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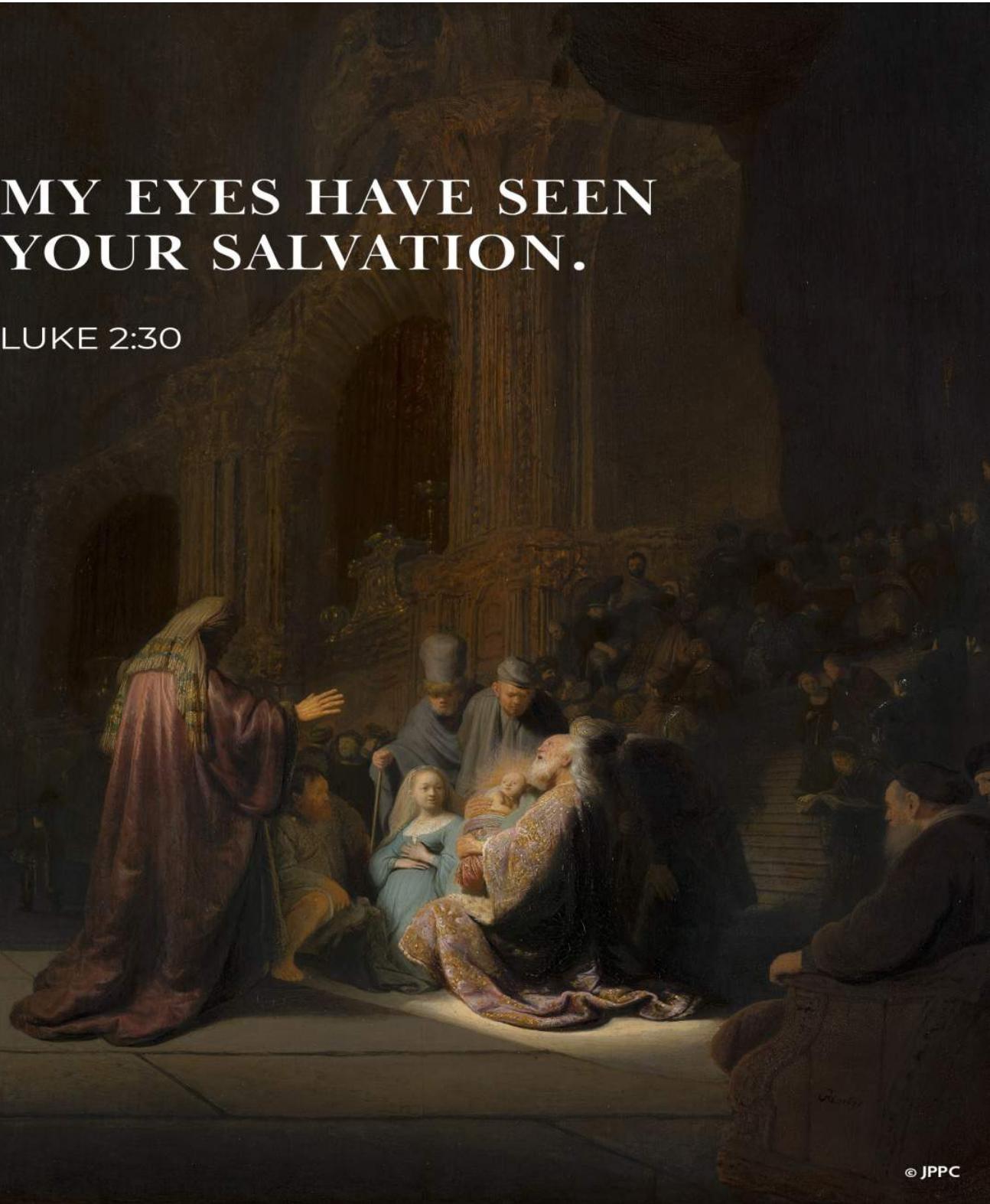
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FEBRUARY 2, 2025

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

MY EYES HAVE SEEN
YOUR SALVATION.

LUKE 2:30



PASTOR'S CORNER

"He is a merciful and faithful High Priest before God."

-- Hebrews 2:14-18

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation. Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the Temple. It was the Jewish custom of dedicating the first born son to God. The Temple was the place where God and His people would embrace. Yet it is not just any child or son presented today, but God Himself who became man. As the prophet Malachi wrote, "Suddenly there will come to the Temple the Lord whom you seek." Jesus is the new Temple; in Him we are restored to a right relationship with God. Jesus comes with deep affection and humility. As St. Paul wrote, Jesus is the "Priest, the Lamb, and the Altar."

Today's feast is a reminder of when we were presented to God at our Baptism. Through the sacred waters, we became sons and daughters of God. We were given a lighted candle by our parents with these words:

*"Receive the light of Christ;
this light entrusted to you
to keep burning brightly and walk
as a child of the light."*

In the gospel, Simeon took Jesus into his arms and blessed God. Today at the Eucharist, we embrace the Living Presence of Jesus Christ. God has favored us once again...may we become stronger in our faith and grow in His wisdom and grace.

God Bless,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, February 2, 2025

The Presentation of the Lord

5:00pm ~ Joseph and Victor McGarrity
8:30am ~ William and Rosemary Wynne
10:30am ~ Joseph Loviglio

Monday, February 3, 2025

Saint Blaise, Bishop & Martyr and Saint Ansgar, Bishop
8:00am ~ Edward J. Toland
(Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed after daily Mass.)
8:30am-4:00pm ~ Adoration

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

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

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
8:00am ~ Rocco Lomaistro

Thursday, February 6, 2025

Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
8:00am ~ Richard and David Gengler

Friday, February 7, 2025

8:00am ~ Joe Hartey

Saturday, February 8, 2025

5:00pm ~ Lidia Yatcilla

Sunday, February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am ~ Joseph Magee III
10:30am ~ Marie Amenhauser

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

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WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR?

It is a special period of celebration and grace that takes place every 25 years, offering all 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. Further information and various activities surrounding this Jubilee Year will be forthcoming.

JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen.

Archbishop Perez published a Pastoral Letter on Sunday, January 5, 2025. This letter outlines his hopes for the Church of Philadelphia over the coming years. To watch the video and read the Letter from the Archbishop, please go to this link: <https://trustandhope.org>, or you can use the QR Code seen here. There are Archdiocesan Consultation Sessions to learn even more. We will have local information sessions to further address any questions, and we will share those dates as soon as they are scheduled.



"I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting Him encounter them...no one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since 'no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord'... Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that He is already there, waiting for us with open arms."

"The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community."



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PARISH & SCHOOL FUNDRAISER**

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One Winner receives \$2,500 (Seller \$125)

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One Winner receives \$500 (Seller \$50)

Drawing will be held Sunday, June 8, 2025,
after the 10:30AM Mass.

**Each raffle ticket is \$10.
Great prizes to be had!**

Raffle Tickets will be on sale after all Masses.

**Raffle Tickets will also be on sale in the
Rectory Mondays thru Thursdays from
8:30am to 4:00pm (closed from 12-1pm).**

**** It would be greatly appreciated if you
would take a packet of 25 tickets to sell them
(anyone can sell the tickets). There will be
an Instruction Sheet included. Please stop by
the table after Mass to pick up a packet to
sell (special incentive for sellers, too)!**

**If you have any questions, please call the
Rectory Mondays thru Thursdays at
215-884-3252 or you can email to
sthilaryrydal@gmail.com**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IN
PARTICIPATING IN THIS FUNDRAISER FOR
ST. HILARY PARISH AND SCHOOL!**



St. Hilary Knights of Columbus

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 12
7pm in the Rectory**

There will be a Members Meeting of the Knights of Columbus on **Wed, Feb. 12th at 7:00pm in the Rectory**. All men - members and those interested - are encouraged and welcome to join us! (Usually the Member Meetings are the first Wed. of each month, except in February.) The Officers Meetings are on the last Wednesday of each month. We are glad to have the Knights of Columbus here at St. Hilary Parish!



Seen here are some of the St. Hilary Knights of Columbus volunteering their time to prepare the packets for the Parish Raffle Fundraiser. Their time and service are greatly appreciated with this, as well as other various activities with which they are involved!



**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.

A Proven Way to Grow in Friendship With God

Do you long to feel God's love more deeply but find something holding you back? St. Ignatius of Loyola shared this struggle, inspiring him to create a transformative daily practice. This practice can help you live with greater joy in your journey with Christ:

* **Give thanks...**reflect on the blessings of your day; pause to really savor them and offer your heartfelt gratitude

* **Seek clarity...**ask God for the grace to recognize your sins and remove them from your heart

* **Examine your day...**review your actions from waking until now; reflect on how sin crept in, the virtues you may need to cultivate, and areas of your life that need God's healing touch

* **Ask for mercy...**come to God in repentance; His mercy welcomes you back, and Scripture assures us that Heaven rejoices over every contrite heart (Luke 15:7)

* **Resolve to grow...**commit to loving God & others more fully tomorrow; plan how to resist temptation, make an effort to amend relationships, or prepare for Confession if needed.



St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish VERY SUPER Super Bowl Block Pool



The **VERY SUPER** Super Bowl is on Sunday, February 9th.
No expertise is needed, just pure random luck.

Blocks will be sold for \$25 each. Here's how it works:

The administrator, Bob Lattanzi, will randomly place your names on the grid(s), until the grid is full (100 blocks for one entire grid).

At that time, numbers from 0 to 9 will be randomly chosen for both, the PHILADELPHIA EAGLES and the Kansas City Chiefs.

The completed blocks will be circulated through email before the kickoff.

The unit digit from each team's score will be used as lookups to determine the winning participants.
For example, EAGLES 49 versus CHIEFS 13, we would use
EAGLES 9 and CHIEFS 3 as the lookups.

We will have a \$25 winner after every score, including extra points.

The score at the end of the 1st Quarter will win 15% of the remaining pot
(probably about \$175).

The score at Halftime will win 20% of the remaining pot
(probably about \$250).



The score at the end of the 3rd Quarter will win 15% of the remaining pot
(probably about \$175).

The score at the end of regulation will win 50% of the remaining pot
(probably about \$600).

Unless the game goes overtime, then the score at the end of regulation and the score at the end of the game split that 50% equally.

If we sell out 100 blocks, we estimate that the Parish will pay out \$1,500 in winnings and make \$1,000 to offset a variety of costs. We hope to sell 200 blocks and have 2 completed grids, doubling our intake and payouts (feel free to buy multiple blocks).

**Pool contact is Bob Lattanzi,
phone number 215-833-2535 (you can text, or leave a voicemail message),
and email address is RRLATT@COMCAST.NET**

***** Blocks are to be purchased by phone or email DIRECTLY TO BOB LATTANZI ~ let Bob know by Thursday, Feb. 6 how many blocks you want...thank you. *****

Checks should be made payable to St. Hilary; please put "Super Bowl" in the memo section of your check. You can drop off cash or checks to the Rectory in an envelope marked "Super Bowl Pool" (or if after business hours, you can put your marked envelope in the secure black lockbox outside the Rectory). Or you can put your marked envelope in next weekend's church collection basket, or you can also Venmo Robert Lattanzi @sc1225.

PLEASE BE SURE TO LET BOB KNOW BY THURSDAY, FEB. 6 HOW MANY BLOCKS YOU WANT. THANKS, AS ALWAYS, FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!!!



St. Hilary Parish made \$8,000 from the 2024 regular season football pool (total payout to winners was \$8,000). Thanks again for your participation!!!



Updated St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club News:

The St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club next meeting will be on **Wed., February 19**. 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. Doors open at 9am; meeting starts at 10am. Thanks!

“Give yourself fully to God.
He will use you to accomplish great
things on the condition that you
believe much more in His love than
in your own weakness.”

~ St. Teresa of Calcutta



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 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, 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, Theresa Williams, Bob Donnelly, 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 all 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

CONFESIONS:

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:

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.

THANK YOU for your prayerful and financial support for the Annual Collection for the Care of Aging & Infirm Priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. This initiative provides a special opportunity to express gratitude for the many blessings received through the ministry of priests. In retirement, they continue to be a great source of support for our local church through their prayers, the celebration of Holy Mass, and their wise counsel. Many of the retired priests reside at Villa Saint Joseph in Darby and Regina Coeli in Warminster, where they continue to intercede for the people of God whom they served faithfully for many years.

STEWARSHIP REPORT TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

January 26, 2025

Sunday Offering: \$7,865
Electronic Giving: \$2,345

Total: \$10,210

January 28, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$5,241
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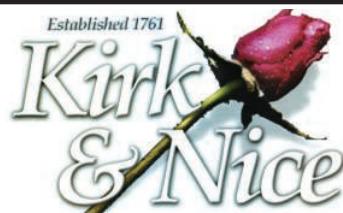
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