

St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

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FEBRUARY 27, 2022

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



BROTHER, LET
ME REMOVE
THAT SPLINTER
IN YOUR EYE

LUKE 6:42

PASTOR'S CORNER

A LETTER FROM GOD

As you got up this morning, I watched you, and hoped you would talk to me, even if it was just a few words, asking my opinion or thanking me for something good that happened in your life yesterday. But I noticed you were too busy, trying to find the right outfit to wear. When you ran around the house getting ready, I knew there would be a few minutes for you to stop and say hello, but you were too busy.

At one point you had to wait fifteen minutes with nothing to do except sit in a chair. Then I saw you spring to your feet. I thought you wanted to talk to me but you grabbed your cell phone and called a friend to get the latest gossip instead. I watched patiently all day long. With all of your activities, I guess you were too busy to talk to me.

I noticed that before lunch you looked around, maybe you felt embarrassed to talk to me, that is why you didn't bow your head. You glanced three tables over and you noticed some of your friends talking to me briefly before they ate, but you didn't. That's okay. There's still more time left.

You went home and it seems as if you had lots of things to do. After a few of them were done, you turned on the TV. I don't know if you like TV or not, just about anything goes on there and you spend a lot of time each day in front of it, not thinking about anything. I waited patiently again as you watched the TV and ate your meal, but again you didn't talk to me. At bedtime, I guess you felt too tired. After you said goodnight to your family, you plopped into bed and fell right asleep.

That's okay because you may not realize that I am always there for you. I've got patience, more than you will ever know. I even want to teach you how to be patient with others as well.

I love you so much that I wait every day for a nod, a prayer, a thought, or a thankful part of your heart. It is hard to have a one-sided conversation.

Well, you are getting up once again. And once again I will wait, with nothing but love for you...hoping that today you will give me some time.

Have a nice day!

Your friend,
God

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, February 27, 2022

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm ~ Basil Mucha

8:00am ~ Billy Ray Jacobs

10:00am ~ Joe Casey

12:00pm ~ Living & Deceased of St. Hilary

Monday, February 28, 2022

8:00am ~ Art Stevens

8:30am thru 4:00pm ~ Adoration in Church

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Shrove Tuesday

8:00am ~ Jim McGilvery

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

***** Ash Wednesday *****

8:00am ~ Pasquale Mattia

10:00am ~ Langan Family

7:00pm ~ Living & Deceased of St. Hilary

Thursday, March 3, 2022

Saint Katharine Drexel

8:00am ~ Emil A. Maikner

Friday, March 4, 2022

Saint Casimir

8:00am ~ Calvin and Molly Semple

Saturday, March 5, 2022

5pm ~ Joe Casey

Sunday, March 6, 2022

First Sunday of Lent

8:00am ~ John, Rose and Henry McErlean

10:00am ~ Art Stevens

12:00pm ~ Marie DeMarzio

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!

Sunday Mass is being livestreamed - those who are unable to attend Mass in person can tune in to the FREE St. Hilary Church YouTube Channel at:

<https://tinyurl.com/sthilaryls>

This link stays the same each week; it brings you to the list of all the mass videos - so all you need to do is to click on the date of the Mass you wish to view. The new video will show up as soon as we start recording it. Thank you!

**ASH WEDNESDAY IS THIS WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 2, 2022**

**MASSES are at 8:00am, 10:00am and 7:00pm
(Ashes are given out during Mass)**

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, on all the Fridays of Lent (with the exception of Friday, March 25th, which is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord), and on Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

All are encouraged to participate in Operation Rice Bowl which has aided countless hungry persons here in the Archdiocese as well as throughout our nation and our world.



ST. HILARY OF POITIERS SCHOOL

At St. Hilary of Poitiers School, we witness daily the key components of the theme of "Faith...Excellence...Service". Our students encounter Christ, are changed by Him, and love God by serving others with all of their hearts, minds, souls, and strength. Faith development, Academic excellence, and dedication to Service ~ these elements set our school apart from other educational options, and are why parents make sacrifices to educate their child(ren) here at St. Hilary School. The dedication and commitment of our principal, teachers, staff, volunteers, and parents make our school a success!

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Principal: Mrs. Eileen Fagan
Email: efagan@sainthilaryschool.com



All of us know instinctively that nothing compares to "being there" in person. Whether it's being at a friend's wedding, sitting down to have a heart-to-heart conversation, comforting a family member while she is grieving or watching as your baby takes his first steps, we all know that being physically present makes all the difference. The same

logic applies to our life as Catholics. Especially when it comes to the Mass, truly, nothing compares to *being there*.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
TOTAL WEEKLY SUNDAY COLLECTION**

February 20, 2022

Sunday Offering: \$6,157
Electronic Giving: \$3,355

Total: \$9,512

February 21, 2021

Sunday Offering: \$5,407
Electronic Giving: \$2,506

Total: \$7,913

ST. HILARY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

I am happy to announce that this Spring, you will learn more about the upcoming **St. Hilary's Capital Campaign** honoring our Diamond Jubilee this year.

Our parish home is a place for us to be closer to God. Our holy dwelling place nurtures our spiritual well-being while it also ministers to students and caring community members, but it requires necessary upkeep and care. We plan to install new air conditioning in both the School and Church, add new safety lighting in the rear parking lot, and install new Church side doors.

Your acts of good faith and love for your parish are great graces for me. Please join me in this new venture as we continue on and follow Jesus. Thank you! More info to follow in the coming weeks and months.

Father Murray

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH
SUNDAY MASSES

*** 5 PM Vigil Saturdays
 *** 8am, 10am and 12pm on Sundays

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
Pastor Emeritus ~ Msgr. Michael J. Carroll

School Principal ~ Eileen Fagan
 School phone: 215-887-4520

Coordinator of Religious Education ~ Noreen Forkin
 sthiliaryprep@gmail.com

Business Manager ~ Maureen Maher,

Parish Secretary ~ Marian Stengel 215-884-3252

Music Director ~ Justin Jue

Plant Manager ~ Hal Fagan

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!*

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”.



ST. HILARY SUPER BOWL POOL

Summary of Winners and Total Amounts:



Pool #1

Alex Shute	\$898
GCV #2 (Gina Vare)	\$201
Don & Mary Hopkins	\$226
Jimmy “the K” Kelly #2	\$25
Fenstermaker Family	\$25
Bob Stine #2	\$25
Joe McGinty #1	\$25
GCV #4 (Gina Vare)	\$25
David Luschini	\$25
Joe Holland #2	\$25

Pool #2

Drumm Family	\$898
Ann Wise #2	\$201
Theresa Woltemate	\$226
Tom Greenfield #2	\$25
Kathy Lennon #3	\$25
Bridget McErlean	\$25
Leo & Ann Vaccaro #1	\$25
Sinead Wasserbach #2	\$25
Mike Coyle #1	\$25
Leo & Ann Vaccaro #2	\$25

Pool #3

Joanne McKee	\$898
Danny DiCiacco #2	\$201
Jeff Long #1	\$226
John Kolla #2	\$25
Hartey Party #2	\$25
Bob (Frey) Dintino #3	\$25
Saint Hilary #5	\$25
Joe Cooney	\$25
Lattanzi Family #6	\$25
Saint Hilary #6	\$25

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Once again, thanks so much for all of your support! Above are the winners from the Super Bowl Block Pools. Each grid paid out \$1,500; total payout was \$4,500. We sold 284 blocks, which made \$2,600 for our parish. St. Hilary’s also had two winners, for total parish proceeds of **\$2,650**.

Thanks once again for your participation!

Special thanks to Bob Lattanzi for his time and talent with putting all the Football Pools together!



PLEASE JOIN US

For our 2022 Lenten Series on Conversion
(beginning early March ~ see specific dates below)

Bishop Robert Barron's Series **Conversion: Following the Call of Christ**

Based on the Gospel Stories of:

Bartimaeus Rich Young Man Matthew Jonah
Woman at the Well Journey of the Magi



DAYS & TIMES

There will be 3 Lenten Sessions

- **Mondays 10am w/ Sandy Repitcky**
(March 7th, 14th, 21st) in Parish Center
- **Mondays 7pm w/ Celeste Cattie**
(March 14th, 21st, 28th) in Rectory basement
- **Wednesdays 7pm w/ Father Murray**
(March 9th, 16th, 23rd) in Rectory basement
- **Tuesdays 1:30pm w/ Kathy Lill**
(March 8th, 15th, 29th) in Rectory basement

COST



If you're new for Lent, \$10
If you were registered in the Advent Series, no cost

REGISTRATION

Call the Rectory to sign up 215-884-3252

REGISTRATION FOR CYO SPRING SPORTS

Registration for CYO Spring sports is now open on SI Play!
Please go to: <https://identity.sportssignup.com/Account/Login>
to register. We are offering the following sports:

 **Baseball** (Gr. 5-8): \$100 **Softball** (Gr. 4-8): \$90
Track & Field (Gr. K-8): \$35/\$55
High School Co-Ed Volleyball (Gr. 9-12): \$70 

Registration will be open until March 31. Please register your athlete as soon as possible so that we have accurate counts for uniforms and rosters.

** New this season: If you are interested in coaching, please select "yes" at the end of the registration form, and you will be contacted by the CYO. All coaches must obtain and have up-to-date current clearances on file at the Rectory. Please direct any questions regarding the status of your clearances to our Safe Environment Coordinator, Jen Radtke, at this email: sthilarysafenvironment@gmail.com

Thanks for your continued support of our CYO!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

Please join us in supporting the Appeal as it continues to impact those in need all over the Greater Philadelphia area. The Catholic Charities Appeal is a time for our Parish to come together to extend our love, generosity, and concern to those who need it most. When you give to the Appeal, your gift is transformed into a vessel of hope, providing education, food, shelter, and medical assistance to our brothers and sisters and neighbors right here in the Greater Philadelphia area. Taking care of those in need is one of the most important things we can do as Catholics, and it is important that together, we, as a community, reach the needed \$12.5 million goal. Our parish goal, as designated by the Archdiocese this year, is \$40,252. The Catholic Charities Appeal is recognized as a nonprofit institution. As such, all gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. It has its own Employer Identification Number (EIN) and receives a separate financial audit. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia affirms that no funds donated during this Appeal will be used to support the independent reconciliation and reparations program or associated expenses. Thanks for your consideration. **You can visit catholiccharitiesappeal.org to donate!**

Prayer for the **Catholic Charities Appeal**

God, our Father,

We thank you for all the gifts and blessings that you give out of your love for us all. You call us to open our hearts to share what we have been given. Grant that through giving to the Catholic Charities Appeal, we may bring joy, hope, and strength to those who most in need. Our charity towards those in need is a real way in which we show our gratitude and love for you.

Through this year's Catholic Charities Appeal, may we help as many people as we can, including a young person striving to learn and grow in Faith; a deaf child receiving a quality Catholic Education; a veteran who is struggling with homelessness; a parish carrying out vital local missionary work; a retired priest who has dedicated his life to the needs of the faithful.

Help us do all we can to make sure the "poor have their fill" of your blessings. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

GODPARENT / SPONSOR INFORMATION

To be a Godparent or a Sponsor for a child who is going to be baptized or confirmed in the Catholic Church, the specific requirements are as follows:

- be at least 16 years old
- have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation
- if married, must be married validly in the Catholic Church
- be a practicing Catholic, regularly attending Mass & receiving Holy Communion on Sundays and Holy Days
- be an example of Christian living to the person that you are sponsoring, by the faith you profess in the Lord, His Church, and by your support and service to your parish community

ST. HILARY MEMORIAL GARDEN



Our beautiful Memorial Garden in front of our Church has bricks with names of loved ones, both living and deceased. The cost of each brick is \$100. If you are interested in purchasing a Memorial Brick to be included in our Memorial Garden, please call the rectory or you can also send an email to sthiliaryrydal@gmail.com. Thank you.

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 (leave a message on the answering machine). Thank you for your consideration.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Michael Dooley, Jack Avak, Michael Brown, Kevin Mayer, Nicolas Liddy, Bob Kilcoyne, Mary Jane Namola, Elizabeth Dieckman, David Gengler, Sophia Southerling, Mary Deely, TJ McDonald, Ahmed Abdul, Sal Sermania, Sue Masantonia, Angela Gavin, William Hartner, Mary Jane Hummel, Patricia Cass, Michele Kelly, Tina Savarino, Sarah Koehler, Paris Luckowski, Judy Sklar, Bernadette Redican, Gina Devaney, Bob Steele, Linda Smithson, Eileen Burger, Brian Bailie, Joann Jordan, 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, Joe Degrazia, Kira McKeever, Ramona Sigall, Frances Ruchniewski, Holly Judge, Greg Ziembe

Please pray for the souls of the faithfully departed.

UPDATED ST. HILARY 55+ SPIRIT CLUB NEWS:

* Our February meeting was attended by 25 members and guests. Sgt. Shane LaRosa of the Abington Police Dept. spoke on a variety of topics & many safety tips were covered. The Department offers numerous services not commonly known. All contact with the Police is encouraged through 9-1-1 because of the new call center.

* The next meeting on Wednesday, March 16 will have the music of Bill Monaghan (Monaghan Music) at 10am in the Parish Center. We would like to build our membership, so please consider coming to the meeting. The entertainment is exceptional and lunch will be available for \$5 per person. Think Irish! Gather a table of friends or join in on a table. Because of lunch, please RSVP - it would be helpful. If you have given your email, watch for information that way. Thanks from Margie (mageemargie05@hotmail.com).

TRIPS:

* *March 8 trip to Spring Lake is sold out!*

* *Holiday Gala is on Sunday, Dec. 11 to Tomasello Winery. Cost is \$120pp and includes roundtrip transportation (leaving from Solly Ave), wine, dinner, tax, gratuities, and bus driver's tip. Must be 21 years of age. This day features wines, elegantly prepared cuisine, and operatic arias. Flyers available in Church. Any questions, call Michele 215-498-5908 or email sthiliarytravels@gmail.com Proceeds benefit St. Hilary of Poitiers School.*

St. Hilary Parish Outreach

Because of your generosity, our St. Hilary Outreach Program continues to help those in need. Your continual kind donations are so appreciated! St. Hilary Parish Outreach welcomes referrals of people in need, especially in the parish. If you know of anyone, please contact Father Murray. Thank you!

Letter of Thanks from the St. Katherine Drexel Food Pantry & Clothing Cupboard

"Dear St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish:


Please excuse the lateness of this letter. As you can understand, November and December are very busy for us as we are in the middle of the holiday season. Thank you so very much for your generous donation of 1,143.40 pounds of food donated by your parishioners. Your generosity allowed us to provide a Happy Thanksgiving and very Merry Christmas to many needy families in our area.

We are blessed to have the support that your parish provides to St. Katherine Drexel. We are so grateful. God bless you!"

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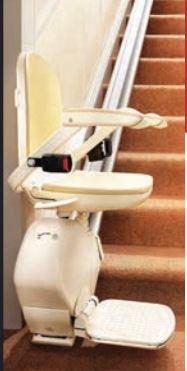


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