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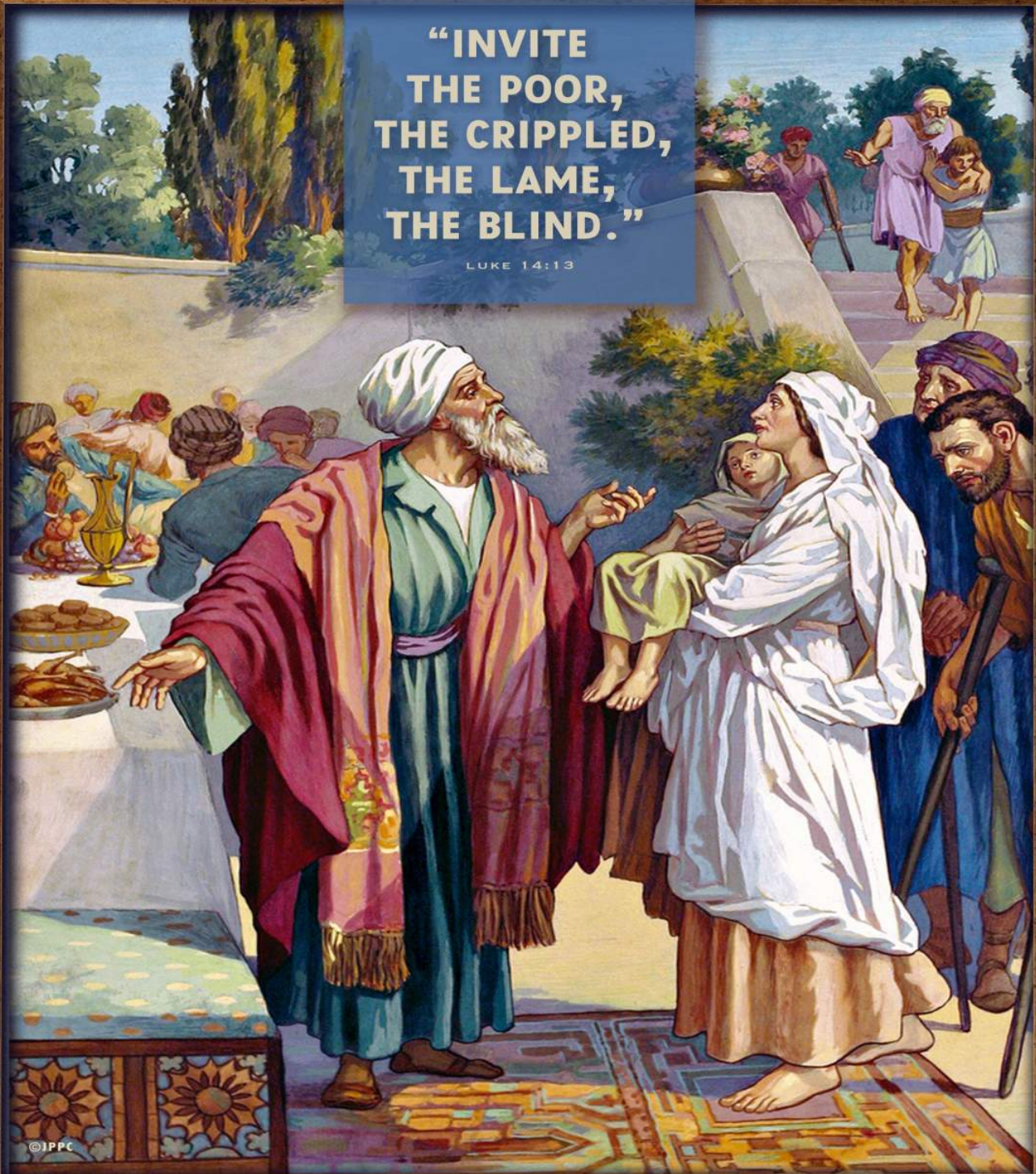
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AUGUST 31, 2025

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"INVITE
THE POOR,
THE CRIPPLED,
THE LAME,
THE BLIND."**

LUKE 14:13



PASTOR'S CORNER

***"Humble yourself the more,
the greater you are."***

-- Sirach 3:17

Meals at the time of Jesus had very important social significance. Who you ate with, where you sat at the table, and where you were invited said much about your status in the community. The powerful and rich enjoyed these superficial games. The poor, lame, and blind people were nowhere to be found in such sumptuous gatherings.

Jesus breaks with tradition when He says, "Blessed are the poor." In heaven, you may be surprised at who sits at God's table. The poor are blessed, not because of their poverty, but because they know their need for God. The rich are condemned, not because of their wealth, but because they are indifferent to the plight of others.

"Humble yourself the more, the greater you are," Sirach reminds us. Jesus left the heavenly table, became poor, crippled on the Cross, and blinded in death. Yet now He reigns and sits at God's right hand in heaven. Jesus gives us the greatest honor - to sit at His table and be fed with His precious body and blood. We may be poor at love, lame in walking His ways, blinded at times by sin; yet He calls us to come up higher. On our way to His table, may we help each other along the way, especially the most needy among us.

God Bless,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm Vigil ~ Rose Eckardt

8:30am ~ Stanley and Pauline Betley

10:30am ~ Paul Morlock

Monday, September 1, 2025

8:00am ~ Monterosso & Schembie Families

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

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

8:00am ~ Jeanette Gallagher

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of Church

8:00am ~ Living & Deceased of St. Hilary

Thursday, September 4, 2025

8:00am ~ Living & Deceased of St. Hilary

Friday, September 5, 2025

8:00am ~ George Stever

Saturday, September 6, 2025

5:00pm ~ Rose and Charles Eckardt

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am ~ Mary Lima

10:30am ~ Francisco & Elizabeth Garcia



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A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer.

Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year.

Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy.

Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.



Lord, our Creator, you imposed a duty on all human beings to work together to build up the world. Help us to develop the earth by the work of our hands and with the aid of technology, in order that it may bear fruit and become a dwelling place worthy of the whole human family. When we do this or consciously take part in the life of social groups, we are carrying out your plan manifested at the beginning of time that we should subdue the earth, and perfect creation, and develop ourselves. Let us realize that we are also obeying Christ's command to place ourselves at the service of others in bringing forth a more human world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HAPPY LABOR DAY



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION **MONDAYS AT ST. HILARY CHURCH**

Our Monday Eucharistic Adoration will begin again on Monday, Sept. 8th from 8:30am to 4pm.

We encourage all 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.

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS SCHOOL

PreK

Kindergarten

Grades 1-8



Wed., Sept. 3 ~ Gr. 5-8
Thurs., Sept. 4 ~ Gr. 1-4
Fri., Sept. 5 ~ PreK-8

Please visit www.sainthilaryschool.com
You can also contact the principal,
Mrs. Fagan, at 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.



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 sthilaryrydall@gmail.com.

LAST CALL FOR PREP REGISTRATION **AT ST. HILARY OF POITIERS PARISH** ***** PREP STARTS SEPT. 9 AT 6:30PM *****

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!



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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 & 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!*

It is with great pleasure to announce that **Jack Greenberg**, one of our very own St Hilary parishioners, has been accepted by Archbishop Perez to begin studies for priesthood at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in the Fall of 2025! Congratulations to Jack, and his proud family! Let us prayerfully support him as he takes the necessary steps to discern his call more clearly. God bless Jack!

SOME EXCITING EVENTS COMING UP AT ST. HILARY:



- * **Women's Retreat**
at St. Hilary Parish
Center
Saturday, October 4
- * **Forty Hours Devotion**
October 19, 20, 21

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW...

ST. HILARY LADIES AUXILIARY OF MARY



**"WELCOME BACK"
September Kickoff
Thursday, September 25
7:00pm in the
Parish Center**

**Please come join us for
the Rosary and for
chili & salad - 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
Thanks!**



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE NEWLY BAPTIZED AT ST. HILARY CHURCH:

*Paislee Grace Brooks,
daughter of Ryan and Alaina*

*Anne Patricia Esposito,
daughter of Nick and Kathleen*

*Jolene Rose Keenan,
daughter of Peter and Melissa*

*Francesca Mae Hudson,
daughter of Bernard and Mackenzie*

*Wesley Gerald Johnson,
son of Christopher and Heather*

*Frank Valentino Longo V,
son of Frank and Sarah*



ST. HILARY'S EAGLES FOOTBALL BLOCK POOL



The pool will include the final 16 games of our PHILADELPHIA EAGLES season, and will raise funds for our parish.



**1st game will be Week #2 on
Sunday, 9/14/25 vs KC Chiefs!**



Here is how it works:

Blocks will be sold for \$80 each
(\$5 per week, for 16 weeks).

Semi-annual payment plan will be available.

The pool administrator will randomly place your names on the 1st week's grid, until the grid is full. That grid will then be copied for all 16 weeks.

Your designated block stays the same all season.

At that time, numbers from 0 to 9 will be randomly chosen for each week, for both, the Eagles and their opponent.

The numbers along the top and side will be different each week, so each block has the same chance of winning. The completed blocks will be circulated through email, and hard copies will be available before the opening game kickoff.

The score at the end of regulation (not OT) will be used to decide each week's winner. The unit digit from each team's score will be used as lookups to determine the winning participant. For example, EAGLES 41 vs New England PATSIES 33, we would use Eagles 1 and PATSIES 3 as the lookups. Each weekly winner will receive \$250 sent out by the pool's administrator. We estimate that the parish will pay out \$4,000 in prizes, and make \$4,000 to offset a variety of costs, for each grid of 100 blocks.

Deadline to contact Bob is Wednesday, Sept. 10th.

**Blocks need to be purchased by phone or email
directly to Bob Lattanzi, the pool contact.**

Phone number 215-833-2535 (please leave a message),
and email address is RRLATT@COMCAST.NET

*** Cash or checks can be dropped off in the secure
black lockbox outside the Rectory (please mark your
envelope "Football Pool") – or put your marked
envelope in the collection basket at Mass –
or Venmo: Robert Lattanzi @sc1225

Deadline to contact Bob is Wednesday, Sept. 10th!

Thank you, as always, for your participation!



St. Hilary Knights of Columbus

Members Meeting (members and those
interested) on Wednesday, Sept. 3 at
7:00pm in the Rectory

ST. HILARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VOLUNTEER AT ST. FRANCIS INN

St. Hilary's Knights of Columbus sends five Knights to serve dinner at the Inn, one day per month. Each volunteer is assigned a job and trained to provide the tasks to feed guests.

The Inn provides delicious meals to the community, serving up to 350 guests daily using donations from individuals (if you wish to donate at their site, please go to: <https://stfrancisinn.org>) and you can also donate to local grocery stores through Philabundance.



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 Oct. 1, the beginning of Respect Life Month. More info can be found at www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph. Thanks for responding to this invitation to pray & for your support in protecting innocent children and their vulnerable mothers from the evil of abortion.

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

SAINT HILARY'S 55+ SPIRIT CLUB

First meeting of the year is on Wed., Sept. 17th. Rick Spector of Moviehouse Productions will present "Play Ball - Shibe Park and Beyond." Wear your Phillies gear or something red. Ball Park refreshments will be served. New members always welcome in our fun & welcoming group! You don't need to be a parishioner. Please call Ro Schell at 215-206-5313 w/ questions. Doors open 9am and meeting starts at 10am. Looking forward to seeing you on Sept. 17th! Thanks!

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on Sept. 13th & 14th.**

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, Michelle Stuetz, Kim Huntoweski, Ariel Cleveland

Please pray for the souls of all of the deceased

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

Pastor ~ Rev. Kevin P. Murray

Weekend Assistant ~ Msgr. Gregory J. Fairbanks

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Music Director ~ Justin Jue Plant Manager ~ Hal Fagan

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 (**Rectory closed Mon., Sept. 1**)

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