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*"The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus' resurrection;
bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting.
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you."*

-Victimae paschali laudes

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**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
MARCH 31, 2024**

CONFESSION (RECONCILIATION): CONFESSION IS AVAILABLE BEFORE THE MASSES OR BY APPOINTMENT.

ROSARY EVERY SUNDAY AT 7:40 A.M. AT ST. MARY CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD, MARCH 31, 2024

8:00 a.m. St. Mary EASTER for Peace in our Country and the World

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AT 9:45 A.M. EVERY SUNDAY

BEFORE 10:00 A.M. MASS AT ST. MARY CHURCH

10:00 a.m. St. Mary EASTER for Sanctity of All Life

Noon St. Benignus Loren, Margaret & Michael Hays (Patty Hays)

Fr. Mark Bredestege

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

9:15 a.m. St. Mary NO MASS

ROSARY EVERY TUESDAY AT 11:00 A.M. AT ST. BENIGNUS CHURCH

11:30 a.m. St. Benignus NO MASS

Fr. Mike Paraniuk

ROSARY EVERY THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M. AT ST. MARY CHURCH

3RD THURSDAY MASS EVERY MONTH IS DEDICATED TO PRO-LIFE

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024

7:00 p.m. St. Benignus NO MASS

Fr. Mike Paraniuk

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024

9:30 a.m. St. Mary Wilfredo Besana from Dr. Salido

Noon St. Benignus Rosemary Kropfelder (Alba Shank)

Fr. Mike Paraniuk

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

3:30 p.m. St. Benignus Bernard (Bo) Dean (The Dean Family)

5:30 p.m. St. Mary Elizabeth Cole (Kelli Cole)

Fr. Mike Paraniuk

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

8:00 a.m. St. Mary Ken Breckel (Lydia Breckel)

10:00 a.m. St. Mary Aralyn Slack (Walters Family)

Noon St. Benignus Thanksgiving for all God's Blessings (Bob Dye)

3:30 p.m. St. Mary Confession, Exposition, Divine Mercy Chaplet and

Benediction for Divine Mercy Sunday

Fr. Mike Paraniuk

ST. MARY COLLECTION - MARCH 24, 2024

Weekly Need	\$	6,500.00
Weekly Collection.....	\$	5,047.00
Variance	\$	-1,453.00
FISCAL YEAR NEED	\$	253,500.00
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED	\$	230,525.00
VARIANCE.....	\$	-22,975.00

ST. BENIGNUS COLLECTION - MARCH 24, 2024

Weekly Need	\$	1,900.00
Weekly Collection.....	\$	1,065.00
Variance	\$	-835.00
FISCAL YEAR NEED	\$	74,100.00
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED	\$	90,647.00
VARIANCE.....	\$	+16,547.00

Thank You for your Generosity!

BEACONS OF LIGHT

- Evangelization Team:** Meets **April 11, 2024**, at **6:00 p.m.** at **St. Mary – Hillsboro**
- Love In Action Team:** Meets **April 13, 2024**, at **10:00 a.m.** at **St. Mary – Hillsboro**
- Stewardship Team:** Meets **April 18, 2024**, at **6:30 p.m.** at **Mary Queen of Heaven – Peebles**



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

Eric Arrington, Paula Miller, Ann Marie Gunderman, Claudia Frank, Holly Ruth Givens, Jeff Hadley, Becky Hiser, Theresa Shackelford, Cathy Thompson, Teresa Staten, Edna Maxwell, Jean Smith, Howard Smith, Deacon Len Parker, Sandy Singer, Todd Blankenship, Greyson Meyer, Tina Hudson, Kirk Wuelnar

****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 at 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

\$73,041.81 Debt on Fr. Luehrmann Hall.



ST. MARY CHURCH BINGO INCOME

Total since May 5, 2023: \$12,352.15
Bingo Team 2 (April 5, 2024)

Sally Frydryk, Tara Bloom, Joyce Combs, David & Mary Tamborski, Kevin & Teresa Stuebs

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!

March 31 – Adam Rockey, Ellen Turner

April 2 – Dan Allison, Lauren Cimis, Gabriella Howard

April 4 – Kevin Stuebs

April 5 – Dana Cooper

April 6 – Cindy Sprauer

April 7 – Ashley Taylor

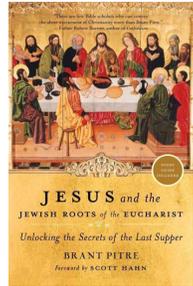
April 10 – Bethany Taylor

April 11 – Pat Hays

April 12 – Kevin Kelner, Tim Wells

April 13 – Joe Howell, Patty Howell, Marilyn Rosselott

April 14 – Jamie Corns, Dr. Sophela Mesina, Mary Wise



OUR LADY OF THE HILLS FAMILY BOOK CLUB

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival book *(Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist)*

Start: April 16th, 2024, meet at **St. Mary Church in the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m.**

(this time can be adjusted going forward)

Books are already purchased, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex or by sending an email to stmarycre119@gmail.com if interested.



ST. BENIGNUS TRAINING

Sacristans, Eucharist Ministers, Servers, Lectors

Sacristans: Help prepare the altar, pulpit & sanctuary for all liturgies

Servers: Assist the priest during Mass

Lectors: Read the scripture for the Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Help serve the Precious Body & Blood

For Those Who Signed Up, or Interested or Currently Serving, **PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND APRIL 14, 2024, after Mass.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

Happy Easter **NO PSR – St. Benignus & St. Mary**

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

8:45 a.m. PSR – Parish Hall – **St. Mary**

10:30 a.m. PSR – Rel. Ed. Bldg. – **St. Benignus**

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Youth Group – Parish Hall – **St. Mary**

1:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting – Rel. Ed. Bldg. – **St. Benignus**

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen – Parish Hall – **St. Mary**

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

8:45 a.m. PSR – Parish Hall – **St. Mary**

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

8:45 a.m. PSR – Parish Hall – **St. Mary**

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

8:45 a.m. PSR – Parish Hall – **St. Mary**

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EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Jennifer Hurt, Virginia Braun, Frankie Mackinnon, Mable Pearl Steele, Deceased members of the Hovan Family, Stanley & Rosemary Feder, Ted & Bea Combs, Augustus Combs, Ann & Frank Rehark, Velma & Jerome Winner, George Wehner, Patricia Wehner, Kerchinske Family, Paetzel Family, Bill Fling, Deborah Harsha, Elmer & Ethel Wilkens, Barbara & Frank Fowee, David Rosselott, Janet Wilkens, Gary Huff, Carl Huff Jr, Phyllis Huff, Robert Kleinhenz, Ruth Kleinhenz, Lena Klein, Vic & Rose deMilliano, Ray deMilliano, Eleanor Solley, Healing for Mary Gross, Donald Markland, Robert Arbaugh, Mary Alice Wolfram, Roberta Bryan, Kevin & Valerie Raymond, Ellen Walker, Elwood Walker, Harold Baker, Sam & Alma Williams, Jack & Trudy Keating, Harold & Gladys Shultz, David Walters & Lydia Douglas, Hapner Family, Edmond Shine Frydryk, Eddie Cadwallander, Carolyn Ann Roth, Robert J. Roth

ST. MARY PSR & CONFIRMATION EASTER EGG HUNT & FUN FROM MARCH 24TH

Miss Maryanne read the Holy Week Story while the Confirmation students hid eggs. Great kick off for Holy Week



On this holy day, and in this season of renewal, we pray in thanksgiving for the many blessings You give us.

May our words and deeds today, and always serve as reminders of the transformative power of Your love.

Amen



FOR A SERMON BY SAINT AUGUSTINE, BISHOP

Easter Sermon John 20:1-9

There is an old proverb about how to live well: “The secret to living well and longer is to eat half, walk double, laugh triple and love without measure.” My mother lived that proverb to the ripe age of 97. She poured love into her family without measure. She passed to Heaven three years ago. The only earthly memento I have of her is this old, very expensive IBM typewriter she bought for me in 1984. She took a side job by making and selling her hand-made ceramics to pay for it. I remember the day she gave it to me. She called me into another room where I could hear the clicking of keys as she sat there typing. I remember saying, “Oh, mom, that’s so cool. Why did you buy this?” She looked up, smiled and said, “For you.”

I used this typewriter for 40 years, never once needing repair. The white keys are blackened from use. So many memories stored on those keys, including an obituary I wrote for my mom. Then several weeks ago, it broke. Too old and expensive to fix. I can’t bring myself to throw it away. It’s my only earthly link to mom’s love for me.

But Easter changes everything. Like John who saw inside the tomb and believed, I see by faith the Resurrected Jesus and believe.

Because of Easter, I believe I will see my mom again. I don’t need that typewriter anymore.

Because of Easter, I believe death does not have the final word. It is only a door opening to a new life so wonderful that St. Paul wrote, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.” (1 Cor 2:9)

Because of Easter, I believe our hope for peace and love will triumph over discord and hate. “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

Because of Easter, I believe the punishment I deserve for my sins is no more. A preacher once said, “Jesus paid a debt He didn’t owe because we owed a debt we couldn’t pay.”

Because of Easter, I believe all suffering will be no more. “Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them, nor any scorching heat...and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” (Rev 7:16-17)

Easter invokes in me feelings of gratitude to Jesus. As my time on this earth grows shorter, I thank Jesus He has prepared a new home for me. I look forward to being in one of those rooms in our Father’s house. Instead of just telling God I’m grateful, I want to show Him I’m grateful.

I recall an old Jewish tale that explains atheists. “A rabbi was asked by one of his students ‘Why did God create atheists?’ ‘God created atheists,’ he said, ‘to teach us the most important lesson of them all – the lesson of true compassion. When someone reaches out to you for help. You should not say ‘I’ll pray that God will help you.’ Instead, for that moment, you should become an atheist – imagine there is no God who could help and say ‘I will help you.’”

Years later I asked mom what she was typing. She said, “Oh, a love letter to you.” Easter is a love letter from Jesus written in the ink of His Blood. Use your life to write a love letter back to Him. I believe in God who helps us all. Happy Easter...Fr. Mike

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