, TOO, IF THEY LAST THAT LONG!)
\$15 per box of six buns (plenty of iced ones available)**

CHRSTMAS MAGNETS

St. Hilary Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas magnets (\$5 each) during Advent, beginning next weekend, Nov. 29th/30th at all Masses. Thanks!

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 mothers
- * **St. Francis Inn** which meets the most immediate needs of the destitute



The Giving Tree will be placed at the main entrance to the Church with tags listing the needed items beginning the first weekend of Advent - Nov. 29/30. 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 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!



**ST. HILARY LADIES AUXILIARY OF MARY
CHRISTMAS PARTY
THURSDAY, DEC. 11 AT
6:30pm**



**Please mark your calendars &
plan to join us!
All ladies are welcome. Any
questions, please
contact Stacey Ellis at 215-896-3424.**

2025 Day of Sanctification For Priests

The priests of the Archdiocese assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year, our priests will gather with Arch. Perez at Mother of Divine Providence Parish on Monday, Dec. 1, for the Day of Sanctification for Priests. Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese, and in particular our very own Father Murray, Msgr. Fairbanks, and Father Jacob.

*Lord our God, who in governing your people
make use of the ministry of Priests,
grant to these men
a persevering obedience to your will,
so that by their ministry and life
they may gain glory for you in Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever. Amen.*

All Saints...Did you know?

In our three altars, the relics of six saints can be found. In the Main Altar is 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 their bodies are worthy of respect.

THANKSGIVING REFLECTION

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever known. **But we have forgotten God.** We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become **too self-sufficient** to feel the necessity of redeeming and **preserving grace.** I do, therefore, invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea & those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens."

(Abraham Lincoln, Thanksgiving Proclamation, Oct. 3, 1863)



Next Weekend begins

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**. More details to follow soon. 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.



ST. HILARY'S EAGLES FOOTBALL BLOCK POOL



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 Luschni and Gracie DiCiacco

Week 01 Winners ~ Ed McDonald and Tom Gilton

The annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection will greatly assist in providing for the needs of faithful servants of the Church, as it addresses the deficit in retirement savings and ongoing needs of the aging members. Thanks in advance for your support.

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

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

(Rectory Closed at 11:30am on Nov. 26;

and closed Nov. 27 and Nov. 28 for Thanksgiving)

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! Your loyalty and care for the needs of the parish have been an inspiration. Your generosity and kindness are greatly appreciated! Thanks!

-- Father Murray

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

November 16, 2025

November 17, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$5,128

Sunday Offering: \$4,056

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Electronic Giving: \$2,422

Total: \$7,827

Total: \$6,478

BLOCK COLLECTION

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