

St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTOR'S CORNER

"Ephphatha - be open."

What amazed the disciples and the crowds about Jesus's miracle today was not so much the restoring of hearing and speech but the recipient of the miracle. The man was a pagan, a gentile. He was a foreigner..."not one of us," they would say.

Yet Jesus shows God's compassion is never limited to any one nation or culture. God favors everyone. In the cultural and economic situations of today, it is easy to place blame on others for our troubles. We view those of different nationalities with suspicion. There can develop an elitist attitude that goes as far as terminating the life of the unborn, the physically imperfect. Healthcare policies develop new criteria for providing assistance only for those judged the right age and the right risk based on financial concerns. We can lose sight of those who are truly poor and needy, who are lumped together with those who cheat the system.

For Jesus, those less fortunate - in poor health, poor economically or socially - should be the object of our mercy and not our disdain, no matter where they are from.

Today, the Lord once again touches our ears by His Word and our mouth by the Eucharist. We pray always to be open to that Word and His ways. Without being open to His Word, our speech will be imperfect. As Christians, the language that must always be on our lips is that of mercy and compassion.

God Bless,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00pm ~ Antonio Galliani
8:30am ~ Florinda and Richard Rink
10:30am ~ Carroll Fasy

Monday, September 9, 2024

Saint Peter Claver, Priest
8:00am ~ Walter Levy
8:30am-4:00pm ~ Adoration

(The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed daily after the 8am Mass - all are welcome to join.)

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

8:00am ~ Ed Kelleher

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

8:00am ~ Emily Kelleher & Family

Thursday, September 12, 2024

The Most Holy Name of Mary
8:00am ~ Living and Deceased of St. Hilary

Friday, September 13, 2024

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8:00am ~ Joseph Magee III

Saturday, September 14, 2024

5:00pm ~ Betty Stever

Sunday, September 15, 2024

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am ~ Walt Griffin
10:30am ~ Theresa DeCave

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

We are now completing our two-year Capital Campaign. As previously noted, our original goal was \$350,000. The generosity of our parishioners has been overwhelming. A total of \$427,176.25 had been pledged. Of that amount, we have collected and deposited \$402,773. Of the 231 families who have pledged, 202 families are paid in full. All of our projects have been completed, and all bills are now paid, thanks to you! I hope you enjoy our new air conditioning system in the Church. Our children and teachers 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. Thank you to those who are still paying toward their pledge. So, as we are now in the completion stage of our Campaign, I remain most grateful for your kind generosity.

God's grace & peace, Fr. Murray

THE 2025 MASS BOOK FOR ANNOUNCED MASSES IS OPEN

You can call or stop by the Rectory during business hours. Any questions, please contact Marian at the Rectory at 215-884-3252 or email sthilaryrydal@gmail.com



SOME EXCITING EVENTS COMING UP AT ST. HILARY:

- * **Women's Retreat**
at St. Hilary Parish Center
Saturday, October 5
- * **Forty Hours Devotion**
October 20, 21, 22
- * **Hosting of the Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis & His Eucharistic Miracles Display**
on the weekend of October 19th

More details to follow in future Bulletins...

EUCARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. HILARY CHURCH

Our Monday Eucharistic Adoration will begin again on Monday, Sept. 9th 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.



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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! Anyone associated with St. Hilary Parish or School can participate! 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. You can also find additional info on the school website: www.sainthilaryschool.com Thank you for your consideration!



ENCOUNTERING CHRIST

St. Hilary's Ladies Day of Recollection ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME!

Date: Saturday October 5, 2024

Theme: Encountering Christ

Retreat Master: Sr. Ana Dura

Cost: \$20 per person (includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch)

Location: St. Hilary Parish Center

For Reservations: Call the Rectory at

215-884-3252 or email to
sthilaryrydal@gmail.com

ST. HILARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION CEREMONY 8-28-24

The St. Hilary of Poitiers Knights of Columbus Council #18508 hosted an August 28, 2024 Degree Exemplification Ceremony. Grand Knight Todd Ellis officially installed five new Knights: Steve Dugan, Tom Gilton, Sean Hannigan, Joe Kilian, and Tom Rehiehl. Brian Ehmann and Nicholas Gulli were also welcomed as Knights of Columbus transfers on the same evening. These Catholic men pledged a solemn oath of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity, and share a common bond - devotion and brotherhood in Jesus Christ. Congratulations and may God bless our new St. Hilary of Poitiers Knights!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



**In Service to One.
In Service to All.**

St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish Knights of Columbus Council is collecting much needed clothing for the poor and homeless of the Kensington neighborhood of Philadelphia, to be distributed by St. Francis Inn Ministries.

St. Hilary Parishioners are kindly requested to donate the items listed below that have been identified to the Knights by St. Francis Inn personnel as critically needed at this time. Your kind consideration in helping is greatly appreciated.

Requested Items:

- * **Men's Sweatshirts or Hoodies**, new or gently used, in all sizes
- * **New Men's Underwear**, tops and bottoms, in all sizes

You are asked to please deposit items in marked boxes that will be located in the back of Church at every Mass over a period of two weeks - the dates to drop off items are Sept. 21/22 and Sept. 28/29.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Leo Vaccaro at 267-565-8679. Thanks so much for your very kind and generous consideration!



**LADIES SODALITY
HAS A NEW GROUP
NAME:**

"ST. HILARY LADIES AUXILIARY OF MARY"

All Catholic women, 18 years of age and older, please mark your calendars for our upcoming September meeting **Thursday, Sept. 26 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center (1st floor)**.

Do you enjoy praying the Rosary? Do you enjoy helping the community and others? We strive for fellowship & stewardship! Come check us out on **Thursday, September 26 at 7pm** in the Parish Center (1st floor). We will be praying the Rosary and also discussing Blessed Carlo Acutis. Refreshments will be served. Any questions, contact Stacey Ellis: scallah9@aol.com Thanks!



OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

OCIA, or 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 and neighbors with interest in Catholicism, too! If you are interested in attending and/or would like more info, please contact Father Murray at 215-884-3252, or email to sthilaryrydal@gmail.com. Thank you.

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION

September 1, 2024

Sunday Offering: \$4,530 Sunday Offering: \$5,470
Electronic Giving: \$2,527 Electronic Giving: \$3,177

Total: \$7,057

September 3, 2023

Total: \$8,647

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 Monday, 9/16/24 vs Atlanta Falcons!



Here is how it works:

Blocks will be sold for \$80.00 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 versus 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 THIS Thursday, Sept. 12th.

Blocks can 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 (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 THIS Thursday, Sept. 12th.

Thank you for your participation!

ST. HILARY CYO CAR WASH

Sunday, Sept. 22
1:00 to 3:00pm
in SHS parking lot

Come get your vehicle cleaned and support CYO at St. Hilary School ~ thanks!

Suggested donation:
\$10 per car

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE...

For the 1st St. Hilary's FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Sunday, Sept. 29
1:00 to 3:00pm
in front of the Parish Center

Please join us as we celebrate Back-to-School, our Parish Capital Campaign, and cheer on our Eagles! Proceeds will benefit both St. Hilary CYO & Home and School. All are welcome!

Updated St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club News:

St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club is about to kick off a new year and the first meeting is Wed., September 18; doors open at 9am and meeting starts at 10am. Margaret Fitzpatrick from Willow Grove Physical Therapy will speak to the group about pain management. New members are always welcome - we are a very fun and welcoming group! You do not have to be a parish member to join. Feel free to call Ro Schell at 215-206-5313 or Rosesylvia at 215-219-0651. See you soon!

Discover Your Vocation: Permanent Diaconate Information Session

**Are you being called to serve?
Join us for an informative evening
exploring the Permanent
Diaconate.**



Date: Thursday, September 19

Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Location: Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary

To Register: Scan the QR Code

This session is open to Catholic men (and their wives, if married) ages 29 to 55. Engage with a panel of clergy and learn about discerning a vocation to the Permanent Diaconate.

To learn more, visit: <https://archphila.org/deacon>

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, Nicholas Esposito, Sarah Kochler, 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 Donnelly, Gloria Merron, Ilda Lea, Stephen Kampf, Isaiah Walter

Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:

Luis Nunez Helen Doherty
Anne Swoyer Matthew Mathai

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. Thanks!

Witness to the Sacredness of Human Life

Monday, September 23, 2024



Join Father Chris Walsh and St. Cecilia Church for this important March in Harrisburg. Mass at St. Cecilia at 7:30am; bus departs from 8140 Verree Rd at 8:30am; bus will return by 4:30pm. Cost is \$30pp (bring your own lunch & snacks). Drop off payment with your name & number to St. Cecilia Rectory to save your seat. Call 215-725-1240 with any questions. All are welcome.

THE SISTERS OF SAINT BASIL are in great need of a local volunteer to pick up and unload food for St. Basil Support Ministry especially on Thursday mornings, and someone who has a larger car. If you can help, please call Sister Monica at 631-432-9587. Thanks!

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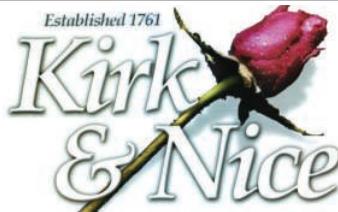
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