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DECEMBER 25-26, 2010

MASS SCHEDULE

NEW YEAR'S DAY 2011

Because New Year's Day is on a Saturday, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2011. However, we will offer the following Masses on the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God:

New Year's Eve, Friday, Dec. 31: 7 PM
New Year's Day, Saturday, Jan. 1: 9 AM

SUNDAY, JAN. 2

Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday: 5 PM Vigil

Sunday: 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 Noon

WEEKDAY MASS

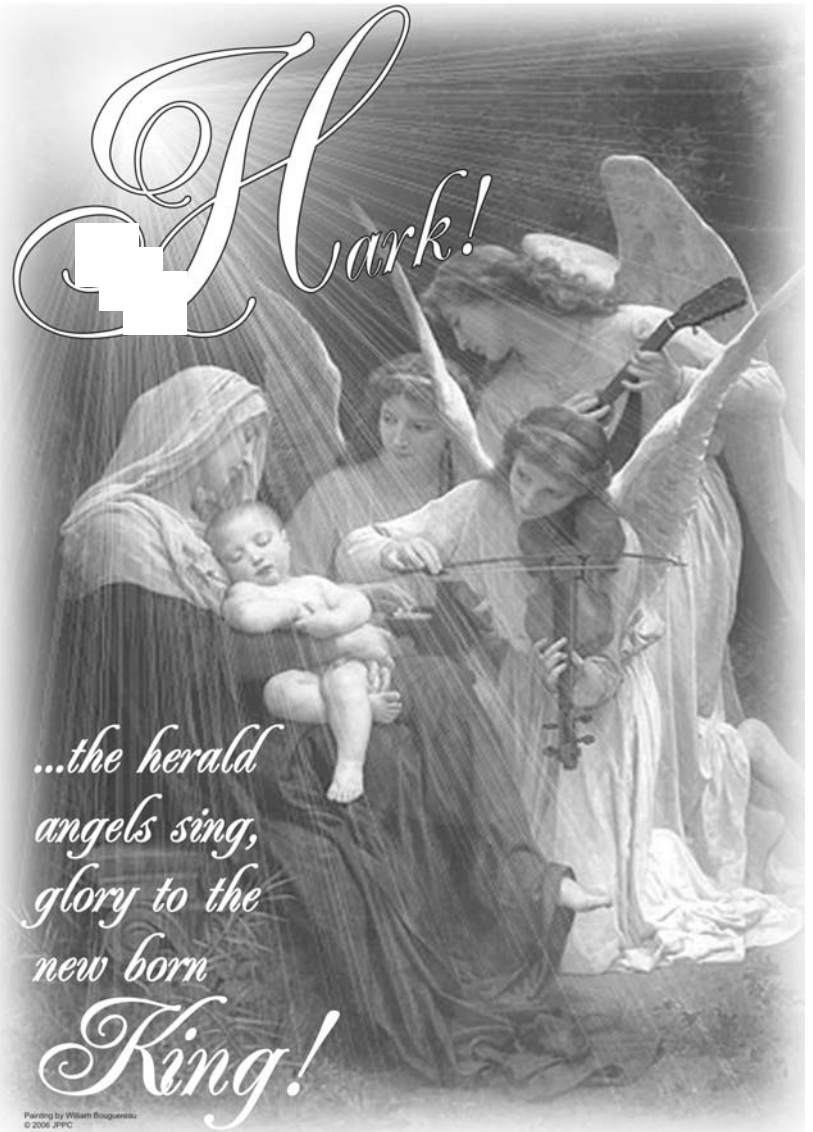
8 AM Monday - Friday



ADORATION

OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday, beginning after the 8 AM Mass and concluding with Evening Prayer & Benediction at 7 PM



PASTOR
Rev. Kevin P. Murray

WEEKEND ASSISTANCE
Rev. Edward Dixey, OSA

PERMANENT DEACON
Rev. Mr. John K. Hunter

PASTOR EMERITUS
Msgr. Michael J. Carroll

St. Hilary of Poitiers Parish

ST. HILARY'S SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
Mrs. Eileen Fagan
School Phone: 215-887-4520

DIRECTOR,
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Mrs. Elizabeth O. Field

BAPTISM: The Liturgy of Baptism for infants is celebrated on the first and third Sundays of the month. Contact the rectory for more information.

MATRIMONY: Couples contemplating marriage should contact the rectory six months before the date they wish to marry.

PASTOR'S CORNER

The Proclamation of the Birth of Christ

Today, the twenty-fifth day of December, unknown ages from the time when God created the heavens and the earth and then formed man and woman in his own image.

Several thousand years after the flood, when God made the rainbow shine forth as a sign of the covenant.

Twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and Sarah; thirteen centuries after Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt.

Eleven hundred years from the time of Ruth and the Judges; one thousand years from the anointing of David as king; in the sixty-fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel.

In the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; the seven hundred and fifty-second year from the foundation of the city of Rome.

The forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus; the whole world being at peace, Jesus Christ, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to sanctify the world by his most merciful coming, being conceived by the Holy Spirit, and nine months having passed since his conception, was born in Bethlehem of Judea of the Virgin Mary.

Today is the nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

Merry Christmas,

Father Murray

ABOUT THE PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST: The Roman Martyrology for Christmas day contains a formal announcement of the birth of Christ in the style of a proclamation. It begins with creation and relates the birth of the Lord to the major events and personages of sacred and secular history. The particular events contained in the proclamation help to situate the birth of Jesus in the context of salvation history.

MASS INTENTIONS**Saturday, Dec. 25**

The Nativity of the Lord / Christmas

5 PM (Christmas Eve)	Elizabeth Bossert
9 AM	Hopkins & McCabe families
11 AM	Judson & Katherine McCallister

Sunday, Dec. 26

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

There is no 5 PM Vigil.

8 AM	Anna & Andrew Ponisciak
10 AM	Kenney & Miller families
12 Noon	John H. Weitzel

Monday, Dec. 27

St. John

8 AM	Harry & Margaret Steinmetz
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Tuesday, Dec. 28

The Holy Innocents

8 AM	Thomas Duffy
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Wednesday, Dec. 29

The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

8 AM	Therese Marko
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Thursday, Dec. 30

The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

8 AM	Victims of My Lai
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Friday, Dec. 31

The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

8 AM	Virginia McGahey
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Saturday, Jan. 1

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God / The Eighth Day in the Octave of Christmas

7 PM (Friday Vigil)	Living & deceased parishioners
9 AM	Nagurny & Luckenbach families

Sunday, Jan. 2

The Epiphany of the Lord

5 PM (Saturday vigil)	McCallister & Hipple families
8 AM	Victor Schembri
10 AM	Harry J. Harp III
12 Noon	Karl Kretschman



*Pray the Rosary after morning Mass
weekdays at St. Hilary's.
All are welcome.*

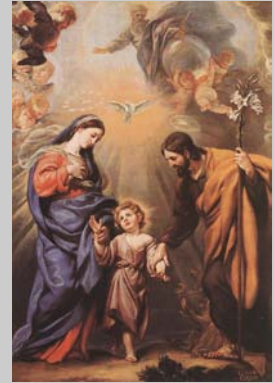
Why do we tell the story of the Magi?

The story of the Magi who visit the Christ Child is found in Matthew 2:1-12. Legend identifies them as Gaspar, Melchior and Balthazar. They traveled "from the East" to visit the newborn King of the Jews. The gifts they brought were gold (a gift for a king), frankincense (a gift for a priest) and myrrh (a burial spice). The Magi are symbolic of all nations. This story reminds us that Jesus came to save all people, not just the Jewish people.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family – Jesus, Mary and Joseph – and the gift they were to one another on the Sunday after Christmas. We celebrate the gift and vocation of parenthood and the gift and vocation to be a child. The family life of Nazareth was not a romantic tale but the reality of the joys and sorrows, hopes and disappointments of family life. In the reality of their lives, each member of the family was called to enrich the lives of others.

At right is the famous “Holy Family” painting by Claudio Coello (born in Madrid 1642, died 1693). He was the last important master of the Madrid School of the 17th century. Primarily a religious painter, he also produced portraits.



“Family Is the Best School”

In an Angelus address for the Feast of the Holy Family in 2009, Pope Benedict XVI proclaimed the importance of the family, founded upon a true understanding of marriage, for the good of mankind. “God wished to reveal Himself by being born in a human family, and hence the human family has become an icon of God,” the Holy Father said.

“God, by having come into the world in the bosom of a family, shows that this institution is a sure way to meet and know Him, and a permanent call to work for the loving unity of all people,” he continued.

“In truth, the family is the best school in which to learn to live the values that dignify individuals and make peoples great.”

– Pope Benedict XVI

“Thus, one of the greatest services which we as Christians can offer our fellow men and women is to show them the serene and solid witness of a family founded upon marriage between a man and a woman, defending it and protecting it, because it is of supreme importance for the present and future of humankind.

“In truth, the family is the best school in which to learn to live the values that dignify individuals and make peoples great,” he added. “There too sufferings and joys are shared, as everyone feels cloaked in the affection that reigns in the home by the mere fact of being members of the same family.”

Blessing of Parents Prayer

Heavenly Father, the fullness of your design for the Family transforms a Husband and Wife into a Mother and Father. At the heart of this transformation you make self-sacrifice the cornerstone of Parental Love.

Bless all Mothers and Fathers for their self-sacrifice and their journey of growing in self-sacrifice.

Bless my Mother and Father

Bless Expectant Parents and New Parents

Bless Parents that have grown distant or estranged

Bless Parents whose child has died

Bless Parents who have lost their child before birth

Bless Parents who aborted their child with healing and reconciliation

Bless Single Parents

Bless Parents caring for a chronically ill or injured child

Bless Adoptive Parents

Bless Foster Parents

Bless Parents by Desire

Bless my children who are now a Parent.

Bless the Mothers and Fathers whom you have called to eternal life

Heavenly Father, thank you for the role models of parenthood found in my own family, in other families and especially in the Holy Family of Nazareth. Blessed Mary, Blessed Saint Joseph guide us to always follow your example of love and fidelity and we ask for your prayers to your Son, Jesus, to bless all parents. Amen.

PARISH PRAYER LINE

To request Parish Prayer Line support, call Evelyn Strigle (215-885-0976) or Pat Pacitti (215-379-3305). Pray for:

Anna Berna, Anthony Bonnano, Michael Brown, Felicia Burkhardt, Nancy Costello, Vincent Costello, Sophia Coursey, Jack Crosson, Joey Degnan, Rita DiMauro, Kathy Diufallo, Helen Downey, Father John Foster, Gordon G. Gladder, Olga Guevara, Anthony Gulli, Carole Hoblock, Courtney Hoblock, Nicole Hoblock, Francis Hope, John Hope,

Allie Nicoli Hoser, Pat Jacobs, Dorothy Kazmierczak, Michele Kelly, Helen Knell, Maureen Krueger, Bernadine Mancini, Edna Marble, Mildred McGoldrick, Frances McManus, Caitlin Murcar, Kathy O'Connor.

Antoinette O'Grattis, Joseph Papalini, Mary Jo Reaby, Bernadette Redican, Don Rossi Sr., Baby Kyle Shanahan, Stephen Specht, Jocalyn Strigle, Brendan Svengder, Ethel Thomas, Vincent Tartaglia, Jenna Vaughn, Mary Vaughn, Dan Webb, Kelly Wise.

ACADEMIC HONORS

The following high school students from St. Hilary's have been honored for their academic performance:

Roman Catholic: John Dlugosz, Class of '14, 1st honors.

Little Flower: Christina Robinson, '14, 1st honors.

Archbishop Ryan: Zachary Elwell, '11, 2nd honors.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GET INVOLVED IN THE PARISH?

By Mrs. Elizabeth O. Field,
Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Field will write for the bulletin about her parish activities and how parishioners can become more involved. She can be reached in the rectory at 215-884-3252.

Like to teach, share your faith, work with children? You could this with the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) or The Edge youth program.

Come join our fine Parish Faith Enrichment Team! Next meeting: Jan. 27 at 7 PM. Share your ideas and work to enrich the faith lives of our parishioners.

The Parish Bereavement Ministry Committee meets families at a very vulnerable time. Are you a good listener? Could you help ease the pain and grief of others? In you could assist families at the time of the funeral, please call the rectory (215-884-3252) for further information.

Schedule reminder: PREP and The Edge will resume early in the new year. Children in the PREP program return to classes on Jan. 4. The Edge Program resumes on Jan. 6, when, fittingly, the topic is "Jesus & Family".

A Blessed and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to YOU from the St. Hilary's Religious Education & the Youth Edge Program Catechists, Coordinators and Director!

There Is Still Time to Make a Pledge to Heritage of Faith~Vision of Hope

If you have not yet made a pledge to *Heritage of Faith ~ Vision of Hope*, please prayerfully consider making a sacrificial offering for this campaign, which benefits our parish as well as the Archdiocese. There is still time to turn in your pledge card.

If you have questions about the campaign:

- Contact the rectory
- Visit the parish's website:
www.sainthilaryofpoitiersparish.com

Parish Goal	Parish Share	Current Total
\$675,100	\$236,000	\$236,217

Cadet Basketball Registration

Cadet basketball will be at St. James School, Elkins Park, Saturdays in January and February for all St. Hilary's students (grades 2-4 from 9-10 AM; K and 1st grade 10-11 AM). Register online at www.sainthilaryschool.com by clicking on the CYO link. Fee is \$20.

PARISH NOTEBOOK

Could You Serve as a Sacristan?

The parish needs additional volunteers to carry out a variety of duties as sacristans for the weekend Masses. Contact Father Murray, Deacon John or a sacristan.

ST. HILARY'S SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By Mrs. Eileen Fagan, Principal

7th Graders Study History at Gettysburg; 5th & 6th Graders Visit St. Joseph's Manor

Our 7th grade students learned first-hand about the Battle of Gettysburg on their field trip to Gettysburg. The students gained a greater appreciation of history through this experience.



Our 5th and 6th graders prepared and participated in the ministries of the Mass with the residents of St. Joseph's Manor, Meadowbrook. We are grateful to the students for sharing their ministry of reading and music with our friends at the Manor. They brought many smiles and hopeful hearts to the residents.

SPIRIT OF GIVING: Our school children and faculty sponsored the Christmas Party at St. Vincent Soup Kitchen. The continued spirit of giving from our community amazes me over and over again. I am grateful to Ms. Semple and all those who participated in so many ways for affording us the opportunity to share in this Outreach project!

THE LUCKY ONES: The Christmas Festival prize drawing winners were: 50/50, Jane Kelly; Holiday Décor, Patty Muscatello; Wine Basket, Eileen Baetke, and Cheer Basket, Sister Linda. Thank you a ton to everyone who participated.

FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS: Our Feast of St. Nicholas celebration began with our Advent Prayer Service and included learning about the life of St. Nicholas with our Prayer Partners. We were all delighted with the special treats.

BELLS OF JOY: Our Hand Bell Choir will perform at the Cardinal's Christmas Party for underprivileged children on Monday (Dec. 20). The beauty of the bells resounding in Christmas Joy will fill many small hearts with the Spirit of the Season. Thank you to Ms. Rudzinski and the students.

Rent the Parish Center for Your Party

Rent the Father Cosgrove Parish Center for your next party or large family gathering. For rates and availability, contact Deacon John.

Preparing for SAT Tests

Attention high school juniors: There will be an SAT Prep class at Saint James School, Elkins Park, Wednesday evenings from Feb. 2 to March 9 (7:15 to 9:15). Contact Theresa Hartey at thartey2@comcast.net for more information or to register.

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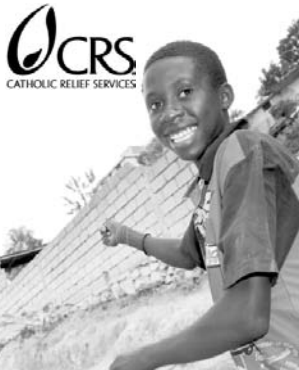
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