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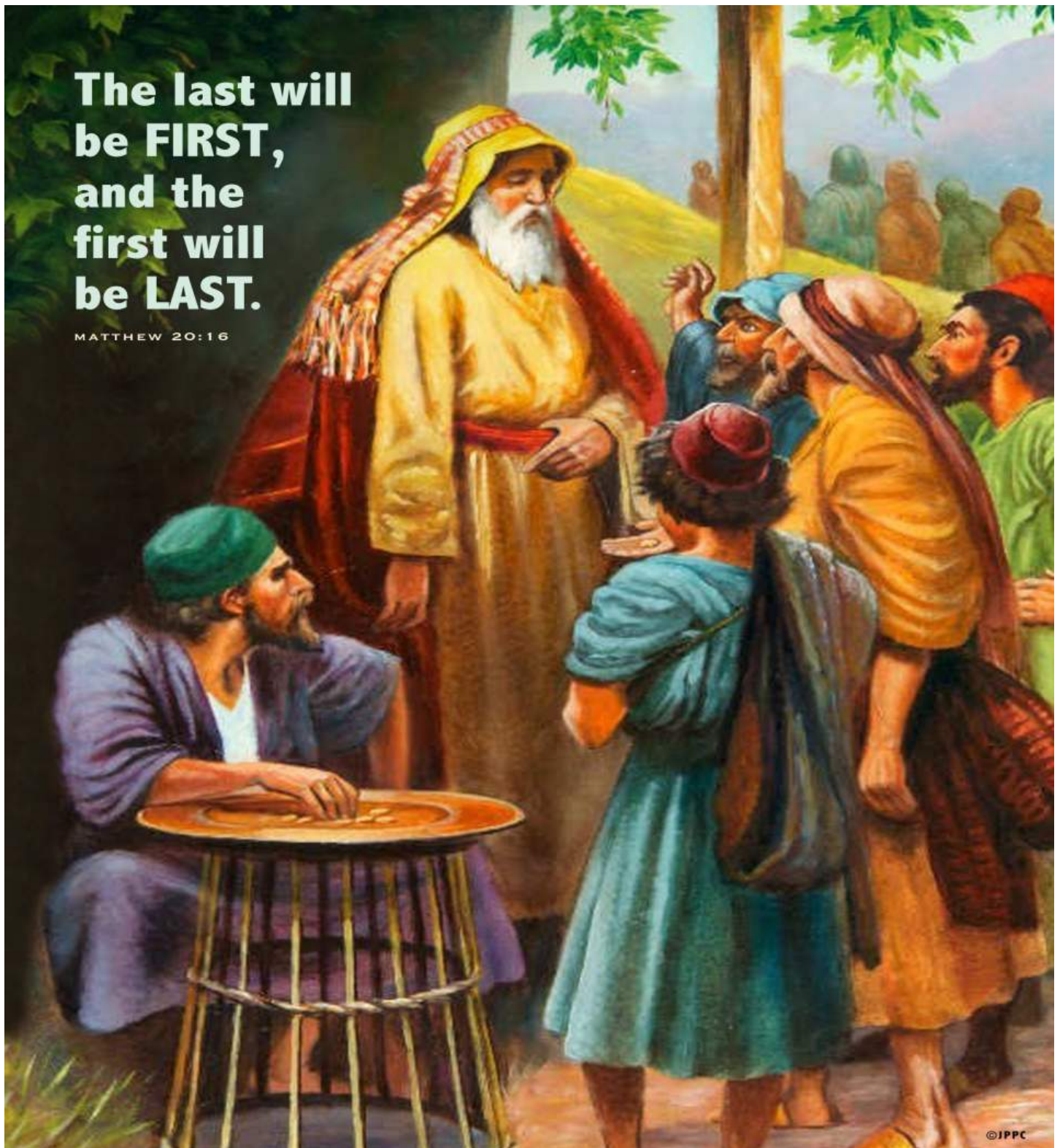
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SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**The last will
be FIRST,
and the
first will
be LAST.**

MATTHEW 20:16



PASTOR'S CORNER

"Are you envious because I am generous?"
-- Matthew 20:1-16

The Kingdom of Heaven is what is ours to inherit. The gospel reminds us that this inheritance is not anything we have earned or worked for...it is a freely-given gift that comes from the blood, sweat, and tears of Jesus Christ on the Cross. In the words of the gospel, it is given to those who have long born the heat of the day and those who come late.

Think of Mary at the foot of the Cross. She spent her whole life in a vineyard doing God's will. Then she hears her Son tell the good thief, who spent his whole life opposing God's will, that he will be in paradise. He was one who came late to God's vineyard. Yet, no words of protest come from Mary's lips; no envy; no resentment.

Perhaps, at times, we are late coming to God's vineyard...late with mercy; late with kindness; late with patience. Yet God is always on time with His generosity. The writer Calvin Miller reminds us these words will open heaven's gate for us. The words are: **"Lord have mercy."**

God Bless,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, September 24, 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Vigil ~ Walt Griffin

8:00am ~ Lidia Yacilla

10:00am ~ Stephen and Mary Suder

12:00pm ~ Donald & Constance McGettigan

Monday, September 25, 2023

8:00am ~ Stephen Emrich

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

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

8:00am ~ Eileen O'Donnell

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:00am ~ Vincent and Louise Costello

Thursday, September 28, 2023

Saints Wenceslaus and Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

8:00am ~ Elizabeth L. May

Friday, September 29, 2023

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

8:00am ~ Eileen O'Donnell

Saturday, September 30, 2023

5:00pm ~ Betty Stever

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00am ~ Schembie Family

10:00am ~ Anna McFadden

12:00pm ~ Jim Manes

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TWITTER ACCOUNT, INSTAGRAM, AND FACEBOOK PAGE!
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SAME! THANKS!

UPDATE TO THE ST. HILARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



This June, we have completed the first year of our two-year Capital Campaign. As previously noted, our original goal was \$350,000. The generosity of our parishioners has been overwhelming. Currently a total of \$421,276.25 has been pledged. Of that amount, we have collected and deposited \$319,221.50. Of the 230 families who have pledged, 161 families are paid in full. All of our projects have been completed...now we just have to pay the bills! I hope you are enjoying our new air conditioning system in the Church. Our children and teachers were kept cool with our brand new school air conditioning system. Our new lighting in the parking lot and the new beautiful side Church doors have been a most welcome addition as well. So, as we enter the second year of our Campaign, I am most grateful for your kind generosity. As always, the people of St. Hilary always come through! God's grace and peace.

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MONDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. HILARY CHURCH



Our Monday Eucharistic Adoration is from 8:30am to 4pm. All are encouraged to spend time with the Lord, and be aware of His Real Presence in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Bishop Barron reminds us that "sitting before the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is like a body exposing itself before the sun to absorb its rays. It is like having a private conversation between friends." So come before the Lord and receive the healing rays of His graces.

Prayer for the Eucharistic Revival

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope,
and I love You!
I beg pardon for those who do not believe,
nor adore, nor love You. (Three times)
Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
I adore You profoundly.
I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul, and
Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tab-
ernacles of the world in reparation
for the outrages, sacrileges,
and indifference by which He is offended.
And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of
Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I beg of You the conversion of sinners.
Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us.

phillyeucharisticrevival.org

An Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress will be on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown. **It is sold out but you can participate virtually in the Eucharistic Congress via livestream. Here is the link that you can use to register online for that day:**

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=U7s42v>



In this year of reviving our devotion to the Eucharist and encouraging everyone to return to Mass, we will offer weekly meditations, reflections, and poetry from various saints and authors on the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, which is "the source and summit of the Christian life." Excerpts are taken from the book The Holy Hour, a Word on Fire publication.

Reflection by Flannery O'Connor: "The Habit of Being"

I believe what the Church teaches - that God has given us reason to use and that it can lead us toward a knowledge of Him, through analogy; that He has revealed Himself in history and continues to do so through the Church, and that He is present (not just symbolically) in the Eucharist on our altars. To believe all this, I don't take any leap into the absurd. I find it reasonable to believe, even though these beliefs are beyond reason.

Just a reminder that the **Mass Book for 2024** is now open for "Announced Masses" at St. Hilary Church. Please stop by the Rectory during business hours, or call 215-884-3252.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION**

<u>September 17, 2023</u>	<u>September 18, 2022</u>
Sunday Offering: \$4,582	Sunday Offering: \$4,462
Electronic Giving: \$2,409	Electronic Giving: \$2,233
Total: \$6,991	Total: \$7,344



**NEW SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY MASS
STARTING IN 2024**

I am grateful for all of you who have returned to Mass after the pandemic. I hope and pray that more of our parishioners will return to Mass as well. There is nothing like being there! Watching Mass on TV no longer fulfills the Sunday obligation, unless you are sick, elderly, have an emergency or have conflicts with work schedules. So come home to the Lord who desires to make His home in you. With this in mind, please note our new Mass Schedule beginning in January 2024:

2024 Winter/Spring/Fall Schedule

(January thru June & September thru December)

Saturdays at 5:00pm

Sundays at 8:30am and 10:30am

2024 Summer Schedule

(1st Sunday in July thru Labor Day in September)

Saturdays at 5:00pm

Sundays at 9:00am and 11:00am

PLEASE NOTE:

***** The weekend Mass Schedule is currently back to the way it was, prior to summer:**

Saturdays at 5pm

Sundays at 8am, 10am, & 12pm

This schedule will remain throughout 2023.

**PREP REGISTRATION
AT ST. HILARY PARISH**

(Parish Religious Education Program)

First PREP Class was September 12.

Any questions, please contact Noreen Forkin at sthilaryprep@gmail.com

ST. HILARY ANNUAL BLOCK COLLECTION



Thanks to all those who have already contributed to our annual Block Collection! Your kind generosity and sacrifices are greatly appreciated! Your loyalty and care for the needs of the parish have been an inspiration.

Thanks and God bless you. - Father Murray



**FORTY HOURS
AT ST. HILARY**

Sunday, Oct. 22

Monday, Oct. 23

Tuesday, Oct. 24

(7pm each night)

More details will follow...

PARISH SYNODAL SURVEY

During Lent 2023, St. Hilary Parish participated in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's Synodal Process by executing a parish-wide survey, called the Disciple Maker Index. Thanks to everyone who participated in the survey. The Parish Council & Father Murray reviewed the results, and after much reflection, developed three goals to address some of the areas of improvement identified in the survey. The three goals, as well as planned actions, are as follows:

1. Increase Family Participation in the Mass

- starting in September, we will begin adjusting the homily of the 10am Mass to gear more toward families & kids

- we recently installed a small bookshelf with religious books in the vestibule for young children; we invite the parents with small children to "borrow" a book from this bookshelf during Mass

- we will also be investigating purchasing children's Mass missalettes to add to our pews sometime in late 2023 or early 2024

2. Create a more vibrant and nurturing Parish community

- increase the use of Social Media to advertise parish events

- increase the number of "Fellowship Sundays" after Sunday Mass to encourage parishioner socialization

- resume Mens' and Womens' Retreats, which were paused during the COVID-19 pandemic

3. Increase Parish Almsgiving

- add an Outreach Council bulletin board in the church vestibule to highlight current outreach activities and opportunities

- Embed outreach activities throughout the parish (e.g. PREP, other committees, etc.)

We hope you join us in embracing these goals and associated changes to help us make St. Hilary of Poitiers an even more welcoming and vibrant Parish Community!

ST. HILARY WOMEN'S SODALITY

**"WELCOME BACK" September Kickoff
THIS Thursday, September 28
7:00pm in the Parish Center**

Please come join us for the Rosary and an ice cream social - all women are welcome, 18 years & older, and there are NO dues.



We look forward to an evening of Fun, Faith, and Fellowship! Bring your friends!

Any questions, please contact Stacey Ellis

at 215-896-3424 or scallah9@aol.com

The goal of a Catholic Liturgy is to Communicate a transcendent awareness of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ.



Reverence, dignity, beauty... simple ways we all can proclaim our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

OCTOBER COUNT FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Each year (not including 2020 & 2021) each parish in the Archdiocese is required to submit an "October Count" ~ so during each weekend mass during the entire month of October, each person is counted. There are 5 weekends in October this year, so at the end of the month, the number of people attending St. Hilary Church each week will be determined by averaging out the numbers for the whole month. It's important to always attend Church for our spiritual well-being, and in the month of October, it's especially important to attend your home parish. Thank you!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) at St. Hilary Parish

RCIA, or Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is the process by which people who are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith can attend weekly classes and have the opportunity to become members of the Catholic Church.

RCIA is for adults who:

- Are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith
- Have never been baptized
- Have been baptized in another Christian faith and are interested in the Catholic faith
- Are baptized Catholics who have not yet received the Sacraments of First Communion & Confirmation
- Are married to a Catholic and attend Mass, and would like to take the next steps to become a member of Catholic Church



RCIA is a spiritual formation process beginning on October 2nd and ending with initiation in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. RCIA classes are taught by Father Murray and are held every Monday evening from 7:00-8:30pm at the rectory. These classes are for anyone with interest, no matter what your current denomination. Please also encourage your friends and neighbors with interest in Catholicism, too! If you are interested and/or would like more info, please contact Fr. Murray at 215-884-3252 .

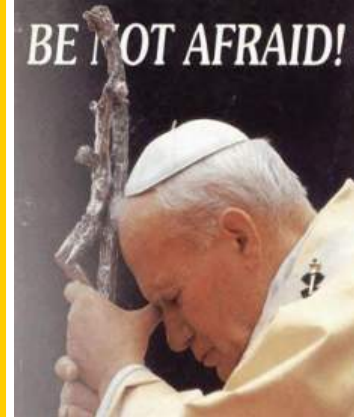
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If you contacted Bob already but have not paid, you can drop off your payment in the secure black lockbox outside the rectory at any time of night or day, for your convenience, or else you can drop your payment in the Sunday collection basket at Mass (please mark your envelope "Football Pool"). Your support of our parish is greatly appreciated!

Week 01 Winners

Pool #1: Alex Muttreja Pool #2: Egan Family



The phrase, "Be not afraid," made famous by Pope St. John Paul II, helps us to remember that no matter what happens in the world, God is in control and we are in good hands. The Holy Father asked us to put our trust in Jesus who redeemed the world.

Refuse to worry... Jesus reminded us that tomorrow isn't guaranteed to anyone (Luke 12:20). What brings us peace is to tend to today's challenges and let God take care of tomorrow. Nothing happens without His consent and He won't permit anything that is bad for us. When we place ourselves in His care, we have nothing to fear.

Keep your eyes on Him... Don't let the world blind you to God's presence in your life. We may not feel powerful at times, but when we stay close to Jesus through His Church, we receive the grace we need to keep fighting temptations to sin. God has overcome the world. With His help, we will win the daily battle for heaven.



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For more info call George at 215-495-7310.
Link: <https://donorbox.org/events/486678>



ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm
(thru the end of 2023)

WEEKDAY MASSES

8 AM on Monday thru Friday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4 – 4:45 PM

HOLY DAYS

7 PM Vigil
8 AM and 10 AM on holy day

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BAPTISM: Sundays after the 12pm 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 Friday 8:30am to 4pm

Closed for Lunch: 12 PM to 1 PM

Please note that church envelopes as well as Tuition payments can be dropped off in the secure BLACK lockbox outside the rectory during off-hours. Thanks!



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 and infirmed, please join by calling 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, Mary Deely, TJ McDonald, Ahmed Abdul, Sal Sermania, Sue Masantonina, Angela Gavin, William Hartner, Mary Jane Hummel, Pat Cass, Michele Kelly, Tina Savarino, Nicholas Esposito, Sarah Koehler, Paris Luckowski, Judy Sklar, Bernadette Redi- can, 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, Gloria Hannah, BJ Verdon, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Martha Serdner, Rolando Juarez, Colleen Legare, Tom Montvydas, Theresa Williams

Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:

Anne Deely



Abington Life Chain

Sunday, October 1 from 2-3pm

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PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE

OCTOBER 16, 2023

All are cordially invited to join St. Cecilia Church for this most important March on October 16th. The bus departs from Ver- ree Rd. & Solly Avenue at 8:30am (Mass at St. Cecilia at 7:30am). The bus will return by 4:30pm. Cost per person is \$25 (bring your own lunch and snacks). A grant was received from the Pro-Life union of Greater Philadelphia that is subsi- dizing the cost of the coach bus. Drop off payment with your name & phone number to St. Cecilia Rectory to save your seat. All are welcome! Call 215-725-1240 with any questions.

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