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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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 4, 2025

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

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

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

9:30 a.m. Holy Trinity – Mass

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

Dr. Salido (Michelle Vanzant-Salyer)

1:00 p.m. St. Benignus – Pat & Elaine Hays (Patty Hays)

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025

6:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Church - Confession/Adoration

7:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Church

TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025

9:00 a.m. Mary, Queen of Heaven – Mass 9:15 a.m. St. Mary – Communion Service Only 11:30 a.m. St. Benignus – Communion Service Only

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025

6:00 p.m. St. Benignus – Exposition

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

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025

6:00 p.m. St. Mary - Exposition

6:30 p.m. St. Mary – Recitation of the Rosary

6:50 p.m. St. Mary – Bendiction

7:00 p.m. St. Mary – Tom Moran (Charles & Rose Craycraft)

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025

Noon St. Benignus - Communion Service Only

Noon Holy Trinity - Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025

3:00 p.m. St. Benignus – Jodie Flynn (Bob Dye) 5:00 p.m. St. Mary – Tom Moran (Diana Greene)

7:00 p.m. Holy Trinity – Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

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

9:30 a.m. Holy Trinity - Mass

11:30 a.m. St. Mary – Sandy Burnett (Salyer Family)

Joel Griggs (Colleen Bolton)

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

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Easter Offering\$	1,859.00
Mother's Day Offering\$	45.00
Rice Bowl Collection\$	1,005.90
Variance\$	+2,076.00
FISCAL YEAR NEED\$	306,800.00
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED\$	237,444.00
VARIANCE\$	-69,356.00

ST. BENIGNUS COLLECTION - APRIL 27, 2025

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FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED\$	103,058.00
VARIANCE\$	-17,642.00

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"Pray, hope and don't worry. Anxiety doesn't help at all. Our Merciful Lord will listen to your prayer."

— Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

"The Rosary is the most powerful weapon to touch the Heart of Jesus, Our Redeemer, who loves His Mother."— St. Louis de Montfort"

ST. MARY CHURCH BINGO

Bingo Team 2 (June 6, 2025) – Brandon F., Mary W., David S., Courtney G., JoAnn M., Mary B. 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*.





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BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

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

May 15 – Fr. Mike, Pete Pence, Iryana Reeves, Reagan Rusch, Isidro Salido

May 17 – Jim Creed, AnnaMaria Ventura

May 18 – Lori Gunderman, Lynn Turner

May 19 - Alex, Combs, Joyce Combs,

Courtney Gallimore, Theresa Hartman, Joshua Pohlman

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 27 - Emmylou Evers

May 28 – Taylor Remsing

May 29 – Marge Rankin May 31 – Austin Strickland

June 1 - David Sprauer

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SPRING RETREAT

Our Lady of The Hills Spring Retreat was held on April 26th, 2025, with guest speaker John Beaulieu.



FIRST COMMUNION AT ST. MARY, HILLSBORO

Sunday, May 18th, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.

This is St. Mary's 173rd First Holy Communion and Mrs. Michelle Vanzant-Salyer's 39th Year of First Communicants.





Where is St. Peter's chair?

Where is the physical chair from which St. Peter led the Church as her first pontiff?

As the Church mourns the passing of Pope Francis, the world turns its eyes once again to Rome. Even non-Catholics watch the Vatican with curiosity.

The bells of St. Peter's Basilica have tolled with solemn weight, and soon the doors of the Sistine Chapel will close upon the College of Cardinals, gathered in sacred conclave. As we await the election of a new pope, there is perhaps no better moment to reflect on the symbol that often comes up in times such as these: the Chair of St. Peter.

Walk through the mighty doors of St. Peter's Basilica. Make the long trek down the immense nave. Pause in the transept to admire Bernini's magnificent baldacchino that shelters the high altar of the Basilica, then continue into the apse where you'll find – below the same artist's alabaster window of the Holy Spirit – the "Altar of the Chair."

The central feature of the Altar is another stunning work of art by Bernini – an immense bronze chair, seemingly lifted up by golden clouds and flanked by four giants of the early Church: St. Ambrose and St. Augustine from the West, and St. Athanasius and St. John Chrysostom from the East.

This bronze chair that you see on the outside is a sculpture from the 17th century. Within it, however, is a much older chair, made of wood with ivory detailing. Is *this* St. Peter's original chair?

It was once believed to be. The actual origins of this chair are uncertain, but we do know that it was a gift from King Charles the Bald, the grandson of Charlemagne, to Pope John VIII in the ninth century. Studies



done on the chair suggest that the oldest parts of it date to around the sixth century.

While the dating shows that this chair wasn't in use at the time of St. Peter, it still holds (as a gift from the grandson of a great Catholic king) a crucial place among the glories of St. Peter's Basilica.

Bernini intended, through the sculpture, to illustrate key truths about the papacy: the Chair of St. Peter – borne up by clouds and seeming to float – is sustained by Heaven rather than human aid. The Church Fathers are portrayed holding small loops connected to the Chair, which shows that they offer guidance, but are not supporting its weight. The Holy Spirit, depicted in the alabaster window, sheds His light from above – guiding and illuminating the work of the successors of St. Peter until the end of time.

And now, once again, the Church prays for that same light to fall upon the cardinals, that they may discern the next occupant of Peter's Chair. This seat, both ancient and eternal, reminds us that while popes come and go, the mission remains. The Holy Spirit does not slumber. The Chair stands ready.



SOUTHEAST DEANERY CENTURY FARM AWARD

Once again, Southeast Catholic Rural Life would like to honor Catholic families who have farmed and nurtured the same land for 100 years or more. Presentation of the awards will be made at the *Fall Farm Mass on Friday, September 5, 2025*. To qualify, the owner must be a practicing Catholic, the farm must be located in the Southeast Deanery (roughly Clermont, Brown, Adams, Clinton or Highland Counties) and a copy of the original deed needs to be attached to the application form and submitted by Friday, May 30, 2025. Applications can be found on the web by searching Catholic rural life Cincinnati." Scroll down to find the link to the Century Farm Awards. Questions may be referred to Marilyn Fryer at 937-378-4583.



Southern Ohio Pregnancy Center

DONATION BABY BOTTLES

The WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED program is collecting Baby Bottle donations for the SOUTHERN OHIO PREGNANCY CENTER. It is easy to help support moms in our community. Just pick up a baby bottle, fill it with money or a check, and return it to the communion rail on Mother's Day weekend (May 10th and 11th). Thank you so much for your support. All the moms helped are always so appreciative when they can take better care of their babies/children because of your financial help. May our good God bless each of you in all your efforts!

"For there are three ways of performing an act of mercy: the merciful word, by forgiving and by comforting; secondly, if you can offer no word, then pray – that too is mercy; and thirdly, deeds of mercy."

— St. Faustina Kowalska

CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 – The Archdiocese of Cincinnati 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.



https://catholicaoc.org/beacons-of-light

ST. MARY CHURCH ST. BENIGNUS CHURCH

GRACE AND RECONCILIATION

Reflection on John 21:1-19

John's Gospel mentions "a charcoal fire" only two times. The first is when St. Peter was warming himself by a charcoal fire when he denied knowing Jesus. The second time is in this remarkable Resurrection story often called "breakfast on the beach," where Jesus has a charcoal fire going near the shore after this extraordinary fishing expedition. This time, the fire is the setting not for denial, but for reconciliation.

Notice that the art, the ritual, of reconciliation for Jesus has less to do with guilt, sin and the past, than with forgiveness, grace and the future. Not once does Jesus mention Peter's failings, nor does He make mention of the past. Instead, He invites and allows Peter, though it is painful and through tears, to express his love for Jesus. In asking Peter three times if he loves Him, Jesus looks to the future by entrusting Peter with His mission. Reconciliation for Jesus, in this story as in so may others, is not about guilt or blame, but is an opportunity for forgiveness and transformation.

When we can say, with Peter, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you," we can both acknowledge our weakness and claim our source of strength.

– Fr. Jay



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19

Monday, May 5, 2025

Easter Weekday
Acts 6:8-15
Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30
John 6:22-29

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Easter Weekday
Acts 7:51—8:1a
Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab
John 6:30-35

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Easter Weekday Acts 8:1b-8 Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a John 6:35-40

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Easter Weekday Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 John 6:44-51

Friday, May 9, 2025

Easter Weekday Acts 9:1-20 Psalm 117:1bc, 2 John 6:52-59

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Saint Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i Acts 9:31-42 Psalm 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 John 6:60-69

> Access Daily Readings from the New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE) online at https://bible.usccb.org

SAINT DAMIEN DE VEUSTER OF MOLOKA'I

Saint of the Day: May 10

Patron Saint of People with Leprosy

When Joseph de Veuster was born in Tremelo, Belgium, in 1840, few people had any knowledge of leprosy, Hansen's disease. By the time he died, people all over the world knew about this disease because of him. Forced to quit school at age 13 to work on the family farm, Joseph entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary six years later, taking the name of a physician and martyr. When his brother Pamphile, a priest in the same congregation, fell ill and was unable to go to the Hawaiian Islands as assigned, Damien quickly volunteered in his place.

In May 1864, two months after arriving in his new mission, Damien was ordained a priest in Honolulu and assigned to the island of Hawaii. In 1873, he went to the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Moloka'i, set up seven years earlier. Part of a team of four chaplains taking that assignment for three months each year, Damien soon volunteered to remain permanently, caring for the people's physical, medical, and spiritual needs.

Soon the settlement had new houses and a new church, school and orphanage. Morale improved considerably. A few years later, he succeeded in getting the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse, led by Mother Marianne Cope, to help staff this colony in Kalaupapa.

Damien contracted Hansen's disease and died of its complications. As requested, he was buried in Kalaupapa, but in 1936 the Belgian government succeeded in having his body moved to Belgium. Part of Damien's body was returned to his beloved Hawaiian brothers and sisters after his beatification in 1995.

When Hawaii became a state in 1959, it selected Damien as one of its two representatives in the Statuary Hall at the US Capitol. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009.

Read the full article: "Saint Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-damien-de-veuster-of-molokai/ (Accessed April 17, 2025).

MAY 3/4, 2025







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

Wishing you the Happiest of Birthdays!

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