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By Appointment. Contact the Rectory.

Marriages

Contact the rectory at least one year in advance. Please consult the Pastor prior to setting the date.

Ministry to the Sick & Shut-ins

Please contact the rectory if you become unable to attend Mass and wish to receive the Eucharist.

Prayer Line

Please call the rectory at 527-9778. Prayer Intentions are prayed for 2 months. Please call to reinstate if necessary.

Lord's Day Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 7:15am 8:30am 11:00am 12:30pm
(Mass in Polish is last Sunday of the month at 8:30am)

Daily Mass Schedule

Mon./Tues./Thurs./Fri. - 8am Wed. - 6pm and Sat.-
9am

Eucharist Adoration after the Friday 8:00am Mass

Live Stream on You Tube:

Daily Mass, Saturday 4pm, Sunday 8:30am

OLV Masses are televised on Channel 191

Thursday & Friday at 3pm
Saturday & Sunday at 2pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 -3:45pm

Before each daily 8am Mass

After the 6pm Mass on Wednesdays

Catholic School Tuition Assistance

Catholic School families wishing parish sponsorship and/or tuition assistance in any Parochial School must be registered, practicing, and supporting members who volunteer at some level. Call the rectory for a copy of our policy.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Jan 8- Jan 9 Lector EMHC

4:00pm M. Bouthilette D. Aubrey
7:15am E. Bernier-Feeley
8:30am T. Brown R. Piziak
11:00am K. Williams

Jan 15- Jan 16 Lector EMHC

4:00pm T. Kowalski N. Latinville
7:15am M. Lecko
8:30am M. Stochel R. L'Heureux
11:00am S. Glatki

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP



Our Divine Mercy Prayer Group will meet at 6:30pm on Wednesday, **January 19**. The service includes recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, confession, & Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

FROM THE VOCATIONS OFFICE

“Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts.” Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, religious sister or brother? Call Fr. Jonathan Reardon 413-248-7034, or write: vocations@diospringfield.org

Receiving Communion at Mass for parishioners with mobility issues

For all parishioners with mobility issues there will now be reserved seating at the very back pew against the wall and also behind the gift table both left and right. Communion will be brought to you at these locations. Please call the office at 527-9778 should you have any questions or concerns.
Thank you.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT PROJECT

Many thanks to all those who put together gift bags for our nursing home & home-bound parishioners! We have received several notes & phone calls from grateful recipients.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 8

9:00am †Madeline Pack — Rita & John Singler, Jr.
4:00pm †Lucy Katz — Daughter Wanda Koch

Sunday, January 9 *Baptism of the Lord*

7:15am †Sophie Kwiecinski — Family
8:30am †Cecile, †Martel, & †Jeannette Malouin — Nieces
11:00am Homebound & Nursing Home Parishioners
12:30pm (Latin) *Missa Pro Populo*

Monday, January 10

8:00am †Eugene Burgielewicz, Jr. — Frank & JoAnn Furman

Tuesday, January 11

8:00am †Douglas McNeish — Wife Margaret

Wednesday, January 12

6:00pm †Joan & Hap Briere — Maria Gumienik

Thursday, January 13 *St. Hilary of Poitiers*

8:00am †Jozef & †Wiktoria Lecko — Od Rodziny

Friday, January 14

8:00am †Madeline Pack — Anne & Joe

Saturday, January 15

9:00am †James & †Alice Mutter — Loving daughter & family
4:00pm †John A. †Mary I. †John A. St. Onge — Mary & Chris

Sunday, January 16

7:15am †Cecilia Malinowski — Mary Moszynski & Gloria Tremblay
8:30am †Fred & †Helen Korona — Children & Grandchildren
11:00am †James Dunham — Graney Family
12:30pm (Latin) *Missa Pro Populo*

CANDLE INTENTIONS

Seven-Day Candle at the Statue of Mary

Jan 10 — Jan 16: Don Molloy — the Parsons Family
Jan 10 — Jan 16: Arlene Cole — Grandchildren Cole, Ana, Gabe & Maggie

Seven-Day Candle at the Black Madonna

Jan 10 — Jan 16: Frank & Mary Sileski — Constance Morey
Jan 10 — Jan 16: Angie Sipitkowski — Rita
Jan 10 — Jan 16: Joseph & Rosalie Szumowski — Grandson Tony
Jan 10 — Jan 16: Stefania & Karol Kosior — Family

2022 CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

Available now: This 2022 beautifully crafted Christmas ornament (Visitation Window) is the seventh in a series. Each year a new ornament will be released featuring one of our magnificent stained glass windows. On sale at the Rectory during office hours!
All proceeds will benefit the Beautification Fund.

PARISH NOTES



Due to Covid concerns our counters are not able to report collection totals this week.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of parishioners **Dennis Dubois & Margaret Baker** who died last week.

USED CHRISTMAS TREES WANTED

Looking to get rid of your Christmas tree? Following Epiphany, our Knights of Columbus Council will once again be offering free curbside pickup of Christmas trees. Call Bill at 413-539-3209 if interested.

FROM THE ST. CECELIA CHOIR

The St Cecilia Choir gratefully acknowledges an anonymous donation received in memory of Edwina Watroba. Thank You...Dziekuje!

GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Many thanks to Susan & John Rejniak, Philip & Christine Laprade, Christine Carr & Kenneth Hill and Frank & Beverly Sigda for their generous donations to the Parish in Memory of Patricia Morrier.

We also wish to thank Raymond & Nancy Watroba and Genevieve Mroczek for their generous donations to Take & Eat in Memory of Edwina Watroba.

DEC 500 CLUB WINNERS!

#	Name	City
\$500	467 Theresa Puza	Southampton
\$150	363 Ted & Joannille Kmiecik	W Springfield
\$100	612 Sean O'Leary	Easthampton
\$50	217 Bob & Peggy Graham	Easthampton
\$50	228 Barbara Guyette	Southampton
\$25	072 Amy Bzdel	Southampton
\$25	224 Charles & Carol Growhoski	Easthampton
\$25	098 Ryna Russell	Easthampton
\$25	552 Ashley Atwood	Norfolk, MA

BOTTLES & CANS

As you know for many years, parishioners have generously been donating returnable bottles and cans to benefit the Parish. Over time it has become more and more difficult for our volunteers to process the returns and to find a place that will accept large quantities. Therefore, we will no longer be accepting bottle and can returns. Thank you for your donations over the years.

AUDIO UPGRADE UPDATE

Thanks to all who have donated to update our audio system. We have already raised \$11,575 which is nearly fifty percent of our total goal. There's still time to donate and every little bit helps!

Angel's Attic Hours:

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We are accepting clean sellable donations during open hours only. Please email us at all for assistance as certain donations are collected at different buildings to be processed. Thank you for your support! Email angelsattic01027@gmail.com with any questions

Thursdays 4pm - 7pm
Saturdays 9am - 1pm

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Workers Schedule:
Jan 9 Knight of Columbus
Jan 16 Mission Committee
Jan 23 Women's Club

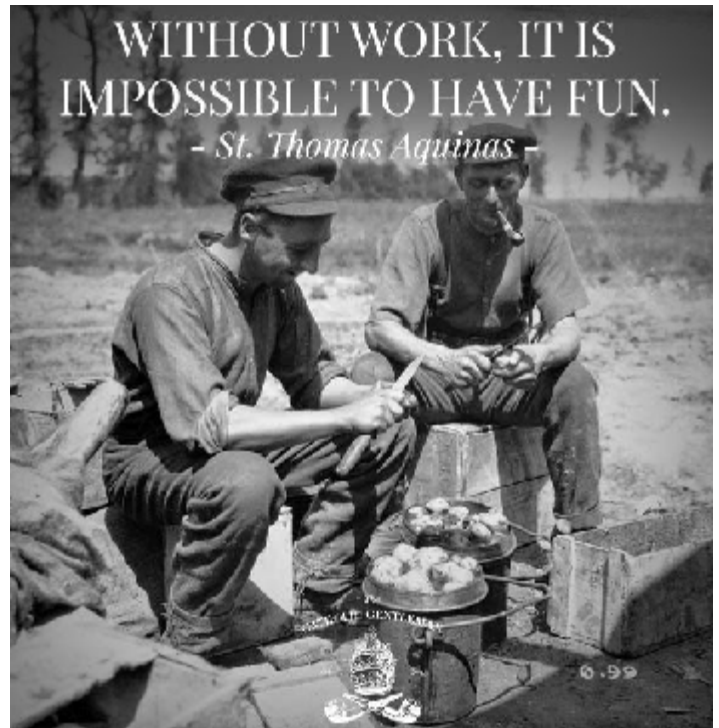


SAINT OF THE WEEK: ST. HILARY OF POITIER



ST. HILARY was a native of Poitiers in Aquitaine. Born and educated a pagan, it was not till near middle age that he embraced Christianity, moved thereto mainly by the idea of God presented to him in the Holy Scriptures. He soon converted his wife and daughter, and separated him-

self rigidly from all un-Catholic company. In the beginning of his conversion St. Hilary would not eat with Jews or heretics, nor salute them by the way; but afterwards, for their sake, he relaxed this severity. He entered Holy Orders, and in 353 was chosen bishop of his native city. Arianism, under the protection of the Emperor Constantius, was just then in the height of its power, and St. Hilary found himself called upon to support the orthodox cause in several Gallic councils, in which Arian bishops formed an overwhelming majority. He was in consequence accused to the emperor, who banished him to Phrygia. He spent his three years and more of exile in composing his great works on the Trinity. In 359 he attended the Council of Seleucia, in which Arians, semi-Arians, and Catholics contended for the mastery. With the deputies of the council he proceeded to Constantinople, and there so dismayed the heads of the Arian party that they prevailed upon the emperor to let him return to Gaul. He traversed Gaul, Italy, and Illyria, wherever he came discomfiting the heretics and procuring triumph of orthodoxy. After seven or eight years of missionary travel he returned to Poitiers, where he died in peace in 368. His feast day is January 13.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sun: *from* Isaiah 40 | *from* Titus 2 & 3 | *from* Luke 3

Mon: 1 Samuel 1:1-8 | Mark 1:14-20

Tue: 1 Samuel 1:9-20 | Mark 1:21-28

Wed: *from* 1 Samuel 3 | Mark 1:29-39

Thu: 1 Samuel 4:1-11 | Mark 1:40-45

Fri: *from* 1 Samuel 8 | Mark 2:1-12

Sat: *from* 1 Samuel 9 | Mark 2:13-17

Sun(1/16): Isaiah 62:1-5 | 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 | John 2:1-11

FROM THE VOCATIONS OFFICE

"I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice,"
Do you feel the Lord calling you to consider becoming a priest, or consecrated religious?

Call Fr. Jonathan Reardon 413-248-7034, or write:
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FROM FR. RYAN
‘ON SILENCE

Silence is first of all an ascetical discipline, and it is bi-directional: that is, it pertains both to the speech we produce and to what sound we allow to enter from the outside. It is a question of what we do and what is around us. The advice we all get as children is related at least to the first part: if you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all. This maxim articulates well enough what we mean by one part of ascetical silence: we refrain from certain types of speech and communication in order to avoid sin. Lying, slander, calumny, detraction, gossip, blasphemy; frivolity, lewdness, criticism, contention, complaining; even heresy and schism – all of these can be avoided, in large measure, by practicing silence.

As for the silence of the world around us, that too is of great consequence. The truth that grace perfects nature is especially operative here. Ambient noise, depending upon the circumstances, can make the interior life effectively impossible. The Delphic maxim know thyself is predicated upon the ability to be still and to have some possession of the movements of our interior life. And this type of knowledge does form part of Christian living. (The question of the music we listen to naturally fits into the discussion at this point.) But in the same way that unhealthy air undermines our bodily health, disordered and oppressive ambient sound badly effects the health of the soul and its faculties.

So we can summarize the ascetical importance of silence by saying: practicing silence aims at the avoidance of sin and its occasions.

A beautiful tension exists in today's introit to tell us so. The first verse I quoted above is taken from Wisdom 18; the versicle is from Psalm 92. Wisdom 18 paints in striking picture, indeed, of the silence and delicacy of how grace can be insinuated into human life: it comes in the midst of silence and night. Psalm 92, on the other hand, describes the complementary power of grace: "The Lord has reigned, has been clothed with beauty; he is clothed himself with strength and girded himself about with it." The lesson seems rather clear: silence lays the groundwork for immense spiritual strength. One thinks of the silent prisons of the martyrs; the silent hours of prayer of our great contemplatives; the silence of the peaceful Christian home.

FR. MIA



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