

# St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

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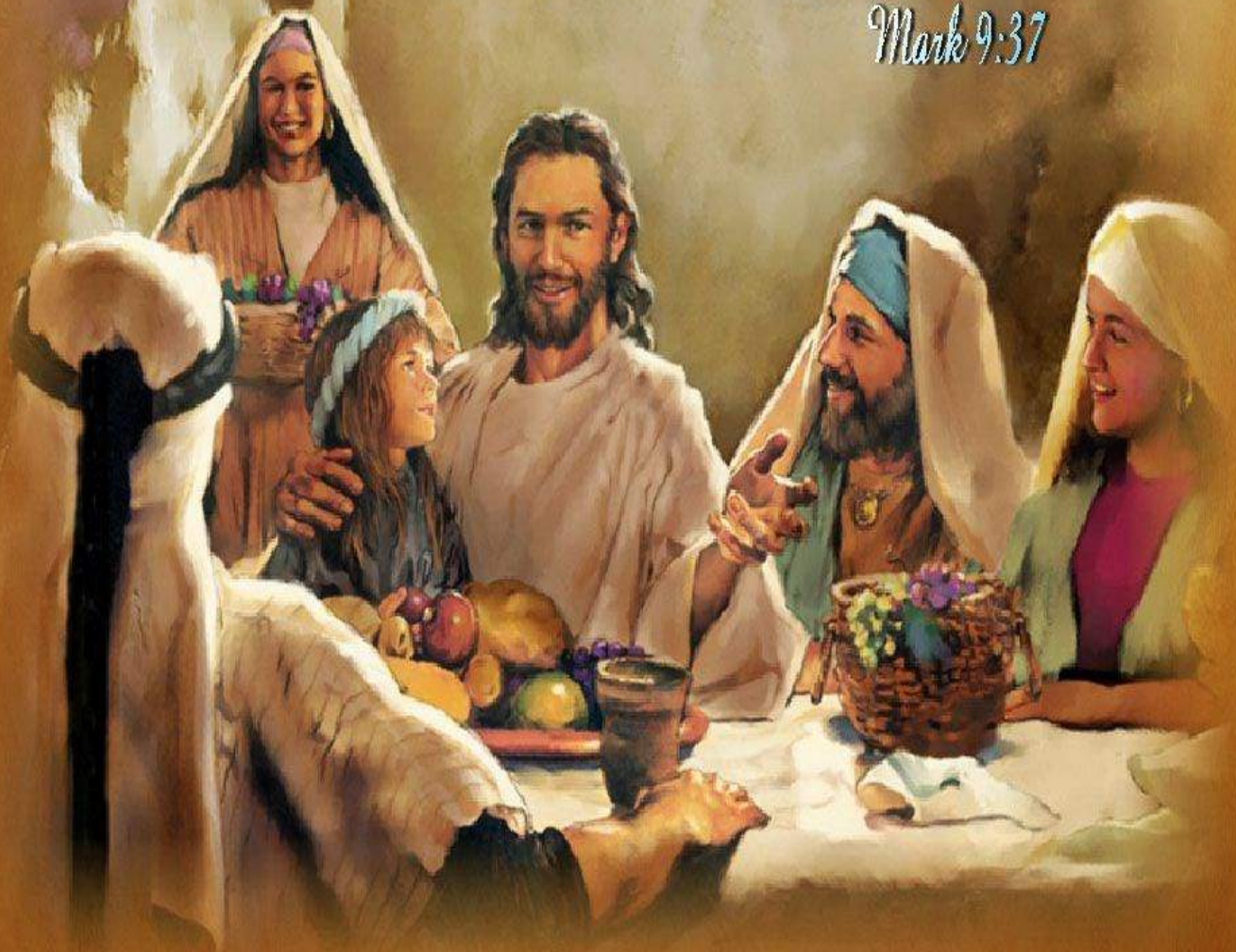
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SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,  
receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not  
me but the One who sent me."*

*Mark 9:37*



**PASTOR'S CORNER**

**“If anyone wishes to be great,  
be the servant of all.” - Mark 9:30-37**

Today, Jesus opens his heart to His disciples. His mission to save the world will cost Him his life. The disciples' response - "What's in it for me; will I be the greatest when all is said and done?" - shows their ambition for fame, power and prestige blinded them from any compassion for Jesus. Yet, in that moment, Jesus showed His greatness. He put aside His hurt to serve the needs of His self-centered friends.

Jesus' values and priorities conflicted with that of the world. He became, in the words from Wisdom, "obnoxious to us; He sets Himself against our doings." The gods of self-indulgence, self-sufficing, and self-autonomy are always calling to worship at the altar of the world. Jesus calls us to worship at His altar... self-sacrifice, discipline, and self-denial all culminate on the Cross. There lies the formula for greatness, through which we will find true happiness.

Secular society views faith as some kind of disease to be eradicated, or as a vice rather than a virtue. There lies our challenge to re-discover what Pope Benedict called "the joy of believing." Like Jesus, may we also learn to cooperate with the loving energy of God.

God Bless,  
Father Murray



*Mass Intentions  
for the Week*

**Sunday, September 22, 2024**  
*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
5:00pm ~ Leonard Bandura  
8:30am ~ Lidia Yatecilla  
10:30am ~ Colette Dolan

**Monday, September 23, 2024**  
*Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*  
8:00am ~ Thomas Morley  
**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 24, 2024**  
8:00am ~ Lidia Yatecilla

**Wednesday, September 25, 2024**  
8:00am ~ Stephen Emrich

**Thursday, September 26, 2024**  
*Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs*  
8:00am ~ Matt and Rob Davis

**Friday, September 27, 2024**  
*Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest*  
8:00am ~ Leonard Gliwa

**Saturday, September 28, 2024**  
5:00pm ~ Elizabeth L. May

**Sunday, September 29, 2024**  
*Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
8:30am ~ Kathleen T. Murray  
10:30am ~ George Gianfortune

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**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

## 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 \$403,773. 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](mailto:sthilaryrydal@gmail.com)

## SHEPHERDS OF BETHLEHEM ~ GIVE A GIFT OF HOPE

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**Thanks for your consideration!**

**We will display the beautiful olive wood carvings after Masses THIS WEEKEND, Sept. 21st & 22nd.**



## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. HILARY CHURCH

Our Monday Eucharistic Adoration is 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.



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## ST. HILARY CYO CAR WASH

THIS WEEKEND ~  
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 JOIN US...

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



NEXT 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 on the big screen outdoors! Proceeds will benefit both St. Hilary CYO & Home and School. All are welcome!

## 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! 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](http://www.sainthilaryschool.com) under "Admissions". Thank you for your consideration.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...  
**FORTY HOURS AT ST. HILARY**



40 hours DEVOTION

Sunday, Oct. 20  
Monday, Oct. 21  
Tuesday, Oct. 22

7:00pm each night

Speaker:  
Msgr. Joseph Shields

Our parish is celebrating a special devotion called Forty Hours on October 20-21-22. Services will begin at 7:00pm each of these evenings. Forty Hours devotion is an ancient devotion praising & honoring the Lord Jesus Christ present in the Holy Eucharist. This devotion was introduced to the United States by Saint John Neumann, 4th Bishop of Philadelphia, in 1853. The Forty Hours devotion consists of Songs, Prayers, Reflections on God's Word, and Benediction. On Tuesday, Oct. 22, there is a special procession around the Church with the Blessed Sacrament, symbolizing the call of Jesus "to come & follow me."

We are asking our families to come and participate in some or all of these devotions. It is one way to give thanks and praise to God for all His love. As Catholics we believe that Jesus is present in a special way in the Holy Eucharist. By coming to Him, we can be certain to receive much needed blessings and graces to help us in our journeys in life, especially in troubling times.

Our Forty Hours devotion begins at the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, October 20. The church will be open all day for private visits to the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, Monday & Tuesday. Evening services will be held at 7:00pm each of those nights.

Msgr. Hugh Joseph Shields was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 1972 and served in several parishes in Philadelphia. He received permission to join the St. James the Apostle Missionary Society for 13 years. He ministered in Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador. Also, he lived and worked in administration in Boston with the St. James Society. Returning to Philadelphia, he served in several parishes, with a 5 year interval as the Vicar for the Hispanic Catholic Community. He retired from the role of "pastor" at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in South Philadelphia in 2020 and presently lives at St. John the Baptist Parish. We are happy to have him join us!



**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

**RETREAT DAY SCHEDULE**

Registration & Light Breakfast: 8:30-9:15am

Introduction, Morning Prayer, Reflection: 9:15-10am

Personal Pondering & Confession: 10:15-11am

Mass: 11:00am

Lunch: 12:15pm

Closing Reflection & Sharing: 1-2pm

**Please join us ~ and bring a friend!**

\*\*\* **For Reservations:**

**Call the Rectory at**  
**215-884-3252 or email to**  
**sthilaryrydal@gmail.com**



**Sister Ana Dura, CSR (Sister of the Redeemer)**

Sister Ana began her professional career in Occupational Therapy, which she continued after entering the Congregation in 2000. Since then, she has served in many roles in the congregation, such as the Province Vocation and Formation Director, accompanying women in their discernment of God's call. She served a term on the Province Leadership Team and currently oversees Redeemer Valley Farm, connecting individuals with creation and community through sustainable agriculture. The Pope's Encyclical, "Laudato Si" has been a great inspiration to her. We look forward to Sister Ana joining us!

**EUCHARISTIC ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** ~ We will be celebrating the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis, soon to be canonized a saint, on the **weekend of October 19th to October 22**. We are honored to be able to host the Blessed Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracles; they will be displayed in our Parish Center. Blessed Carlo Acutis was a remarkable boy. At a very early age, he developed a great love for the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament even though his parents were not practicing their faith. He encountered faith through people who worked for the family and townsfolk who attended daily Mass. As he grew to adolescence, he was involved in technology and had a great proficiency, beyond his age. He developed a website that cataloged all the Eucharistic Miracles. He cared for the outcast among his peers and was known for his joy-filled charity. On October 1, 2006, he was diagnosed with acute promyelocytic leukemia and died 11 days later. Immediately people came to pay their appreciation for the kindness & love this young man showed them. Soon people were seeking his intercession in prayer. He was beatified by Pope Francis in 2020. More info to follow...



## 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 & attend Mass, and would like 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! Please contact Fr. Murray at sthilaryrydal@gmail.com or 215-884-3252.



## 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 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 & bottoms, 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 this weekend, **Sept. 21/22 and NEXT weekend, 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!

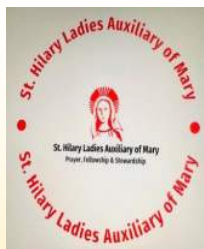
### ST. HILARY ANNUAL BLOCK COLLECTION



*Thanks to all those who have already contributed to our annual Block Collection! Your kind generosity and sacrifices are greatly appreciated! Your loyalty and care for the needs of the parish have been an inspiration.*

*Thanks and God bless you. -Father Murray*

### 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 **THIS 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. Some refreshments will be served. Contact Stacey Ellis at scallah9@aol.com with questions. Thank you!

### OCTOBER ~ RESPECT LIFE MONTH

October is recognized as Respect Life Month by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and Sunday, October 6 is Respect Life Sunday. For the month of October, we will have a table set up in the Church vestibule with literature regarding life issues. This year, St. Hilary Parish will be collecting donations to support the work of the Sisters of Life. The Sisters of Life is both a contemplative and active religious community dedicated to protecting and enhancing the sacredness of all human life. Their work is specifically focused on ending abortion and euthanasia. They assist women who are vulnerable to abortion, with resources such as housing, medical and legal support, counseling, assistance in continuing education, and helping with finding employment.

### The following is a list of much-needed items by the Sisters :

- \* Size 6 diapers (most needed)
- \* Newborn diapers
- \* Pull-Ups
- \* Girls clothing sizes newborn, 2T, 4T
- \* Wipes
- \* Receiving blankets
- \* Plush blankets
- \* Nice lotions & soaps for the Moms
- \* Stroller / Carseat combos



**Donations will be collected throughout the month of October** and can be placed in the basket in the Church vestibule. Thank you in advance for your kind and generous consideration.

### Updated St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club News:

St. Hilary 55+ Spirit Club kicked off a new year with their first meeting last week. **Next meeting is Wed., October 16.** New members are always welcome - we are a very fun & welcoming group! You do not have to be a parish member to join. If you have questions, feel free to call Ro Schell at 215-206-5313, Mike Schell at 215-206-4530, or Rosesylvia McDonald 215-219-0651.

### **ST. HILARY'S EAGLES FOOTBALL BLOCK POOL**

#### Week 01 Winners

**Pool #1:** Debbie Shute  
**Pool #2:** Alaina DiCiaccio



If you purchased block(s) and haven't yet paid, 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 or Venmo: **Robert Lattanzi @sc1225**

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Oct. 4-6, 2024** is in Doylestown, PA at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa. If you struggle with the emotional pain of a traumatic pregnancy loss, whether through abortion or miscarriage, you can experience His mercy and compassion in a safe & confidential setting. To register or info, call Evelyn at 215-317-5752. All requests are strictly confidential.

#### 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 Lid-  
dy, 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, Colleen Legare, Theresa Williams, Bob Donnolly, Gloria Merron, Ilda Lea, Stephen Kampfl, Isaiah Walter

***Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased:***  
Jackie Margetts      Rev. Edward Windhaus  
Rev. Charles McElroy

## **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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**Parish Secretary ~ Marian Stengel 215-884-3252**  
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**Music Director ~ Justin Jue      Plant Manager ~ Hal Fagan**

**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!*

### **OCTOBER COUNT FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE**

Each year (not including 2020 & 2021) each parish in the Archdiocese is required to submit an "October Count" ~ so during each weekend mass during the entire month of October, each person is counted. There are 4 weekends in October this year, so at the end of the month, the number of people attending St. Hilary Church each week will be determined by averaging out the numbers for the whole month. It's important to always attend Church especially for our spiritual well-being, and in the month of October, it's appreciated if you attend your home parish. Thank you!

### **STEWARDSHIP REPORT** **TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**September 15, 2024**

Sunday Offering: \$4,186  
Electronic Giving: \$2,294

**Total: \$6,480**

**September 17, 2023**

Sunday Offering: \$4,582  
Electronic Giving: \$2,409

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