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JANUARY 5, 2025

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*They were overjoyed at seeing the star,
and on entering the house
they saw the child with Mary his mother.*

Matthew 2:10-11



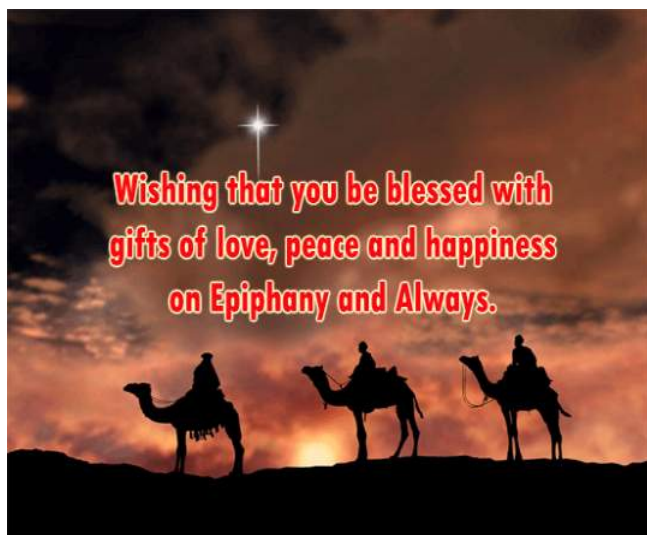
PASTOR'S CORNER

New Years resolutions fill the air at the moment. Today, the Feast of the Epiphany calls us to make perhaps the greatest of all resolutions - to make greater progress in the search for God. The Magi's journey lead to discovering an unexpected surprise. In a manger, they found God shedding his face upon them in Jesus Christ. By contemplating this child in the manger, may we discover how we have been singularly blessed and loved.

God can be found, if we take the time to look...to look and discover what Pope Francis calls "the God of perpetual surprises." Mary found God conceived in her womb. Kings and Shepherds found Him in a manger. A Roman soldier years later would find God on a Cross. Today, you and I can find Him in bread and wine transformed into His Body and Blood.

After worshipping Jesus, the Magi found a different way home. God is calling all of us home. May we have the wisdom of the Magi not to follow the path of the world, but the path that Jesus revealed. His path will lead us to our true home and enable us to wonder at the God of perpetual surprises!

Happy and Joyful New Year,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Epiphany of the Lord

5:00pm ~ Madeleine Kelly

8:30am ~ William Sablich

10:30am ~ Michael Laganella

Monday, January 6, 2025

Saint Andre Bessette, Religious

8:00am ~ Patsy and Jack Whalen

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

8:30am-4:00pm ~ No Adoration today

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

Saint Raymond of Penafort

8:00am ~ Joseph Hare, Jr.

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

8:00am ~ Rosie Duffy

Thursday, January 9, 2025

8:00am ~ Richard Gengler

Friday, January 10, 2025

8:00am ~ Private William McMann

Saturday, January 11, 2025

5:00pm ~ Jack Whalen

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord

8:30am ~ Carol Costello

10:30am ~ Eleanor Giannitti



ST. HILARY WEDNESDAY NIGHT ROSARY GROUP

Please join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm on the first floor of the Parish Center to pray the Rosary. All are welcome! For more information, contact Maria Greenberg at 215-603-3092 or mariastell72@gmail.com

CHECK OUT THE ST. HILARY PARISH TWITTER ACCOUNT, INSTAGRAM, AND FACEBOOK PAGE!

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A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence, filling us every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask that you would help us release our grip on the things to which you've said "no," "not yet," or "wait."

We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead.

We pray that you keep us far from the snares and traps of temptations, and that you would whisper in our ear when we need to run, and whisper in our heart when we need to stand our ground.

We pray for your protection over our families and friends. We ask for your hand to cover us and keep us distanced from the evil intent of the enemy, and that you would be a barrier to surround us, that we'd be safe in your hands.

We ask that you would keep our footsteps firm, on solid ground, helping us to be consistent and faithful. Give us supernatural endurance to stay the course, not swerving or being too easily distracted by other things that would seek to call us away from a close walk with you.

Forgive us for all the times we have worked so hard to be self-sufficient, forgetting our need for you. Forgive us for letting our fear and worry control our minds, and for allowing pride and selfishness to wreak havoc over our lives.

We confess our need for you...fresh...new...again. We ask that you make all things new in our hearts, in our minds, and in our lives for this coming new year.

We ask that you would provide for our needs; we ask for your grace and favor. We pray for your blessings to cover us. We pray that you would help us to prosper and make every plan that you have birthed in our heart to succeed.

Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes. Set your way before us. May all your plans succeed so that we may reflect your peace and hope to a world that so desperately needs your presence and healing.

To you be glory, in this New Year, and forever.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.

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MORE SAFETY FOR ST. HILARY SCHOOL!

St. Hilary of Poitiers School has been awarded the 2024-25 School Safety Grant through the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency for \$61,500! We anticipate that these grant funds will be allocated for a new front door, new signage on the property, and blue band radios for all buildings. We extend our gratitude to the Montgomery County Dept. of Public Safety, The School Safety Specialist and School Safety Coordinator, Abington Management Team, Rep. Ben Sanchez, and Abington Police Depts. for their assistance. The new side door and hallway door from the previous grant will be installed soon. More info on exciting improvements as we receive further info from the state!

FALL DEEPER IN LOVE WITH CHRIST IN THE NEW YEAR

At the center of all we do as Catholics, we must have a personal and close relationship with Jesus. He offers to each of us a deep, intimate, "I love you forever" kind of relationship. Make time to fall deeper in love with Christ:

T...TALK: Prayer is an amazing privilege. Through it, we have an open invitation: "Call to me, and I will answer you" (Jeremiah 33:3). We have a promise that He hears us: "When you call me, and come to pray to me, I will listen to you" (Jeremiah 29:12).

I...INTIMACY: To love Christ, we must know Him. In Scripture, God tells us who He is (Exodus 34:6), how He feels about us (Isaiah 43:4), what He desires for us (Luke 12:32), and how being His will make us happy (Matthew 5:7). Try to make Scripture a part of every day.

M...MEET HIM: Relationships grow through shared experiences. We meet Jesus in prayer, Scripture, the Sacraments, and above all, during the Mass.

E...EVERYTHING FOR LOVE: St. Therese of Lisieux discovered that she could delight God by simply picking up a pin out of love. He wants to hear us, His beloveds, say: "I love you, too" in words and actions. Essential to falling in love with God is making time for Him.



ST. HILARY'S EAGLES FOOTBALL BLOCK POOL

*** Due to early Publisher deadlines for the Bulletin because of Christmas and New Years, this football pool is not the most updated; it'll be fully updated next weekend.

Week 14 Winners

Pool #1: Frankie McCarron

Pool #2: Jackie Gillard

Week 12 Winners

Pool #1: Debbie Shute

Pool #2: Alaina DiCiacco

Week 10 Winners

Pool #1: Yaegel Family

Pool #2: Foley Family

Week 08 Winners

Pool #1: Nina Skoczylas

Pool #2: Brenner Fam.

Week 06 Winners

Pool #1: Alex Muttreja

Pool #2: Egan Family

Week 04 Winners

Pool #1: Ed Bongard

Pool #2: Valentino Fam

Week 02 Winners

Pool #1: Connie Fennell

Pool #2: Fenstermakers

Week 13 Winners

Pool #1: Leo & Ann Vaccaro

Pool #2: Annamae Lennon

Week 11 Winners

Pool #1: Lattanzi Fam.

Pool #2: Owens Family

Week 09 Winners

Pool #1: Big Ed Bongard

Pool #2: Dan Cifuni

Week 07 Winners

Pool #1: Mary McCallister

Pool #2: Vito Family

Week 05 Winners

Pool #1: Hartey Family

Pool #2: John Tyszka

Week 03 Winners

Pool #1: Debbie Shute

Pool #2: Alaina DiCiacco

Week 01 Winners

Pool #1: Debbie Shute

Pool #2: Alaina DiCiacco

FLIGHT 2025 INSTRUCTIONS

Good morning and welcome to Flight 2025.

We are prepared to take off into the New Year.

Please make sure your Positive Attitude and Gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position.

All self-destruct devices: pity, anger, pride, selfishness, and resentment should be turned off at this time.

All negativity, hurt, and discouragement should be put away.

Should you lose your Positive Attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith.

Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith.

There will be NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight.

God, our Captain, has cleared us for take-off.

Destination ~ GREATNESS!

Wishing you a New Year filled with new HOPE, new JOY, and new BEGINNINGS!

**Stay Blessed
and welcome in 2025!**



GIVING TREE 2024 RESULTS

**THANK YOU TO ALL THE CONTRIBUTORS
for your kindness and generosity!**

St. Francis Inn (161 items) ~ gloves, socks, shirts, hats, underwear, hooded sweatshirts

Birthright (59 items) ~ 2,352 diapers and 384 wipes, socks, baby outfits, clothes, sleepers

Cradle of Hope (131 items) ~ outfits, games, socks, hats, umbrella, lotions

Many thanks to the St Hilary Parish Outreach Committee for their kind, behind-the-scenes work with this, as well as all the other endeavors with which they are involved!

Thank you to everyone who joined us on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to celebrate the Birth of Christ in our beautifully decorated Church!



Our Nativity is a very welcome sight each year.



Santa stopped by our Church on Christmas Eve. He also knelt silently at the manger.



Father Murray invited all the children to join him at the altar for the homily on Christmas Eve.

SPECIAL THANKS FROM FATHER MURRAY TO:

Wackerman Funeral Home for the yearly generous gift of our St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish Calendars!

To All the Volunteers who decorated our Church for the beautiful celebration of the Birth of Christ and throughout the entire Christmas Season.

Thanks To Everyone who has kindly contributed so far to the Parish Christmas Collection, and also for the Christmas Flowers Collection.

Thanks for the Gifts and for the Christmas cards & photo cards, cakes, cookies, candy, etc. that came my way!

Thanks once more to all who kindly donated to the annual Block Collection.

Your generosity, loyalty, and kindness are great graces to me! - - Fr. Murray

A FEW PICTURES FROM THE 55+ SPIRIT CLUB CHRISTMAS GATHERING RECENTLY ~ ALWAYS NICE TO HAVE THEM GET TOGETHER AT ST. HILARY!



Updated St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club News:

The St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club had a wonderful visit from the SHS Choir at the December Meeting recently. In addition, a special visit from Santa greeted the members, followed by a holiday luncheon. The Parish Center was decorated in full Christmas mode. The next meeting will be on **Wed., January 15** at which time we will be playing Bingo. New members always welcome - we are a very fun and welcoming group! You do not have to be a parish member to join. Call Ro Schell at 215-206-5313, Mike Schell at 215-206-4530, or Rosesylvia McDonald 215-219-0651 with any questions. Looking forward to seeing you on Jan. 15. Doors open at 9am; meeting starts at 10am. Thanks!

WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR?

It is a special period of grace and celebration that takes place every 25 years, offering the faithful a unique opportunity for spiritual renewal and a closer relationship with God. Pope Francis has announced the year 2025 as a special Jubilee Year. As Pilgrims of hope, it is a time for a genuine encounter with the Lord, especially in the sacrament of the Eucharist. Please take home the book, 33 Days of Eucharistic Glory, which can be found at the Church doors. Further information and activities surrounding this Jubilee Year will be forthcoming.

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, Nicholas Esposito, 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, Dilynn Listman, Anne Visco, Daniel Hare, BJ Verdon, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Martha Serdner, Rolando Juarez, 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

Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:
Lorna King Gloria Hannah

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 Rectory six months before the desired date.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS:

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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 REPORT

TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

*** Due to early deadlines for the Bulletins because of Christmas and New Years from the Publishing Company, the Collection Report will not be current until early January.

December 22, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$3,675

Electronic Giving: \$3,161

Total: \$6,836

December 24, 2023

Sunday Offering: \$6,040

Electronic Giving: \$2,897

Total: \$8,937

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