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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**SEPTEMBER 28, 2025****Sunday, September 28, 2025****8:00 a.m. Queen of Heaven-Mass****9:00 a.m. St. Benignus – Luke Givens +****10:00 a.m. Holy Trinity – Mass****11:30 a.m. St. Mary – Richard Lane +****Monday, September 29, 2025****8:30 a.m. Holy Trinity – Mass****Tuesday, September 30, 2025****8:30 a.m. St. Benignus – Don Flynn, Jr. +****Wednesday, October 1, 2025****8:30 a.m. Queen of Heaven – Mass****9:00 a.m. Queen of Heaven – Confessions****Noon St. Benignus – Ron Gunderman +****12:30 p.m. St. Benignus Confession and Adoration****12:30 p.m. St. Benignus – Confessions**3rd Thursday Mass Every Month is Dedicated to Pro-Life**Thursday, October 2, 2025****8:30 a.m. Holy Trinity – Mass****9:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Holy Trinity****9:00 a.m. Holy Trinity – Confessions****Noon St. Mary – Stephany Shriver +****6:00 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – St. Mary****6:00 p.m. St. Mary – Confessions****Friday, October 3, 2025****8:30 a.m. Mass at Mary Queen of Heaven****Noon Mass at St. Mary – Russell & Reva Salyer +****Saturday, October 4, 2025****2:00 p.m. St. Mary – Confessions****3:00 p.m. St. Mary – Tom Moran +****4:00 p.m. Holy Trinity – Confessions****5:00 p.m. Holy Trinity – Mass****Sunday, October 5, 2025****8:00 a.m. Queen of Heaven – Mass****9:00 a.m. St. Benignus – Gail Miller +****10:00 a.m. Holy Trinity – Mass****11:30 a.m. St. Mary – Tom Moran +**Daily Mass Readings can be found at: usccb.org.**MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN – LIVESTREAM**<https://www.twitch.tv/maryqueenofheaven>**ST. MARY – LIVESTREAM**<https://www.twitch.tv/saintmaryhillsboro>

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From the Pastor's Desk



I have had the privilege of working with students and young people in various circumstances throughout the last few years, and I always enjoy asking them that age old question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Depending on the age of the student, the answer to that question can be anything from a teacher to a doctor, to an astronaut, and everything in between.

While it is always fun to think about what we want to be when we grow up, chances are most of us probably don't think about it in terms of a vocation.

The term itself has its root in the Latin verb "vocare," which "means to call." Simply put, a vocation is a calling. From whom? God. To what are we called? Holiness. Each of us share in the universal vocation to become a saint, and the particular vocations of marriage, priesthood, diaconate, religious life, or the chaste single life are the particular ways in which God calls us to become a saint.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells the disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Today as we celebrate "Priesthood Sunday," the Church invites us pray for vocations in the lives of the young people in our parish and throughout the whole Church.

As a parish community, let us join together in praying for holy marriages, holy priests, and holy religious, and together commit ourselves to a prayerful pursuit of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Almighty Father, You have created us for some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen

(Archdiocesan Prayer for Vocations, Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr)

Fr. Scott Morgan

Notes from Fr. Adam Lewis

Brothers & Sisters, it often happens that I do not include all the material from my notes in Sunday's homily for the sake of brevity. I want to include some of last Sunday's notes here for your edification (25th Sunday in OT):

This past Sunday, I preached on the Real Presence of Jesus and the scientific studies conducted on Eucharistic Miracles verifying the Church's dogma. Most of the information was from the scholarly article, *Contemporary Eucharistic Miracles*, Robert J. Spitzer, S.J., Ph.D. September 2020 (see link below):

In 2008, Sokolka, Poland, a eucharistic miracle was scientifically studied. These are the findings:

- Living human cardiac muscle tissue
- Heart tissue had indicators of a dying man
- Consecrated fragments of Host are intertwined with cardiac tissue in an inseparable way.

In 1996 Buenos Aires, Argentina, a eucharistic miracle was scientifically studied. These are the findings:

- Correspond to heart muscle of myocardium
- Human blood type AB (same as Shroud of Turin and facecloth of Oviedo).
- Evidence of inflammation of the heart
- Indications the person struggled to breathe

In 750 Lanciano, Italy, a eucharistic miracle was scientifically studied. These are the findings:

- Flesh is human muscular tissue from the heart
- Human blood type AB
- Same chemical properties as freshly drawn blood
- No chemical preservatives were found
- Flesh and Blood intact for over 1200 years

In 2006 Tixtla, Mexico, a eucharistic miracle was scientifically studied. These are the findings:

- Sample was live cardiac muscle tissue
- Human blood type AB
- Blood contained hemoglobin and human DNA
- Intact red and white blood cells identified (cells deteriorate after 15 minutes after being removed from the body).

St. Ignatius of Antioch, at the beginning of the 2nd century writes: "those who hold heterodox opinions (heretics)... abstain from the Eucharist... because they do not confess that the Eucharist is the flesh of our Savior Jesus Christ." He goes on to say: "They who deny the gift of God are perishing in their disputes."



ST. MARY COLLECTION – SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Weekly Collection.....	\$	2,656.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	363.00
Building Fund	\$	75.00
St. Mary Fr. Luehrmann Hall Debt Balance.....	\$	28,272.59

ST. BENIGNUS COLLECTION – SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Weekly Collection.....	\$	1,894.00
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October 19th

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ARE YOU READY TO BE A PART OF
WORLD MISSION MONTH 2025?

World Mission Sunday is always celebrated on the second to last Sunday of October, October 19 this year.

This day of solidarity and support for the Church’s missionary efforts, however, is just a day within an entire month of prayer and recollection for those answering Jesus’ command to “go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations” (Lk 24:47).

This year’s theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is inspired by the Jubilee of Hope: “Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples.” It is an invitation to bring Christ’s light and hope to the world, especially to communities where the Church is young, growing, and often struggling. Join us in this universal mission to spread the Gospel and share the love of Christ!

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 email justleahatstmary@gmail.com or submit in my mailbox located at the front of the school or call the office at 937-840-9932.

“Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you.”
-St. Thomas Aquinas

DATES TO REMEMBER AT ST. BENIGNUS

Thursday, October 2, 2025

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Religious Ed. Building **6:00-7:30 p.m.**

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.

St. Benignus Ladies Auxiliary Meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Any questions, please reach out to Paula at 937-876-9883.

ST. MARY REMINDERS

Confirmation Class for students in Grades 7th and up are on Sundays, 10:00-11:20 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Please contact Michelle in the church office if you have any questions or need to sign up.

PSR for grades preschool through 8th meet in the Parish Hall at 10:00 a.m. Registration packets are on the table in the narthex.



St. Mary Church BINGO

Bingo Team 1 (October 3, 2025)

Michelle S., Jane H., Ann L., Barb R.,
Josh P., Tim L., 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.



ST. BENIGNUS PARISH RECORDS UPDATE

Blue Registration Forms have been inserted in the St. Benignus Bulletin. Even if you have registered in the past, please complete one form per family and return it in the collection basket or to the church office.

ST. MARY PARISH RECORDS UPDATE

Orange Paper is located by the bulletins, even if you have registered in the past, please take one per family and print the information needed and **return it to the collection basket or to the church office.**



“For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy.”

-St. Therese of Lisieux

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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...

ST. BENIGNUS & ST. MARY PRAYER LIST

Madge McCoy, Richard Oakes, Cathy & Ed Morris, Dave Shoults, Gail Grim, Hannah Burton, Robert Wheaton, Ally Wright, Bonnie Hammons, Joe Carson, Bob Dye, Joe Turley, Jeff Thoroman, David Tolle, Brittany Kinzer, Paula Miller, Claudia Frank, Jeff Hadley, Becky Hiser, Theresa Shackelford, Cathy Thompson, Edna Maxwell, Jean Smith, Dick Lester, Linda Bradford, Emily Konerman, Roseann Cordrey, Barry Reinholz, Rosemarie Muenster, Dale Braun, Mary Williams, Greg Burns, Rob Wintrow, Nicole Rhoads, Alan Lane, Elaine Feder, Aubrey Griego, Jamey Phillips, Mike Vermeersch, Daranne Teapthong, Ervin Moore

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)

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

September 28—Liam Georges, Josh Michael, Linda Perry, Kathie Wietmarschen

September 29 – Morgan Pohlman, Shannon Taylor

September 30 – Cherrie Grasso, Ann Marie Gunderman

October 1 – Bob Addington, Jeff King, Paula Miller

October 2 – Velvet Frye, Brandon Fullenkamp

October 3 – Jennifer Thery

October 5 – Amanda Hall, Blake Walters

October 7 – Bev Bullis, Janice Gaston, Francis Huiet, Janelle Rockey

October 8 – Lori Leibreich, Kathie Poole

October 9 – Bruno Battistin, Reese Leibreich

October 10 – Lynn Burnett



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

ST BENIGNUS & ST MARY PARISHIONERS

MEMORIAL MASS – NOVEMBER 3, 2025, AT 7:00 P.M.

Memorial Mass: Do you have a loved one who has recently passed and would like to honor them with a candle on November 3rd at St Mary at 7:00 p.m.?

Please contact the office at 937-840-9932 or email to justleahatstmary@gmail.com for their name to be placed on a candle.

HIGHLAND COUNTY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Next Parish Council Meeting for St. Benignus & St. Mary-
October 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary

Highland County Parish Council Meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of every month and rotate locations between St. Mary & St. Benignus.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

Fr. Scott will be discussing the Annual Financial Reports at Mass on the weekend of October 4th/5th in Highland County at both St. Mary & St. Benignus.



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Tuesday, September 23rd, 2025 from 11am-1pm

Tuesday, October 28th, 2025 from 11am-1pm

Tuesday, November 25th, 2025 from 11am-1pm

If local schools close or delay due to inclement weather, the Mobile Pantry will be cancelled or rescheduled.

Questions or willing to volunteer... Contact CCSWO Food for All Coordinator at 513.672.3720

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Our Lady Of The Hills Annual Family Picnic Committee

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E-Mail: justleahatstmary@gmail.com



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Marian Pilgrimage

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March 4th - March 14th, 2026

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<https://stcolumbkille.org/marian-pilgrimage-2026>

Questions? Email Debbie Valley at:
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WHAT IS A 54-DAY ROSARY NOVENA?

Our Lady brought us this Novena herself.

The 54-Day Rosary Novena consists of six nine-day Rosary Novenas said sequentially—three in petition and three in immediate thanksgiving, whether the petition was granted or not.

This has become an immensely popular devotion to Our Lady. But did you know that she gave us this particular Novena herself?



In the neighborhood of Pompei, Italy, in the 1880s, Blessed Bartolo Longo was hard at work spreading devotion to the Most Holy Rosary, particularly under her title of Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompei (read more about Bl. Bartolo and this image here).

At that time in the nearby city of Naples, a young woman named Fortuna Agrelli was suffering from terrible physical afflictions. It appeared that she was incurable, so she and her family prayed a Novena of Rosaries, begging for Our Lady's intercession.

Our Lady appeared to Fortuna, under the appearance of Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompei: seated on a high throne, her Child accompanying her along with St. Catherine of Siena and St. Dominic, a Rosary in her hand.

Fortuna addressed her as "Queen of the Holy Rosary," begging her to be restored to health.

Our Lady responded:

"Child, thou hast invoked me by various titles and hast always obtained favors from me. Now, since thou hast called me by that title so pleasing to me, 'Queen of the Holy Rosary,' I can no longer refuse the favor thou dost petition; for this name is most precious and dear to me. Make three novenas, and thou shalt obtain all."

Fortuna and her family obeyed, and she was fully cured.

Blessed Bartolo strongly promoted this Novena, and Pope Leo XIII—an ardent apostle of the Rosary who wrote many encyclicals and apostolic letters on it—was deeply moved by Fortuna's miracle.

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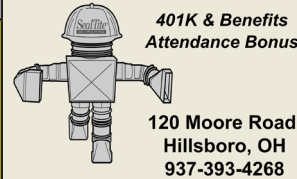
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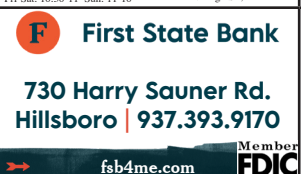
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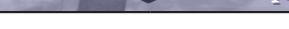
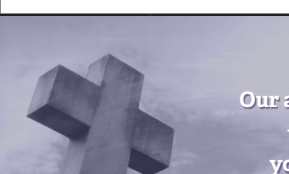
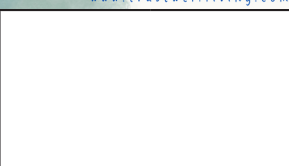
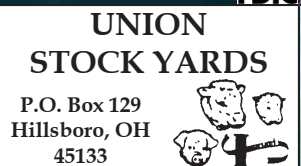
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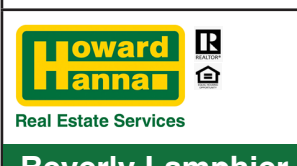
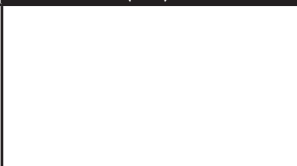
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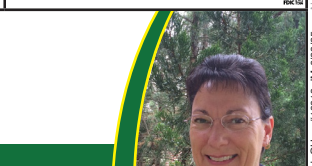


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