

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ADAMS AND HIGHLAND COUNTIES

**FR. MIKE PARANIUK, PASTOR** 937-403-2510 • edbourdase@yahoo.com

# 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 Matthew Lee, Vicar** 937-544-2757

# 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.

FAMILY WEBSITE: http://www.ourladyofthehillsoh.com









ST. MARY	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	
PROGRAM CONTACTS	NOVEMBER 24, 2024	
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:	CONFESSION (RECONCILIATION): CONFESSION IS AVAILABLE	
George Sakash	BEFORE THE MASSES OR BY APPOINTMENT.	
Phone: 937-205-0919		
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:	Rosary Every Sunday at 7:40 a.m. at St. Mary Church	
Grand Knight, Jim Hehl	SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024	
Phone: 937-661-4835	8:00 a.m. St. Mary – Joe & Joan Wright (Sue Hurley)	
OCIA:	10:00 a.m. St. Mary – Rita Blankenship (Bill & Janet Butler)	
Joyce Combs & Cindy Sprauer	<b>12:00 Noon</b> St. Benignus – Edna Seigle (Dan & Teresa Allison)	
Phone: 937-403-6708	Fr. Matthew Lee	
PARISH FAITH FORMATION,	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024	
DIRECTOR OF EVANGELIZATION,	9:15 a.m. St. Mary – Suzie Johnson (Mary Tamborski)	
SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR	11:30 a.m. St. Benignus – Beltran Family (Bob Dye)	
Michelle Vanzant Salyer	Fr. Mike Paraniuk	
Phone: 937-840-9932	THURSDAY NOVEMBER 28 2024 HARRY THANKSCHUNCH	
Email: stmarycre119@gmail.com	THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2024 – HAPPY THANKSGIVING! <u>3rd Thursday Mass Every Month is Dedicated to Pro-Life</u>	
CHOIR/MUSIC DIRECTOR	<i>9:00 a.m.</i> St. Mary – Jan Keating (Walters Family)	
Lynn Turner	<b>10:30 a.m.</b> St. Benignus – Arlene Boulas (Bob Dye)	
Phone: 937-763-8522	Fr. Mike Paraniuk	
PRO-LIFE REPRESENTATIVE:		
Mary Tamborski	Friday, November 29, 2024	
Phone: 937-205-4458	Noon St. Benignus – <u>NO MASS</u>	
ST. MARY CHURCH OFFICE &	Fr. Mike Paraniuk	
ST. MARY PRESCHOOL:	Saturday, November 30, 2024	
Leah Salyer, Administrative Assistant &	3:30 p.m. St. Benignus – Osborne Family (Bob Dye)	
Beacons of Light	5:30 p.m. St. Mary – John Hovan, Sr. (Thomas Hovan) Max Taylor (Gina Taylor)	
Office: 937-840-9932	Fr. Mike Paraniuk	
Cell: (937) 205-3038	Divine Mercy Chaplet before Mass at 9:45 a.m. at St. Mary Church	
Email: justleahatstmary@gmail.com	Sunday, December 1, 2024	
ST DENICALLS	8:00 a.m. St. Mary – Rita Blankenship (Jim & Joan Winner)	
ST. BENIGNUS	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> St. Mary – Tom Moran (Sue Hurley)	
PROGRAM CONTACTS	Noon St. Benignus – Rita Blankenship (Jim & Joan Winner)	
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Phone: 937-981-2785	FAMILY WEBSITE!! http://www.ourladyofthehillsoh.com	
OCIA		
Phone: 937-981-2785	ST. MARY COLLECTION - NOVEMBER 17, 2024	
Email: stbenignus@gmail.com	Weekly Need	
ST. BENIGNUS MEN'S AUXILIARY Phone: 937-981-2785	Weekly Collection	
Phone: 937-981-2785	Variance \$ -2.054.0	

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION Chyane Collins Phone: 740-572-2101 Email: chyanecollins@gmail.com Bruce Bennett, Jr.

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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

Weekly Need	\$	7,200.00
Weekly Collection	\$	4,146.00
Variance	\$	-3,054.00
FISCAL YEAR NEED	\$	141,200.00
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED	\$	99,883.00
VARIANCE	\$	-41,317.00
ST. BENIGNUS COLLECTION	N – NOVEMBER 17, 2024	
Weekly Need	\$	2,900.00
Weekly Collection	\$	4,651.00
Variance	\$	+1,751.00
FISCAL YEAR NEED	\$	54,000.00
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED	\$	38,384.00
VARIANCE	\$	-15,616.00
	Thank You for your Generosity! St. Mary Online Giving Link & QR Code osvhub.com/stmaryhillsboro/giving/funds in give Online to (SOPC, SVdP, Building Fund, Church) e link above or by scanning the QR Code to the right.	



# **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.

"If we really want to love, we must learn how to forgive."





#### 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! Call 937-840-8655 for more information. **Bingo Team 1 (December 6, 2024)** – Michelle S., Jane H., Ann L., Barb R., Josh P., Tim L., Mary B., JoAnn M.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

8:45-9:50 a.m.	St. Mary Hall/Classrooms – PSR – St. Mary
10:30 a.m.	Snacks and class, 10:45-11:45 a.m. – PSR – St. Benignus

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2024 – HAPPY THANKSGIVING

9:00 a.m. Mass – *St. Mary* (Hillsboro) 10:30 a.m. Mass – *St. Benignus* (Greenfield)

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

8:45-9:50 a.m.	St. Mary Hall/Classrooms – <b>PSR</b> – <i>St. Mary</i>
10:30 a.m.	Snacks and class, 10:45-11:45 a.m. – PSR – St. Benignus
1:00 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting – Religious Ed Bldg. – St. Benignus

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024

1:00-3:30 p.m. GACC Food Pantry – Religious Ed. Bldg. – *St. Benignus* 

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

8:45-9:50 a.m.	St. Mary Hall/Classrooms – <b>PSR</b> – <i>St. Mary</i>
10:30 a.m.	Snacks and class, 10:45-11:45 a.m. – PSR – St. Benignus
11:00 a.m.	Youth Group Breakfast in the Parish Hall – St. Mary then to
	Highland Lanes to Bowl from 12:00-1:30 p.m.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024 - SOLEMNITY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

6:00 p.m.	Mass – St.	Benignus
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7:30 p.m. Mass – *St. Mary* 

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024

7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting – St. Mary

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

10:00 a.m. Evangelization and Stewardship Teams will have a Zoom meeting. If you would like to join either committee, please email Michelle Salyer at stmarycre119@gmail.com to have an invite sent to you.

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

8:45-9:50 a.m.	St. Mary Hall/Classrooms – <b>PSR</b> – <i>St. Mary</i>
10:30 a.m.	Snacks and class, 10:45-11:45 a.m. – PSR – St. Benignus

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

8:45-9:50 a.m. St. Mary Hall/Classrooms – **PSR** – *St. Mary* 10:30 a.m. Snacks and class, 10:45-11:45 a.m. – **PSR** – *St. Benignus* 

#### EVANGELIZATION AND STEWARDSHIP TEAMS

*Evangelization and Stewardship Teams* will have a Zoom meeting on *December 14, 2024*, at 10:00 *a.m.* If you would like to join either committee, please email Michelle Salyer at stmarycre119@ gmail.com to have an invite sent to you.

#### FAMILY PICNIC COMMITTEE HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help, prepare and plan the annual Our Lady of The Hills Family Picnic for 2025 – Sign up by email to justleahatstmary@gmail.com or call 937-840-9932.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

## ST. BENIGNUS & ST. MARY PRAYER LIST

Archbishop Schnurr, Robert Wheaton, Ally Wright, Bonnie Hammons, Joe Carson, Agnes Volk, 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, Joe Wright, Jake Burns, Tina Hudson, Thomas Hovan, Emily Konerman, Kirk Wuellner, Mike Veemeersch, Laura Sprauer, Roseann Cordrey

\*\* 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

\$52,434.65 Debt on Fr. Luehrmann Hall

"Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes." – St. Dominic

#### **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS**

November 23 – Patty Reinholz, Tammy Wells November 26 - Ben Howland November 27 - Margaret Dean, **Robert Prosek** November 28 - Ann Schlater November 29 - Mary Lou Barnhart, Rebecca Ventura November 30 - Clare Fullenkamp, Cora Fullenkamp, Susan Moran-Rhoads December 1 – Dennis Tovarnak December 3 – Katie Boden, Katie Chamblin, Tim Koehl, Emily Worley December 4 – Dale Braun December 5 – Ann Lerch December 7 - Christian Gunderman, **Cindy Simmons** December 8 – Margaret Block December 10 - Nancy Bushelman, Ronnie Ludwick, Lana Sakash December 13 – Kimberly LaFontaire Martin, Carvl Moenster December 15 – Roy Tesmer, Troy Tesmer

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, NOVEMBER 30TH - 3:30 P.M. MASS	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST – NOON MASS
SACRISTANS	Needed	Needed
MINISTERS OF THE WORD	Eileen Corwin	Gary Frank
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Debbie Kennedy Cathy Givens Eric Givens	Jim Block Susan Stuckey Vicki Brock
SERVERS	Volunteer Needed	Cory Taylor
COUNTERS		Susan S. / Vicki B.



# FOUR WAYS TO MAKE IT A CATHOLIC THANKSGIVING

Make America's feasting day into a real "feast day"!

We don't often think of Thanksgiving as a "Catholic" holiday. After all, it is a man-made occasion, rather than a liturgical feast day like Christmas or Easter.

However, a holiday created by Christians and centered around gratitude is something that merges easily with our faith, and so Thanksgiving can be a very Catholic day for us!

Here's some ideas as to how to make it a Catholic Thanksgiving:

**1. Start the day with Mass.** The word "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving," and indeed, the Mass is the greatest act of thanksgiving we can make to God. Additionally, you can center your prayers on the theme of gratitude throughout Thanksgiving Day. Invite your guests to pray with you, especially at grace before meals.

**2. Remember the first Thanksgiving.** Do we mean the harvest dinner of the Pilgrims? While we can remember that too, the first Thanksgiving actually took place 60 years earlier. A Spanish fleet arrived in Florida in 1565, and its Franciscan chaplain, Fr. Francisco Lopez de Mendoza Grajales, offered a Mass of thanksgiving when they came ashore. The region's natives joined the Spanish for Mass and a celebratory meal afterwards.

**3.** Celebrate St. Martin. In Catholic tradition, one of the great saints we celebrate in November is St. Martin of Tours, famous for his act of charity towards a needy beggar. His November 11th feast, called Martinmas, was celebrated much like our Thanksgiving: harvest vegetables, wine from the



summer vintage, even roast goose. In fact, there is evidence that this roast goose is the predecessor of our American Thanksgiving turkey!

**4. Imitate the charity of Squanto.** Although the historical details of the first Thanksgiving are debated, we do know a good bit about a certain key character. Tisquantum, or Squanto, had little reason to be nice to white people: an Englishman had enslaved him and taken him away from his people several years earlier. Through the goodness of two Spanish Franciscan friars who bought his freedom, he was able to eventually return home (and it appears he was baptized a Catholic by these same friars!). Sadly, Squanto found on his return that his whole community had been wiped out by European disease. Nonetheless, he acted as a translator and emissary between the Pilgrims and the natives of the area and taught the newcomers the skills they needed to survive. His story exemplifies forgiveness, charity, and generosity – virtues we should all strive to imitate, and remind you to be thankful always.



#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. MARY COAT DRIVE

Please donate your gently used, no longer needed coats to the box located in the Narthex.

#### ST. MARY GIVING TREE

*St. Mary Giving Tree* asks that all *Gifts be Wrapped and Returned with the Tag by Sunday, December 1st, 2024* – Any questions, please contact the office at 937-840-9932.

# COLLECTION FOR THE HURRICANE VICTIMS IN TENNESSEE

**St. Michael The Archangel Parish in Erwin, Tennessee** continues to assist families who were impacted by the hurricane. The needs are many, and they are trying to help as much as possible. If you would like to help, envelopes can be found at the back of the churches and annex at Holy Trinity Church. Just drop it in the collection basket.

If you would like to make a personal donation, it can be sent to:

St. Michael The Archangel Parish

P.O. Box 1009 Erwin, TN 37650

## THE ANGEL GIVING TREE - ST. BENIGNUS

St. Benignus Church, each year, helps with gifts for the Greenfield Area Christian Center Families. The turn in date is early, due to Christmas falling on Wednesday. *The presents need to be back at the church by December* **18th**. *Please help the 60 children who are on the Angel Tree this year*. *Please take a tag and purchase the suggestion on the tag and return it to church*.

Thanks so much for your support !!!

#### ST. BENIGNUS LADIES AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS DINNER

The St. Benignus Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their Christmas Dinner at the home of Judy Schmidt on *Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.* Please sign the sheet at the back of the church so that we will have enough food. There will not be a gift exchange. Just come and enjoy the company of each other.

# ST. BENIGNUS LADIES AUXILIARY MEETINGS REMINDER

Ladies Auxiliary will *not* have a regular meeting on December 12th; there will be *no meetings in January, February*. We will return <u>March 9, 2025</u> – more to follow next year!!

Our Lady of Theoftills

Solemnity Of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass Schedule

December 9th - Monday

Noon - Holy Trinity (Fr Lee)

6:00pm - St Benignus (Fr Mike)

6:00pm- Mary Queen of Heaven (Fr Lee)

7:30pm- St Mary (Fr Mike)





# ST. MARY CHURCH CHOIR WELCOMES & NEEDS YOU!!

Please consider joining the Choir! Meet on Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the Choir Loft.



#### Contact Lynn: 937-763-8522

Liturgical Role: Choirs lead the congregation in song, supporting the prayers and responses of the liturgy. Their voices help uplift the congregation, allowing members to feel more deeply connected to the Mass and the communal prayer experience.

Educational Role: Choirs also have an educational function, often introducing the congregation to a wide variety of sacred music. This can include everything from traditional hymns to contemporary spiritual compositions, broadening the musical experience of the community.

Evangelical Role: Through musical excellence, choirs can serve as a form of evangelization. Beautiful, well-executed music can touch the hearts of believers and nonbelievers alike, drawing them into the mystery and solemnity of the Mass.

Music has been an integral part of worship in the Catholic Church for centuries, playing a critical role in both ritual and celebration. This connection is deeply rooted in tradition, providing a resonant backdrop to the sacred liturgy. Choirs, organists, composers, and congregational singing enrich spiritual experience and foster a sense of community and belonging among worshippers.



# **COLLECTION NOVEMBER 24TH**

Envelopes located in Pews & Back of Church by the Bulletins The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ "... to bring glad tidings to the poor ... liberty to captives ... sight to the blind and let the oppressed go free." (Luke 4:18)

The belief that those who are directly affected by unjust systems and structures have the best insight into knowing how to change them is central to CCHD. CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a handout.

Our Lady of the Hills St. Mary Youth Group

Grades 6th through 12th

You are invited to Breakfast after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall on December 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. We will be traveling to Highland Lanes to Bowl from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. Please pick your child up there.

An questions and to RSVP, please call Jennifer Howard, Youth Group Leader at 937-763-5031 or Michelle Salyer at 937-840-9932.

All Youth Group-age children in Our Lady of The Hills Family (Grades 6th through 12th are welcome and encouraged to attend).



# WISHING YOU A BLESSED & HAPPY THANKSGIVING Our Lady of The Hills

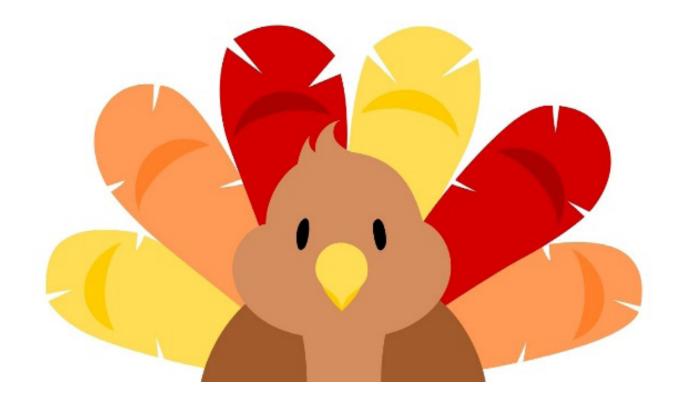
<u>Thanksgiving Day Masses</u>

November 28th

9:00am St. Mary (Hillsboro) - Fr Mike

9:00am Mary Queen of Heaven (Peebles)- Fr. Lee

10:30am St. Benignus (Greenfield)- Fr. Mike



# SERMON ON CHRIST THE KING JOHN 18:33-37



boy walked into a store and went straight to get a carton box to put in front of the telephone. The store owner watched all this with mild curiosity. Once the carton box was in place, the boy climbed on it and reached for the phone.

The boy dialed a number. When the other line picked up, he asked if they would hire him to cut their lawn. The person on the other end declined. The boy asked again.

He said, "I will cut the lawn better than whoever is cutting your lawn now. I can also sweep your curb, your sidewalk, and your driveway. Your lawn will be the prettiest in all of the neighborhood!" He was making such a good pitch that the store owner couldn't help but be impressed.

As the boy replaced the phone in the receiver, the store owner couldn't help but ask the boy, "Well, did you get the job?"

The boy smiled, "No, I didn't. They said they're happy with the service they're getting right now." The store owner felt terrible for the boy. "I like your persistent attitude! I can give you a job!"

To his surprise, the boy declined. "No, thank you. I am the one who cuts their lawn. I pretended to be someone else to check if they were happy with my work."

Christ the King Sunday reminds us that you work for God. He is your Boss. Your job is to please God with your body. The Word of God clearly says in Romans 12:1, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship."

Jesus told Pilate, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." (John 18:37) To give God true worship you don't have to call Jesus on the phone. God left us a manual of how to please Him. It's called the Bible where God has already voiced His Truth, testified by Jesus. What is the truth God wants you to hear?

When you are afraid, God speaks, "Do not fear, for I am with you." (Is 41:10)

When confronted with human need, Jesus speaks "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink." (Mt 25:35)

In the face of racism or hatred for someone different than you, there is God's voice that says, "You shall love the foreigner as yourself." (Lev 19:34)

In the darkness of death, Jesus says, "Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live" (Jn 11:25).

Next week starts Advent. Call God in prayer. Listen to Him speak. I close with the lyrics from Godspell's song "Day by Day":

Day by day, oh, Dear Lord, three things I pray To see Thee more clearly Love Thee more dearly Follow Thee more nearly, day by day...Have a Blessed Advent.

