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MAY 26, 2024

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Go, therefore,
and make *disciples*
of all nations

MATTHEW 28:19



... Always remember
... Always be grateful
... Never forget

Memorial Day

PASTOR'S CORNER

“O Sacred Three, my fortress be encircling me, come be around my heart and my home.”

This ancient Irish prayer captures what the Church calls “the most fundamental and essential teaching on the hierarchy of the truths of faith.” It is the mystery of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ revealed this great mystery. God, He shows us, is a Community – the most perfect community. There is no conflict, jealousy, exclusivity or ego conflict here; only perfect love. We all long for such a community in families, neighborhoods, and nations. Unfortunately we fall short, in our human attempts to build harmony.

What is so amazing is that the Holy Trinity wants us to be part of their circle of love. Despite our frailties and sinfulness, God invites us to join Him in this community of love. We show our acceptance to this invitation by checking our egos, prejudices, and jealousies at the door. Of all the activities we do as a parish, none is greater than our efforts to bring the Trinity – perfect love – to all our human communities. It is a difficult call, but that is why we come to the Eucharist. As St. Cyril reminds us, “To become by grace what God is by nature.” May our heavenly Father continue to bring order to nature, may Jesus bring order to human nature, and may the Holy Spirit lead us to the truths of God. By their grace, we can bring greater harmony to all our communities.

God bless,
Father Murray



*Mass Intentions
for the Week*

Sunday, May 26, 2024

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

5:00pm ~ Robert Seifert

8:30am ~ Patrick and Mary Costello

10:30am ~ Joseph and Mary Forkin

The new Sunday Mass Schedule started in January

Monday, May 27, 2024

Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

8:00am ~ Patsy Whalen

**** No Adoration on this day**

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

8:00am ~ Mary and Howard Trappler

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

Saint Paul VI, Pope

8:00am ~ Anna Scharff

Thursday, May 30, 2024

8:00am ~ Suzann Wardle

Friday, May 31, 2024

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am ~ Alberta DiMasi

Saturday, June 1, 2024

5:00pm ~ Anna Konieczny

Sunday, June 2, 2024

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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

10:30am ~ Agnes Irene Sheridan

PRAYER TO THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Glory be to the Father, Who by His almighty power and love created me, making me in the image and likeness of God.

Glory be to the Son, Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell, and opened for me the gates of heaven.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit, Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism, and continues to sanctify me by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.

Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

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*



CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING WHO WERE INSTALLED AS NEW ALTAR SERVERS AT ST. HILARY CHURCH LAST WEEKEND AT MASS:

- Cate Carroll*
- Jack Courtney*
- Michael Coyle*
- Daniel Gillard*
- Emily Horan*
- Hallie Howard*
- Ryan Landgrebe*
- Nolan Peppard*
- James Wilson*

MAY GOD BLESS THEM IN THEIR NEW MINISTRY!



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 Bishop Robert Barron

Even the dulllest and least appetizing fare would suffice for the maintenance of life; but who among us doesn't enjoy a tasty and appealing meal? So the Eucharist does more than sustain the divine life in us...it delights us, as a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.



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MORE SAFETY FOR SHS! GREAT NEWS FOR ST. HILARY SCHOOL!

St. Hilary of Poitiers School has been awarded the **2023-2024 School Safety Grant** through the PA 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 further information from the state!

BE YOUR OWN GOODNESS

What you are doing, I cannot do.

What I am doing, You cannot do.

But together, we can all do something beautiful for God; even if only a smile, for we shall never know all the good that a simple smile can do.

-- Saint Theresa of Calcutta

THANK YOU to all who helped plan and organize the annual Ladies Night Out! And thanks to all those who attended! Pictures to follow in a future Bulletin.



May ~ Month of Mary

Thank you to all who joined us as we honored Mary at our Miraculous Medal Novena and May Procession the past three Mondays

AUXILIARY BISHOPS

As they take up full-time episcopal ministry, each of the active auxiliary bishops will be entrusted with oversight of a particular region of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

The "regional bishop" will provide a pastoral presence in the parishes of the region through pastoral visits, celebrations of Confirmation and other liturgies, installation of pastors, and other important events. He will also take the lead, in collaboration with the deans of the region, in planning and implementing the planning initiatives of the "Fourth Way."

The bishop assigned to each region is as follows:

Bishop McIntyre: Delaware and Chester Counties

Bishop Chylinski: Montgomery County

Bishop Cooke: Bucks County

Bishop Esmilla: City of Philadelphia



SUMMER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

The summer 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.



A joyous, grateful, and prayerful welcome is extended to the men who were ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, May 18, 2024:

Rev. Bernard O . Ekeagwu

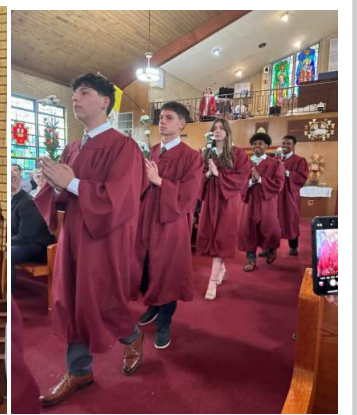
Rev. George H Miller

Rev. Brendan R. Zehner

God bless them in their new ministry as priests in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia!



PICTURES FROM THE ST. HILARY SCHOOL AND PREP PROGRAM MAY PROCESSIONS



THEY WERE REVERENT AND LOVELY CELEBRATIONS DEDICATED TO THE BLESSED MOTHER EARLIER IN MAY

**ST. HILARY
18th ANNUAL
GOLF TOURNAMENT
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2024
North Hills Country Club**



*Have fun and thank you to all who signed up for this annual event, and for all who helped sponsor this day!
(The deadline for golfers was May 22, according to North Hills policy.)*

PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAM

“Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did to me.” Matthew 25:40

Your charitable donations to our St. Hilary Parish Outreach Program have benefitted many organizations and individuals. Here is just a sample:

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| Cradle of Hope | St. John’s Hospice |
| St. Vincent de Paul | St. Francis Inn |
| St. Margaret Maternity Home | Redeemer Health |
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| Ukraine Educational Center | Birthright |

Many thanks for your sacrifices, compassion, and mercy responding to our brothers and sisters in need. Thank you also to the Parish Outreach volunteers who work hard behind-the-scenes.

- - Father Murray

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 see the schedule of opportunities which are available by the Church entrances for your convenience.**



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

little change makes a **BIG** difference.

ST. HILARY RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE thanks you for participating in the Pro-Life Union’s Baby Bottle Campaign ~ the bottles are being collected by the members after all Masses this weekend of May 25/26. **Thank you!**

TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

Memorial Day marks the day in 1921 when four unknowns were exhumed from four World War I American cemeteries in France. Army Sgt. Edward F. Younger chose the Unknown Soldier of World War I, who now lies in the tomb. President Warren G. Harding officiated at the interment ceremonies at the Memorial Amphitheater on November 11, 1921.

There are three other soldiers buried at the tomb. In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill to select and pay tribute to the unknowns of World War II and Korea. The selection ceremonies and the interment of those unknowns took place in 1958. The Unknown of Vietnam was only unknown for a short time. After being placed into the tomb in 1984, the Unknown was exhumed in 1988. Thanks in part to mitochondrial DNA testing, Department of Defense scientists were able to identify the remains.

It was decided that the crypt that contained the remains of the Vietnam Unknown will remain vacant. The crypt cover was replaced with a new inscription that now reads: “Honoring and Keeping Faith with America’s Missing Servicemen, 1958-1975”

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier is guarded 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and in any weather by Tomb Guard sentinels. Tomb Guards are volunteers – part of the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, also known as “The Old Guard.” It is the oldest active-duty infantry unit in the Army, serving the US since 1784. The honor of Tomb Guard is incredibly rare. The badge is the least awarded in the Army. It takes a high level of dedication to be a Tomb Guard. They work in 24-hour shifts and when they aren’t walking the mat, they are living in the quarters beneath it. During that time, they complete training and prepare their uniforms, which can take up to eight hours.

Changing of the Guard is an elaborate ritual that happens every hour on the hour October 1 to March 31, and every half-hour from April 1 to September 30. Visitors are welcome to watch the ceremony, but must stand and remain silent.

The ceremony starts with the relief commander announcing the Changing of the Guard on the plaza. The Tomb Guard marches 21 steps behind the Tomb, turns, faces east for 21 seconds, turns and faces north for 21 seconds, then takes 21 steps down the mat, and repeats the process. After the turn, the sentinel executes a sharp “shoulder-arms” movement to place the weapon on the shoulder closest to visitors watching the ceremony. This signifies that the sentinel stands between the Tomb and any potential threat. Doing things in increments of 21 symbolizes the 21-gun salute, which is the highest military honor that can be bestowed.



ST. HILARY 55+ SPIRIT CLUB NEWS

The St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club had its May meeting on the 15th and the Parish Center was once again decorated in a spring theme. Ray Vandegriff talked to the members about financial security in retirement. It was entertaining and informative. We would like to thank Ray for treating the club to lunch. Everyone enjoyed the hoagies and Stocks pound cake and the many conversations around the tables. The next meeting is on **Wed., June 19 at which time we will have an ice cream social and bingo party.** 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. Thanks!

THANK YOU FOR THE MANNA BAGS which were returned to Masses last week-end. The food was being picked up by Saint Vincent Food Cupboard on Monday, May 20. Thank you for your kind generosity.



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 Lid- dy, Bob Kilcoyne, Mary Jane Namola, Elizabeth Dieckman, Sophia Southerling, TJ McDonald, Ahmed Abdul, Sal Sermania, Sue Masantonina, Angela Gavin, Wil- liam Hartner, Mary Jane Hummel, Pat Cass, Michele Kelly, Tina Savarino, Nicholas Esposito, Sarah Koehler, Paris Luckowski, Judy Sklar, Bernadette Redican, Gina Deva- ney, Bob Steele, Linda Smithson, Eileen Burger, Brian Bailie, Lionel Melly Wright, Cole Plachter, Mary Jo Reaby, Kevin Rosenbaum, Capt. Schaffir, 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 List- man, Anne Visco, Daniel Hare, Gloria Hannah, BJ Verdon, Fidelia Almerini, Liliana DeGrazia, Leila Koehler, Martha Serdner, Rolando Juarez, Colleen Legare, Theresa Wil- liams, 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
Weekend Assistant ~ Msgr. Gregory J. Fairbanks
In Residence ~ Rev. Jacob John
Deacon ~ Deacon Joseph W. Bernauer, Jr.
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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 (**Rectory closed on Memorial Day**)

*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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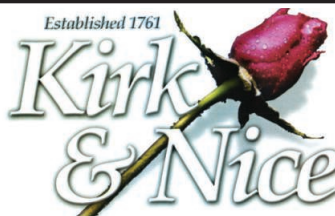
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