St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish
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JANUARY 17, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish
Current Mass Schedule
5:00pm Vigil
9:00am Sunday
11:00am Sunday

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 4:00 – 4:45 PM

Daily Mass is Monday—Friday 8:00am
(Please be mindful of social distancing guidelines)

Watch our Sunday Masses through our Flocknote Video or YouTube available through our website

Pastor—Rev. Kevin P. Murray
Weekend Assistance - Rev. Edward Dixey, OSA
Weekend Assistant - Msgr. Gregory J. Fairbanks
Permanent Deacon - Deacon John K. Hunter
Pastor Emeritus - Msgr. Michael J. Carroll
St. Hilary School Principal - Mrs. Eileen Fagan
PREP Program Coordinator - Mrs. Noreen Forkin
Music Director, Justin Jue,
jjue@sainthilaryschool.com
Maureen Maher, Business Manager
Marian Stengel, Parish Secretary

Rectory Phone (215) 884-3252
School Phone (215) 887-4520

BAPTISM: First and third Sundays of the month. Contact the Rectory for more information.
MATRIMONY: Couples planning to marry should contact the Rectory six months before the date desired for the wedding.

RECTORY OFFICE IS OPEN
Monday thru Friday 9:00 to 4:00PM
Pastor’s Corner

“The Kingdom of God is at hand”

Today Jesus finds some fishermen in the tedious task of mending their nets. Nets torn or entangled from the debris in the water. In reality this is Jesus’ mission. He has come to mend our lives entangled in sin and worldly values. God’s ways are not our ways, His thoughts are not our thoughts. Therein lies the fundamental problem. Society has become unhinged from the safe harbor of God’s teachings. We have lost respect for human life. It is any wonder, that when we attack the innocent life of a baby in its mother’s womb all life is threatened. All civility has been lost, violence and hatred fills the air.

The situation seems impossible, the problem all too much. Remember, Jesus began changing the world one person at a time, one day at a time. His disciples were few in the beginning but they were armed by faith in Him and the power of grace. His words echo down through the centuries and now to you and I. The kingdom of God is at hand. Yes there is something terribly wrong in our society. You and I can make a difference. Embrace God’s vision of reality, how life ought to be lived. Our cooperation with His grace can change one person at a time, one day at a time, let’s begin with ourselves.

God bless,
Father Murray

General Mass Guidelines
1. Everyone MUST wear a Mask in Church
2. 6’ Social Distance required
3. Sit only in the designated Marked Pews, always with 6’ distance between parishioners other than immediate family.
4. You must be in single file when receiving the Eucharist
5. Please use hand sanitizer upon entering the church
6. If you are not feeling well please stay at home and watch our Video Mass
7. If Church is filled we are enforcing State COVID restriction guidelines so please attend Mass at another time.
St. Hilary’s Outreach Program

St. Hilary’s new Outreach Organization was created to continue the works of mercy. Through your generous support we are able to help members of our parish who are struggling. We also support St. Katharine Drexel food kitchen in Chester as well as Birthright. As Jesus reminds us in the gospel “whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do to me.” The works of mercy must never cease. To relieve another’s suffering is following the way of Christ-like love. Your generous donations is a tangible way to respond to Jesus’ call. There is an old Latin proverb which says “He who gives quickly gives twice.”

Thank you for all your generous support of our Outreach Program.

A Special Thank You

Many, many thanks to all who participated in our 2020 Giving Tree project. Under unusual conditions you came through in your “usual” generous manner. Over $1800.00 was collected. These funds have been distributed to both St. Katharine Drexel and Birthright organizations. Your continues support is greatly appreciated, especially during these difficult times. Wishing all a “blessed” New Year.

St. Hilary Parish Outreach Program

SAVE the DATE

CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2021
January 31 - February 6
#CSW21

SAVE the DATE

Celebrate Saint Hilary of Poitiers School
Virtual Events to Learn ALL SAINT HILARY SCHOOL HAS TO OFFER YOUR CHILD!

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR!
Follow us on Facebook   Twitter
St. Hilar of Poitiers Parish

Annual Seminary Appeal 2020-2021
Theme: For Today. For tomorrow. For All of Us.
Objective:
* To raise $3.5 million to help St. Charles Borromeo Seminary continue its necessary work in preparing priests, deacons, religious, and laity for service to our parishes, schools and other Catholic organizations.
* To provide the faithful a more comprehensive view of the programs offered at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

St. Hilar of Poitiers Sunday Mass Schedule
Due to the continued concern of the COVID Virus our Sunday Mass schedule will remain as follows:
5:00pm Vigil Mass Saturday
9:00am Sunday Mass
11:00am Sunday Mass
This schedule will be in effect until the weekend of September 12th, 2021
We will continue to video our Masses for your watching at home.
When attending Mass we ask you to please comply with all safety measures.
The wearing of masks and a 6’ distance is a must.

We thank you all for your continued support and generosity. A special thanks for all those who assist in sanitizing our church after all liturgies.
God bless,
Father Murray

CONGRATULATIONS
JAMES MCCANN
Class of 2021

St. Hilar of Poitiers Neumann Scholar
Thank you to the Connelly Foundation for the Neumann Scholarship. The top students of the eighth grade classes throughout the Archdiocese, are provided with a four year, full scholarship to an Archdiocesan High School. Each year this award is given to approximately 40 students from all Archdiocesan Elementary Schools.
Each year, students who meet the competitive academic requirements are invited to take an academic exam for this scholarship. St. Hilar of Poitiers School proudly shares that we consistently have a large portion of our eighth grade students qualify to take the scholarship exam. With gratitude and pride, St. Hilar School is proud to announce, that once again, this year we have the honor of one of our students receiving the Neumann Scholarship.
Please join us in Congratulating,
JAMES MCCANN and his family on this outstanding accomplishment!
St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish
Prayer Line
To request Parish Prayer Line prayers for a loved one, friend who is ill, or a service man or woman, please call Evelyn at 215 947-4951, Pat at 215 485-5512, the Rectory at 215-884-3252 or if you would like your name removed from our list.

Please pray for the following:

Michael Dooley            Angela Gavin               Tina Hardimon
Jack Avak                    William Hartner        Lionel Melly Wright
Michael Brown                 Mary Jane Hummel       Cole Plachter
Bob Bray                     Pat Cass                Mary Joe Reaby
Nicholas Liddy              Michele Kelly              Arlene Rims-Lloyd
Bob Kilcoyne              Tina Savarino            Kevin Rosenbaum
Elizabeth Dieckman         Sarah Koehler              Capt. Schaffer
David Gengler             Paris Luckowski         Jacalyn Strigle
Helen Weinstrup            Judy Sklar                Dan Webb
Mary Jane Namola         Bernadette Redican         Rhodena Thompson
Sophia Southerling       Gina Devaney              Bruce Thompson II
Mary Deely                   Bob Steele              Linda Urie
TJ McDonald                 Evelyn Strigle           George Tomesko
Charles Mulligan           Linda Smithson        Donna Alamar
Ahmed Abdul                 Eileen Burger            Sharon Fainelli
Edward Watko                 Brian Ballie            Rita Steinmetz

Burial & Cremation

Pope Francis, through the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, has issued instructions regarding the burial of the deceased especially those who choose cremation. This instruction should help to maintain and recognize the human body as a living temple of God’s presence. Proper respect for the deceased and their remains must always be upheld. Copies on the guidelines are available at the rectory.

St. Hilary of Poitiers Memorial
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 $100.00. If you are interested in purchasing a memorial brick to be included in our Memorial Garden, please send an email to: sthilaryrydal@gmail.com and we will get back to you promptly to answer any questions and let you know how to reserve one. (215)884-3252

We want to thank those of you who recently requested bricks.

St. HILARY OF POITIERS PARISH—
INTRODUCES A NEW WAY TO COMMUNICATE

Flocknote is an engaging communication service, created BY Catholics FOR Catholic parishes. Flocknote helps to reach people where they are already at – in their email inboxes. There’s nothing for people to download, or pick up after church. Flocknote serves the unique purpose of assisting parishioners in their quest to stay up-to-date with their parish’s news and information.

For those who have signed up for our flocknote communication hopefully you have enjoyed the information that we have shared with you over the past weeks. In additional to our spiritual segment we are able to keep you informed as to any parish based information you should be aware of. Please encourage others to join.

HELP US CONNECT YOU TO “FLOCKNOTE” NAME:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

Year of Saint Joseph

On December 8, 2020, Our Holy Father, Pope Francis announced a Year of Saint Joseph that began that day and will continue through December 8, 2021. The Year of Saint Joseph commemorates the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as the patron of the Universal Church.

Details of the observance of this special year will be announced through the Archdiocesan office for Divine Worship and the Office for Communication.
DO YOU KNOW YOUR 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 always seeks to balance two realities. On one hand the durable bond of marriage. This is God’s law. On the other hand, the Church is concerned about the spiritual welfare of the people involved. Even though a Catholic wedding was celebrated, perhaps there was some deficiency in the consent of the parties involved regarding intentions, understanding or ability? The annulment procedure addresses these circumstances.

If you are divorced and want to marry in the Church or remarried outside the Catholic Church, please telephone the Tribunal Office at 222 North 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103 (215) 587-3750.

PREPARING FOR YOUR WEDDING

You can visit www.phillycatholiclife.org to schedule your Pre-Cana classes. You would select PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE. Scroll down and select FIND OUT MORE ABOUT PREP AND REGISTER. At the bottom of the page select REGISTER NOW. We recommend that you register and attend the seminar at least six months before your wedding date to reserve a seat.

You can also contact the Family Life Office at 610-873-2016. if you have any questions regarding registration.

March for Life Updates

Saturday, January 23rd, 2021
Philadelphia March for Life
9:00am Mass celebrated at SS Peter & Paul Cathedral
10:30am Philadelphia March for Life and Rally following Mass.

Friday, January 29th
Annual March for Life, Washington DC.
Mass for Life Celebrated by Archbishop Perez
Friday, January 29th 10:00am
SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Philadelphia

For more information visit: www.phillycatholiclife.org

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS PARISH

All Families interested in having your child baptized need to call the rectory at 215 884-3252 to make arrangements.

All families must attend a Pre-Jordan class prior to the Baptism. (if you have already attended a pre-Jordan class for another child, you do not need to attend.

For Catholics a valid sacramental marriage is before a Priest and two witnesses in what is called the Form of Marriage. If you have been married by a Justice of the Peace or in a Civil Marriage and wish to have your marriage blessed by the Church and be able to return to the sacraments, most especially, the Sacrament of the Eucharist, please call the rectory at 215-884-3252.