

St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

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JANUARY 3, 2021

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Pastor's Corner

"Come let us adore Him"

The stories of Jesus' birth portray great drama and conflict. The stories of His death do the same. King Herod and the religious authorities want Him destroyed at his birth. Others like the Magi came to adore and worship Him. At the end of His life the political and religious leaders thought they had Jesus destroyed by His Crucifixion. Yet again just at his birth, God intervened in a most spectacular way. Jesus is raised from the death which is God's affirmation, that Jesus' way of living is right and just and true for everyone.

There will always be those who see Jesus Christ as a threat. They remain in the dark and want to destroy Christianity. They mock and crucify Christian virtues and morality. Yet there will always be those, who take long difficult journey of faith to worship Jesus our Lord like the Magi. The Magi returned home by a different path. May we imitate their wisdom and not follow the paths of the world. Let us all in the New Year follow Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life and find our true home.

Merry Christmas,
Father Murray



Sunday, January 3, 2020
Mass Times are as follows:
5:00pm Saturday Vigil, 9:00am & 11:00am Sunday

If you are unable to attend Mass in person please watch our Video Masses
5:00pm Elizabeth Bossert
9:00am Nora Kavanaugh & Annina Masino
11:00am Alex Horanzy

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Monday, January 4, 2021

8:00am Madeleine Kelly

St. John Neumann, Bishop
Tuesday, January 5, 2021

8:00am Emil A. Maikner

St. Andre' Bessette, Religious
Wednesday, January 6, 2021

8:00am Jack & Patsy Whalen

St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest
Thursday, January 7, 2021

8:00am Living & Deceased members of St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

Friday, January 8, 2021

8:00am Rosie Duffy

Saturday, January 9, 2020

5:00pm Billy Hamburger

Sunday, January 3, 2020

9:00am Mrs. Clay

11:00am Phyllis Asson

General Mass Guidelines

1. Everyone **MUST** wear a **Mask** in Church
2. 6' Social Distance required
3. Sit only in the designated Marked Pews, always with 6' distance between parishioners other than immediate family.
4. You must be in single file when receiving the Eucharist
5. Please use hand sanitizer upon entering the church
6. If you are not feeling well please stay at home and watch our Video Mass
7. If Church is filled we are enforcing State COVID restriction guidelines so please attend Mass at another time.

Mary's Christmas Dream



I had a dream Joseph, I don't understand it, but in it people were having a birthday celebration for our Son.

In my dream people had been preparing for it for some weeks beforehand. They put lovely red buried holly and tinsel all around the house and bought new cloths. They went shopping and bought elaborate gifts. But I found it strange that these presents were not for our Son, but for themselves.

They wrapped them in beautiful paper, and tied them with lovely bows and placed them under a tree, which they call a Christ Mass Tree. I did think that this must be in memory of our Son. They'd decorate the tree with all sorts of colorful decorations.

The branches were covered with sparkling ornaments. There was a figure on top of the tree. It looked like a protective angel. I must say I thought it was beautiful especially if it was in honor of our Son.

Everyone was laughing and happy. They were all excited and at first I thought it was excitement for our Son's birthday. But in all their celebrations I again found it strange That they never mentioned His name. How can you have a birthday where the little child whose birthday it is, is not mentioned?

I had the strangest feeling that if our Son had gone to this celebration He would have been intruding. Everything was so beautiful, Joseph, and everyone was so full of cheer, but it made me cry for our little Son, that He was not mentioned at his own birthday celebration.

I'm glad it was only a dream Joseph! How terrible if it had been real!

From Ireland

St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish
Current Mass Schedule

5:00pm Vigil
9:00am Sunday
11:00am Sunday

MONDAY ADORATION AFTER 8:00AM
MASS UNTIL 5:00PM

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 4:00 – 4:45 PM

Daily Mass is Monday—Friday 8:00am
(Please be mindful of social distancing guidelines)

Watch our Sunday Masses through our Flocknote Video or YouTube available through our website

Pastor—Rev. Kevin P. Murray

Weekend Assistance - Rev. Edward Dixey, OSA
Weekend Assistant - Msgr. Gregory J. Fairbanks
Permanent Deacon - Deacon John K. Hunter
Pastor Emeritus - Msgr. Michael J. Carroll
St. Hilary School Principal - Mrs. Eileen Fagan
PREP Program Coordinator - Mrs. Noreen Forkin
Music Director, Justin Jue,
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Maureen Maher, Business Manager
Marian Stengel, Parish Secretary

Rectory Phone (215) 884-3252
School Phone (215) 887-4520

BAPTISM: First and third Sundays of the month. Contact the Rectory for more information.

MATRIMONY: Couples planning to marry should contact the Rectory six months before the date desired for the wedding.

RECTORY OFFICE IS NOW OPEN!



St. Hilary of Poitiers Sunday Mass
Schedule

Due to the continued concern of the COVID Virus our Sunday Mass schedule will remain as follows:

5:00pm Vigil Mass Saturday
9:00am Sunday Mass
11:00am Sunday Mass

This schedule will be in effect until the weekend of September 12th, 2021

We will continue to video our Masses for your watching at home.

When attending Mass we ask you to please comply with all safety measures.

The wearing of masks and a 6' distance is a must.

We thank you all for your continued support and generosity. A special thanks for all those who assist in sanitizing our church after all liturgies.

*God bless,
Father Murray*



Annual Seminary Appeal 2020-2021

Theme: For Today. For tomorrow. For All of Us.

Objective:

*To raise \$3.5 million to help St. Charles Borromeo Seminary continue its necessary work in preparing priests, deacons, religious, and laity for service to our parishes, schools and other Catholic organizations.

*To provide the faithful a more comprehensive view of the programs offered at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

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**HELP US CONNECT YOU TO "FLOCKNOTE"
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**St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish
Prayer Line**

To request Parish Prayer Line prayers for a loved one, friend who is ill, or a service man or woman, please call Evelyn at 215 947- 4951, Pat at 215 485-5512, the Rectory at 215-884-3252 or if you would like your name removed from our list.

Please pray for the following:

Michael Dooley	Angela Gavin	Tina Hardimon
Jack Avak	William Hartner	Lionel Melly Wright
Michael Brown	Mary Jane Hummel	Cole Plachter
Bob Bray	Pat Cass	Mary Joe Reaby
Nicholas Liddy	Michele Kelly	Arlene Rims-Lloyd
Bob Kilcoyne	Tina Savarino	Kevin Rosenbaum
Elizabeth Dieckman	Sarah Koehler	Capt..Schaffer
David Gengler	Paris Luckowski	Jacalyn Strigle
Helen Weinstrup	Judy Sklar	Dan Webb
Mary Jane Namola	Bernadette Redican	Rhodena Thompson
Sophia Southerling	Gina Devaney	Bruce Thompson II
Mary Deely	Bob Steele	Linda Urie
TJ McDonald	Evelyn Strigle	George Tomesko
Charles Mulligan	Linda Smithson	Donna Alamar
Ahmed Abdul	Eileen Burger	Sharon Fainelli
Edward Watko	Brian Bailie	Rita Steinmetz

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This
Christmas
end a quarrel.
Seek out a forgotten
Friend. Dismiss suspicion,
And replace it with trust.....
Write a love letter. Share some
Treasure. Gift a soft answer. En-
courage youth. Manifest your loyalty in
word and deed. Keep a promise. Find the
time. Forget a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Listen.
Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand.
Flout envy. Examine your demands on others. Think
first of someone else. Appreciate. Be kind; be gentle.
Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Deserve confidence.
Take up arms against malice. Deep complacency. Express
your gratitude. Go to Church. Welcome a stranger.
Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and
Wonder of the earth. Speak
your love. Speak
it again. Speak
it still once
again.

St. Hilary of Poitiers Memorial

Our beautiful Memorial Garden in front of our Church has bricks with names of loved ones, both living and deceased. The cost of each brick is \$100.00, If you are interested in purchasing a memorial brick to be included in our Memorial Garden, please send an email to: sthilaryrydal@gmail.com and we will get back to you promptly to answer any questions and let you know how to reserve one. (215)884-3252 We want to thank those of you who recently requested bricks.



Burial & Cremation

Pope Francis, through the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, has issued instructions regarding the burial of the deceased especially those who choose cremation. This instruction should help to maintain and recognize the human body as a living temple of Gods presence. Proper respect for the deceased and their remains must always be upheld.

Copies on the guidelines are available at the rectory



St. Hilary of Poitiers 2020-21 Eagles Block Pool

- 1st week winners: Forkin Family & St. Hilary's
- 2nd week winners: Jeff Long & Mosie Barrett
- 3rd week winners: Kathy Lennon & Hartey Family
- 4th week winners: Ann Wise & Msgr. Fairbanks
- 5th week winners: St. Hilary's Parish & Justin Jue
- 6th week winners: St. Hilary's Parish & Deacon John
- 7th week winners: Coyle Family & Kilkenny Girls
- 8th week winners: Helen Funk & Jennifer Powers
- 9th week winners: Otto Family & St. Hilary's
- 10th week winners: Justin Muttjera & St. Hilary's
- 11th week winners: St. Hilary's & Shirley Callahan
- 12th week winners: Brazukas family & Kathy Lennon

St. Hilary's Outreach Program



St. Hilary's new Outreach Organization was created to continue the works of mercy. Through your generous support we are able to help members of our parish who are struggling. We also support St. Katharine Drexel food kitchen in Chester as well as Birthright. As Jesus reminds us in the gospel "whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do to me." The works of mercy must never cease. To relieve another's suffering is following the way of Christ-like love. Your generous donations is a tangible way to respond to Jesus' call. There is an old Latin proverb which says "He who gives quickly gives twice." Thank you for all your generous support of our Outreach Program.

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS PARISH



All Families interested in having your child baptized need to call the rectory at 215 884-3252 to make arrangements. All families must attend a Pre-Jordan class prior to the Baptism. (if you have already attended a pre-Jordan class for another child, you do not need to attend.



For Catholics a valid sacramental marriage is before a Priest and two witnesses in what is called the Form of Marriage. If you have been married by a Justice of the Peace or in a Civil Marriage and wish to have your marriage blessed by the Church and be able to return to the sacraments, most especially, the Sacrament of the Eucharist, please call the rectory at 215-884-3252

DO YOU KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL?

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church.

When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church always seeks to balance two realities. On one hand the durable bond of marriage. This is God's law. On the other hand, the Church is concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Even though a Catholic wedding was celebrated, perhaps there was some deficiency in the consent of the parties involved regarding intentions, understanding or ability? The annulment procedure addresses these circumstances.

If you are divorced and want to marry in the Church or remarried outside the Catholic Church, please telephone the Tribunal Office at 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 587-3750

PREPARING FOR YOUR WEDDING

You can visit www.phillycatholiclife.org to schedule your Pre-Cana classes. You would select **PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE**. Scroll down and select **FIND OUT MORE ABOUT PREP AND REGISTER**. At the bottom of the page select **REGISTER NOW**. We recommend that you register and attend the seminar **at least six months before your wedding date to reserve a seat**.

You can also contact the Family Life Office at 610-873-2016. if you have any questions regarding registration.

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