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FAMILY WEBSITE: http://www.ourladyofthehillsoh.com

At Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Family, our vision is to be a vibrant community that radiates love and compassion, grounded in prayer, and guided by the Holy Spirit. We strive to be a beacon of hope and refuge for all who seek God's Grace, welcoming all with open hearts and unwavering faith in Jesus.

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ST. MARY	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD		
PROGRAM CONTACTS	JANUARY 5, 2025		
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:	CONFESSION (RECONCILIATION): CONFESSION IS AVAILABLE		
George Sakash	BEFORE THE MASSES OR BY APPOINTMENT.		
Phone: 937-205-0919 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:	Rosary Every Sunday at 7:40 a.m. at St. Mary Church		
Grand Knight, Jim Hehl	SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025		
Phone: 937-661-4835	8:00 a.m. St. Mary – Rita Blankenship (Jim & Joan Winner)		
OCIA:	Eddie Cadwallader (Jane Ann Cadwallader)		
Joyce Combs & Cindy Sprauer	10:00 a.m. St. Mary – Joel Griggs (Bill & Carole Terrell)		
Phone: 937-403-6708	12:00 Noon St. Benignus – Eliza Torres (Bob Dye)		
PARISH FAITH FORMATION,	Fr. Matthew Lee		
DIRECTOR OF EVANGELIZATION,	TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025		
SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR	11:30 a.m. St. Benignus – Nancy Hang-Nguyen (Bob Dye)		
Michelle Vanzant Salyer	7:00 p.m. St. Mary – Joel Griggs (Colleen Bolton)		
Phone: 937-840-9932	Fr. Mike Paraniuk		
Email: stmarycre119@gmail.com CHOIR/MUSIC DIRECTOR	3rd Thursday Mass Every Month is dedicated to Pro Life		
Lynn Turner	Holy Hour Every Thursday at St. Mary Church		
Phone: 937-763-8522	THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025		
PRO-LIFE REPRESENTATIVE:	6:00 p.m. Exposition at St. Mary		
Mary Tamborski	6:30 p.m. Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary		
Phone: 937-205-4458	6:50 p.m. Benediction at St. Mary 7:00 p.m. St. Mary – Rita Blankenship (Rose Brubaker)		
ST. MARY CHURCH OFFICE &	<i>Fr. Mike Paraniuk</i>		
ST. MARY PRESCHOOL:			
Leah Salyer, Administrative Assistant &	Friday, JANUARY 10, 2025		
Beacons of Light	Noon St. Benignus – Nancy Hunt (Pat Adams) Fr. Mike Paraniuk		
Office: 937-840-9932			
Cell: (937) 205-3038 Email: justleahatstmary@gmail.com	Saturday, JANUARY 11, 2025 3:30 p.m. St. Benignus – Loren, Margaret & Michael Hays (Patty Hays)		
Email: Justieanatstmary@gmail.com	3:30 p.m. St. Benignus – Loren, Margaret & Michael Hays (Patty Hays) 5:30 p.m. St. Mary – Tom Moran (Gary & Joyce Baker)		
ST. BENIGNUS	Fr. Mike Paraniuk		
PROGRAM CONTACTS	Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass at 9:45 a.m. at St. Mary Church SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025		
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Gene DeBruin	8:00 a.m. St. Mary – Jan Keating (Brent, Erin & Blake Walters)		
Phone: 937-981-2785	10:00 a.m. St. Mary – Mary Theresa Brown (Markland & Caplinger Families)		
OCIA	Noon St. Benignus – The Sanchez Family (Bob Dye)		
Phone: 937-981-2785	Fr. Mike Paraniuk		
Email: stbenignus@gmail.com	"Remember the sufferings of Christ the storms that were weathered, the grown that same		
ST. BENIGNUS MEN'S AUXILIARY	"Remember the sufferings of Christ, the storms that were weathered the crown that came		
Phone: 937-981-2785	from those sufferings which gave new radiance to the faith All saints give testimony to the truth that without real effort, no one ever wins the crown." – St. Thomas Becket		
PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION			
Chyane Collins	FAMILY WEBSITE!! http://www.ourladyofthehillsoh.com		
Phone: 740-572-2101			
Email: chyanecollins@gmail.com	ST MADY COLLECTION DECEMBED 20, 2024		
Bruce Bennett, Jr. Phone: 740-572-2085	ST. MARY COLLECTION – DECEMBER 29, 2024		
Email: bennettb@greatoaks.com	Weekly Need \$ 7,200.00 Weekly Collection \$ 5,540.00		
CHOIR/MUSIC DIRECTOR	Variance		
Kristy Bockrath	Christmas 2024 Collection		
Phone: 937-361-6590	FISCAL YEAR NEED		
Email: krbockr@icloud.com	FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED		
LADIES AUX	VARIANCE\$ -44,996.00		
President: Paula Miller	ST. BENIGNUS COLLECTION - DECEMBER 29, 2024		
Phone: 937-876-9883	Weekly Need\$ 2,900.00		
ST. BENIGNUS CEMETERY	Weekly Collection		
Phone: 937-981-2785	Variance		
Email: stbenignus@gmail.com	Christmas 2024 Collection \$ 1,370.00		
PRO-LIFE REPRESENTATIVE	FISCAL YEAR NEED \$ 71,400.00		
Mary Tamborski Phone: 937-205-4458	FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED \$ 61,653.00		
ST. BENIGNUS CHURCH OFFICE	VARIANCE\$ -9,747.00		
Phone: 937-981-2785	Our Lady of Thank You for your Generosity!		
Email: stbenignus@gmail.com	The Hills Family Facebook Page St. Mary Online Giving Link & QR Code Please Like and Share! osvhub.com/stmaryhillsboro/giving/funds https://www.facebook.com/ You can give Online to (SOPC, SVdP, Building Fund, Church)		
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"The works of God are not accomplished when we wish them, but whenever it pleases Him." — St. Vincent de Paul

ST. MARY CHURCH BINGO

**** Volunteers Needed for Bingo** – Bingo teams are short a few people. **We really need help!** Even if you can only work before Bingo starts (5:30-7:00 p.m.) that would be great. All teams could use extra hands to help with this ministry. If you could work on a team or just work a few hours, all help is welcome! Contact 937-840-8655 for more information.

Bingo Team 3 (February 7, 2025) – Brandon F., Mary W., David S., Courtney G., JoAnn M.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has launched a web page with information for the Jubilee Year 2025. Visit https://catholicaoc.org/jubilee-2025 to learn about the Church's celebration of an Ordinary Jubilee every 25 years, obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence, pilgrimage sites within the archdiocese, and a special pilgrimage to Italy in October 2025.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

8:45-9:50 a.m. St. Mary Hall/Classrooms – PSR – St. Mary

ST. MARY - HILLSBORO - END OF YEAR OFFERING SUMMARY

Please contact St. Mary Church Office, if you'd like to receive your Offering Summary by e-mail, mailed or sealed envelope in the back of the Church. Please Contact Leah at justleahatstmary@ gmail.com or 937-840-9932 with your name(s) and information.

ST. BENIGNUS MONEY COUNTERS

If you are interested in being a money counter for 2025, please contact the Church Office at 937-981-2785.

JOB OPENING - CHURCH SECRETARY

Secretary at Holy Trinity Church; 5 days/week; 3 hours each day; \$15.00/Hour

Duties include, but are not limited to: General Office Clerical, Building-Submitting Adams County Church Bulletin, Ordering, Sacramental Records. Reports directly to the Pastor. Knowledge of Microsoft Word, Publisher and Excel is a plus. **Please submit resume to** Father Mike Paraniuk at 212 S. High Street Hillsboro, Ohio 45133 or edbourdase@yahoo.com.

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE HOLY FAMILY IS AN ICON OF THE TRINITY?

Through the beauty of the Holy Family, we learn more about the Mystery of the Trinity.

Alongside Christmas, the feast of the Holy Family helps reveal the wonder of Our Lord's Incarnation and humanity. One can see this beautiful reality when one considers the Holy Family as an icon of the Trinity.

Part of the Mystery of the Incarnation is the fact that God not only became man, but that He joined Himself to a human family. This reveals that God desires His human creatures – His image-bearers – to play essential roles in redemptive history. We rarely ponder how incredible this is!

Think about it for a moment: the Holy Trinity entrusted two humans with the tremendous role of raising one of Its "members" (astonishing!). The whole world could not contain God, yet He placed Himself inside the womb of a human mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. God created angelic beings with the power to collapse the universe, yet He chose a lowly human man as a guardian and foster-father, St. Joseph.

When we reflect on the nature of the Holy Trinity, we see that the human family itself teaches us about God. The Trinity is a loving, self-giving unity of three Divine Persons – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit – in one Divine Being. Their loving union is procreative, in that the Holy Trinity brings creatures into existence to share in Its divine love for all eternity.



Likewise, a husband and wife join in a loving, self-giving, procreative union.

Therefore, it is not merely individual man and woman that bear the image of God, but also the human family itself, because together they form a union of love from which proceeds the fruitfulness of children. For this reason, Pope Benedict XVI called the human family an icon of the Holy Trinity: "God wished to reveal Himself by being born in a human family, and hence the human family has become an icon of God. The human family is in a certain sense the icon of the Trinity because of

become an icon of God . . . The human family is, in a certain sense, the icon of the Trinity because of the love between its members and the fruitfulness of that love."

The feast of the Holy Family, let us all ponder the beauty of the family and be inspired by the divine mysteries it reveals.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Remember in your prayers those parishioners or their family or friends who are sick, in a hospital, nursing home, are homebound or in need of prayers...

ST. BENIGNUS & ST. MARY PRAYER LIST

Archbishop Schnurr, Hannah Burton, Robert Wheaton, Ally Wright, Bonnie Hammons, Joe Carson, Bob Dye, Joe Turley, Jeff Thoroman, Judy Hagerty, Matt Scheeler, David Tolle, Brittany Kinzer, Eric Arrington, Paula Miller, Claudia Frank, Jeff Hadley, Becky Hiser, Theresa Shackelford, Cathy Thompson, Teresa Staten, Edna Maxwell, Jean Smith, Howard Smith, Ron Speakman, Linda Strahler, Dick Lester, Linda Bradford, Joe Wright, Emily Konerman, Kirk Wuellner, Roseann Cordrey, Pam Ryan, John Fusion, Nevaeh Fusion, Robert Wintrow

** To Add/Remove from Parish Prayer List, please inform the office (937-840-9932 St. Mary) or leave a note in the collection basket. (St. Benignus Church office, 937-981-2785) **

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please submit by Monday 10:00 a.m. in writing or e-mail justleahatstmary@gmail. com or submit in my mailbox located at the front of the school or call the office at 937-840-9932.

FR. LUEHRMANN HALL

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"We must always remember that God does everything well, although we may not see the reason of what He does."

– St. Philip Neri

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

January 5 – Titus Thery January 6 – John Turner January 8 – Willow Becker January 9 – Steve Hauser, Charles Wise January 10 – Lisa House January 11 – Pat Hays, Michael Thery January 12 – Thomas Hovan, Lena Moenster January 13 - Mark Hampton, George Wehner January 14 – Teresa Burden. Allison Gillespie, Jeff Rossolott January 15 – Kathryn Hapner January 16 – Faith Howard January 18 – Jon Salyer January 19 – Jeffrey Beery January 20 – Danielle Combs

Questions/Requests: Call Kristy Bockrath at 937-361-6590 or email krbockr@icloud.com. If you cannot attend as scheduled, please find a substitute.

ST. BENIGNUS CHURCH	SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH – 3:30 P.M. MASS	SUNDAY, JANUARY 12TH – NOON MASS
SACRISTANS	Needed	Needed
MINISTERS OF THE WORD	Anita O'Connor	Gary Frank
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Debbie Kennedy Cathy Givens Eric Givens	Jim Block Susan Stuckey Vicki Brock
SERVERS	Volunteer Needed	Dan Allison
COUNTERS	X	Steve / Scott

ST. BENIGNUS LADIES AUXILIARY MEETINGS REMINDER

Ladies Aux. There will be *no meetings in January, February*; we will return *March 9, 2025* – more to follow next year!! Spring Flower sale details will be forthcoming!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

SVDP of St. Benignus is seeking membership growth. SVdP provides a structure for its volunteers to show God's love through works of charity. There are *"no works of charity foreign to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul."* However these opportunities need volunteers willing to grow in holiness through action. *Contact Kristy Bockrath at 937-361-6590 for opportunities.*

SVDP of St. Mary: Asking parishioners if they have or know of free storage space that might be available to use. SVdP is looking for a storage space for furniture and household items that we can distribute to those in need. We would like something in Hillsboro. **Please contact SVdP directly at 937-205-0919.**

"O Holy Family – the Family so closely united to the mystery which we contemplate on the day of the Lord's Birth – guide with your example the families of the whole earth!" – Pope St. John Paul II



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF

Dean Family, Ruth Ward, Speed Kennedy, Emma Griffith, Albert & Betty Kearney, Charles E. Morgan, Kathryn Morgan, Norm & Pat Givens, Calvin & Ruth Peterson, Joni Peterson, Kyle Garrison, Arthur & Eleanor Block, Ralph & Ruth Bryant, Luke Givens, Tom Moran, Mary Lou Haines, Clayton & Ruth Vanzant, Russell & Reva Salyer, Ronald Burnett, Michael Cowdrey, Kathleen Vanzant, Dr. Monica Salido, Deceased members of the Hovan Family, Jennifer Hurt, Virginia Braun, Frankie Mackinnon, Stacy Moses, Betty Lou Moses, Joe Moses, Jr., Carrie Wright, Everett Wright, Stanley & Rosemary Feder, Ted & Bea Combs, Augustus Combs, Andrew & Frances Chappie, George & Frances Feder, Harley & Tava Bruce, Artie Lawson, Ken & Mary Mullins, Ray & Lorena Tungate, Donald Markland, Robert Arbaugh, Roberta Bryan, Mary Alice Wolfram, Edward Singer, Gary Huff, Carl Huff, Jr., Phyllis Huff, Robert Kleinhenz, Ruth Kleinhenz, Norman & Dorthea Leibreich, Sr., Sharon Krimmer, Linda McCarroll, Susan & Terry Clasgeus, Herbert Rhoads, Eddie Cadwallader, Joe & Thelma Butler, Lewis & Lida Behm, Sandra Behm

THE ROSARY IN A YEAR (WITH FR. MARK-MARY AMES) PODCAST

Imagine you're going on a pilgrimage to Rome. You arrive at St. Peter's Basilica, and your pilgrimage guide says, "You have 15 minutes to take in St. Peter's Basilica and then we're going to move on." Certainly, you can prayerfully experience much of St. Peter's Basilica in 15 minutes, but there will be so much you won't have the chance to fully receive and appreciate. Trying to do it all in 15 minutes presents serious limitations. The Rosary is similar. There is so much for us to receive, yet the 15 minutes it typically takes to pray the Rosary isn't enough time. We won't be praying 365 rosaries. Instead, we'll start small and build gradually. With Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR as our guide, we will go deeper into each prayer and Mystery of the Rosary, allowing them the time they deserve to truly transform our hearts. This step-by-step journey will change the way you pray – no matter where you are in your spiritual life.

ST. MARY – HILLSBORO – CHRISTMAS EVE 3:30 P.M. MASS & CHILDREN'S CHOIR



We are truly blessed that so many helped to make our parish family altars so magnificent, heavenly for the Christmas Season! The beautiful decorations helped make this Christmas so enjoyable, even fun. Groucho Marx once said, "If you're not having fun, you're doing something wrong."

Blessing Fr. Mike





SERMON ON EPIPHANY – MATTHEW 2:1-12

he Catholic Church is trying harder to evangelize. It simply means to lead others to Jesus by the light of your faith in Jesus. God calls you to be the star that sheds light on who Jesus is. He is God who loves you. God wants you to live with Him forever. All your hopes for happiness can only be fulfilled in Jesus. How do you make followers for Jesus?

A most powerful way to evangelize is hospitality. Hospitality is "the friendly and generous welcoming of guests, visitors, or strangers." Christian hospitality is welcoming someone to Jesus by revealing Him in the light of your own faith. Jesus tells you in the Bible how to evangelize. It can be found in John 1:36-41. Permit me to explain how Jesus evangelized before he started using miracles.

Step One: John 1:36. "When he (John the Baptist) saw Jesus passing by, he said, 'Look, the Lamb of God!'" Here John is sharing his faith in Jesus to two of John's followers.

Step Two: John 1:37 "When the two disciples heard him (John) say this, they followed Jesus." The witness of the Baptist's faith led them to Jesus.

Step Three: John 1:38 "Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, 'What do you want?' They said, 'Rabbi' (which means "Teacher"), where are you staying?'" Jesus acknowledges their desire for God.

Step Four: John 1:39 "Come and you will see.' So, they went and saw where he (Jesus) was staying, and they spent that day with him." Jesus showed such wonderful hospitality by spending the whole day with them. I can imagine Jesus cooking for them just like He did when He fed the Apostles breakfast after the Resurrection.

Step Five: John 1:40 "Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard John's testimony and followed Jesus." When I was the preacher at Mother of Christ African American Catholic Church in Winton Terrace, I always set aside time for testimony from the congregation about God working in their lives. Their testimony made converts for Jesus.

Step 6: John 1:41 "The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah' (that is, the Christ)." Like a tiny snowball rolling down a hill gathering more snow, your faith in Jesus spreads to others.

I ask now an important question. The Magi offered Jesus gifts. What gift will you bring to Jesus? I'll explain with a story from my ministry.

The main work I did at Children's Hospital for 27 years was prayers for healing over some very sick children. I prayed over them daily. There was a nurse in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit who was intrigued by my ministry of prayer. She said, "You always seem peaceful in the midst of such suffering. How do you do that?" I replied, "It's my faith in God. I feel His presence constantly. God sends angels to watch over these little ones. Some will be healed and go home. Others, their angel will take them home to Heaven. But either way, God loves them."

Several months later, I received the surprise of my life. I was praying the noon Mass at the hospital chapel when I saw this nurse sitting in the pew. Then she received Communion when it was offered. She saw the puzzled look on my face and smiled. She approached me after Mass ended. "Fr. Mike you should have seen the look on your face!" She continued, "I joined the Catholic Church over Easter. I didn't tell you. I wanted to surprise you." I replied, "You did that for sure!"

I asked, "What moved you to join the Church"? She said, "Your faith. I want what you got."

One day, she asked me for a special prayer. "Please pray that I can have a child. My husband and I have been trying for nine years." I prayed for her using the prayer from St. Gerard, patron of fertility. She gave birth to twins. Her husband called me and begged, "Don't do that prayer again!" I never did. But a third child was born to them. I called him, "Don't blame me for that one. It's God's doing."

May your faith be the star that leads others to Jesus. "The people living in darkness have seen a great light." (Matthew 4:16) You be that light. Happy New Year.

