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DECEMBER 11, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

JOY



PASTOR'S CORNER

POPE BENEDICT XVI ON WAITING

"Every one of us, therefore, especially in this season which prepares us for Christmas, can ask himself: What am I waiting for? What, at this moment of my life, does my heart long for? And this same question can be posed at the level of the family, of the community, of the nation. What are we waiting for together? What unites our aspirations, what brings them together?"

In the time before Jesus' birth, the expectation of the Messiah was very strong in Israel – that is, the expectation of an Anointed One, a descendent of King David, who would at last set the people free from every form of moral and political slavery, and find the kingdom of God. But no one would ever have imagined that the Messiah could be born of a humble girl like Mary, the betrothed of a righteous man, Joseph. Nor would she have ever thought of it, and yet in her heart, the expectation of the Savior was so great, her faith and hope were so ardent, that He was able to find in her a worthy mother. Moreover, God himself had prepared her before time. There is a mysterious correspondence between the waiting of God and that of Mary, the creature "full of grace" – totally transparent to the loving plan of the Most High.

Let us learn from her, the Woman of Advent, how to live our daily actions with a new spirit, with the feeling of profound expectation that only the coming of God can fulfill.

-- Angelus address, Nov. 28, 2010



*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

5:00pm Vigil ~ Kathleen Matthews
8:00am ~ Philip and Dorothy Traum
10:00am ~ Edward A. Metzger
12:00pm ~ Madge and John Hogan

Monday, December 12, 2022

Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am ~ John E. Welsh

*** 8:30am-4pm ~ *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:00am ~ Anthony Banas

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of Church

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

Thursday, December 15, 2022

8:00am ~ Timothy O'Connor

*** 7:00pm ~ *Taize Prayer*

Friday, December 16, 2022

8:00am ~ Clara Trappler

Saturday, December 17, 2022

5:00pm ~ Walt Griffin

Sunday, December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00am ~ Willard and Anna Gould
10:00am ~ Christine Schroeder
12:00pm ~ Mary Melly

**The 2023 Mass Book for Announced
Masses is open. Stop by or call the Rectory.**



PLEASE SIGN UP FOR FLOCKNOTES!

If we don't have your email address to send you parish news, please either call the Rectory with it, or email us at sthilaryrydal@gmail.com. Thanks!

ST. HILARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



I want to thank this parish community for the tremendous support for the 2022 Diamond Jubilee Capital Campaign. Seeing the progression of this campaign these past few months has been truly a blessing. We have an exciting update; this campaign has raised \$356,571.25. Through your prayers and help, we have even surpassed our initial goal of \$350,000.

For those who have yet to donate to the campaign, it is definitely not too late to still support. Please remember that this initiative will be beneficial for both our Parish and School. The sooner that the pledges are redeemed, the better it will be for paying for these projects. We currently have about \$180,000 of the campaign contributions deposited, and it is imperative that we continue to collect all payments on pledges to ensure we can complete all the capital work. Thanks!

Gratefully,
Father Murray

SAINTS OF ADVENT

Many know the story of St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, the old Indigenous farmer to whom Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared. He saw her four times. The final time, she offered proof of her presence through Castilian roses miraculously blooming in Mexico in December. But the proof was even more marvelous than that, as Juan Diego saw when he opened his cloak, which bore a stunning image of the apparition. It isn't often mentioned that Juan Diego was too busy for Mary; he was actually trying to avoid her. His uncle was very sick and Juan was rushing to find a priest, so to avoid being delayed by the Blessed Mother, Juan went by a different route. This is when she spoke that famous line, "Am I not here who am your mother?" Juan Diego listened and obeyed, trying to trust in the Blessed Mother even as he continued to worry about his uncle. And when he finally went home, he saw his uncle perfectly healthy - Mary had appeared to him in Juan Diego's absence and brought him God's healing. How often do we, like Juan Diego, rush about our business thinking we need to save ourselves? How often do we worry not only that God won't answer our prayers but that following Him will make everything harder? Still He loves us. Still He offers Himself to us. And St. Juan Diego reminds us that God is gentle with us even when we refuse to make time for Him. On his feast day Dec. 12, take a step back from the noise of the season and re-evaluate...how can you refocus your Advent on the Christ child? What tasks can be set aside? Ask Our Lady of Guadalupe to be a mother to you now, as she was to Juan Diego and his uncle, too.

"GIVEN" TREE THANKS...

The Outreach Group congratulates and commends the parishioners for another season of outstanding generosity! Some general collection results are as follows:

St. Katherine received 23 hats, 15 pairs of gloves, 150 pairs of socks, over 75 books, and 7 bags of various miscellaneous items.



Birthright received over 140 various items and 56 diaper packages.

May you be blessed for your kind generosity!!!



ST HILARY EAGLES BLOCK POOL



Week 11 Winners ~ McCrea Family and Rehiel Family

Week 10 Winners ~ Otto Family and St. Hilary

Week 09 Winners ~ Barbara Ferrari and Meredith Merlini

Week 08 Winners ~ Dan McVey and Ed Walker

Week 07 Winners ~ St. Hilary and George Naab

Week 06 Winners ~ Ed Bongard and Rosemary Naab
(“Bye” Week on 10/23/22)

Week 05 Winners ~ McCrea Family & Carbone Family

Week 04 Winners ~ Jim Brady and Bob & Celeste Tate

Week 03 Winners ~ The Stengels and Valentino -

Week 02 Winners ~ Christy Stefanelli and Egan Family

Week 01 Winners ~ Kathy McCaffrey and Roy & Carol Stein

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS annual collection will greatly assist in providing for the needs of faithful servants of the Church, as it addresses the deficit in retirement savings and ongoing needs of the aging members. Thanks in advance for your support.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

December 4, 2022

December 5, 2021

Sunday Offering: \$6,283

Sunday Offering: \$7,123

Electronic Giving: \$3,359

Electronic Giving: \$3,573

Total: \$9,642

Total: \$10,696

ANGELUS



The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary, and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Behold the handmaid of the Lord,
Be it done unto me according to your Word.*

Hail Mary...

*And the Word was made flesh,
And dwelt among us.*

Hail Mary...

*Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

*Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts: that we, to whom the
Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by
the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and
Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Some suggestions for this 3rd Week of Advent in preparing for the Lord:

Sunday ~ Read Matthew 11:2-11. Light two violet candles and the rose one for Joy..

Monday ~ Display flowers at home to honor Mary. Pray for expectant mothers and their babies.

Tuesday ~ At the half-way point of Advent, renew your resolutions for change..

Wednesday ~ Set out an empty box. Add gently used clothes, starting today. When it's full, bring it to a clothing drive or drop it off in one of the green bins in your area.

Thursday ~ Christmas is a busy time for parishes. Stop by your parish office and offer your services..

Friday ~ Eat a simple, meatless meal and donate the money you saved to the poor box at church.

Saturday ~ Pray one of the seven "O Antiphons" daily, found in the hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel."

ADVENT SEASON *"Come, Lord Jesus"*



DAILY MASS Monday to Friday at 8:00am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

on Mondays 8:30am to 4:00pm;
private visits encouraged.



SCRIPTURE STUDY GROUPS

are on Mondays, Tuesdays, and
Wednesdays; started the week of
November 13th

CONFESSIONS every Saturday 4:00-4:45pm;
the Sundays in Advent after the 10:00am Mass;
and on Monday, December 19th at 7:00pm

TAIZE PRAYER is on
Thursday, December 15th
at 7:00pm; join us for
Prayer, Music, Scripture,
and Reflection



CHRISTMAS MASSES



Saturday, Dec. 24th
at 4:00pm

Sunday, Dec. 25th at
8:00am, 10:00am,
and 12:00pm

MASSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Saturday, December 31st at 4:00pm

and

Sunday, January 1st, 2023 at 8:00am,
10:00am, and 12:00pm

*"We must consider how to inspire one
another on love and good works. We should
not stay away from our assembly, as is the
custom of some, but encourage one another,
and all the more as you see the day of the
Lord coming near."*

-- Hebrews 10:24-25

THANK YOU!!! Our Christmas Festival was a great success! It was a terrific turnout! Young and old had a festive time sharing friendship, laughter, great food, games for the children, and a visit with Santa! Many thanks to our Home & School and everyone who helped set up and clean up for this great occasion. It is so inspiring to see so many of you taking ownership and extending good will toward our parish and school community!

Congratulations to the Winners of the Raffle:

\$1,000 ~ Mary Ellen Dougherty

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SCHOOL SAFETY

In light of the recent school shootings and the rising concern for the safety of the students and faculty, a School Security Site Assessment was completed by the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety, along with security assessments by the Abington and Philadelphia Police, and Montgomery County Emergency Management Team at the start of the school calendar year. All three services identified the targeted concern of limiting access to the school building. Since the school is connected to the church, it allows unimpeded access to the school. The recommendation was made to limit access to the school on weekends and to school personnel only, during school hours. This access will be through the main door only, and all visitors' access will be recorded. With these restrictions, the school main entrance will not be accessible for Masses or to enter the church. Entrance to the church for Mass will be by the front doors on Susquehanna Road, as well as the two side doors. We thank you for your patience and understanding!

UPDATED 55+ SPIRIT NEWS:

55+ Spirit Club Group ~ the next meeting is on December 21 at 10am in the Parish Center. We will celebrate the music of Christmas with Elizabeth Knecht. She brings us the classic and beautiful hymns we love. Santa will add a little magic to the show. Instead of a Pollyanna, we will have a collection for St. Hilary Parish Outreach Program. Our 50-50 winners will take home prizes and everyone will pack a box of homemade cookies baked by our own bakers baking (boxes provided). Remember the Book Swap we mentioned at the last meeting; please limit to three books per person at this time. We are accepting any yarn donations for our School Knitting Club - bring to meeting or call for pick up. The January 18 meeting will be coordinated with Principal Mrs. Fagan in honor of Catholic Schools Week. It will also be a game day! On February 15, we will meet Mary Wible from the GAR Civil War Museum. She is anxious to introduce this local Holmesburg museum to us. They have a program collecting stamps for wounded veterans. She will explain it but suggested Christmas is a good time to start collecting - just cut off stamps, leaving 1/4" border; no peeling needed. Old stamp collections accepted. Merry Christmas to all! *Margie 215-885-8722 / Bridget 215-663-0411*

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 215-663-1046.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK:

Michael Dooley, Jack Avak, Michael Brown, Nicolas Liddy, Bob Kilcoyne, Mary Jane Namola, Elizabeth Dieckman, Sophia Southerling, Mary Deely, TJ McDonald, Ahmed Abdul, Sal Sermania, Sue Masantonia, 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, Tina Hardimon, 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, Timothy Dempsey, Dilynn Listman, Anne Visco, Daniel Hare, Gloria Hannah, BJ Verdon, Jim Curley, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Chap Nowicke

*Please pray for the souls of all the deceased
Frank Bruno Karen Mulligan*

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays at 5:00pm
Sundays at 8:00am, 10:00pm, and 12pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

8 AM on Monday thru Friday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 4 – 4:45 PM; **Sundays in Advent after 10am Mass**

HOLY DAYS

7 PM Vigil

8 AM and 10 AM on holy day

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BAPTISM: Sundays after the 12pm 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 Friday: 8:30 AM to 4 PM

Closed for Lunch: 12 PM to 1 PM

Please note that church envelopes as well as Tuition payments can be dropped off in the secure BLACK lockbox outside the rectory during off-hours. Thanks!

Divine Mercy's Mother said: "I desire, My dearly beloved daughter, that you practice the three virtues that are dearest to Me - and most pleasing to God. The first is humility; the second purity; the third, love of God. As my daughter, you must especially radiate with these virtues." (St. Faustina Diary, 1415)

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JOIN THE ADVENT CHALLENGE WITH THE HALLOW APP

In the foyer of the Church, you will see a large pink poster with a barcode - you are invited to join the Advent Challenge. It is free for 14 days. Take a picture of the barcode with your cell phone, and it allows you to browse prayers, meditations, etc. (After 14 days, you would have to pay but you can check out the trial free for 14 days).

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