

OUR LADY OF THE HILLS

The Catholic Community of Adams and Highland Counties

St. Mary Church

212 S. High St. • Hillsboro, OH 45133 937-403-2510 • edbourdase@yahoo.com www.saintmaryhillsboro.org Masses Sat. 5:30 p.m. Sun. 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Tues. 9:15 a.m. Thurs. 7:00 p.m.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

612 E. Mulberry St. • West Union, OH 45693
937-544-2757 • secretary@holytrinity-ac.org www.holytrinity-ac.org Masses Sat. 5:00 p.m. Sun. 11:00 a.m.
Mon. 7:00 p.m. Wed. 9:00 a.m. Fri. 12:00 p.m.

Fr. MIKE PARANIUK, PASTOR 937-403-2510 · edbourdase@yahoo.com

St. Benignus Church

204 S. Second St. • Greenfield, OH 45123 937-981-2785 • stbenignus@gmail.com www.stbenignus.com Masses Sat. 3:30 p.m. Sun. 12:00 p.m. Tues. 11:00 a.m. Fri. 12:00 p.m.

ST. MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN CHURCH

205 Wendell Ave. • Peebles, OH 45660 937-544-2757 • secretary@holytrinity-ac.org www.holytrinity-ac.org Masses Sun. 8:30 a.m. Tues. 9:00 a.m. Thurs. 9:00 a.m.

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ST. MARY CHURCH • HILLSBORO ST. BENIGNUS CHURCH • GREENFIELD



ST. MARY		DEN	TECOST SUNDAY		
PROGRAM CONTACTS					
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:	MAY 19, 2024				
George Sakash	CONFESSION (RECONCILIATION): CONFESSION IS AVAILABLE				
Phone: 937-205-0919	BEFORE THE MASSES OR BY APPOINTMENT.				
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:	ROSARY EVERY SUNDAY AT 7:40 A.M. AT ST. MARY CHURCH				
Grand Knight, Jim Hehl	SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024				
Phone: 937-661-4835		. Mary	Charles Elking (Marilyn Rosselott)		
RCIA:		,			
Joyce Combs	CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AT 9:45 A.M. EVERY SUNDAY BEFORE 10:00 A.M. MASS AT ST. MARY CHURCH				
Phone: 937-403-6708					
PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION		. Mary . Benignus	Clayton Vanzant (Michelle Vanzant) The Lukas Family (Bob Dye)		
(GRADES PRE-K THROUGH 12TH)	Noon St.	. Benignus	Fr. Mike Paraniuk		
Michelle Vanzant Salyer			FI. MIKE PUTUINUK		
Phone: 937-840-9932	TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024				
Email: stmarycre119@gmail.com	9:15 a.m. St. Mary Barb Wilkenson (Mary Tamborski)				
CHOIR/MUSIC DIRECTOR:	ROSARY EVERY TUESDAY AT 11:00 A.M. AT ST. BENIGNUS CHURCH				
Lynn Turner	11:30 a.m. St.	. Benignus	Anthony Beverly (Josh Beverly)		
Phone: 937-763-8522			Fr. Mark Bredestege		
PRO-LIFE REPRESENTATIVE:	HOLY HOUR EVERY TH	IURSDAY AT	ST. MARY CHURCH		
Mary Tamborski		HOLY HOUR EVERY THURSDAY AT ST. MARY CHURCH 3RD THURSDAY MASS EVERY MONTH IS DEDICATED TO PRO-LIFE			
Phone: 937-205-4458	THURSDAY, MAY 23, 202				
ST. MARY CHURCH OFFICE &	6:00 p.m.		Exposition at St. Mary		
ST. MARY PRESCHOOL:	6:30 p.m.		Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary		
Leah Salyer, Administrative Assistant & Beacons of Light	6:50 p.m.		Benediction at St. Mary		
Office: 937-840-9932	7:00 p.m. St.	. Mary	Richard Lane (Joe Lane)		
Cell: 937-205-3038	-	-	Fr. Mike Paraniuk		
Email: justleahatstmary@gmail.com	EDIDAY MAY 24 2024				
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PROGRAM CONTACTS	SATURDAY, MAY 25, 202	4			
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:		. Benignus	Deceased Brothers & Sisters of G.G. Walker (G.G. Wall	ær)	
Gene DeBruin Phone: 937-981-2785	5:30 p.m. St.	. Mary	George Wehner (Marlene Wehner)		
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:			Fr. Mark Bredestege		
Grand Knight, Bruce Bennett, Sr.	SUNDAY, MAY 26, 2024				
Phone: 740-463-3406		. Mary	Chief Rudy Thomsen (Mary Tamborski)		
RCIA:		. Mary	Regina Schmidt (Adam Rockey)		
Phone: 937-981-2785	Noon St.	. Benignus	Don & Kay Flynn (Bob Dye)		
Email: stbenignus@gmail.com			Fr. Mark Bredestege		
PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION:					
Chyane Collins					
Phone: 740-572-2101					
Email: chyanecollins@gmail.com			and		
Bruce Bennett, Jr.					
Phone: 740-572-2085					
Email: bennettb@greatoaks.com	ST.	. MARY C	OLLECTION – MAY 12, 2024		
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Email: krbockr@icloud.com	FISCAL YEAR NEED				
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President: Paula Miller	VARIANCE		\$ -23,0	588.00	
Phone: 937-876-9883	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~				
ST. BENIGNUS CEMETERY:			S COLLECTION – MAY 12, 2024		
Phone: 937-981-2785	Weekly Need\$ 1,900.00				
Email: stbenignus@gmail.com	-			570.00	
PRO-LIFE REPRESENTATIVE: Mary Tamborski		•••••		570.00	

Mary Tamborski

Phone: 937-205-4458 **ST. BENIGNUS CHURCH OFFICE:** Phone: 937-981-2785; Email: stbenignus@gmail.com

VARIANCE.....\$ +16,192.00 Thank You for your Generosity!

FISCAL YEAR NEED\$

87,400.00

BEACONS OF LIGHT

Evangelization Team: Meets August 1, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Church Hall – West Union Stewardship Team: Meets August 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary Church – Hillsboro



PRAYER REQUEST

Please keep **Archbishop Schnurr** in your prayers. He has been diagnosed with small bowel cancer and will begin a six-month regimen for treatment. His health overall is good, but can use the support and prayers of the faithful as he begins this endeavor.



SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024

10:00 a.m. First Communion Mass – St. Mary

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024

1:00-3:30 p.m. GACC Pantry N. Fifth Street, Greenfield, Ohio

MONDAY, JUNE 3-THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024

Crafts, Theology, Hiking, Wilderness Activities, Prayer, Science, Sports & Games Engaging Catholic Camp; Ages 5-13 – *Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center – Peebles, Ohio*. Contact Olivia Neukam for more information at 513-237-3234.

Vacation Bible School – Barnyard Roundup – St. Mary

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

11:00 a.m. Kni

Knights of Columbus St. Benignus in Father Lay Hall – St. Benignus

Contact Michelle Salyer for more information at 937-840-9932.

MONDAY JULY 15-THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024

6:00-8:00 p.m.

JULY 29-AUGUST 2, 2024

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Sea Explorers Vacation Bible School – *Holy Trinity Church.* Contact Kathy Gerth for more Information at 937-661-4070.

MEETING REMINDER

Sunday, June 9, 2024

11:00 a.m. Knights of Columbus St. Benignus in Father Lay Hall – *St.Benignus* Grand Knight: Bruce Bennett, Sr. Contact: 740-463-3406



NEWS AROUND OUR LADY OF THE HILLS

Save the Date: Pentecost Sunday, May 18 and 19, Our Lady of the Hills Families will celebrate St. Isidore the Farmer at the Masses. A special seed blessing will take place. If you have crop seeds or flowers seeds you would like blessed, please bring them to one of the Masses that weekend. Father Mike at 937-403-2510 and Father Bredestege at 937-637-8035 will be available to bless farm tractors, fields, or animals that week also. If you would like a special blessing that week, contact either priest to arrange the date and time.

Holy Trinity Church – David Kissell, Director of the Stewardship and Chief Development Officer of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati addresses parishioners on the steps necessary for a Capital Campaign to build the new church.





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

Archbishop Schnurr, 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, Deacon Len Parker, Todd Blankenship, Elaine Feder

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 email 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

\$67,999.26 Debt on Fr. Luehrmann Hall.



ST. MARY CHURCH BINGO INCOME

** Volunteers needed for Bingo. Help is needed from 5:30-7:00 p.m., Substitute Team Help needed also. Please call the Church Office at 937-840-9932 ** Bingo Team 1 (June 7, 2024)

Michelle Salyer, Jane Horne, Ann Lerch, Barb Rayburn, Taryn Hastings, Tom Moran, Josh Pohlman

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!

May 19 - Theresa Hartman, Joshua Pohlman, Joyce Combs, **Courtney Gallimore** May 20 – Jim Hehl, Donna Remsing May 21 – Sarah Wuellner May 22 - Sharyn Salzano May 23 - Andy Piekutowski, Brian Rumpke May 25 - Susan Iseman Hallows May 28 - Taylor Remsing May 29 - Marge Rankin May 31 - Austin Strickland June 1 – David Sprauer June 3 – Kathy Moffat June 4 - Maryanne deMilliano, Tim Schlater, Mary Stanforth June 6 - Laura Bagshaw June 7 – Ryan Leibreich

ST. MARY CHURCH, HILLSBORO – CONFIRMATION MASS

October 22, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Bernie Weldishofer, our Dean from St. Columbkille will be the celebrant.

Blessings to Morgan Pohlman, Chloe Fullenkamp, Eli Worley



All parishioners in the Our Lady of the Hills Parish Family are invited to join the youth group of St. Benignus for a Cincinnati Reds game on Friday, August 2nd. 7:10 p.m. is game time. Tickets will be purchased as a group to enable us to save money and

be seated together! More details to be shared soon.

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

Sunday, May 26th after 11:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Trinity. Come out to Holy Trinity for a Patronal Feast Celebration. Family Picnic with food and games for all ages. The Knights of Columbus and Ladies Auxiliary will host a cookout, <u>please bring a side dish</u> to share. Everyone in Our Lady of the Hills Family is invited! Mark your calendars, and please join us!

PROPHECY, DISCERNMENT AND EVANGELIZATION MAY 24-26

St. Paul tells us to seek the gift of prophecy above all other gifts in 1 Cor 14:1. Discernment is important to determine true prophecy from false prophecy. These gifts of the Holy Spirit are very effective when carrying out the commission to Evangelize. Call 513-373-2397, or register online at our website at www.presentationministries.com. Email: bpojesu2000@ gmail.com. Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center, 5701 Lawshe Road, Peebles, Ohio 45660. Cost: A Donation.

PLANT EXCHANGE

June 1, 2024 at St. Mary, Hillsboro. Contact Patty Reinholz for more information at 937-466-2305.

Join us this June 3-6 for Camp Adventurers! This year's theme is *Doctors* of the Church! We'll embark on a journey through church history, diving into the wisdom of the greatest, holiest thinkers. You won't want to miss it!

Camp Adventurers is an outdoor-based day or sleep-away camp hosted at Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship and Retreat Center.

Here we will emphasize responsibility, sportsmanship, living the Catholic faith, and building lasting friendships. Throughout the four-day session, campers will participate in hikes, crafts, prayer, wilderness survival activities, competitions, and learning more about our rich Catholic faith! Campers will also have the opportunity to:

- Earn stars daily to use as an in-camp currency to buy prizes and snacks!
- Gain house points as a team and when tallied up giving the house with the most points a winning Grand Prize.

Camp Adventurers truly offers something for everybody! For more information on activities and camp life, check out the website at: https:// oliviacatherine423.wixsite.com/camp or call Natalie Gonzalez for more Information, or if you would like to volunteer, donate or provide a meal!!!! Call 954-770-6190 or email at natalieegonzalez11@gmail.com.

40-HOURS DEVOTION AND FAMILY CAMPOUT

June 7-9

This is such an amazing weekend – steeped in prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, teaching, fun and fellowship. Where else can you find an opportunity like this? You owe it to yourself and your family. Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center, 5701 Lawshe Road, Peebles, Ohio 45660. *Call Betty at 513-373-2397.*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – FAMILY VACATION WITH THE LORD

June 17-21

Mornings are scheduled at the Discipleship Center with Catholic Vacation Bible School for Children and Teachings for Adults. Afternoons are free for the family to explore beautiful Adams County, walk in the woods, blaze some trails on our 64 acres of fields and wooded hillsides or check out the many sites in Cincinnati, Dayton or Columbus. A light Breakfast and Lunch will be served. Dinner is on your own. Guest rooms are available several for large families. Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center, 5701 Lawshe Road, Peebles, Ohio 45660. *For more information, call Betty at 513-373-2397.*

ST. MARY VBS

St. Mary – Vacation Bible School will be held July 15-18, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Save the date for Barnyard Roundup. If you are interested in helping or have more questions, please call Michelle Salyer at 937-840-9932 or email to stmarycre119@gmail.com.

HOLY TRINITY VBS

July 29-August 2nd, 2024, 6:00-8:00 p.m., VBS – Sea Explorers – Holy Trinity Church. Contact Kathy Gerth for more Information at 937-661-4070.

MOTHER'S DAY IN MEMORY / HONOR OF ...

Kay Collins, Theresa Fuhrmann, Paulene Poole, Ruth Ward, Ruth A. Bryant, Eleanor Block, Joy Iseman, Celia Leech, Peggy Ratcliffe, Patty Barnes, Mary F. Trempus, June Takacs, Francis Dernovsek, Rita Haban, Marjorie Williams, Ellen Walker, Ella Baker, Lida Behm, Thelma Butler, Suzanne Walters, Jen Keating, Gladys Shultz, Lydia Douglas, Alma Williams, Trudy Keating, Ellen Turner, Bea Turner, Mary Agnes Tolle, Bernice Georges, Mary Ann Georges, Angie Vance, Edith Wendell, Lori Schmidt, Velma Winner, Ann Rehark, Beverly Rhoads, Dortha Leibreich, Carolyn Roth, Mary Huffner, Margaret Cadwallader, Linda Worley, Ruth Kleinhenz, Lena Klein, Phyllis Huff, Mary Hovan, Ann Thiele, Mary Lou Haines, Ruth Vanzant, Reva Salyer, Kathleen Vanzant, Margaret Lane, Octivia Lane, Vina Cagle, Sara Anderson, Norma Groves, Doris Davidson, Mary Huffner, Patricia Wehner, Betty Lou Moses, Carrie Wright, Stacy Moses, Nance Lafferty, Marjorie Pavey, Mary Miller, Margorie Braun, Iris Harmon, Rosemary Feder, Beatrice Combs, Ruth Cornell, Josephine Kerchinske

MAY CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

ATTEND THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS JULY 17-21 IN INDIANAPOLIS – Join thousands of fellow disciples from across the U.S. and beyond for this event, which will include prayer, workshops, concerts, and more. The National Congress is a centerpiece of the multi-year Eucharistic Revival initiated and led by the U.S. Catholic Bishops. Groups or individuals may register for the entire event or for just a day. For more information, go to https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/.

CAMPAIGN FEASIBILITY STUDY – A campaign feasibility study is underway to explore how we can best address some pressing mission critical needs here in our archdiocese while also providing significant financial support for Families of Parishes. This study aims to determine support for a potential archdiocesan-wide campaign that would focus on the following three areas:

- Support for Families of Parishes (50%) Provide funding to address capital improvements, programs, staffing needs, and/or other projects identified within the leadership teams of Families of Parishes.
- 2. Capital Needs at Our Campus Ministry Locations (30%) Provide funding to address aging facilities and building expansions needed to meet the growth of this vital ministry at the University of Cincinnati, Miami University, and Wright State University.
- 3. Cathedral Basilica (20%) Provide funding for several capital improvement projects, replacement of the organs, and overall safety, security, and restorative initiatives for the "mother church" of the archdiocese.

Full Link to view the letter: https://resources.catholicaoc.org/wp-content/ uploads/2024/03/ArchbishopCampaignLtr Priests-3-19-24.pdf 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, MAY 25TH – 3:30 P.M. MASS	SUNDAY, MAY 26TH – NOON MASS
SACRISTAN	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
MINISTERS OF THE WORD	Margaret Mobley	Amy Baldwin
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Debbie Kennedy Cathy Givens Eric Givens	Jim Block Susan Stuckey Volunteer Needed
SERVERS	Volunteer Needed	Smoke Blankenship
COUNTERS		Mary Lou B. / Peg S.

SERMON FOR PENTECOST

Jesus left the Apostles a gift and a command before leaving for Heaven. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere – in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8) What is this "power of the Holy Spirit"?

Preachers talk so often about the "power" of God. I was curious about how the dictionary defines the word "power." So, I looked it up. I was baffled by this one definition I discovered. It defined power as "the ability to get extra-base hits." I found it strange they used a baseball analogy to define power. However, this definition jogged my memory of a teaching I gave long ago at the Care Unit for Addiction Recovery. The class was called "What is Spirituality?" I used a baseball field to explain it in this way.

When you stop doing or using the thing you are addicted to, you get to first base which is the physical. You physically feel better and stronger. Second base is the mental/emotional. You think more clearly. You feel more normal, i.e., less crazy. Third base is moral. You do good and avoid wrong like your parents taught you. Home base is freedom from the addiction that caused your problems in the first place.

There is one more important thing. The bases are housed in the "ballpark." The ballpark is spirituality needed for recovery. Spirituality is defined as "seeing yourself as loving and lovable, seeing others as loving and lovable, and seeing God as loving and lovable." When one rejects spirituality then the "works of the flesh" (Gal 5:19) are obvious. Things like hatred, selfishness, lust, outbursts of anger, divisions, envy, impurity, idolatry, and drinking bouts. Choosing the works of the flesh makes your relationship with God one of guilt instead of love. You can't love others because you don't love yourself. How many times I've heard recovering alcoholics say, "I hated the person looking back at me in the mirror."

When you open your heart to the Holy Spirit then He will guide you with the spirituality of Love. "In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." (Gal 5:22-23)

I will now define the "power of the Holy Spirit." "It is a God-given ability to see God, others and yourself as loving and lovable so that you can witness by your love to the power of God's redeeming and healing Love." How many people have joined our churches because you witness God's Love to another by your love. They are attracted to the goodness in your hearts.

The best example I can think of to explain the basis of spirituality as love is the story of Scrooge. There is a sad scene that explains why Scrooge was so mean, so selfish and unloving to everyone around him. The ghost of Christmas past takes him back to Christmas day when he was a boy at his boarding school. Here is part of the script from the school's lonely, old, dusty library where he sits as a little boy on a wooden bench, reading.

Ghost: "Your school...and it's Christmas Day....the boy is deserted by his friends and his family."

Scrooge speaks: "His mother is dead. His father holds him a grudge."

Ghost: "Why does his father hold him a grudge?"

Scrooge: "She died in childbirth. His birth."

And he sobbed. Scrooge was abandoned by his friends. He was hated by his father. He was blamed for his mother's death which made him unlovable. Even God could not love him. No wonder he couldn't love anyone else. Love failed him too many times. He punished others with the punishment he believed he deserved.

There are a lot of Scrooges that will cross your life. Call forth the power of the Holy Spirit to help them rise, like a new ascension, above their loveless lives and cheerless hearts. Be the love to make the Holy Spirit permeate their souls. Be their healing. That's how we make Christmas happen every day of the year. Blessings...Fr. Mike

