

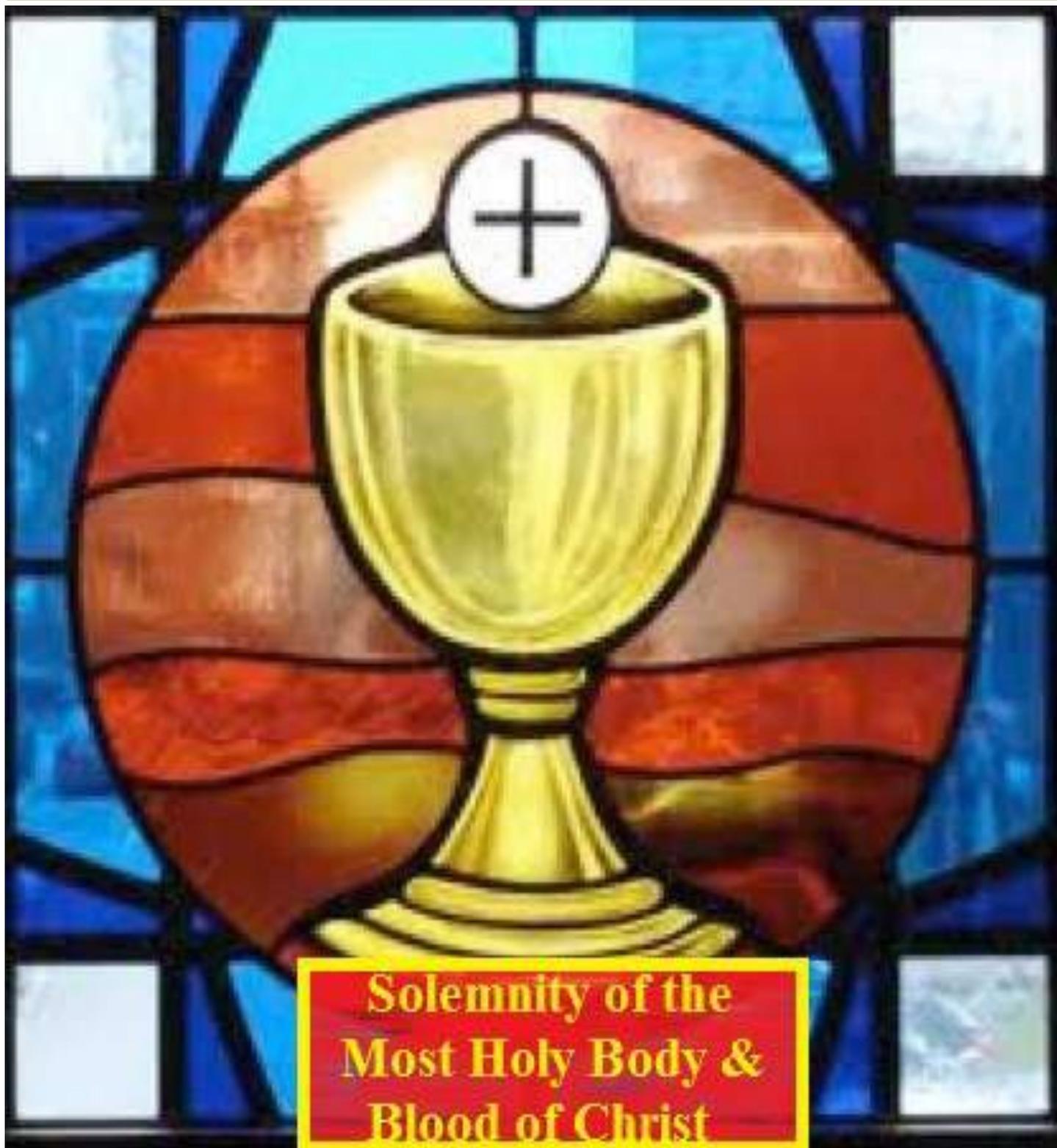
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JUNE 2, 2024

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



**Solemnity of the
Most Holy Body &
Blood of Christ**

PASTOR'S CORNER

"This is my Body, This is my Blood"

Today we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi. What distinguishes us as Catholics is the belief in what the Church calls the Real Presence. By the power of the Holy Spirit, with God acting through an ordained priest, bread and wine are transformed into His Body and Blood. This core belief of our faith comes from the very words of Jesus, "This is my body, this is my blood, given and shed for you." This is the faith handed down to us for over 2,000 years. St. Paul says, "I received from the Lord what I handed on to you; Jesus broke bread and said 'This is My Body, this is the cup of My Blood.'" We take Jesus at His word; this is not pretending and it is not a sign or symbol. As St. Cyril reminds us, "Do not doubt whether this is true, but rather receive the words of the Savior in faith, since He is the truth; He cannot lie."

Many today have lost the sense of wonder and awe before this great miracle. Less than 30% of Catholics attend Mass on a regular basis (prior to Covid). If we believe what the Eucharist really is, we would make the most of the opportunity to receive Holy Communion. The Lord wants to meet our needs and fill us with abundance. When we are short on hope, out of answers, drained of strength, and perplexed by life's uncertainties... bring it all to the Lord in the Eucharist and He will fill us with abundance. Pope Francis wrote, "The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak."

On this Corpus Christi Sunday, let us try to recapture our sense of wonder and awe before this great mystery. Allow the Lord to feed you with His abundance - the medicine for body and soul!

God bless,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, June 2, 2024

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

5:00pm ~ Anna Konieczny

8:30am ~ Charles Lomaistro

10:30am ~ Agnes Irene Sheridan

The new Sunday Mass Schedule started in January

Monday, June 3, 2024

Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

8:00am ~ Farrell Murray

***** No Adoration today**

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

8:00am ~ Catherine Sweeney

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

8:00am ~ Dora and John Fulton

Thursday, June 6, 2024

Saint Norbert, Bishop

8:00am ~ Joseph Magee III

Friday, June 7, 2024

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00am ~ Mary and Stanley Forst

Saturday, June 8, 2024

5:00pm ~ Stephen Emrich

Sunday, June 9, 2024

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am ~ Living and Deceased of St. Hilary

10:30am ~ Mike and Peggie Lyons

ST. HILARY PARISH NOW HAS A TWITTER ACCOUNT, INSTAGRAM, AND FACEBOOK PAGE! PLEASE SEE THE LINKS BELOW ~ YOU CAN ALSO ACCESS THESE SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS BY GOING TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE AT: www.sthilarypoitiers.org

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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 \$355,498. Of the 231 families who have pledged, 173 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*

PLANT YOUR SPRING GARDEN

Three rows of peas:

- Peace of mind
- Peace of heart
- Peace of soul

Three rows of squash:

- Squash indifference
- Squash hatred
- Squash bullying

Three rows of lettuce:

- Let us be kind
- Let us be compassionate
- Let us love one another

Water with patience and cultivate with love



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 St. Ignatius of Antioch

"The Eucharist is the Flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ, Flesh which suffered for our sins and which the Father, in his goodness, raised up again."



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SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR NEW & RETURNING STUDENTS FOR THE 2024-25 YEAR IS NOW OPEN FOR PREK - 8th GRADES!

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MORE SAFETY FOR SHS! GREAT NEWS FOR SHS!

St. Hilary of Poitiers School has been awarded the **2023-2024 School Safety Grant** through the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for \$73,655! These grant funds were allocated for Building Improvements for Physical Safety!

We extend our gratitude to the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety, the School Safety Specialist and School Safety Coordinator, Abington Management Team, Rep. Ben Sanchez, and Abington and Philadelphia Departments for their assistance with formal assessments for supporting background and documentation.

We will continue to share the exciting improvements as we receive information from the state!

Join TuitionCare 2024!

Would you rather send your PA Income Tax money to Harrisburg or redirect it to SHS School?

TuitionCare is a program developed by the Foundation for Catholic Education that allows you to redirect your PA income tax dollars toward St. Hilary of Poitiers School providing a tuition credit for ALL families in Grades K-8! If you are new to the program, the minimum to redirect is \$1,000. For each participating School or Parish family, the SHS School TuitionCare fund will receive \$1,000 toward tuition credits for K-8 families. There was an "insert" in a recent Bulletin; you can also find additional info on the school website: www.sainthilaryschool.com under "Admissions". Thank you for your consideration!

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".

All of us have the responsibility to bring beauty, reverence and dignity to our celebration of Mass. The church directs us to do this in very simple and concrete ways:

- * to receive the Eucharist, one must be in a state of Grace; serious sin must be confessed before receiving Holy Communion.
- * fast from food at least one (1) hour before receiving Holy Communion; except if taking medication or other health issues.
- * bodily demeanor, gestures & dress ought to convey respect as Christ becomes our guest.
- * a simple bow before receiving Communion and responding Amen.
- * quiet reflection when returning back to the pew while acknowledging Christ's presence, and words of praise and thanksgiving and petitioning the Lord to answer our many needs. Leaving Church after receiving is not appropriate.
- * to remember we are to become what we receive...how do we reflect the spirit of the Eucharist in our relationships, choices, etc.
- * be mindful of Christ's continuing presence in the Tabernacle; if able, genuflect entering and leaving Church or a simple bow is appropriate for those who cannot genuflect.



SUMMER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

The summer Sunday 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.

Extraordinary Ministers & Visitors Needed

Holy Redeemer Health is in need of Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist as well as visitors in their facilities (Holy Redeemer Hospital, St. Joseph Manor, and Redeemer Lafayette). Many residents choose these types of facilities because of the faith-based environment, and they take comfort in their opportunity to receive visits and services. If interested, please contact:

Joe Boccella, Director of Community Engagement
Cell: 267-623-6259
Email: jboccella@redeemerhealth.org

ST. HILARY 18th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024
North Hills Country Club**



HAVE FUN AND GOOD LUCK TO ALL 104 GOLFERS WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE ANNUAL ST. HILARY GOLF TOURNAMENT THIS MONDAY! THANKS TO ALL THE SPONSORS! YOU WILL BE SEEING SIGNS FOR OUR SPONSORS ON THE CHURCH LAWN. PICTURES WILL FOLLOW SOON...AND, OF COURSE, A RECAP OF WHO GOT A BETTER SCORE ~ FATHER MURRAY OR MSGR. FAIRBANKS!

THINGS TO PONDER...

- If the #2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still #2?
- Why do we drive on parkways & park on driveways?
- Why do "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same?
- Why do people say "heads up" when you should duck?
- Why isn't "phonetic" spelled the way it sounds?
- Why are you "in" a movie, but "on" TV?
- Why are there no "B" batteries?
- Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?
- Why is a "pair" of eyeglasses just one item?

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 schedule of opportunities which are available by the Church entrances.**



**May 30 to
June 3**



Full details, use QR code or phillyeucharisticrevival.org/pilgrimage

STATEMENT OF MOST REV. NELSON PEREZ REGARDING VATICAN DECREE ATTRIBUTING A SECOND MIRACLE TO THE INTERCESSION OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

“My heart was filled with great joy to learn of Pope Frances’ recent decree recognizing another miracle attributed to Blessed Carlo Acutis! This moment is one of celebration, most especially our young people, who will soon witness the canonization of the first saint from the Millennial Generation. Blessed Carlo is an inspirational role model for children and young adults to become Missionary Disciples for Christ. His example lights the path to encounter the true presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.”

ST. HILARY RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE thanks you for participating in the Pro-Life Union’s Baby Bottle Campaign!

PRAYER TO PROTECT LIFE

Loving God, I thank you for the gift of life you gave and continue to give to me and to all of us.

Merciful God, I ask your pardon and forgiveness for my own failure and the failure of all people to respect and foster all forms of life in our universe.

Gracious God, I pray that with your grace, I and all the people will reverence, protect, and promote all life, and that we will be especially sensitive to the life of the unborn, the abused, neglected, disabled, and the elderly. I pray, too, that all who make decisions about life in any form will do so with wisdom, love & courage. Amen.

*Sister Mary Margaret Johanning, S.S.N.D.
Nihil Obstat: Joseph F. Martino
Imprimatur: Anthony Cardinal Bevilacqua
Archbishop of Phila., June 1994*

*Faith
is when you praise God in the
storm, you trust Him in the valley,
and you follow Him in the dark.
If God is the reason why
you are still breathing,
praise Him. Amen.*

PICTURES FROM LADIES NIGHT OUT ~ THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED PLAN AND ORGANIZE, AND FOR ALL WHO ATTENDED!



STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION	
May 26, 2024	May 24, 2023
Sunday Offering: \$6,050	Sunday Offering: \$6,410
Electronic Giving: \$2,126	Electronic Giving: \$2,413
Total: \$8,176	Total: \$8,823

ST. HILARY 55+ SPIRIT CLUB NEWS

The St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club next meeting is on **Wed., June 19**. 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 June 19; doors open at 9am and the meeting starts at 10am. (This is the last meeting until September.)

“People are often unreasonable and self-centered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you.

Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway.”

- - Mother Teresa

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 Liddy, Bob Kilcoyne, Mary Jane Namola, Elizabeth Dieckman, Sophia Southerling, TJ McDonald, Ahmed Abdul, Sal Sermania, Sue Masantonina, 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, Gloria Hannah, BJ Verdon, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Martha Serdner, Rolando Juarez, Colleen Legare, Theresa Williams, Jim Curley, Bob Donnolly, Gloria Merron

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,

(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

Pastor ~ Rev. Kevin P. Murray

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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. Thanks!*

Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal will provide necessary support to several thousands of people. These individuals are served by an array of organizations, programs, and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

The beneficiaries of this Appeal focus on five key areas:

- 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 2024 if you'd like to have a Mass said for deceased loved ones. Please call the Rectory at 215-884-3252 or feel free to stop by the Rectory during business hours with any questions. Thanks!

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