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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.

**PRO-LIFE REPRESENTATIVE:** Mary Tamborski; 937-205-4458

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937-981-2785; stbenignus@gmail.com

PASTOR, FR. SCOTT EMAIL			
smorgan@catholicaoc.org	FIFT	TEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
VICAR, FR. ADAM		JULY 13, 2025	
alewis@catholicaoc.org	SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025		
OFFICE:	8:00 a.m.	Queen of Heaven – Mass	
937-840-9932	9:00 a.m.	St. Benignus – Dan & Cindy Cook – 50th Wedding An	niversary
SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES:	10:00 a.m.	Holy Trinity – Mass	
937-403-0245	11:30 a.m.	St. Mary – Rudy Thomsen & Josephine Barrett	
557-405-0245	MONDAY JULY 14,	2025	
ST. MARY	8:30 a.m.	Holy Trinity – Mass	
PROGRAM CONTACTS	TUESDAY, JULY 15,	2025	
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:	8:30 a.m.	St. Benignus – Maimone Family	
George Sakash; 937-205-0919			
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:	WEDNESDAY, JULY 8:30 a.m.	Queen of Heaven – Mass	
Grand Knight, Jim Hehl; 937-661-4835	9:00 a.m.	Queen of Heaven – Confessions	
OCIA:	Noon	St. Benignus – Maimone Family	
Joyce Combs & Cindy Sprauer	12:30 a.m.	St. Benignus – Confessions	
937-403-6708			
PARISH FAITH FORMATION,	THURSDAY, JULY 17	s Every Month is Dedicated to Pro-Life	
DIRECTOR OF EVANGELIZATION,	8:30 a.m.	Holy Trinity – Mass	
SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR:	9:00 a.m.	Holy Trinity – Confessions	
Michelle Vanzant Salyer	9:00 a.m.	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Holy Trinity	
937-840-9932; stmarycre119@gmail.com	Noon	<i>St. Mary</i> – Nancy Sprauer	
CHOIR/MUSIC DIRECTOR Lynn Turner; 937-763-8522	<i>6</i> :00 p.m.	St. Mary – Confessions	
PRO-LIFE REPRESENTATIVE:	<i>6</i> :00 p.m.	St. Mary –Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
Mary Tamborski; 937-205-4458	Friday, July 18, 20		
ST. MARY CHURCH OFFICE &	8:30 a.m.	Queen of Heaven – Mass	
ST. MARY PRESCHOOL:	Noon	<i>St. Mary</i> – Emily Morris	
Leah Salyer, Administrative Assistant &			
Beacons of Light	SATURDAY, JULY 19 2:00 p.m.	, 2025 St. Mary – Confessions	
Office: 937-840-9932	3:00 p.m.	<i>St. Mary</i> – Harold & Ella Baker	
Cell: 937-205-3038	4:00 p.m.	Holy Trinity – Confessions	
justleahatstmary@gmail.com	5:00 p.m.	Holy Trinity – Mass	
	SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2		
ST. BENIGNUS	8:00 a.m.	Queen of Heaven – Mass	
PROGRAM CONTACTS	9:00 a.m.	St. Benignus – Judy Hagerty	
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:	10:00 a.m.	Holy Trinity – Mass	
Gene DeBruin; 937-981-2785	11:30 a.m.	<i>St. Mary</i> – Velma Schmid	
OCIA:			
937-981-2785; stbenignus@gmail.com ST. BENIGNUS MEN'S AUXILIARY:		Daily Mass Readings Can Be found at: usccb.org	
937-981-2785			
PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:	MARY,	QUEEN OF HEAVEN – FREE LIVESTREA	AM
Chyane Collins; 740-572-2101		https://www.twitch.tv/maryqueenofheaven	
chyanecollins@gmail.com		ST. MARY – FREE LIVESTREAM	
Bruce Bennett, Jr.; 740-572-2085		https://www.twitch.tv/saintmaryhillsboro	
bennettb@greatoaks.com	No Sign-ups Needed, Free Livestreaming of Mass		
CHOIR/MUSIC DIRECTOR:	WL	RU Radio 106.9FM plays when Mass is not in session!	
Kristy Bockrath; 937-361-6590			
krbockr@icloud.com			
LADIES AUX:		St. Mary Online Giving Link & QR Code	1992.40
President: Paula Miller		osvhub.com/stmaryhillsboro/giving/funds	
937-876-9883	You	can give Online to (SOPC, SVdP, Building Fund, Church)	
ST. BENIGNUS CEMETERY:		to the link above.	
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## ST. MARY COLLECTION - JULY 6, 2025

Weekly Collection\$	9,200.00
St. Vincent de Paul \$	55.00
Southern Ohio Pregnancy Center\$	76.00

## ST. BENIGNUS COLLECTION - JULY 6, 2025

Weekly Collection......\$ 3,518.00

Thank You for your Generosity!

# BULLETIN DEADLINE OR BULLETIN EMAIL REQUEST

Bulletin can be Emailed – If you would like to have the Bulletin emailed to you, please contact the email below or church office. Please submit by Monday 10:00 a.m. Bulletin submissions 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.

"The poor have much to teach you. You have much to learn from them."

- St. Vincent de Paul



Southern Ohio Pregnancy Center (SOPC) on behalf of the Moms and their preborn and born children, want to thank St. Mary Parish once again for your generosity in supporting the Center. St. Mary Parishioners donated the generous amount of close to \$600.00 from the Baby Bottle fundraiser!!! Just as a reminder, there are many fundraiser Baby Bottles that have not been returned. If you still plan on donating, SOPC would be happy to accept your donation any time. You may leave your donation in the office or on the communion rail after Mass. If you are unable to donate at this time, please return the empty Baby Bottle to the Narthex at St. Mary. SOPC would greatly appreciate the return. Thank you again for your support!!! Please pray to end abortion and for the Pro-Life movement to succeed!!!

# DATES TO REMEMBER AT ST. BENIGNUS:

#### SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

10:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - Rel. Ed. Building THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025

6:00-7:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Pantry – Rel. Ed. Bldg.

### ST. BENIGNUS MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group of St. Benignus will be meeting the 2nd Wednesday of the month and all men are invited to join us at 6:00 p.m.

HOLY TRINITY & QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH CONTACTS

Religious Education Kathy Gerth, 937-544-2757, ext. 104 Secretary – Kim Paquette, 937-544-2757, ext. 101 St. Vincent de Paul – Sandy Payne, President, 937-205-0005 Office: 937-544-0154 Knights of Columbus - Jim Stewart, Grand Knight, 937-500-9848

"Love your children. In them you can see Baby Jesus. Pray for them a lot and every day put them under Holy Mary's protection." – St. Gianna Molla"

## ST. MARY CHURCH BINGO

Bingo Team 2 (August 1, 2025) - David T., Mary T., Tara B., Joyce C., Kevin/Teresa S., Mary B.,/JoAnn M.

Looking for something fun to do on a Friday night?! Come Play Bingo at St. Mary! Bring a friend/family or come and make new friends! Support St. Vincent de Paul (Food Concession) during Bingo! All are welcome! Must be over 18.

- July 30 Larry Andrews, Autumn Hodge
- August 2 Steve Strahler
- August 3 Waylon Coschignano, Ruth Georges, Elaine Hoppes-Hays



https://catholicaoc.org/beacons-of-light

PLEASE PRAY FOR

ST. BENIGNUS &

ST. MARY PRAYER LIST

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

Cathy & Ed Morris, Dave Shoults, Jerry Parker, Gail Grim, Hannah Burton, Robert

Wheaton, Ally Wright, Bonnie Hammons,

Joe Carson, Bob Dye, Joe Turley, Jeff

Thoroman, David Tolle, Brittany Kinzer, Eric

Arrington, Paula Miller, Claudia Frank, Jeff

Hadley, Becky Hiser, Theresa Shackelford, Cathy Thompson, Edna Maxwell, Jean

Smith, Howard Smith, Ron Speakman,

Linda Strahler, Dick Lester, Linda Bradford, Emily Konerman, Roseann Cordrey, Barry Reinholz, Danielle Gehler, Mike Vermeersch, Rosemarie Muenster, Dale

Braun, Mary Williams, Xaiden Sams, Greg Burns, Rob Wintrow, Nicole Rhoads, Cathy

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)

## FR. LUEHRMANN HALL

Sader, Alan Lane, Elaine Feder

\$33,853.28 Debt on Fr. Luehrmann Hall

### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

July 12 – Amber Michael, Alfred Takacs

- July 13 Jim Lehn II, Gail Malec
- July 14 Eileen Corwin, Andrew Gillespie, Patricia Rumpke
- July 15 Frank Gaston, Debbie Kennedy
- July 17 Jim Block, Mike Whitt
- July 18 Rick Cornele
- July 19 Michael Smith
- July 20 Bill Butler
  - July 22 Bill Combs, Josie Smith
  - July 23 Mary Beery
  - July 25 Rhett Ackley
  - July 26 Rose Davis, Bernie Paetzel
  - July 27 Chloe Cooper

# August 1 – Gary Baker, Russ Groves



BEACONS

## ST. MARY CHURCH

## ST. BENIGNUS CHURCH

## OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE CHURCH TO SERVE

Lectors and Servers are needed for every other Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Mass. If interested in becoming a lector, server or Eucharist Minister at any Mass, please contact Michelle Salyer at 937-840-9932. All parish families are invited to participate at St. Mary. Note: Servers and Eucharist ministers need to sign up on the schedule in the vestibule.

## FROM ST. BENIGNUS TO THE LAITY MINISTRY

Since our Mass time is significantly changing, so may your opportunity to serve as a lector, altar server or Eucharistic minister. Opportunities for money counters and choir members also may be open for you. If I don't reach out to you for the new scheduling, please let us know if you would like to share your gifts, time, or talent. Call the St. Benignus Office or Kristy Bockrath at 937-361-6590.



## **CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS**

#### Archdiocese of Cincinnati

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 – The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has launched a webpage 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.

**CELEBRATE YOUR JUBILEE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WITH ARCHBISHOP CASEY** – Couples celebrating Jubilee Anniversaries (25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, etc.) in 2025 are invited to Mass with Archbishop Casey on **September 6 (Dayton)** or **7 (Cincinnati)**. Family members are welcome to attend as well, and a special blessing will be offered to the Jubilarian Couples. Couples should RSVP online by August 25.

**PARENT EDUCATION CLASSES** – Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio offers Parent Education Classes on Monday evenings (excluding holidays) via Zoom. Classes cover normal child development, realistic expectations, communication, problemsolving, and more. If you would like more information or to register, contact Patsy Bolden at pbolden@ccswoh.org or 513-867-7072.

**FOOD FOR ALL** – Nutritional, affordable food is not readily available to every person in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Hunger exists in our communities. Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio travels to where hunger is located in Adams, Brown, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton and Highland Counties. Interested in reducing hunger and food insecurity, volunteering at a mobile pantry or learning more about hunger in our area? Contact April Hoak, Food for All coordinator, at 513-672-3720 or ahoak@ccswoh.org.

**MEN INQUIRING ABOUT THE PERMANENT DIACONATE** – Any man who may be discerning a possible vocation to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacon should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, to discuss the discernment process, prerequisites and the formation cycle. Deacon Mark can be reached at 513-263-6641 or deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org



Youth Group Teen Helpers Needed

"Do not seek to be regarded as somebody, don't compare yourself to others in anything. Leave the world, mount the cross, discard all earthly things, shake the dust from off your feet."

– St. Barsanuphius

## HELP

Help is needed from all four churches in the family. Please consider volunteering to help plan the family picnic.

Our Lady Of The Hills Annual Family Picnic Committee

Want to join the committee to help plan and organize the annual family picnic!? Call (937)840-9932 or E-Mail: justleahatstmary@gmail.com



## **DONATIONS NEEDED!**

St. Mary Church now has a Walmart Gift Registry for supplies needed for each program: VBS, Youth Group/PSR & St. Mary **Preschool**. If you would like to donate supplies for any of these programs, or for any questions, call 937-840-9932 or feel free to email justleahatstmary@gmail.com.

These links will have items added to them over the following days. These programs greatly appreciate your generosity in helping provide for our youth programs! St. Mary Preschool is still accepting donations for tuition scholarships to help families offset the cost of tuition.

**VBS:** https://www.walmart.com/registry/TR/d8009e8a-2988-408b-b996-da2406c9b0e2

**PSR/Youth Group:** https://www.walmart.com/registry/TR/ 656482a0-ca7f-46c9-b84c-02ca16bdf44a

**St. Mary Preschool:** https://www.walmart.com/registry/TR/ 65e0a722-ea03-466a-ac57-50ae0fc7821d

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OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

> With July 16 as her feast day, this title of Mary is associated with brown scapulars. The scapular comes to us through the vision of St. Simon Stock. Our Lady gave St. Simon a scapular for the Carmelites with the following promise, saying : "Receive, My beloved son, this habit of thy order: this shall be to thee and to all Carmelites a privilege, that whosoever dies clothed in this shall never suffer eternal fire .... It shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger, and a pledge of peace." Many miracles have been attributed to the scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.



# WHY IS JULY THE MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD?

This monthly devotional stems from a pope's response to revolution.

Italy was in political turmoil for the first half of the 19th century. At that time, Austria ruled over some parts of Italy, and Italian revolutionaries were trying to throw off that rule. Petty skirmishes eventually led to a declaration of war on Austria in 1848 – and the Holy Father was caught in the middle.

Early in his pontificate, Blessed Pope Pius IX had extended political pardon to Italian revolutionaries who were exiled or imprisoned. His liberality, however, was greeted with demands to make further political concessions to the revolutionaries.

Finally, revolutionaries attacked the pope's rule in the Vatican State itself. Some of the pope's ministers were even murdered.



By 1848, Pius IX found himself besieged in his own papal palace because he refused to sanction the war on Catholic Austria. Foreign ambassadors staying with the pope helped him disguise himself and flee the Vatican. He went to Gaeta, accompanied by a superior general of the Fathers of the Precious Blood.

Inspired by the superior general, Pius IX decided to institute an official feast for the Most Precious Blood, praying for the end of the war and bloodshed in Italy.

Soon after he announced this decision – at the end of June, 1849 – the war subsided. The first Sunday of July was set aside for the Most Precious Blood, and later Pope St. Pius X fixed the feast on July 1st. (In the current calendar, this feast is no longer fixed, but is a moveable votive Mass.)

From the Pastor's Desk



When I received word that I had been appointed pastor of Our Lady of the Hills, many in my previous parish asked how I was feeling. I would respond, "I am nervous, excited, and an overall bundle of emotions." I was told that such feelings are normal, which was a relief – but I share this now as a way of expressing my gratitude.

Change can be difficult because it often brings with it a fear of the unknown, and I certainly experienced that. However, I am reminded that God's plan is always greater and more perfectly ordered than any plans I could make.

Now, as I look back on these first days as your pastor, I am filled with immense gratitude. You have welcomed Fr. Adam and me with kindness, generosity, and the assurance of your prayers. I cannot thank you enough for the warmth of your welcome, which in many ways brought the presence of Christ into these early days.

In our Gospel this weekend, we hear Jesus recite the Shema prayer from the Book of Deuteronomy – a kind of creedal statement encompassing the two greatest commandments: Love of God and love of neighbor. My prayer for our family of parishes is that the love of God and neighbor, which has been so evident to me already, will continue to grow and flourish, so that we may truly become a family of parishes set ablaze with the fire of God's love for us. Thank you again for your kindness, generosity, and support as we embark on this new journey together. Please continue to pray for Fr. Adam and me, and for all in our parish. Know that I am praying for each of you daily.

### Fr. Scott Morgan



## **40-DAY FORMATION SCHEDULE CON**

#### July 14-16

#### **Prophecy and Discernment**

We are told by St. Paul to seek the gift of prophecy above all other Gifts in 1Cor. 14:1. Discernment is always needed with Prophecy.

#### July 16-18

#### Worship and Evangelization

We will be looking at several approaches to Evangelization, including St. Paul VI's Apostolic exhortation on Evangelization and St. John Paul II's New Evangelization. Also there seems to be a correlation between Worship and our ability to evangelize observed by our founder, Fr. Albert Lauer.

#### July 18-20\*

#### Intercession and Healing

Do you believe what Jesus said? "Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these..." John 14:12. We need clarity, certainty and commitment to have victory over Satan as he tries to confuse us about God's love and mercy. Come hear God's command clearly and move in certainty as you follow Him in His ministry of healing and intercession.

#### July 21-24

#### How to Teach the Bible in the Power of the Holy Spirit

This a 4-day course, consisting of 12 Seminars with in-depth teachings, giving you the basics of how to listen to the Holy Spirit, while making preparations for a Bible Teaching. You will learn principles of Catholic understanding and interpretation of the scriptures, and the importance of role of Catholic Church In preserving and giving us the Bible.

To register, go to www.presentationministries.com. Scroll down to "Retreats" and click on the retreat, or call 513-373-2397 or email retreats@presentationministries.com. Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center, 5701 Lawshe Road, Peebles, Ohio 45660 Cost: Donation. You pray and obey.



# ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY REPORT FOR JUNE

Bingo Concession	\$	200.00
Monthly Donations	\$	670.00
Walmart Grant	<u>\$</u>	2,500.00
Total	\$	3,370.00
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Thank you for your generous monthly contributions. Your contributions will help more families and individuals in crisis.

#### **Expenditures**

Assistance to neighbors:

\$ 2,262.00

This includes help paying utility bills, gasoline, rent, temporary housing, appliances, furniture, groceries and more. The local SVDP phone number for a neighbor in need is: 937-205-0919.

Report submitted by: Lois M. Richendollar

See, you lowly ones, and be glad; you who seek God,



#### SAINT BONAVENTURE

Saint of the Day: July 15 Patron Saint of bowel disorders

Born in Bagnoregio in 1221, Saint Bonaventure was baptized John, but received the name Bonaventure when he became a Franciscan at the age of 22. Little is known about his childhood, but we do know that his parents were Giovanni di Fidanza and Maria Ritell. It seems that his father was a physician and a man of means. While Saint Francis died about five years after the saint's birth, he is credited with healing Bonaventure as a boy of a serious illness.

Saint Bonaventure's teaching career came to a halt when the Friars elected him to serve as their General Minister. His 17 years of service were not easy as the Order was embroiled in conflicts over the interpretation of poverty. Some friars even ended up in heresy saying that Saint Francis and his community were inaugurating the era of the Holy Spirit which was to replace Jesus, the Church, and Scripture. But because he was a man of prayer and a good administrator, Saint Bonaventure managed to structure the Order through effective legislation. But more importantly, he offered the Friars an organized spirituality based on the vision and insights of Saint Francis. Always a Franciscan at heart and a mystical writer, Bonaventure managed to unite the pastoral, practical aspects of life with the doctrines of the Church. Thus, there is a noticeable warmth to his teachings and writings that make him very appealing.

Shortly before he ended his service as General Minister, Pope Gregory X created him a Cardinal and appointed him bishop of Albano. But a little over a year later, while participating in the Second Council of Lyon, Saint Bonaventure died suddenly on July 15, 1274. There is a theory that he was poisoned.

Saint Bonaventure left behind a structured and renewed Franciscan Order and a body of work all of which glorifies his major love – Jesus.

Read the full article: "Saint Bonaventure" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-bonaventure/ (Accessed June 30, 2025).

