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SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Get behind me, Satan,"
Jesus said,

PASTOR'S CORNER

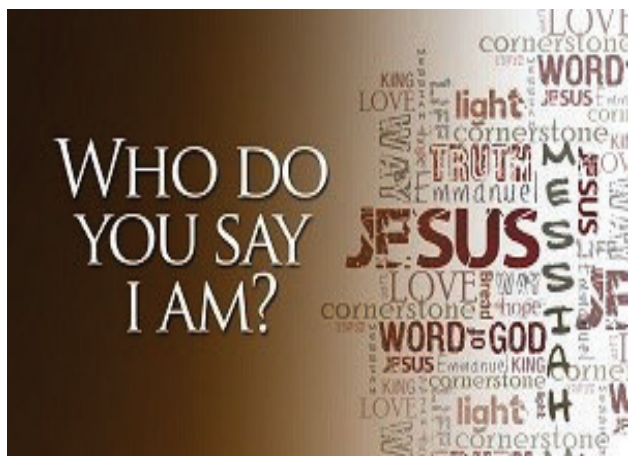
"Who do you say that I am?"

This question of Jesus is one that every age, every generation, every Christian had to answer. Peter had the right answer, "You are the Son of God." However, the answer has consequences and Peter was not ready for them. Peter wanted Jesus to compromise, be popular, and be accepted by his culture.

Jesus would have none of that, so He tells Peter, "Get behind me." This is the stance of all true followers of Jesus. We don't lead God, but we allow God to lead us. Faith involves difficult choices. More and more of these choices are becoming clear cut. These choices will put us at odds with our culture, neighbors, even family members.

If we allow God to lead us, we can be certain that we are on the right side of history. The Cross of Jesus shows us that every Cross borne in faith and perseverance leads always to new life. We pray that the faith we stand and profess today will extend to our works and actions. As St. Paul reminds us, "Faith without works is dead."

God Bless,
Father Murray



Mass Intentions for the Week

Weekend Mass Times are as follows:
5:00pm Vigil, 9:00am and 11:00am Sunday

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm ~ Walt Griffin

9:00am ~ Stanley Forst

11:00am ~ Vincent and Louise Costello

Monday, September 13, 2021

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of Church

8:00am ~ William D. Reichert

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00am ~ Regina Scott

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00am ~ Emil A. Maikner

Thursday, September 16, 2021

Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

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

Friday, September 17, 2021

Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of Church

8:00am ~ Mary Jane Branyan

Saturday, September 18, 2021

5:00pm ~ John Hogan

Sunday, September 19, 2021

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am ~ Betty Stever

11:00am ~ Betty Stever

PLEASE JOIN THE FLOCK BY SIGNING 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 at 9am is being livestreamed - those who are unable to attend Mass in person can tune in to the St. Hilary Church YouTube Channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdL54x3eSpRbtrRsB3uNPEQ)

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This link stays the same each week; it brings you to the list of all the mass videos. The new video will show up as soon as we start recording it. Thank you!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish



RCIA, or Rite 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.

RCIA 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 Sacraments of First Communion & 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

RCIA is a spiritual formation process beginning in October and ending with initiation in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. RCIA 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 your current denomination. Please be sure to encourage your friends & neighbors with interest in Catholicism, too! If you are interested in attending and/or would like more info, contact Father Murray at 215-884-3252.

TAKE TIME

Take time to think
It is the source of power.
Take time to read
It is the foundation of wisdom.
Take time to play
It is the secret of staying young.
Take time to be quiet
It is the opportunity to seek God.
Take time to be aware
It is the opportunity to help others.
Take time to love & be loved
It is God's greatest gift.
Take time to laugh
It is the music of the soul.
Take time to be friendly
It is the road to happiness.
Take time to dream
It is what the future is made of.
Take time to pray
It is the greatest power on earth.

**There is a time for
everything.**



Statement of Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez Regarding Safety As Mass Obligation Resumes

"Ensuring the health and welfare of those entrusted to the pastoral and temporal care of our Church, especially as we navigate a global pandemic, is a paramount priority as the Archbishop of Philadelphia. During this time of acute hardship and struggle, I have worked in conjunction with the Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania and the senior administration of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to implement best practices intended to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and protect those most vulnerable.

As the COVID-19 landscape evolved, we continuously re-evaluated those efforts in consultation with public health officials and based on data.

As your Shepherd, I am called to provide the Eucharist in a safe environment. To that end, I ask that you prioritize your own health and the health of your neighbors and faith communities.

As previously announced, the Catholic Bishops of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are reinstating the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and holy days beginning on Sunday, August 15, 2021. However, by longstanding Church law, this obligation does not apply to those who are

sick;

have a serious health risk;

live in a household with those at risk;

serve as primary caregivers to those at risk;

have serious anxiety or concerns about being in a large-group setting due to COVID-19; or

are unable to attend Mass in person

As an act of charity, all who are able should become fully vaccinated. Anyone who believes they might have COVID-19 or one of its variants should seek testing and take every precaution for the preservation of public health. As a people of hope, let us pray for an end to this health crisis. "

*Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez
Archbishop of Philadelphia*

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS CHURCH **SUNDAY MASSES**

5 PM Vigil Saturdays;
9 AM and 11 AM 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

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BAPTISM: First and third Sundays of the month. Please contact the Rectory for more information.

MATRIMONY: Couples planning to marry should contact the Rectory six months before the desired date.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

The following are the 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 and Tuition payments can be dropped off in the secure BLACK lock-box outside the rectory during off-hours. Thanks!

RETROUVAILLE:

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Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The programs are held at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information or to register, call 215-766-3944 or www.HelpOurMarriage.org



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



Glorious St. Joseph, you who have the power to render possible things which are impossible, come to our aid in our present trouble and distress.

Take this important and difficult affair under your protection that it may end happily.

Oh dear St. Joseph, all our confidence is in you.

*Let it not be said that we have invoked you in vain,
and since you are so powerful with Jesus and Mary,
show that your goodness equals your power.*

Amen.

*Divine Providence can provide.
Divine Providence did provide.
Divine Providence will provide.*

Year of St. Joseph ~ **December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021**

Catholics around the world rejoice over the Holy Father's opening of the holy Year of St. Joseph to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. The entire Archdiocese of Philadelphia is encouraged to spend this year growing closer to St. Joseph by honoring him, imitating his virtues & asking for his intercession. To find local events, prayers, and faith study resources to celebrate this Year of St. Joseph, please visit archphila.org/joseph



TRIBUNAL

The Tribunal is available to help people who have experienced divorce and who may wish to remarry in the Catholic Church. When a divorce occurs, the Catholic Church seeks to balance the durable bond of marriage, which is God's law, with the spiritual welfare of the people involved. The annulment procedure addresses the circumstances. If you are divorced and want to marry in the Church or remarried outside the Church, call the Tribunal Office 215-587-3750.

“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”.

All of us have the responsibility to bring beauty, reverence and dignity to our celebration of Mass. The church directs us to do this in very simple and concrete ways:

- to receive the Eucharist, one must be in a state of grace; serious sin must be confessed before receiving Holy Communion.
- fast from food at least one hour before receiving Holy Communion; exceptions taking medication or other health issues.
- bodily demeanor, gestures and dress ought to convey respect as Christ becomes our guest.
- a simple bow before receiving Holy Communion and responding Amen.
- quiet reflection when returning to the pew acknowledging Christ's presence, and words of praise and thanksgiving and petitioning the Lord to answer our many needs. Leaving Church after receiving is not appropriate.
- to remember we are to become what we receive... how do we reflect the spirit of the Eucharist in our relationships, choices and decisions.
- be mindful of Christ's continuing presence in the Tabernacle; if able, genuflect entering and leaving Church or a simple bow is appropriate for those who cannot genuflect.

**Reverence, dignity, beauty...
simple ways we all can proclaim our faith in the
Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.**



OUR LADY OF SORROWS

This week on September 15th, we commemorate Our Lady of Sorrows. The title refers to Simeon's prediction that Mary would experience sorrows as if “...you yourself a sword will pierce.” (Luke 2:35) Mary's greatest sorrow may have been watching her son die on the

Cross. If we ever want someone who understands our difficulties, we have only to look to Mary.

911



*In memory of countless lives lost and still affected to this day by the terrible events of this tragedy 20 years ago.
We will never ever forget.*

The Collection for the Black and Indian Missions

This collection has changed the landscape of education and evangelization efforts for Native Americans, Alaskan Americans, and African Americans throughout the U.S. Your financial contribution to this fund assists clergy, religious and lay catechists, parishes, and schools for the evangelization of the Black and Native American peoples throughout our country. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.



**TO ALL THE STUDENTS WHO RECENTLY
STARTED THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!**

PREP (Parish Religious Education Program) AT ST. HILARY PARISH



**PREP Classes will be in-person
beginning this Tuesday,
September 14.**

Please email Noreen Forkin, PREP Coordinator, at sthilaryprep@gmail.com or call the Rectory at 215-884-3252, with questions.

MASS BOOK OPEN FOR 2022

The Mass Book for 2022 is now open. Sunday Masses in 2022 will be going back to our former Sunday Schedule (prior to Covid restrictions) at 8am, 10am, and 12pm. We will continue to have our "Summer Sunday" Mass Schedule in July and August in 2022 with Sunday Masses at 9am and 11am. You can stop by the Rectory during business hours (see page 4) or mail your request to the Rectory, Attn: Marian (\$10 per Mass). Sunday Masses for the remainder of 2021 will remain at 9am and 11am.

BULLETIN CONTEST WINNER FOR RETURNING A CHURCH BULLETIN ON VACATION FROM THE FURTHEST POINT:



*Ann
DeMarzio*

She won a Dunkin gift card!
Thanks to all those who joined in!

SIXTH ANNUAL PADRE PIO FESTIVAL ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE IN HOLLAND, PA Saturday & Sunday, Sept. 18-19, 2021

There will be Display & Veneration of Holy Relics of Padre Pio, as well as music, games, amusements, craft vendors, food trucks. Call 215-357-5720 or visit padrepiofestivalhollandpa.com for more details.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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Please pray for the recently deceased:
ART STEVENS MSGR. BERNARD TRINITY
SISTER HELEN McCORMAC

PA MARCH FOR LIFE IN HARRISBURG MONDAY, SEPTMEBER 27

On Monday, Sept. 27 (first day back in session for the PA House of Representatives) pro-lifers from across PA will gather together at the State Capitol in Harrisburg for the first-ever PA March for Life. There will be a rally at 11am followed by a march around the Capitol building at 12pm. This will send an important message to our elected officials that unborn life must be protected. Please join us! There is a bus leaving from St. Katherine of Siena in Phila. at 8:30am (call Susan at 215-882-0399 to reserve). More details about the march can be found here:

march-forlife.org/pennsylvania-march-for-life

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

SAFE ENVIRONMENT REQUIREMENTS

If you are a school or parish volunteer (CYO, lunch monitor, etc.) you are required to be current on your Safe Environment Clearances (Safe Environment Part 1 & Part 2, PA Criminal Check, and PA Child Abuse Clearance). Please email Jennifer Radtke, Safe Env. Coordinator, at sthilarysafenvironment@gmail.com or call the rectory. No one is permitted to volunteer without the proper clearances.

UPDATED ST. HILARY 55+ SPIRIT CLUB NEWS:

- **Pilgrimage to St. Padre Pio's National Shrine** ~ We have heard from most of those going on this Shrine Trip on October 20. We will make sure you have all the details in the next few weeks. We plan to leave St. Hilary about 9:30am and return at 4pm. There are available seats for anyone interested. Cost is \$55 for the day and includes a catered boxed lunch, donation, and gratuities for driver. Any questions please call Marge or Michele.
- **Sunday, December 12, 2021 to Tomasello Winery** for a Holiday Opera Gala; flyers are at church doors or call for more info. Trip benefits Foxchase Library.
- **Trip to Spring Lake, NJ on Nov 10, 2021** to hear the Irish Tenors - there are 75 people signed up and we now have a second bus! Great entertainment and food!

*** **For info, questions, and to RSVP for all trips, call:**

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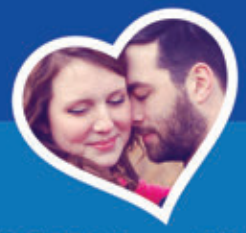


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