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AUGUST 17, 2025

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I HAVE COME TO SET THE EARTH ON FIRE.

LUKE 12:49



PASTOR'S CORNER

"I have come for division."

-- Luke 12:49

Some puzzling words from Jesus are above. The man of peace says that He comes for division? Yes, Jesus wants peace to reign but not peace at any price or at any cost. Peace can never compromise the gospel message and its truth. Jesus is on fire with God's Word; to follow Him is a radical call. It may mean a radical change of priorities and values. When we choose to live by God's standards, don't be surprised if you feel ridicule, even among family and friends.

Christian martyrdom is very much alive today. You may not experience a martyrdom of giving up your life. But there is a bloodless martyrdom that comes when you are mocked and ridiculed for the moral standards of the gospel. Yes, to run the race of faith is a great struggle, yet it holds great promise. As the letter to the Hebrews states, "Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith." You will then experience the peace that only Christ can bring...the peace of living the truth and choosing the right as God sees the right. To live in harmony with God is the greatest peace of all.

God Bless,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Vigil ~ Celeste Tate

8:30am ~ Annie McReynolds

10:30am ~ Michael Laganella

Monday, August 18, 2025

8:00am ~ Sean Brennan

(Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed after daily Mass.)

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Saint John Eudes, Priest

8:00am ~ Joseph Magee III

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

Saint Bernard, Abbott and Doctor of Church

8:00am ~ Maryanne McGovern

Thursday, August 21, 2025

Saint Pius X, Pope

8:00am ~ Janet McKeever

Friday, August 22, 2025

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am ~ Madeleine Kelly

Saturday, August 23, 2025

5:00pm ~ Cass Brown

Sunday, August 24, 2025

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am ~ Phil Gianfortune

10:30am ~ Marie Fajt



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THE LIFE WE LIVE



***Sometimes we may not realize
that everything we do affects
not only our lives but touches
others, too.***

***For every time you offer
someone a helping hand,
every time you show a friend
you care and understand,
every time you have a kind and
gentle word to give - you help someone
find beauty in this precious life we live.***

GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU

He Himself has said, "I will not in any way fail you nor give you up, nor leave you without support."

- - Hebrews 13:5

May your troubled heart find peace and comfort in the knowledge that you are never alone. May God's presence ease your trembling spirit and give you rest. He knows how you feel. He is ever aware of your circumstances and ready to be your strength, your grace and your peace. He is there to cast sunlight into all of your darkened shadows, to send encouragement through the love of friends and family, and to replace your weariness with new hope. God is your stronghold. And with Him as your guide, you need never be afraid. No circumstances can block His love. No grief is too hard for Him to bear. No task is too difficult for Him to complete. When what you are feeling is simply too deep for words and nothing anyone does or says can provide you with the relief you need, God understands. He is your provider today, tomorrow, and always. He loves you. Cast all your cares on Him and believe.



In Him will I Trust !

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS SCHOOL



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www.sainthilaryschool.com
You can also contact the
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215-887-4520 or email to
efagan@sainthilaryschool.com

St. Hilary of Poitiers School has developed and maintains an Asbestos Inspection & Management Plan as required by the Asbestos Emergency Response Act of 1986 (AHERA). A copy of the plan is available for your inspection at the school office during regular office hours. Inquiries regarding the plan should be directed to Acer Associates, the school's asbestos consultant, at 856-809-1202.

St. Hilary of Poitiers School admits students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin. All rights, privileges, programs, and activities accorded are made available to all students of our school. Similar policies apply to the school staff. Our school does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, or in any school administered program.



Wed., Sept. 3 ~ Opening of School Grades 5-8
Thurs., Sept. 4 ~ Opening of School Grades 1-4
Fri., Sept. 5 ~ Grades PreK-8 (noon dismissal)

2026 MASS BOOK FOR ANNOUNCED MASSES AT ST. HILARY CHURCH

The 2026 Mass Book for Announced Masses for the deceased is now open. Masses can be obtained during business hours (8:30am to noon and 1:00 to 3:30pm Mondays thru Thursdays)

Any questions, please contact Marian at 215-884-3252 or email to sthilaryrydal@gmail.com.

LAST CALL FOR PREP REGISTRATION AT ST. HILARY OF POITIERS PARISH

Please note that if you wish to sign up your child(ren) for PREP classes for Grades 1-7, you need to do so now.

Go to www.sthilarypoitiers.org and click "register" and then click "register for PREP". You can drop off payment to the Rectory in the secure black lockbox at any time of night or day. Any questions, please contact Noreen Forkin at sthilaryprep@gmail.com. Thank you!
*** Teacher Assistant Needed for 4th Grade; no experience needed. Please contact Noreen.



OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

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

OCIA 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 and Confirmation
- Are married to a Catholic and attend Mass, and would like to take the next steps to become a member of the Catholic Church

OCIA is a spiritual formation process beginning in October and ending with initiation in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. OCIA 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 encourage your friends & neighbors with interest in Catholicism, too! If you are interested in attending and/or would like more information, please contact Father Murray at 215-884-3252, or you can email to: sthilaryrydal@gmail.com. Thank you!

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR PEACE IN OUR HEARTS, OUR COMMUNITY, OUR COUNTRY, AND THE WORLD



Loving God, our hearts are troubled by the violence and hatred that surround us. We are called in these moments to wrestle with the devastation, grief, and fear that remain. We acknowledge the sinfulness of any act of racism, discrimination, or hatred, because we know it is not of you. We repent of any part we may have had in allowing this evil to continue, and ask your forgiveness for those times when we failed to support others. As your children, we seek your grace and the courage we need to demand dignity and justice for all people, regardless of race, creed, or color. Heal us as your family in these tragic moments. May those affected by these horrors in any way, whom we commend to you, remind us of the ten commandments you give us, and the greatest commandment of all — to love one another. Amen.



Almighty and eternal God,
in your unfailing love,
You provide ministers for your Church.
We pray for those whom you call to serve
the Church of Philadelphia as priests, deacons, and
religious brothers and sisters.
Inspire all those called
to give a generous response.
Grant them courage
and vision to serve your people.
May their lives and service
call your people to respond
to the presence of your Spirit among us,
faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus Christ,
that we may: announce glad tidings to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives,
set prisoners free,
and renew the face of the earth!

TAKE TIME

Take time to think
It is the source of power.
Take time to read
It is the foundation of wisdom.
Take time to play
It is the secret of staying young.
Take time to be quiet
It is the opportunity to seek God.
Take time to be aware
It is the opportunity to help others.
Take time to love & be loved
It is God's greatest gift.
Take time to laugh
It is the music of the soul.
Take time to be friendly
It is the road to happiness.
Take time to dream
It is what the future is made of.
Take time to pray
It is the greatest power on earth.



**There is a time
for everything.**

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHTS

The following are some thoughts...one of which you may connect with for further reflection.

- * A friend is a person who listens attentively while you say nothing.
- * The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail, not his tongue.
- * Deal with each other's faults as gently as if they were your own.
- * No man/woman is worthy of your tears. But when you find one who is, they won't make you cry.
- * Thinking well is wise...planning well is wiser...but doing well is wisest.
- * If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem.
- * Just because the message might not ever be received does not mean it wasn't worth sending.
- * Don't walk in front of me; I may not follow. Don't walk behind me; I may not lead. Walk beside me and just be my friend.
- * Respect is what we owe; love is what we give.
- * People may doubt what you say, but they will always believe what you do.
- * Forbidden fruit creates many jams.
- * God won't ask how much overtime you worked. He will ask if you did work overtime for your loved ones and family.

For our College, High School and Grade School Parishioners:

Prayer to Begin a School Year/Semester

*Blessed are you, Lord God,
Creator of body and mind and heart;
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and
knowledge to guide your people in all their ways.
At the beginning of this new school year
(or semester/term), we implore your mercy:
bless the students, teachers, and staff,
that together we may grow in faith, hope, and
love as we learn from you and each other how to
follow your Son Jesus.*

*Expand the horizons of our minds,
that we may grow in wisdom,
understanding, and knowledge;
deepen our commitment to seek
the truth of your ways;
and enliven our faith to reach out
to those in need.*

*Glory and praise to you, Lord God,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus
forever and ever. Amen.*



Americans should not be forced to pay for the killing of preborn children or fund the clinics that kill them. The USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities is inviting all Catholics to join a

focused effort of prayer to stop taxpayer funding of the abortion industry. In particular, we will invoke the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life with this prayer:

***Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family
on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own
son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your
homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child.
We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to
you. May your example inspire us also to welcome,
cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life.
Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and
defense of human life — especially where it is
vulnerable or threatened.
Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things.
Amen.***

We ask Catholics to offer this prayer daily, from now until October 1, the beginning of Respect Life Month. More info can be found at www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph. Thank you for responding to this invitation to pray and for your support in protecting innocent children and their vulnerable mothers from the evil of abortion.

St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us!

God is not with you
because it is a difficult
situation.

God is there
with you because
He has never left you.



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, Pat Cass, 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 Marro-ne, 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, Donna Cunningham, Joanne McKee, Jamie Leal, Helen Toland, Maryanne Powell, Sandra Rogers, Timothy Funk

Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:

William Lawler Donna Cunningham

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

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.



STEWARDSHIP REPORTS TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

August 10, 2025

Sunday Offering: \$4,344

Electronic Giving: \$3,388

Total: \$7,732

August 11, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$5,244

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