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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**JULY 27, 2025****SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025****8:00 a.m. Queen of Heaven – Mass****9:00 a.m. St. Benignus – Greg Hadley****10:00 a.m. Holy Trinity – Mass****11:30 a.m. St. Mary – Dr. Joseph Moran****MONDAY JULY 28, 2025****8:30 a.m. Holy Trinity – Mass****TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2025****8:30 a.m. St. Benignus – Bucayan Family****WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025****8:30 a.m. Queen of Heaven – Mass****9:00 a.m. Queen of Heaven – Confessions****Noon St. Benignus – Theresa Staten****12:30 p.m. St. Benignus – Confessions**3rd Thursday Mass Every Month is Dedicated to Pro-Life**THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2025****8:30 a.m. Holy Trinity – Mass****9:00 a.m. Holy Trinity – Confessions****9:00 a.m. Holy Trinity – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament****Noon St. Mary – Charles Hawkins****6:00 p.m. St. Mary – Confessions****6:00 p.m. St. Mary – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament****FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2025****8:30 a.m. Queen of Heaven – Mass****Noon St. Mary – Eddie Cadwallader****SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025****2:00 p.m. St. Mary – Confessions****3:00 p.m. St. Mary – Harold & Ella Baker****4:00 p.m. Holy Trinity – Confessions****5:00 p.m. Holy Trinity – Mass****SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025****8:00 a.m. Queen of Heaven – Mass****9:00 a.m. St. Benignus – Carolyn & Heinz Knackstedt****10:00 a.m. Holy Trinity – Mass****11:30 a.m. St. Mary – Tom Moran**Daily Mass Readings can be found at: [usccb.org](https://www.usccb.org).**MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN – FREE LIVESTREAM**<https://www.twitch.tv/maryqueenofheaven>**ST. MARY – FREE LIVESTREAM**<https://www.twitch.tv/saintmaryhillsboro>

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ST. MARY COLLECTION – JULY 20, 2025

Weekly Collection.....	\$ 3,136.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 393.00

ST. BENIGNUS COLLECTION – JULY 20, 2025

Weekly Collection.....	\$ 1,769.00
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"Make it a practice to judge persons and things in the most favorable light at all times and under all circumstances."

*– St. Vincent de Paul***ST. MARY WOMEN'S GROUP****FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH****5:30 p.m. Remember to bring a bag of candy.****DATES TO REMEMBER AT ST. BENIGNUS**

Men's group of St. Benignus will be meeting the 2nd Wednesday of the month, and all men are invited to join us at 6:00 p.m.

"You must not abandon the ship in a storm because you cannot control the winds . . . What you cannot turn to good, you must at least make as little bad as you can."

*– St. Thomas More***ST. MARY CHURCH BINGO**

Bingo Team 2 (August 1, 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.**OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE CHURCH TO SERVE**

Lectors and Servers are needed for every other Saturday at 3:00 p.m. Mass. If interested in becoming a lector, server or Eucharistic Minister at any Mass, please contact Michelle Salyer at 937-840-9932.

****All parish families are invited to participate at St. Mary.****

Note: servers and Eucharistic Ministers need to sign up on the schedule in the vestibule.

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

Cathy & Ed Morris, Dave Shoults, 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, Dick Lester, Linda Bradford, Emily Konerman, Roseann Cordrey, Barry Reinholz, Rosemarie Muenster, Dale Braun, Mary Williams, Xaiden Sams, Greg Burns, Rob Wintrow, Nicole Rhoads, Cathy Sader, Alan Lane, Elaine Feder, Kristin Cadwallader Murray

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)

FR. LUEHRMANN HALL**\$33,853.28 Debt on Fr. Luehrmann Hall****BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS****July 26** – Rose Davis, Bernie Paetzel**July 27** – Chloe Cooper**July 30** – Larry Andrews,
Autumn Hodge**August 1** – Gary Baker, Russ Groves**August 2** – Steve Strahler**August 3** – Waylon Coschignano,
Ruth Georges, Elaine Hoppes-Hays**August 4** – Brogen Priest**August 5** – Michael Gunderman,
Carol Chambers**August 6** – Dan Cook**August 9** – Kathleen Moran, Jean Rabe,
Annie Rusch, Bob Williams, Alister York**August 11** – Avery Elliott**August 14** – Mathew Frump,
Peggy Strahler**August 15** – Barbara Piekutowski**August 17** – Ed Bloom, Josie Requit**FROM ST. BENIGNUS TO THE LAITY MINISTRY**

Since our Mass time is significantly changing, so may your opportunity to serve as a lector, alter server or Eucharistic minister. Opportunities for money counters and choir members may also open for you. If I don't reach out to you for the new scheduling, please let us know if you would like to share your gifts, time, or talent. Call the St. Benignus Office or Kristy Bockrath at 937-361-6590.



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



WHAT DO A LION, OX, EAGLE, AND ANGEL HAVE IN COMMON? THEY'RE ALL SYMBOLS OF THE GOSPEL WRITERS!

When you see the four Evangelists – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John – depicted in art, one quick way to know who is who is to look at their symbols, which are frequently depicted with them.

You'll see a man (usually portrayed as an angel), a lion, an ox, or an eagle. Sometimes artists utilize the symbols as stand-ins for the actual saints, so you'd need to know your symbology to figure out who is represented.

Let's start by matching the right symbol with the right Evangelist:

Matthew: Man/Angel; Mark: Lion; Luke: Ox; John: Eagle

The great Church Father St. Jerome, who lived in the 4th and 5th centuries, gave us the pairings as we now know them. St. Gregory the Great corroborated his interpretation.

The symbols themselves come from the book of Ezekiel, who had a vision of God in the midst of these four creatures. The Church Fathers interpreted this as a foreshadowing of the four Gospels.



We meet the four creatures again in the 4th chapter of St. John's Apocalypse:

"...the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle..."

Matthew's symbol is a man because he begins his Gospel with Christ's human genealogy, focusing on Christ the Man.

Mark is represented by a lion because his Gospel starts off with a roar. Right away in the first chapter, we are confronted with the fiery words of St. John the Baptist, the "voice of one crying in the wilderness."

Luke is accompanied by an ox, an animal of sacrifice. This is because the first event he recounts is the apparition of the Angel Gabriel to Zechariah, the father of St. John the Baptist. Zechariah, a priest, is offering sacrifice to God in the temple when St. Gabriel appears to announce the impending birth of St. John.

An eagle is the companion of St. John, because in his Gospel, St. John "soars" above earthly events to contemplate the Divinity of Christ. His narrative begins with these sublime words: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

The Church and her saints have always had a deep friendship with God's creatures.

HELP

Help is needed from all four churches in the family. Please consider volunteering to help plan the family picnic.



Our Lady Of The Hills Annual Family Picnic Committee

Want to join the committee to help plan and organize the annual family picnic!?

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SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Saint of the Day: July 31; Patron Saint of Retreats

The founder of the Jesuits was on his way to military fame and fortune when a cannon ball shattered his leg. Ignatius whiled away the time reading about the life of Christ and lives of the saints. His conscience was deeply touched, and a long, painful turning to Christ began.

It was during this year of conversion that Ignatius began to write down material that later became his greatest work, the Spiritual Exercises. Ignatius spent the next 11 years in various European universities, studying with great difficulty, beginning almost as a child. Like many others, his orthodoxy was questioned; Ignatius was twice jailed for brief periods.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and six others vowed to live in poverty and chastity and to go to the Holy Land. If this became impossible, they vowed to offer themselves to the apostolic service of the pope. The latter became the only choice. Four years later Ignatius made the association permanent. The new Society of Jesus was approved by Pope Paul III, and Ignatius was elected to serve as the first general. Ignatius remained in Rome, consolidating the new venture, but still finding time to found homes for orphans, catechumens, and penitents. He founded the Roman College, intended to be the model of all other colleges of the Society.

Ignatius was a true mystic. He centered his spiritual life on the essential foundations of Christianity – the Trinity, Christ, the Eucharist. His spirituality is expressed in the Jesuit motto, *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam* – “for the greater glory of God.” In his concept, obedience was to be the prominent virtue, to assure the effectiveness and mobility of his men. All activity was to be guided by a true love of the Church and unconditional obedience to the Holy Father, for which reason all professed members took a fourth vow to go wherever the pope should send them for the salvation of souls.

Read the full article: “Saint Ignatius of Loyola” Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-ignatius-of-loyola/> (Accessed July 14, 2025).

From the Pastor's Desk

During my first year of seminary, I went to my spiritual director and said, “Father, I need help with prayer. I go to Holy Hour every day, and I pray for an hour, but it’s just not working.” With a slight grin, he replied, “Scott, you need to learn to stop talking. You’re talking way too much.” That response, though humbling, led me on a path of deeper understanding and would lay the foundation for a transformation in my life of prayer. Like many, I had over-complicated prayer. It isn’t always easy – but it is profoundly simple. In today’s Gospel, we hear the disciples ask Jesus, “Lord, teach us to pray.” Jesus responds by giving them – and us – the Our Father, the most perfect and beautiful prayer. We pray it so often, especially at Mass, that it can easily become routine. But have we truly paused to reflect on what we’re saying? St. Thomas Aquinas called the Our Father the “most perfect of prayers.” In it, we ask for God’s name to be made holy, for daily bread, for forgiveness, and for protection. The final petition is particularly striking: “Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil,” or as Luke records, “Do not subject us to the final test.” Does God lead us into temptation? Of course not. As St. Thomas explains, we are tempted by the world, the flesh, and the devil – not by God. Yet, in asking for deliverance, we acknowledge our need for grace and protection in the trials we face. This life, as a pilgrimage, will include hardship. The question is how we endure those sufferings – with trust in God, or relying on ourselves? When we pray the Our Father, we dare to call God “Father” because through the Spirit of Adoption – given to us in Baptism – we are truly His children. And as His children, we can come to Him with confidence, knowing He hears us and provides for our every need. May this prayer continue to form our hearts and draw us ever closer to the One who loves us perfectly.

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