

CHURCH OF SAINT HILARY

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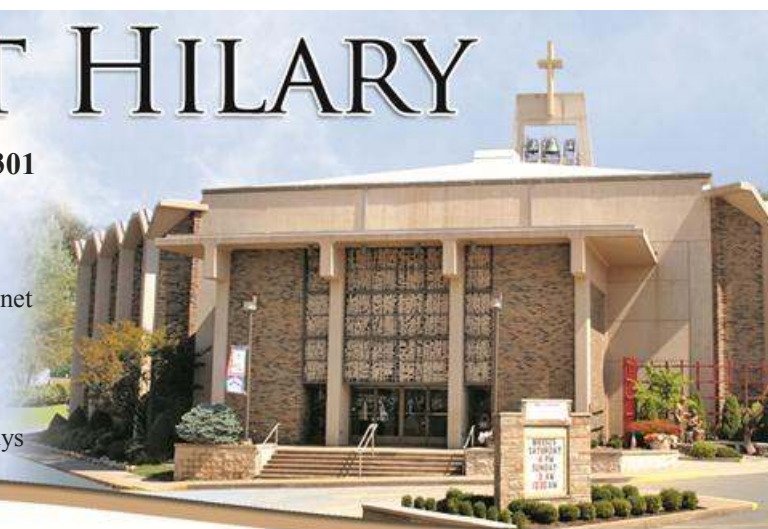
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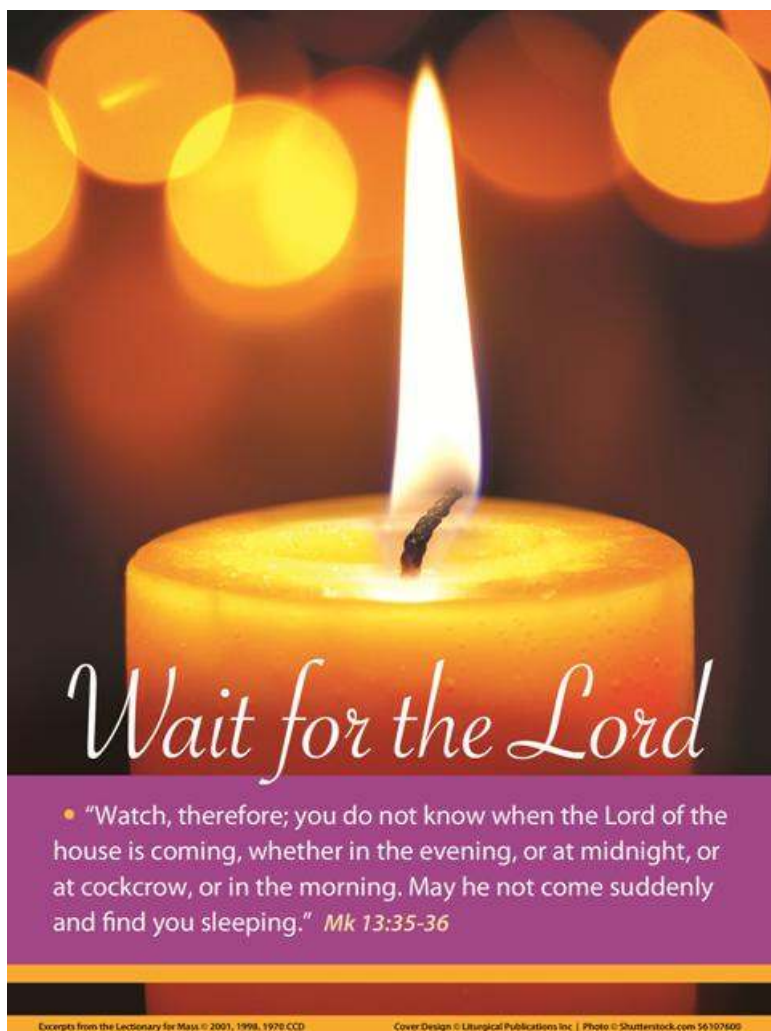
PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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



November 27, 2011 First Sunday of Advent



• "Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping." *Mk 13:35-36*

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 P.M.
Saturdays 4:00 P.M.
Sundays 8:00 P.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.

Symbolism of the Advent Wreath



The four candles represent the 4,000 years prior to Christ's coming and the four weeks of Advent. The unlighted candles represent the dark ages before Christ's coming. The lighted candles represent Christ, the Light of the World. Each week we light one more candle and that represents the idea that the coming of Christ is closer. The circular form of the wreath symbolizes that God has no beginning and no end. The green of the boughs indicates hope--just as the green of spring indicates new life. The word Advent means the coming of promise.

SPECIAL OFFERING - FOOD BANK

Our thanks to all who donated to the "Special Offering" collection for the local food banks to help feed the needy of our community this Thanksgiving. We collected a total of \$1,237.00 We mailed the check last Monday so they will have it in time for Thanksgiving. The donations that we receive from our Thanksgiving Day envelopes will be sent to our local St. Vincent de Paul Society at Immaculate Conception Church.

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.

POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

We are taking memorials donations for the poinsettia plants and other decorations that will beautify our church this Christmas. Please return your Christmas Flower envelope next weekend. Cost of each plant is \$22.00 The 10:00 P.M. on Christmas Eve will be offered for all our departed loved ones that we remember in a special way at Christmas.

STEWARDSHIP - November 19 - 20, 2011

Regular Offertory:	\$5,355.00
Retired Religious Appeal:	\$2,115.00
Thanksgiving Food Bank:	\$1,237.00

Our expenses are greatest during the cold months, so we really need your help in paying all our bills. A special thanks to all who give so generously each week. Your generosity is always appreciated.

ADVENT ENVELOPES



The Advent envelopes are available in the church vestibule and at the side doors. Please help our local food banks feed the poor of our community this Christmas.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



We will be decorating our church for Christmas at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, December 18. All parishioners, young and old, are most welcome and encouraged to join us.

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 for the workshop if you are a volunteer or in any parish ministry.

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



First Sunday of Advent (November 26 - 27)

- 4:00 PM In Honor of Fr. O'Neil
42nd Anniversary of The Priesthood
- 8:00 AM Marie Urbanik (Danny Urbanik)
- 10:30 AM Our Parish Family

Monday, Advent Weekday (November 28)

- 8:30 AM Anna Jagoda (M/M Edward Jagoda)

Tuesday, Advent Weekday (November 29)

- 8:30 AM Betty Radocha (Martha Veltri)

Wednesday, St. Andrew (November 30)

- 8:30 AM Thomas Bellhy (Joe Mikuta)

Thursday, Advent Weekday (December 1)

- 8:30 AM Mary Pearson (Julia Rock)

Friday, Advent Weekday (December 2)

- 8:30 AM Angelo & Louise Skariot (Diane Macanga)

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)

SERVING OUR PARISH NEXT WEEKEND

Liturgical Schedule: December 3 - 4

Altar Servers

- 4:00 PM M. Weiss J. Weiss
- 8:00 AM M. Frio J. Lech
- 10:30 AM C. Fullerton M. DeAngelo J. Kisner

Eucharistic Ministers

- 4:00 PM J. Weiss M. Weiss L. Stultz
- 8:00 AM H. Kudrav N. LaBella
- 10:30 AM M. Nehrebecki B. Paletta D. Petrola

Lectors

- 4:00 PM L. Lindley
- 8:00 AM L. Butka
- 10:30 AM J. Moore

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Next Thursday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Our masses for the holy day will be at 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 7, and at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, December 8.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The light before the Blessed Sacrament burns this week In Honor of **Father O'Neil - 42nd Anniversary of The Priesthood.**

MARY CANDLE

The light before Our Blessed Mother burns this week In Memory of **Jeanne Kutchman** (Libby Kutchman).

JOSEPH CANDLE

The light before St. Joseph burns this week In Memory of **Bill Sewock** (Patricia Sewock).

PRAYER LIST



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR...

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, Gil Haight, 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.



December

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses:

- Wednesday - December 7 @ 5:00 P.M.
- Thursday - December 8 @ 9:00 A.M.

Decorate Church for Christmas:

- Sunday - December 18 @ 1:00 PM

Christmas Confessions:

- Tuesday - December 21 @ 5:00 - 6:00 P.M.
- Wednesday - December 22 @ 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.
- Thursday - December 23 @ 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

Christmas Masses:

- Saturday - December 24 @ 4:00 & 10:00 P.M.
- Sunday - December 25 @ 10:00 A.M.

Every Sunday, Religious Education

- Class: 9:00 A.M. - 10:10 A.M.
- Mass: 8:00 A.M or 10:30 A.M.
- for all students & their families.
- No Religious Education Classes:
December 25 & January 1