

CHURCH OF SAINT HILARY

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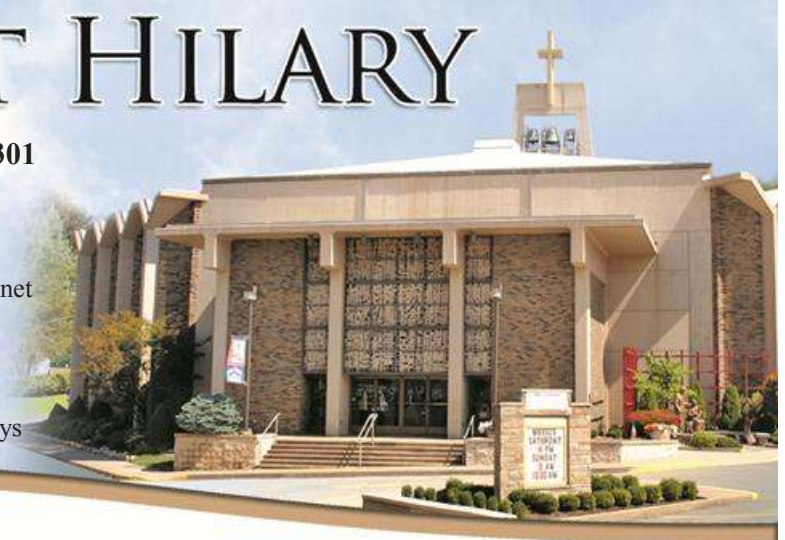
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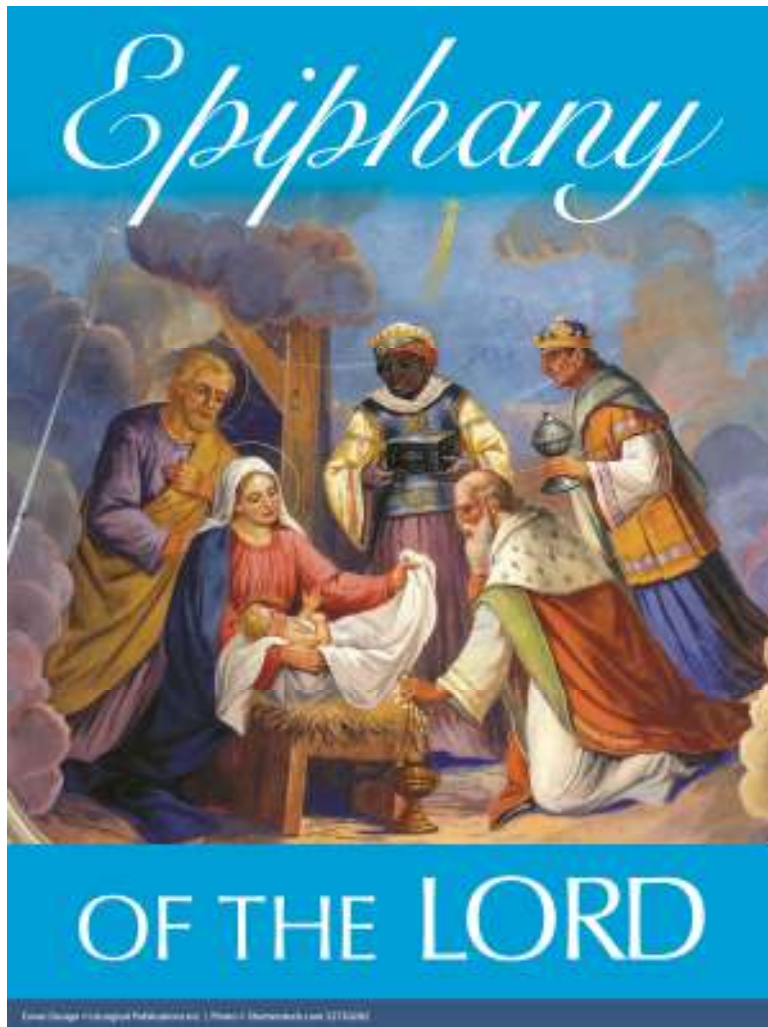
PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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



JANUARY 8, 2012



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.

“THE WISE MEN OR THE FOOLISH MEN”



There were once two groups of men, and each needed to build a house. The first group was foolish, and chose to build on sandy soil where it was easy to access and easy to dig the foundation. In a few short weeks they were almost finished. The second group was wise, and chose to build their house on a rocky hill, where it was very hard to access and to dig the foundation. They spent many months building their house. As time passed a huge storm broke upon the houses of these men. After much rain, a flood swept through the valley and the house that was built on the sand was swept away. But the second house, built on the rocky hill was safe. No matter how hard it rained or how fierce the floods were, their house remained solid and immovable. Let's ask ourselves this question. What is the foundation of our lives? Are we like the foolish men - are our lives built on sandy soil? Or are we like the wise men - are our lives built on solid ground?

THE PITTSBURGH CATHOLIC

This weekend, January 7 & 8, we are having the annual collection for our diocesan newspaper, The Pittsburgh Catholic. The parish has to pay \$15.00 per year for each subscription, so we are asking each family to give a donation of at least \$10.00 so you will be able to have the newspaper mailed to your home. If you did not put your envelope in today, you may do so throughout the month of January. Deadline for new subscriptions are February 1, 2012.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - JANUARY 14 - 15, 2012

The Diocese of Pittsburgh is the home to two nationally recognized educational programs for children with special needs: St. Anthony School Programs and De Paul School for Hearing and Speech. A special collection to benefit these two organizations will be taken next weekend, January 14 - 15 at all masses in each parish. St. Anthony School Program provides Catholic special education to children with development delays and autism in seven schools within the Diocese and one college - age program located on the campus of Duquesne University. DePaul School for Hearing and Speech teaches children who have moderate to profound hearing losses how to listen and speak without the use of sign language so they may transition to the mainstream of education and live without boundaries in their respective communities. Your donation will help St. Anthony School and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech to further their goals of providing quality educational programs and services for their students. Your support is critical. Your generosity will help these organizations forever improve the lives of their students and families.


STEWARDSHIP - December 24 - 25, 2011

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| Regular Offertory: | \$4,248.00 |
| Christmas Offertory: | \$15,845.00 |
| Christmas Children & Youth Appeal: | \$2,066.00 |
| Christmas Donation to Food Bank: | \$1,770.00 |

STEWARDSHIP - December 31, 2011 - January 1, 2012

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| Regular Offertory: | \$4,332.00 |
| Religious Education Appeal: | \$614.00 |
| Initial Offering for Envelope Cost: | \$446.00 |

A special thanks to all parishioners and visitors for your generosity during the Christmas season. May God continue to bless each of you throughout the year of 2012.



I would like to thank my parish family for remembering me on Christmas. The cards, cookies, and other gifts made Christmas very special for me this year.


Fr. O'Neil

PARISH SHARE 2011 CAMPAIGN

Total Gifts & Pledges:\$79,829.27

These are total gifts and pledges from March 1, 2011 through December 25, 2011. All Parish Share payments and one time gifts for this campaign must be paid by January 31, 2012. Please note: Any donations and payments that were made after December 25, 2011 will be on your 2012 contribution statements.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS 2011



If you would like to have a contribution statement for your donations made during 2011, please sign your name below and put it in the offertory basket next weekend. All statements may be picked up in the front lobby of the church the following weekend.

Name: _____



The Epiphany of Our Lord (January 7 - 8)

- 4:00 PM Our Parish Family
- 8:00 AM Carolyn Spossey (Gary & Juanita Karluk)
- 10:30 AM Dominic Romano (Eilene Romano)

Monday, The Baptism of Our Lord (January 9)

- 8:30 AM Nicolina Sforza Iorio
(Sworden & Kaminski Families)

Tuesday, Weekday (January 10)

- 8:30 AM Steve Shook (Ed Shook)

Wednesday, Weekday (January 11)

- 8:30 AM Anthony Martin (Dan & Joan Petrola)

Thursday, Weekday (January 12)

- 8:30 AM Frank Mrukot (Josephine Tomsie)

Friday, St. Hilary (January 13)

- 8:30 AM Frank Sacco (Loretta Kulakowski)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (January 14 - 15)

- 4:00 PM M/M Michael Weiss - Family
25th Anniversary
- 8:00 AM Our Parish Family
- 10:30 AM Albert Zacour (Frances Zacour)

**SERVING OUR PARISH NEXT WEEKEND:
January 14 - 15**

Altar Servers

- 4:00 PM M. Stultz C. Roberts
- 8:00 AM A. Butka J. Butka
- 10:30 AM C. Fullerton M. DeAngelo J. Kisner

Eucharistic Ministers

- 4:00 PM L. Stultz J. Weiss M. Weiss
- 8:00 AM N. LaBella D. Raleigh
- 10:30 AM L. Gibbons B. Penak P. Watson

Lectors

- 4:00 PM J. Pittman
- 8:00 AM L. Butka
- 10:30 AM Religious Education Students



POINSETTIA PLANTS

Those who donated the poinsettia plants may pick them up this Monday, January 9, from 1:00 - 4:00 PM.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The light before the Blessed Sacrament burns this week In Memory of **Bill Sewock** (Patricia Sewock), **Deceased Loved Ones** (Wiencek Family).

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 **Vince Kaminski** (Stultz Family), Health of **Paul Taylor, Jr.** (Marie & Paul Taylor).


PRAYER LIST

Michael Puskarich, Mary Romano, Jennie Lewis, Rita Salvini, Dorothy Sorice, John Salvini, Mary Baker, Ann Varinoski, Dolores Brezinski, Joe 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, Sheri Browning, Jim Curcio, Anthony Curcio, Rodney Brooks, Danny Williams, Chris Zacios, Terry Churney, Sam Insana, Jennie Gravel.

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

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 volunteer or serve in any ministry in the Church. Registration is required, so 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. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. in Father Zapora Hall. **THE WORKSHOP IS A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT OF THE DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH TO REMAIN IN ACTIVE MINISTRY OR TO BE A VOLUNTEER.**

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COMMUNITY CIRCLE FOOD PANTRY

Dear Father O'Neil,
Once again I returned from Christmas break to a wonderful surprise! Your donation for \$1,770.00 was larger than usual, which is good, since the holiday rush really depleted our supplies. We can put the money to good use. Thanks so much for your continuing generous support.



God Bless,
Mundy Fergus, Coordinator