

# CHURCH OF SAINT HILARY

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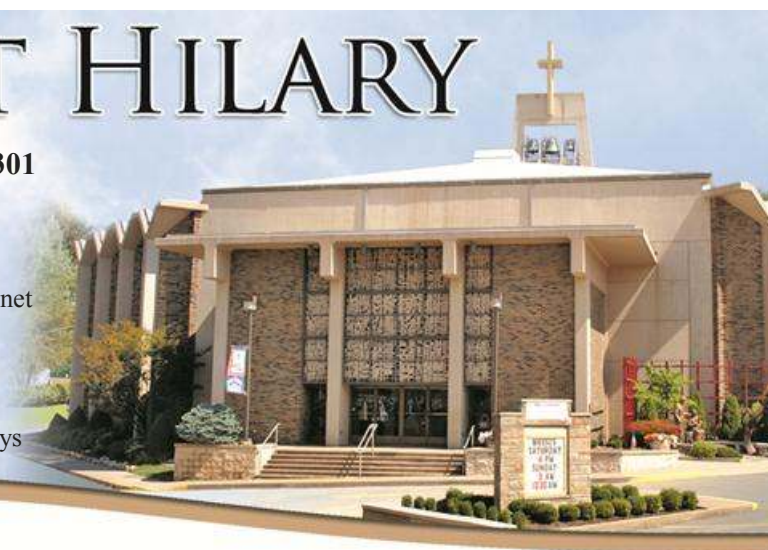
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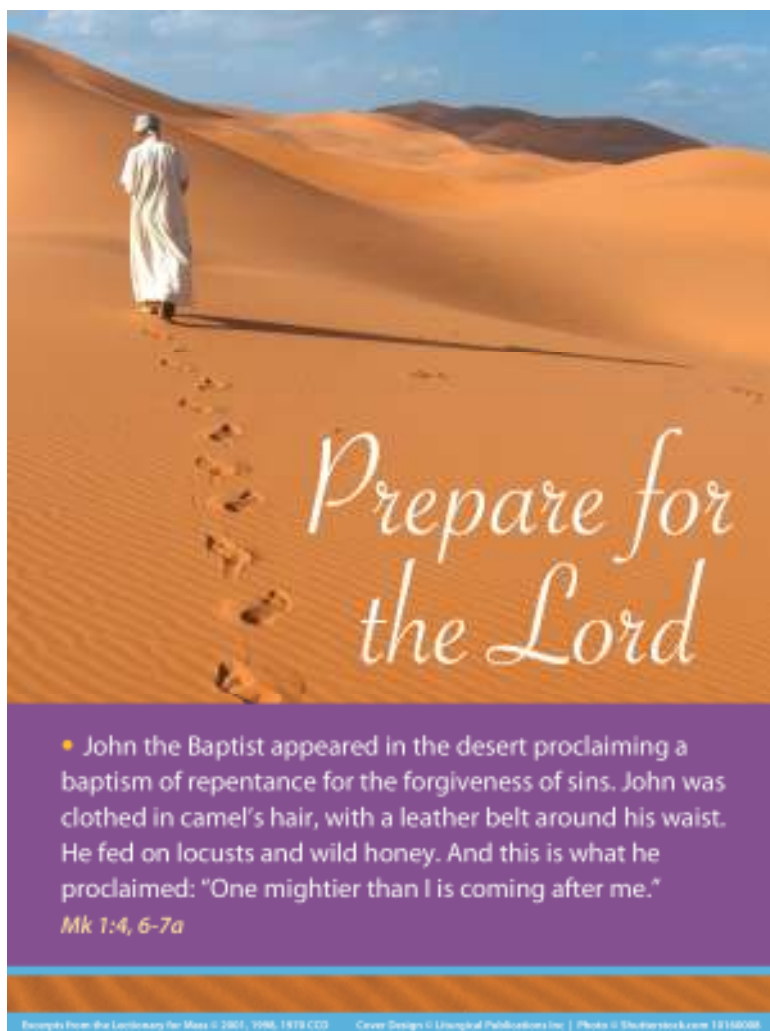
## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday: 8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Friday: 8:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M. • Closed Weekends & Holidays



## DECEMBER 4, 2011 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Prepare for  
the Lord

• John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me."

*Mk 1:4, 6-7a*

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Hilary Parish is a Catholic community of faith responding to the call of Jesus Christ. Empowered by the Holy Spirit our goal is to offer a lifelong opportunity of worship, education, and service. We commit ourselves to provide a reverent and prayerful celebration of the Eucharist. We foster good music for our liturgical celebrations to raise our hearts and spirits. We offer a program of religious education to all members of our parish family and community at large. We personally reach out and share faith-filled lives within our parish and beyond. We reflect God's saving love by promoting strong ministries that enrich every aspect of parish life.

## PARISH STAFF

Reverend Thomas D. O'Neil, **Pastor**

Patti Watson, **Director of Religious Education**

Lou Florian, **Director of Music**

Mary Ann Stickel, **Bereavement Counselor**

Patty Muto, **Administrative Assistant**

Don Clutter, **Custodian**

## MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays ..... 8:30 A.M.

Saturdays ..... 4:00 P.M.

Sundays ..... 8:00 A.M.

Sundays ..... 10:30 A.M.

Holy Days..... Check Bulletin

## CONFESSIONS

One-half hour before Weekend Mass.

## BAPTISMS

Saturdays or Sundays, by appointment.

**WEDDINGS:** Contact the Parish at least six months ahead of time.

**SICK & ELDERLY:** Communion calls are made each month. Anointings and hospital visits are made as needed. Please call the Parish when a loved one of yours should be visited at home or in the hospital.

## BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY:

Parishioners who are grieving the loss of a loved one are encouraged to call Mary Ann Stickel, our Bereavement Counselor. Her telephone number is 724-222-8704.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Parish children are expected to receive Religious Education in our Sunday school program (CCD) or at the nearby Catholic schools - JFK or St. Patrick's. For Sunday School (CCD) registration call Patti Watson (724-225-0909 or 724-222-1381). All Parish families are urged to worship together as a family at the Weekend Mass of their choice.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:** New members are always most welcome! Please call the Parish Office to register. Moving into, within or out of the Parish? Please call and let us know, 724-222-4087.

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

Mondays at 12:00 Noon.

## Second Sunday in Advent



### ADVENT - Waiting in Joyful Hope!

Sometimes it seems as though we spend our lives waiting. Daydreaming about an upcoming vacation, worrying over a medical test, preparing for the birth of grandchild—our days are filled with anticipation and anxiety over what the future holds. As Catholic Christians, we too spend our lives waiting. But we are waiting for something much bigger than a trip, bigger even than retirement or a wedding: We are waiting for the return of Jesus in glory. Advent heightens this sense of waiting, because it marks not only our anticipation of Jesus' final coming, but also our remembrance of his arrival into our world more than 2,000 years ago.

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This Thursday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Our masses for the holy day will be at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, December 7, and at 9:00 AM on Thursday, December 8. Join us as we honor Mary and celebrate her role in the birth of the Christ Child at Christmas.

### ADVENT CONFESSIONS

All parishioners are encouraged to go to Confession during Advent as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. The Sacrament of God's forgiveness can be received one-half hour before each weekend Mass - 3:30 P.M. on Saturdays, 7:30 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. on Sundays. Special Christmas Confessions will be December 20 - 21 - 22.

### 2012 MASS REQUESTS

If you haven't sent in your mass requests for 2012, please do so by next weekend. We have received many requests and the weekend masses are going fast. Please use the form at the church doors. Be sure to give us your second and third choices in case your date is taken. No phone calls please. All requests must be in writing to avoid any errors.

### STEWARDSHIP - November 26 - 27, 2011

Regular Offertory: .....\$3,943.00  
Thanksgiving/St. Vincent de Paul: .....\$687.00  
Additional Retired Religious: .....\$360.00



Our thanks to all who give so generously each week to help our parish meet all its responsibilities. If we are good stewards, we know that God will bless and reward us for our generosity to His church.

### POINSETTIA MEMORIALS



We are taking memorial donations for the poinsettia plants and other decorations that will beautify our church again this Christmas. Due to the rising cost of paper and printing supplies, we will no longer have the memorial booklet. Cost of the poinsettia plants will be \$22.00 each. This is our cost to The Hothouse. Please place your Christmas Flower envelope in the offertory basket next weekend.

### DONATION TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

A check for \$687.00 was sent to our local St. Vincent de Paul Society from our Thanksgiving envelopes.



### PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

We are all aware of the grave problem of the abuse of children that exists within our society. Each of us must do all that we can to help protect those children entrusted to us. This is especially important for those that work and minister in the Church. This includes any clergy, religious, employee, or volunteer in the parish who have contact with youth in their work, ministry, or parish events. Thank you for helping to ensure that our parish is a safe environment for our children. Listed below are the dates for the next Protecting God's Children Workshop to be held at our parish in 2012. Please call the parish office at 724-222-4087 to register if you are a volunteer or in any parish ministry and have not taken the workshop.

- Saturday, January 7, 2012  
9:30 A.M. in Father Zapora Hall
- Wednesday, January 18, 2012  
6:30 P.M. in Father Zapora Hall

**THE WORKSHOP IS A MANDATORY  
REQUIREMENT OF THE DIOCESE  
OF PITTSBURGH TO REMAIN IN MINISTRY  
OR TO BE A VOLUNTEER.**



**Mass Intentions**

**Second Sunday of Advent** (December 3 - 4)

- 4:00 PM Our Parish Family
- 8:00 AM Mike Szwed (Family)
- 10:30 AM William & Mary Bertus (Denise Imperio)

**Monday, Advent Weekday** (December 5)

- 8:30 AM John Syrek (Rose Pacilla)

**Tuesday, Advent Weekday** (December 6)

- 8:30 AM Marie Sulc (Ryan & Ann Dolan)

**Wednesday, St. Ambrose** (December 7)

- 8:30 AM Mary Trusnovic (Lucille Nero)
- 5:00 PM Deceased Mrock Family (Deborah Mrock)

**Thursday, Immaculate Conception** (December 8)

- 9:00 AM Mary Tomich (M/M Charles Tomich)

**Friday, Advent Weekday** (December 9)

- 8:30 AM Alice Krol (Bob & Carol Oberst)

**Third Sunday of Advent** (December 10 - 11)

- 4:00 PM Valeria Diak (Brandt Family)
- 8:00 AM Our Parish Family
- 10:30 AM Theresa Angott Shuba (Harriet & Joe Angott, Jr.)

**SERVING OUR PARISH NEXT WEEKEND**

**Liturgical Schedule: December 10 - 11**

**Altar Servers**

- 4:00 PM B. Polander B. Stultz
- 8:00 AM P. Semple J. Miklos
- 10:30 AM P. Kulla M. Clark A. Penak

**Eucharistic Ministers**

- 4:00 PM T. Brandt N. Brandt P. Kulla
- 8:00 AM J. Marriner D. Raleigh
- 10:30 AM R. Marra B. Penak P. Watson

**Lectors**

- 4:00 PM M. Stultz
- 8:00 AM K. Kanotz
- 10:30 AM G. Fonner

**TO ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

Please be here as assigned for the Holy Day this week. If you cannot be here, please get someone to take your place.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The fresh flowers at our Altar have been given this week In Memory of **Mike Szwed** (Family).

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

The light before the Blessed Sacrament burns this week In Memory of **Alphonse Gravel** (Jennie & Janet), **John Patten** (Evelyn Anderson).

**MARY CANDLE**

The light before Our Blessed Mother burns this week In Memory of **Jeffrey O'Leary** (Helene O'Leary), **Jeanne Kutchman** (Libby).

**JOSEPH CANDLE**

The light before St. Joseph burns this week In Memory of **Joe & Anna Marchwinski** (Tom & Rose Marchwinski), **Frank Sacco** (Toni Sacco).

**PRAYER LIST**

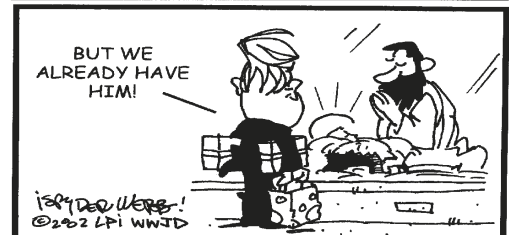
Michael Puskarich, Mary Romano, Jennie Lewis, Rita Salvini, Dorothy Sorice, John Salvini, Mary Baker, Ann Varinoski, Dolores Brezinski, Joe Mancuso, Gus Mancuso, Ron Clapp, Joanne Bellhy, Mary Jane Armstrong, Kenny Vogler, Jeremy Husk, Frank Yankovitch, Mary Primerano, Emma Paletta, Paul Taylor, Jr., Nick Petronka, Betty Cook, Dian Cataldo, Angeline Pastorial, Becky Junkins, Stanley Wiencek, Sheri Browning, Jim Curcio, Anthony Curcio.

Remember in your prayers all of our men and women who serve in the military, law enforcement, & fire fighters.

**HEINZ CHAPEL - PAUL JACOBS CONCERT**

The Church of the Covenant is sponsoring a trip to Heinz Chapel to hear Paul Jacobs, Organist. Paul is a native of Washington, PA, a former organist at Immaculate Conception, and on the staff of The Julliard School in New York. Cost: \$50.00 with a deposit of \$25.00 due by January 2, 2012. Dinner after the show at The Spaghetti Warehouse. For more information call Margaret at 724-225-3226.

Father Flood/Webb



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