EASTER 2025

He is Risen!

"Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed."

JOHN 20:8

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD APRIL 20, 2025

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

8:00 a.m. Mary, Queen of Heaven - Mass

9:30 a.m. Holy Trinity – Mass

11:30 a.m. St. Mary – Kathleen Vanzant (Michelle Vanzant-Salyer)

Suzanne Walters (Walters Family)

1:00 p.m. St. Benignus – Bernard (Bo) Dean (Margaret Dean Family)

MONDAY, APRIL 21, 2025

No Church Services/ No Communion Services

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025

No Church Services/ No Communion Services

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025

No Church Services/ No Communion Services

3rd Thursday Mass Every Month is Dedicated to Pro-Life

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025

No Church Services/ No Communion Services

FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025

No Church Services/ No Communion Services

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

3:00 p.m. St. Benignus – Kathy Dye (Bob Dye)

5:00 p.m. St. Mary – Lloyd Richendollar (Lois Richendollar)

7:00 p.m. Holy Trinity – Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

8:00 a.m. Mary, Queen of Heaven - Mass

9:30 a.m. Holy Trinity – Mass

11:30 a.m. St. Mary – Jan Keating (Walters Family)

Dorthea & Chris Tamborski (David & Mary Tamborski)

1:00 p.m. St. Benignus – Judy Hagerty (Jim & Margaret Block)

** Weekday Masses Resume Week of April 28th **

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"My prayer is that the good God may establish His absolute reign in your heart and in the hearts of all."

- St. Julie Billiart



ST. MARY COLLECTION – APRIL 13, 2025

Weekly Need\$	
Weekly Collection\$	4,724.00
Easter Flower Collection Total\$	655.00
Variance \$	-2,476.00
FISCAL YEAR NEED\$	292,400.00
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED\$	222,358.00
VARIANCE\$	-70,042.00

ST. BENIGNUS COLLECTION - APRIL 13, 2025

Weekly Need	\$ 2,900.00
Weekly Collection	
Variance	
FISCAL YEAR NEED	
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED	
VARIANCE	\$ -15,707.00

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"Without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing."

- St. Therese of Lisieux

ST. MARY CHURCH BINGO

Bingo Team 2 (May 2, 2025) – David T., Mary T., Tara B., Joyce C., Kevin/Teresa S., 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.*



RICE BOWL

Please return your Rice Bowl to the Church or Church Office

PSR

May 3rd is First Communion Retreat for Students and Parents. Meet in the St. Mary Parish Hall at 9:30 a.m.

May 4th 9:30 a.m. with a carry-in breakfast. May Crowning crafts for children and procession at 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary. Youth Group will be asked to assist with this.



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

Dave Shoults, Kristen Wise, Gail Grim, Hannah Burton, Robert Wheaton, Ally Wright, Bonnie Hammons, Joe Carson, Bob Dye, Joe Turley, Jeff Thoroman, David Tolle, Brittany Kinzer, Eric Arrington, Paula Miller, Claudia Frank, Jeff Hadley, Becky Hiser, Theresa Shackelford, Cathy Thompson, Edna Maxwell, Jean Smith, Howard Smith, Ron Speakman, Linda Strahler, Dick Lester, Linda Bradford, Emily Konerman, Kirk Wuellner, Roseann Cordrey, John Oyer, Barry Reinholz, Danielle Gehler, Mike Vermeersch, Lydia Breckel, Rosemarie Muenster, Dale Braun, Mary Williams, Pam Hale

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April 19 – Brantley Collins, Olivia Worley

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Dave Tamborski

April 22 – John Miller

April 24 - Janet Butler, Janet Inkrot,

Mary Remsing

April 25 - Tabor Temser

April 26 – Leah Burnett-Salyer,

Joyce Wendell

April 27 – Kimber Cooper,

Bryant Miller-Salyer

April 28 – Ken Nauman, Caleb Worley

April 29 – Vickie Everhart

April 30 – Linda Schweitzer, Mike Witt

May 1 – Alexander Gillespie, Bob Inkrot, Danielle Whitt

May 2 - Bruce Bagshaw, Tracey Demers

May 3 – Victoria House

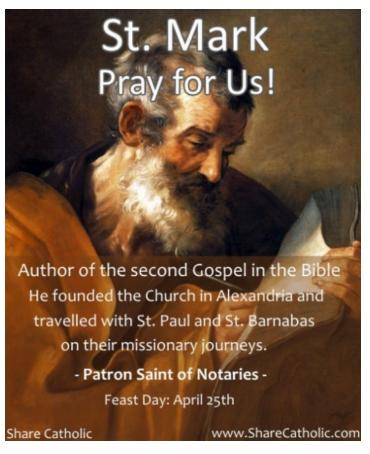
May 7 – Jonda Davidson, Kathy Hehl, Brandon Ludwick,

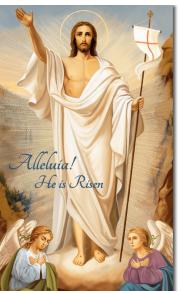
Michelle Vanzant-Salyer, Kari Singleton

May 9 – Gina Taylor, Jill Hopper

May 11 - Ashley Sams, Shannon Tise

May 12 – Bruce Collins, Chloe Fullenkamp, Greg Rhoads ST. MARY CHURCH ST. BENIGNUS CHURCH







On this day, loving and gracious God, we once again sing Alleluia. We praise You and bless You for raising Your Son, Jesus, up from the dead. We praise You for all the times You have raised us up through Your loving grace.

When we are weak and unable to make good decisions, when we are stubborn and refuse to forgive others, when we are afraid or uncertain and forget that it is You who strengthens us, raise us up, loving God, raise us up.

Thank You for giving us new life in Your Son and for His presence among us this Eastertime and always.

 $\mathcal{A}_{\text{men.}}$

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WHO IS THE PATRON SAINT OF FIRST COMMUNICANTS?

Blessed Imelda Lambertini had one lifelong desire: to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

Little Imelda was just five years old when, one day in 1327, she went to her parents and expressed her greatest desire: to receive her First Holy Communion immediately.

You can imagine the joy and surprise Imelda's parents felt upon hearing such a request from so young a child. But Imelda had to wait. At that time, laity received Communion only on special occasions, and children made their First Communion after their twelfth year.

For the next few years, Imelda spent most of her time contemplating Jesus in the Eucharist and the ecstasy of one day receiving Him into her soul. Periodically, she asked again to make her First Communion. Even though the answer was always the same, she never stopped asking.

When Imelda was nine, she was permitted to enter the Dominican order as a postulant. Her thoughts and prayers still centered on Jesus' presence in the Eucharist.

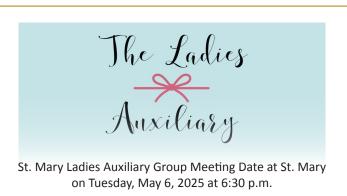
Two years later, on the Feast of the Ascension, she made her request again. The answer came back the same: "No, Imelda, not yet. Soon, but not yet."

After Mass, all the sisters left the chapel. Soon they found that Imelda was not with them and hurried back to find her. There she was kneeling before the tabernacle and gazing with sparkling eyes upon a Eucharistic host miraculously suspended above her. Seeing this, the priest gave her her First Holy Communion.



Imelda received Jesus with keen joy and Adoration. Her communion with Him was so complete that He called her soul to be in heaven with Him immediately.

Do you know someone receiving their First Communion? Now is the best time to get a gift for your own first communicant's special day!





Our Lady of the Kills Spring April 26, 2025

9:30am- 4:30pm

9:00 am - Optional Donuts & Coffee

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CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 – The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has launched a web page with information for the Jubilee Year 2025. Visit https://catholicaoc.org/jubilee-2025 to learn about the Church's celebration of an Ordinary Jubilee every 25 years, obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence, pilgrimage sites within the archdiocese, and a special pilgrimage to Italy in October 2025.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – The 62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations is Sunday, May 11, fulfilling the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and consecrated life including societies of apostolic life and secular institutes. More information and resources for promoting vocations can be found at: https://Worlddayofprayerforvocations.com.



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ST. BENIGNUS DATES TO REMEMBER

St. Benignus has GACC Food Pantry on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, from 1:00-3:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 1, 2025, St. Vincent de Paul Pantry in the Religious Ed. Bldg., 6:00-7:30 p.m.

ST. MARY EASTER EGG HUNT – APRIL 13, 2025

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Fr. Mike



Our Lady of The Hills Family
Birthday Celebration Vinner
May 15th at 7:30pm at St Mary Parish Hall

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Please come celebrate with Fr. Mike

St Mary Parish Hall on May 15, 2025 at 7:30pm Spaghetti Dinner & Cake to Celebrate!! Please bring a side dish to share!

EASTER SERMON ON MATTHEW 28:1-10

little boy had a major heart surgery. The outcome was uncertain because the operation was so new. I sat in the hospital room with mom and dad. Doctors and nurses gathered around his bed. All eyes were fixed on the heart monitor. There were many chest tubes injecting medicine to help his heart keep beating. As time passed, the heart beats grew slower and more shallow. I heard the doctor whisper to the nurse, "We're losing him." The heart monitor displayed what no one ever wants to see. Electric activity that could barely be seen. The beeps of the heartbeat grew faint.

Mom and Dad were invited to sit near their boy's bed. They gently touched their boy's hand and arm. Mom quietly spoke. "We love you so much. Come back to us." Then the miracle happened. The heart monitor rang out a most welcome sound. "Beep...Beep...Beep." A wave of electric activity burst forth. The heart rhythm returned. I could hear the doctor say, "This kid must be Lazarus." With an increase of medication, the beeps kept sounding and the heart kept beating. That boy was discharged to home after several weeks. I saw mom and dad as they were leaving. I told the boy, "Your Mom and Dad are so happy. Ask Dad to buy you a car now. Garage it till you're 16." The smiling Dad said to me, "God gave my boy the best gift...his own special Easter."

The Resurrection of Jesus at Easter is not just a one-day celebration. Jesus gives you your own special Easter anytime you feel trapped in a tomb of worry or fear. Jesus can roll back your stone of hopelessness. God says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

As I grow older, I am very aware there are so many things I have no control over. I need God's guidance and grace (God's Love in action) more than ever. I believe God will do for me what I cannot do for myself. It's so cool that after the angel rolled back the stone, he sat on it. It's like the angel was saying, "God's in charge. He got your problems taken care of. He has changed the stone that trapped you into a comfortable chair for you." (Resting on a large stone during a long hike can be very relaxing).

The problem happens when I try to do for myself instead of trusting that God can help me if I just get out of the way. I need to give God more freedom to work in my life. When I was a small boy, I went deer hunting with my father. I was horrified when I saw a young deer trapped in a barbed wire fence. That poor deer kept flailing around trying to get free. But the more it struggled, the tighter the barbed wire gripped it. My dad and the other hunters had to hold it still so they could cut away the barbed wire. It's the same with God. Just hold still. Let God cut away the barbs and snares of problems that you find yourself caught in. Do not fear. Jesus said to the women when He met them on the road, "'Greetings,' He said. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid'." (Matthew 28:9-10)

Someone once said, "Egg hunts are proof that your children can find things when they really want to." God has a special Easter waiting just for you. It's there. If you look with the eyes of faith, you will find it. Happy Easter.



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