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MAY 5, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT
LOVE ONE ANOTHER
AS I LOVE YOU

John 15:12



PASTOR'S CORNER

"This I command; love one another."

-- John 15:9-17

In today's readings, the word "love" is used about 16 times. Yet it is not just human love that the Scriptures call us to embrace, but Divine love. Divine love means to seek the good of others - no matter the cost, no matter who they are, no matter if you like them or not. Love sometimes means speaking the truth, even when it is not welcomed. It means not conforming to cultural values and morality that are in conflict with God's love. To be truly real, love must be rooted in God and His commandments. If we don't know God, we don't know what love looks like and its true potential.

All of us have been touched by Divine love because God first loved us and gave His life for us, even before we could respond. Jesus did lay down His life for us. We are called to lay down our pride; lay aside our hurts and grudges; lay aside our fear and speak the truth. Today, Jesus calls His friends and that friendship is seen by our efforts to imitate His vision of love. May we all embrace the Christian program "to have a heart that sees where love is needed and to act accordingly." (Pope Benedict XVI)

Happy Easter,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm ~ Madeleine Kelly

8:30am ~ John, Rose and Henry McErlean

10:30am ~ Henry and Marie Fajt

The new Sunday Mass Schedule started in January

Monday, May 6, 2024

8:00am ~ Timothy Dempsey

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

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

8:00am ~ Joanne Longshore

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

8:00am ~ Edward Keenan, Jr.

*** *7:00pm Vigil ~ Living & Deceased of St. Hilary*

Thursday, May 9, 2024

Ascension of the Lord ~ holyday of obligation

8:00am ~ Daniel J. Murray

10:00am ~ Joan Marie Alber

Friday, May 10, 2024

Saint John of Avila and Saint Damien de Veuster

8:00am ~ Chris Schroeder

Saturday, May 11, 2024

5:00pm ~ Lidia Yateilla

Sunday, May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30am ~ Patsy Whalen

10:30am ~ Joe Hartey

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TWITTER ACCOUNT, INSTAGRAM, AND FACEBOOK PAGE!
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FRIENDS & FAMILY TO DO THE SAME! THANKS!**

UPDATE TO THE ST. HILARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



This coming June, we will complete 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 \$427,176.25 has been pledged. Of that amount, we have collected and deposited \$354,013. Of the 231 families who have pledged, 172 families are paid in full. All of our projects have been completed, and all bills are now paid, thanks to you! I hope you enjoyed our new air conditioning system in the Church in summer. 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 are in the second year of our Campaign, I am most grateful for your generosity. As always, the people of St. Hilary always come through! God's grace & peace, Fr. Murray

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Holyday of Obligation ~ Thursday, May 9



Mass Times:

**Wed., May 8 at 7:00pm
and**

**Thursday, May 9 at
8:00am and 10:00am**

The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ commemorates the Christian belief of the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven. It is one of the ecumenical feasts of Christian Churches, ranking with the feasts of the Passion, of Easter, and Pentecost. It is traditionally celebrated on the 40th day of Easter, following the account of Acts 1:3 that the risen Jesus appeared for 40 days prior to his Ascension.



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 Bishop Robert Barron:

To spend a half hour or an hour in the presence of the Lord is not to accomplish or achieve very much; it is not really "getting" anywhere; but it is a particularly rich form of spiritual waiting. As you keep vigil before the Blessed Sacrament, bring to Christ some problem or dilemma that you have been fretting over. When you pray, allow your desire for the things of God to intensify; allow your heart and soul to expand.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA



**As we honor
Mary during
this month of
May, we hope
that you
please join us
for our
Miraculous
Medal
Novena on
two
Mondays in
Church at
7:00pm**

Mondays: May 13 & May 20 at 7pm

The Miraculous Medal was given to Saint Catherine Laboure by the Virgin Mary through a series of three apparitions.

"Behold, your Mother! And from that hour," the Gospel continues, "The disciple took her into his home." (John 19:27)

Pope St. John Paul II reminds us:

"Welcoming Mary into their home, into their life, is the privilege of every one of the faithful. This is especially true in difficult moments, such as those that you young people also have to live through at times in this period of your life. Today I want to entrust you to Mary. Dear friends, and I tell you from experience, open the doors of your life to her! Do not be afraid to open wide the doors of your hearts to Christ through the One who wants to bring you to Him, so that you may be saved from sin and death! She will help you to listen to His voice and say 'yes' to every plan that God conceives for you, for your good, and for that of all humanity."

SUMMER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

The summer schedule will remain the same as now, which is 8:30am and 10:30am. Thank you for your input. Our Weekend Mass Schedule will remain: Saturdays at 5pm and Sundays at 8:30am and 10:30am.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

April 28, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$4,302

Electronic Giving: \$1,850

Total: \$6,152

April 30, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$4,686

Electronic Giving: \$2,736

Total: \$7,422



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WHEN: MAY 10, 2024
WHERE: ST. JAMES PARISH HALL,
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6:30 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M.

TICKETS AND HATS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE ON APRIL 21 AFTER THE 10:30 A.M. MASS.

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ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO IMPROVE TECHNOLOGY, ACADEMICS AND ARTS AT OUR SCHOOL.

FOR TICKET INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE RECTORY THIS WEEK!

We are pleased to share with you that the **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage** that will travel across the USA this summer **will be passing through the Archdiocese of Philadelphia between May 30 and June 3!** See below for the link to get up-to-date information. What a grace that we will all have the opportunity to welcome & adore Jesus. All are invited to join in the pilgrimage as it makes various stops. ***** Please also see the full schedule of opportunities which are available by the Church entrances.**



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Pilgrimage**

passes through the
Archdiocese of Philadelphia

May 30 to
June 3



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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”.

At the Last Supper, Jesus said, “This is my body... this is the cup of my blood” (Matthew 26:26-28) over the bread and wine, and so it was. He commanded His Apostles, and the priests after them, to do the same at every Mass (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1375)

When we receive Communion, we're literally heart-to-heart with Jesus. The details are a mystery, but that doesn't stop Jesus from coming to us, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, in the Eucharist.



CONGRATULATIONS AND GOD BLESS THE FOLLOWING WHO WERE RECENTLY BAPTIZED AT ST. HILARY CHURCH:

Leo Nicolas Schillagi, son of Nicolas & Katherine

Maggie Jane Kearney O'Neill, daughter of Joshua and Cecilia

Margaret Rose Seybold, daughter of Matthew and Amy

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE RECTORY OFFICES ARE CLOSED ON THE HOLY DAY THIS UPCOMING THURSDAY, MAY 9

(Rectory will re-open on Friday, May 10 until noon).



ST. HILARY RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE will again be participating in the Pro-Life Union's Baby Bottle Campaign and this year, 100% of the contributions will be donated to the Pro-Life Union for their Guiding Star Ministries Maternity Home. The home provides housing, counseling, training, and a range of other services to pregnant women. Members of the Respect Life Committee will be distributing baby bottles at the church entrances after every Mass on Mother's Day weekend, May 11/12. We respectfully request that you fill them with loose change and bills. The bottles will then be collected by the members after all Masses on the weekend of May 25/26. **Thanks in advance for your kind assistance!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Vivet Jesus!

On Thursday, April 25, we welcomed five new men as 3rd Degree Members to the Knights of Columbus.

Congratulations to:

**Matthew Douglass
Don Hopkins
Brandon Chong
Mike Schell
Joe Magee**



The Knights of Columbus are dedicated to fostering Christ's unity and fraternity. We invite all our men to join us in this organization that serves the Church so faithfully.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus, we ask you to bless the Archdiocese of Philadelphia with an increase in vocations to the priesthood. We pray that young men from our parishes and families will hear your call and be both generous and courageous in their response.

May more young men serve you as priests who teach the faith, preach the Gospel, celebrate the sacraments and make you present among us through their ministry.

Encourage them to embrace the joy-filled and fulfilling life of a diocesan priest.

May parents support priestly vocations in their families by prayer and good example.

We entrust these prayers through Mary Immaculate, our patroness, hopeful that you will bless our diocese with more priests in the near future, who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

MANNA BAGS are available at all of our Masses now, by the church entrances. You are asked to kindly return your filled Manna Bag by either Saturday or Sunday, May 18th/19th.

Food/Canned items in greatest need are:

**peanut butter beef stew tuna fish fruit
vegetables pasta soups pork & beans**

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration in helping all those in emergency situations. Your food donations will go to Saint Vincent Food Cupboard.



ST. HILARY 55+ SPIRIT CLUB NEWS

The St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club next meeting is on Wed., May 15 at which time fellow parishioner Ray Vandegrift will be talking to the club about financial planning in retirement. Lunch will be provided, courtesy of Ray. New members are always welcome. We are a very welcoming & fun group! You do not have to be a parish member to join. Please call Ro or Mike Schell at 215-663-1421 or contact Rosesylvia McDonald at 215-219-0651 with any questions. Looking forward to seeing you on May 15; doors open at 9am and the meeting starts at 10am. Thanks!



55+ Spirit Club pictured here at their April Meeting

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, TJ McDonald, Ahmed
Abdul, Sal Sermania, Sue Masantonio, Angela Gavin, Wil-
liam Hartner, Mary Jane Hummel, Pat Cass, Michele Kelly,
Tina Savarino, Nicholas Esposito, Sarah Koehler, Paris
Luckowski, Judy Sklar, Bernadette Redican, Gina Deva-
ney, 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 List-
man, Anne Visco, Daniel Hare, Gloria Hannah, BJ Verdon,
Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Martha
Serdner, Rolando Juarez, Colleen Legare, Theresa Wil-
liams, Jim Curley, Bob Donnolly, Gloria Merron

*Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:
Deacon John Hynes Margaret Paparo*

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays at 5:00pm

Sundays at 8:30am and 10:30am,

*(new schedule started in January 2024; this will be the permanent
schedule all during the year, including the summer)*

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 10:30am Mass. Please email or call
the Rectory for more information.

MATRIMONY: Couples planning to marry should contact the
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Fridays 8:30am to noon **(Closed on Thurs., May 9)**

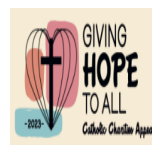
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- Education - Social Services - Local Mission Activities
- Clergy - Evangelization, Parish and Spiritual Life

**Thank you for your
support !**



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

2024 "ANNOUNCED" MASSES AVAILABLE

*There are still Masses (weekend and daily) remaining in
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any questions. Thanks!*

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