

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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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

JUNE 1, 2025

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

### SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 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)*  
1:00 p.m. *St. Benignus – Doris Conley (Jackie Soards)*

### MONDAY JUNE 2, 2025

*No Church Services*

### Tuesday, June 3, 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, JUNE 4, 2025

6:00 p.m. *St. Benignus – Exposition*

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

6:00 p.m. *Exposition at St. Mary*  
6:30 p.m. *Recitation of the Rosary at St. Mary*  
6:50 p.m. *Benediction at St. Mary*

### THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025

7:00 p.m. *St. Mary – Thomas Moran (Rhoads Family)*

### FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025

Noon *St. Benignus – Communion Service Only*  
Noon *Holy Trinity – Mass*

### SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025

3:00 p.m. *St. Benignus – Theresa Staten (St. Benignus Seniors)*  
5:00 p.m. *St. Mary – Emily Morris (Margaret Hudson)*  
7:00 p.m. *Holy Trinity – Mass*

### SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

8:00 a.m. *Mary, Queen of Heaven – Mass*  
9:30 a.m. *Holy Trinity – Mass*  
11:30 a.m. *St. Mary – Amy Simpson (Joseph Markland & Jesse Caplinger)*  
1:00 p.m. *St. Benignus – Doris Conley (Greenfield Hobby Club)*

## MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN – FREE LIVESTREAM

<https://www.twitch.tv/maryqueenofheaven>

## ST. MARY – FREE LIVESTREAM

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## ST. MARY COLLECTION – MAY 25, 2025

Weekly Need .....	\$ 7,200.00
Weekly Collection.....	\$ 4,295.00
Variance .....	\$ -2,905.00

FISCAL YEAR NEED .....	\$ 335,600.00
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED .....	\$ 255,432.00
VARIANCE.....	\$ -80,168.00

## ST. BENIGNUS COLLECTION – MAY 25, 2025

Weekly Need .....	\$ 2,900.00
Weekly Collection.....	\$ 1,253.00
Variance .....	\$ -1,647.00

FISCAL YEAR NEED .....	\$ 132,300.00
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED .....	\$ 111,389.00
VARIANCE.....	\$ -20,911.00

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## ST. BENIGNUS DATES TO REMEMBER

**THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025**

**6:00-7:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Pantry – Religious Ed. Building – Greenfield**

*“Faith is a habit of the mind whereby eternal life is begun in us, making the intellect assent to what is non-apparent.”*  
– St. Thomas Aquinas

## 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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## 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, Xaiden Sams, Greg Burns, Rob Wintrow, Nicole Rhoads, Cathy Sader

**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)**

*“Go forth and set the world on fire.”*

– St. Ignatius of Loyola

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## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

**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

**June 10** – Jean Thery

**June 11** – Andrew Simis, Sabrina Norris, Robert Thery

**June 12** – Arlene Huiet, Barb Rayburn

**June 14** – Joseph Moses, Anthony Raia

**June 15** – Emma Groves

**June 16** – Abigail Hall, Dorothy Harrington

**June 19** – Sue Hurley

**June 20** – Erika Martin, Rob Moffat

**June 21** – Spencer Brown, Walker Pence

**June 22** – Heather Loudin

**June 24** – Katie Ross

**June 28** – Bruce Bennett, Darlene Markel, Tom Wakeman

## *Our Lady of The Hills Welcomes Fr. Scott Morgan*

Dear Friends,

My name is Fr. Scott Morgan, and I have been blessed to have been assigned as your new pastor. I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I grew up in southeastern Kentucky in a faithful Protestant Christian family. Prior to seminary, I was a licensed funeral director and converted to Catholicism while in college after experiencing Mass for the first time as a mortuary student. In many ways, my story begins with the love of God made manifest to me in the Holy Eucharist – and that love continues even now.



I was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati on May 15, 2021. My first two years of priesthood were spent on the west side of Cincinnati. In 2023, I was assigned to the Tri-County Catholics Family of Parishes in Sharonville, Glendale, and West Chester. Over the past few weeks, I have been reflecting on John 21:15-17. In this passage, Jesus appears to the disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee and asks Peter, “Peter, son of John, do you love me?” He then gives him the charge: “Feed my sheep.” I am deeply humbled and honored to be called to serve as your pastor and to tend the Lord’s flock in this way. The call of Peter – and the love and mercy shown to him on that shore – resonates deeply with me, as Peter was confronted with his human weakness and the power of grace that triumphs even over his denial.

As I reflect on my own priesthood, I am continually amazed at God’s goodness and the mercy and love He has shown to me despite my own human weakness. I am also pleased to announce that Fr. Adam Lewis will be joining me as our parochial vicar. Fr. Adam is a newly ordained priest for our Archdiocese, hailing from Wilmington, OH. I am excited to welcome Fr. Adam and to serve alongside him. Many thanks to Fr. Mike for his assistance in this transition. I am eternally grateful for his kindness in welcoming me to Adams and Highland Counties. I know you will join me in wishing him well as he begins his retirement after more than 40 years of faithful service to God and His Church. I encourage you to pray for Fr. Mike as he begins this new chapter of priestly ministry and to let him know the positive impact he has had on your life.

I am excited to get to know you all and to see what God has in store for us. I ask for your prayers for Fr. Adam and myself as we take on these new roles. And please be assured of my daily prayers for you and for our family of parishes.

Sincerely,  
Fr. Scott Morgan





Our Lady of The Hills


# CELEBRATION

Celebrate & Welcome  
Fr Scott Morgan  
Pastor Installation Mass with Fr Tom Mannebach

**JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> - 6:30PM**

St Mary  
212 S High Street, Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

**Light Refreshments Served after Mass**  
**Meet & Greet in Fr Luehrmann Hall**



## 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth." - Jn 17:15-17

*"If you want God to hear your prayers, hear the voice of the poor. If you wish God to anticipate your wants, provide those of the needy without waiting for them to ask you." – St. Thomas of Villanova*



*Pentecost Sunday*

**JUNE 8, 2025**



## Our Lady of The Hills

### Flower Exchange

**Saturday, June 14, 2025**

**11 A.M. - 1 P.M.**

St. Mary Preschool (outside)

119 E. Walnut St., Hillsboro

Here is an opportunity to thin down your crowded flower beds and introduce some new species to your garden  
Bring plants in plastic bags or containers  
Some plastic pots and bags will be available  
Identify and give whatever information (color, sun and soil requirements, etc.) you can about the plants you're bringing to exchange  
vegetables welcome

For more information, call Patty Reinholz (937) 466-2305



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July 14, 15 & 16

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## SERMON ON ASCENSION



farmer working in the field came upon a horrible sight. A beautiful horse was stuck in a pit of mud and sinking fast. The farmer called for two friends to bring ropes and a tractor to pull the horse out. "It's OK. We're gonna get you out of there." The herd abandoned the horse now sinking into the mud covering half her lower body. She was abandoned and alone, exhausted from trying to lift herself out of this five feet hole of mud. The rescuers jumped into the hole of thick mud tying ropes around the trapped horse. The filly was exhausted and in dire need of help. She tries to push herself up with her back legs only to fall deeper into the pit. The farmers realize if they don't get her out of there she will die in this muddy prison.

The rescuers encounter a frustrating problem. They can't get the ropes low enough under her hips. So they try another way. They place straps under her front legs to pull the horse sideways. Despite this desperate situation, the horse takes a break to eat a little bit of hay located near the hole. She was starving. The farmer ran back to the barn to bring her some hay which she gratefully accepted.

The rescuers jump back into the pit to place the straps around her rear, careful not to injure her tail. The tractor revs its engine to pull her out. "C'mon baby! Jump out of there!" After wallowing in the mud for 45 minutes, the little filly was trapped no more in her muddy hell. The horse fights her way up to stand on all four legs. She staggered away on shaky legs. Before disappearing into the wild, she turns around to nod at her rescuers as if to say "thanks." She disappeared into the woods to rejoin her herd. This is a beautiful story of what kind-hearted people can achieve.

Jesus came down from Heaven to enter into our pit called Earth. Here he encountered the mud of sickness, suffering, and the hatred of people who rejected His love. The kindness of His pierced heart rescued us from the pit of damnation and death. Instead of using ropes, Jesus used the Cross. Having completed His work of salvation, Jesus arose back to Heaven from whence He came. What does the Ascension of Jesus mean for us today?

The meaning of the Ascension is this: Jesus fulfilled what His Father asked Him to do. Now you have to do your part. What does the Father want you to do? The answer is found at the end of every Mass I celebrate: "The Mass is ended. Go in peace and announce the Gospel by your life." You show Jesus by living like Jesus. You witness the Good News of Jesus by "being" the Good News Jesus gave us. The Good News is you forgiving. The Good News is you sacrificing to help another. The Good News is you trusting God. The Good News is you loving like Jesus did.

St. Therese of Lisieux discovered what God wants you to do for Him. She wrote in her autobiography about her "Little Way" to God:

"I understood that it was love alone that made the Church's members act, that if love ever became extinct, apostles would not preach the Gospel and martyrs would not shed their blood. I understood... that love was everything ... in a word that it was eternal. Then, in the excess of my delirious joy, I cried out: Oh Jesus, my love ... my vocation, at last I have found it: My vocation is love."

You witness the Good News every time and in every moment you "be" love. Blessings...Fr. Mike



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