

## OUR LADY OF THE HILLS

The Catholic Community of Adams and Highland Counties

St. Mary Church 212 S. High St. • Hillsboro, OH 45133 937-840-9932 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 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 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 Masses Sun. 8:30 a.m. Tues. 9:00 a.m. Thurs. 9:00 a.m.

Fr. MARK BREDESTEGE, VICAR 937-637-8035 • frbredestege@holytrinity-ac.org

FAMILY WEBSITE http://www.ourladyofthehillsoh.com



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



#### ST. MARY PROGRAM CONTACTS **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** Georae Sakash Phone: 937-205-0919 **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Grand Knight, Jim Hehl Phone: 937-661-4835 OCIA: Joyce Combs Phone: 937-403-6708 PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (GRADES PRE-K THRU 12TH) Michelle Vanzant Salyer Phone: 937-840-9932 Email: stmarycre119@gmail.com **CHOIR/MUSIC DIRECTOR** Lynn Turner Phone: 937-763-8522 **PRO-LIFE REPRESENTATIVE:** Mary Tamborski Phone: 937-205-4458 **ST. MARY CHURCH OFFICE &** ST. MARY PRESCHOOL: Leah Salver, Administrative Assistant & Beacons of Light Office: 937-840-9932 Cell: (937) 205-3038 Email: justleahatstmary@gmail.com ST. BENIGNUS **PROGRAM CONTACTS ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** Gene DeBruin Phone: 937-981-2785 **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** Grand Knight, Bruce Bennett, Sr. Phone: 740-463-3406 OCIA Phone: 937-981-2785 Email: stbenignus@gmail.com PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION Chyane Collins Phone: 740-572-2101 Email: chyanecollins@gmail.com Bruce Bennett, Jr. Phone: 740-572-2085 Email: bennettb@greatoaks.com **CHOIR/MUSIC DIRECTOR** Kristy Bockrath Phone: 937-361-6590 Email: krbockr@icloud.com LADIES AUX President: Paula Miller Phone: 937-876-9883 **ST. BENIGNUS CEMETERY** Phone: 937-981-2785 Email: stbenignus@gmail.com **PRO-LIFE REPRESENTATIVE** Mary Tamborski Phone: 937-205-4458 **ST. BENIGNUS CHURCH OFFICE** Phone: 937-981-2785 Email: stbenignus@gmail.com

#### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 CONFESSION (RECONCILIATION): CONFESSION IS AVAILABLE BEFORE THE MASSES OR BY APPOINTMENT. ROSARY EVERY SUNDAY AT 7:40 A.M. AT ST. MARY CHURCH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 8:00 a.m. St. Mary Dale Walker (Lydia Walker-Breckel) 10:00 a.m. Mary, Queen of Heaven 11:30 a.m. Holy Trinity Church MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 Holy Trinity Church 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Church TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 Mary, Queen of Heaven - Communion Service Only 9:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. St. Mary – Communion Service Only St. Benignus - Communion Service Only 11:30 a.m. WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024 Holy Trinity Church – Communion Service Only 9:00 a.m. 3RD THURSDAY MASS EVERY MONTH IS DEDICATED TO PRO-LIFE HOLY HOUR EVERY THURSDAY AT ST. MARY CHURCH THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 Noon Mary, Queen of Heaven 6:00 p.m. Exposition at St. Mary Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary 6:30 p.m. Benediction at St. Mary 6:50 p.m. St. Mary 7:00 p.m. Tom Moran (Margaret Hudson) FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2024 Holy Trinity Church – Eucharistic Adoration 11:00 a.m. Holy Trinity Church Noon St. Benignus – Communion Service Only Noon DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET BEFORE MASS AT 5:10 P.M. AT ST. MARY CHURCH SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024 St. Benignus 3:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. St. Mary Tom Moran (Diane Shaw) SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024 8:00 a.m. St. Mary Chellie Dietrich (Ann Schlater) 10:00 a.m. Mary, Queen of Heaven 11:30 a.m. Holy Trinity Church FAMILY WEBSITE !! http://www.ourladyofthehillsoh.com Celebrant for Our Lady of The Hills Masses: Fr. Mike Paraniuk

#### ST. MARY COLLECTION - SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Weekly Need	Ś	7.200.00
Weekly Collection		
Variance		
FISCAL YEAR NEED		
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED	\$	43,615.00
VARIANCE	Ś	-18.385.00
	•	-,



#### St. Mary Online Giving Link

osvhub.com/stmaryhillsboro/giving/funds You can give Online to (SOPC, SVdP, Building Fund, Church) by using the link above or by scanning the QR Code to the left.

#### KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM - ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Go to krogercommunityrewards.com. Click on "Sign In" or "Create an Account."

\*For A New Account, \*Enter E-Mail and Create a Password, \*Answer Questions on each Page (Address, Zip etc.), \*After all is entered you will be asked to check your email for a message from Kroger Confirming your New Account. \*Click on the link in the Email this will take you back to the Kroger Site.

Click on **My Account** and enter Email/Password, Click on **Edit** and then **Kroger Community Rewards** You will be asked for an **NPO number**, the code for **ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH is YM062**. Select and Confirm!

You will see your organizations name on your information page when you click on the Community Rewards **Your purchases at Kroger will begin earning money for St. Mary Catholic Church!!** 

"Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul." – St. Teresa of Avila - Teresa of Jesus

#### 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 Michelle Salyer at 937-840-8655 for more information.

#### Bingo Team 2 (October 4, 2024)

David T., Mary T., Tara B., Joyce C., Kevin S., Teresa S.

#### PRAYER REQUEST

Please keep *Archbishop Schnurr* in your prayers. His health overall is good, but can use the support and prayers of the faithful.



### DATES TO REMEMBER

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBE	r 11, 2024
6:00 p.m.	OCIA (Formerly called RCIA) – St. Mary Parish Meeting Room – St. Mary
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER	12, 2024
6:30 p.m.	Ladies Aux. Meeting – Religious Ed. Bldg. – <i>St.Benignus</i>
7:30 p.m.	St. Mary Parish Council Meeting – St. Mary Parish Meeting Room – St. Mary
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15	, 2024
8:45-9:50 a.m.	,
1:00 p.m.	Our Lady of The Hills Highland County Picnic – Mitchell Park,
	753 S. 7th Street, Greenfield, OH 45123
TBD	PSR Open House – St. Benignus
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER	
7:30 p.m.	OLOTH (Our Lady of The Hills) Stewardship & Evangelization Team Meeting St. Mary Parish Meeting Room – <i>St. Mary</i>
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22	2, 2024
After 8:00 a.m. Mass	Lector, Server, Eucharist Minister Training – St. Mary
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29	, 2024
9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Retreat – St. Mary
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5,	2024
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Vegetable Soiree at St. Mary's Fr. Luehrmann Hall – St. Mary For more information, call Patty R. at 937-466-2305.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12	, 2024
2:30 p.m.	St. Benignus Parish Council Meeting, Religious Ed. Bldg. – St. Benignus
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2	2024
4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Practice – St. Mary
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22,	2024
7:00 p.m.	<b>Confirmation Mass</b> Fr. Bernie Weldishofer, our Dean from St. Columbkille, will be the celebrant. – <b>St. Mary</b>



Our Lady of The Hills Family is welcoming Vicar Fr. Matthew Lee on October 1st More information to follow. Blessings, Fr. Mike

#### OLOTH VISION STATEMENT

The OLOTH Family is committed to live out this Vision: 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.

STEWARDSHIP & EVANGELIZATION TEAMS MEETING

Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. – Library/Meeting Room – St. Mary, Hillsboro

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

#### ST. BENIGNUS & ST. MARY PRAYER LIST

Archbishop Schnurr, 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, Jean Barnes, Kaleb Fraizer, Kaye Miller, Joe Wright, Kirk Wuellner, Mary Takacs, Jerry Perron, Jake Burns, Laura Sprauer & Unborn Baby, Dan Hartzell, Dr. Monica Salido, Baby Barrett Wilson, Emily Konerman

\*\* 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 \$57,691.17 Debt on Fr. Luehrmann Hall

#### BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

ptember 8 – Ethan Howard ptember 9 – Jack Cornele ptember 10 – Cathy Givens, John Mayer, Ana Lopez, Chris Salyer ptember 11 – Jerry Leibold, George Worley ptember 14 – Kathy Hutchens, Jinny Wendel ptember 15 – Mary Frump, Sarah Smith September 16 – Fr. Mark Bredestege, Brooklyn Sexton, Emma Worley September 18 - Paige Howland September 19 – Patricia Garrett, Tim Leibreich September 20 - Heather Boden, **Kristina Harless** September 22 – Sue Kennedy September 23 – John Michael September 25 – Monty Rayburn September 26 - Karen Hawk, Walter Pogorzelski, Mike Shorten September 28 – Josh Michael, Linda Perry, Kathie Wietmarschen September 29 - Morgan Pohlman, Shannon Taylor September 30 – Ann Marie Gunderman

#### HELP NEEDED

DO YOU FEEL THE CALL TO DO MORE AT MASS? Lector – readings at Mass Server – assists the priest at Mass Eucharist Minister – assists the priest with distributing the Holy Eucharist and Precious Blood during Mass.

A training session will be held on **Sunday, September 22, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, at St. Mary**. If interested or need more information, contact the church office at 937-840-9932.

### 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.

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

#### Wednesday, September 11, 2024

6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus – St. Benignus Meeting in Father Lay Hall

#### Sunday, October 13, 2024

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



#### O.C.I.A.

The 2024-2025 preparation for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin after the County Fair. We will hold our first meeting on *Wednesday, September 11, at 6:00 p.m.*, in the parish library. (Enter using the single door on the Walnut Street side of the building. There will be an "O.C.I.A." sign on the door.) This meeting is for anyone interested in investigating the Catholic faith in order to join the Church, or anyone who just wants to deepen their understanding of the oldest Christian Church, which was instituted by Jesus the Christ Himself. If you are interested, please contact Joyce or Cindy. If you hear the Lord calling, please do not pass up this opportunity to answer Him. God's peace and blessing to you all. Joyce Combs at 937-764-2030 or Cindy Sprauer at 513-571-1431.

#### **VEGETABLE SOIREE**

How late can I plant broccoli? How can I combat ravenous insects without chemicals? What would be a good timeline for planting? Got garden questions? We may not know all the answers, but we might have some good suggestions. If you like gardening, join us for a *Vegetable Soiree, Saturday, October 5, 2024, at St. Mary's Fr. Luehrmann Hall. 3:00-5:00 p.m. Bring your question, your ideas, your recipes, and your excess produce. For more info, call Patty R. at 937-466-2305.* 

#### **RESPECT LIFE FUND**

The **2024 Respect Life Fund Collection** will be held the weekend of **October 5-6**. This Fund supports the lifesaving and healing work of pro-life agencies (such as pregnancy care centers) across our Archdiocese, as well as Project Rachel, our post-abortion ministry. If you miss the in-person collection or prefer to donate electronically, you can also donate online here: https://www.givecentral.org/respectlifefund. Thank you for your generosity!

#### SOUTHERN OHIO PREGNANCY CENTER

The Southern Ohio Pregnancy Center invites you to Walk for Life on *Saturday, September 14, 2024*. It's a 2-mile walk that

begins and ends at the Center (135 W. Walnut Street, Hillsboro). The Walk is non-athletic, wheelchair- and stroller-friendly. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The Walk begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 10:00 a.m. Pick up your Walk Sponsor Brochure in the Narthex today. The Southern Ohio Pregnancy Center freely provides love, assistance and support to moms and their babies and families in need. Thank you for helping the SOPC make a difference in the lives of so many!!! For questions, please contact Mary F. R. Tamborski, Prolife Representative at 937-205-4458.

# **iVote**Catholic

For our parish community: May we be greater stewards of our resources to build up the kingdom of God... For all elected leaders: May they be more responsible to their communities and seek the good of all... For all of us: May we always conform our will more closely to God's will...

Week 6: Rights & Responsibilities: Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities – to one another, to our families and to the larger society. Every basic human right draws its authoritative force from the natural law, which confers it and attaches to it its respective duty. Hence, to claim one's right and ignore one's duties, or only half-fulfill them, is like building a house with one hand and tearing it down with another. St. John XXIII, Pacem in Terris, no. 30 With rights come responsibilities to others, to our families and to the common good of all.

We have challenging work ahead of us! During this election season, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will be offering prayers, scripture, quotes, family activities and discerning questions through the lens of the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching to aid the discerning vote. We will not be telling you for whom or what to vote. We will be encouraging careful discernment, intentional prayer, and a universal call to holiness and compassion to inform your voting. Find out more at www.iVoteCatholic.org or contact Andrew Musgrave at amusgrave@ catholicaoc.org with any questions.



FALL HERITAGE FESTIVAL – THE CHATFIELD EDGE This Annual Brown County fall event features car, quilt, and craft shows and offers fun for the whole family. Mark your calendars now and check for application and ticket details. chatfieldedge.org

#### **REDS GAME**



On Friday, August 2nd parishioners from Saint Benignus attended a Cincinnati Reds game. 69 tickets were purchased by parishioners and an anonymous donor donated funds to cover tickets for all our parish youth and helped towards parent tickets, too. Everyone enjoyed the game and fireworks! We hope to make it an annual tradition!

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, SEPTEMBER 14TH – 3:30 P.M. MASS
SACRISTAN	Volunteer Needed
MINISTER OF THE WORD	Anita O'Connor
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Debbie Kennedy Cathy Givens Eric Givens
SERVER	Volunteer Needed
COUNTERS	Jim T. / Larry S.

"It is in the company of Jesus that you work for the glory of God."— St. John Baptist de la Salle



#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

#### MONTHLY REPORT FOR AUGUST

Donations\$	559.00			
Bingo Concession <u>\$</u>	217.00			
Total\$	776.00			
Thank you for your generous monthly contributions. Your contributions				
will enable us to help more families and individuals in crisis.				

#### **Expenditures**

Assistance to neighbors: \$ 1,559.32 This includes with help paying utility bills, gasoline, rent, temporary housing, furniture, and groceries.

#### Contact Information:

Please contact George Sakash (SVdP President) at 419-310-0867 for the following inquiries:

To join the SVdP Board.

Donate to SVdP.

A parishioner in need of SVdP assistance.

The local SVDP phone number for a neighbor in need is: 937-205-0919.

### SERMON ON MARK 7:31-37

Long before Amazon came to be, there were the peddlers who roamed the streets of Greece 800 years before Jesus was born. These peddlers pushed their carts loaded with all types of items from toys to tools and pottery to papyrus. The peddlers would walk the streets yelling out, "What do you need?" Then curious children and their moms would come to the peddler to see if they needed something he was selling.

Jesus was like the Divine Peddler whom people rushed to in time of need. "And people brought to him (Jesus) a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him." (Mark 7:32) There are two things about this healing that reveals God's great love.

Jesus touched this man's tongue with His fingers. The human tongue is very dirty, harboring 500 different types of bacteria. Touching another's tongue is pretty gross. Jesus could have healed this man in a cleaner way, but He chose to put His finger into this man's dirty mouth. Why did Jesus heal this way? I believe Jesus was showing that God is not afraid to touch the dirtiest part of our lives with His unconditional compassion. God is willing to walk into the dirt of our sin not to condemn, but to clean. God's compassion moves Him to embrace you even when you stink. Remember what the father did when he first caught site of his Prodigal Son? "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion and ran and embraced him and kissed him." (Luke 15:20) I seriously doubt the son took a bath to wash off the pig poop that stained his clothes. If no one gave him food, I doubt they gave him water. Did the father care that his son stunk not just from pig slop, but from his disloyalty? Nope. The father was too busy celebrating his son's return to notice the smell. I define God's unconditional compassion in this way. God opens His Heart to me the most when I deserve it the least.

Jesus reveals God's great love again in Mark 7:34 – "And looking up to heaven, he sighed deeply and said to him, 'Ephphatha!' (which means, "Be opened!")" Mark uses the word "stenazo," which translates as a "groan." It is a deep sigh that comes from feeling the hurt or pain of another. The deaf mute felt pain from his birth. He was made fun of, rejected and unwanted. The unconditional compassion of Jesus embraced this man intimately because he suffered. Jesus personally removed his suffering.

The closest I have come to understand God's unconditional compassion is when I ministered to a man at the care unit that treated the drug addicted. He was a gifted, intelligent man who could have had a bright future except for his heroin addiction that messed up his life over and over again. The reason for his addiction was not just physical, but spiritual. He could not accept that God loved him. He had done so many bad things, he despaired of God's forgiveness. He used to joke that if he ever entered a church, the walls would fall on him. I tried so hard to help him "look up to heaven" and see a compassionate God who forgives everything. I often told him, "The Blood of Jesus washes away even the worst sin." Sadly, he could not embrace God's Grace.

I lost track of him for several years until one day I received a call from a hospital. A man had requested to see me, but no name was given. I walked into the room and there he was. He contracted HIV/ AIDS from a dirty needle. I gowned up, put on a mask and sat by his side. I looked at his emaciated body covered with sores. He asked for the Last Rites. I sighed from frustration. This didn't have to be. If he could only have believed in God's love for him, he would have found recovery. He didn't have to get AIDS.

I applied the Holy Oil using thick blue gloves which were used in the 1980s when near an AIDS patient. People at that time thought AIDS could be acquired by touch or breathing. After finishing the rites, he did something that frightened me. He reached out his arms for a hug. At first, I panicked. I didn't want to get AIDS. But could I preach how much God loved him if I didn't show God's love to him? I held my breath, reached into the bed and embraced him.

He said, "No one has touched me in a long time." I replied, "God's been trying to touch you for a long time. He's happy you finally touched Him back."

The hospital informed me he passed soon after our visit. I sighed again, not from frustration, but from relief. He found out the walls of Heaven didn't fall on him. May you have the unconditional compassion of Jesus. Relieve suffering wherever you find it. Blessings to you.

