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ST. MARY CHURCH ST. BENIGNUS CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

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

ROSARY EVERY SUNDAY AT 7:40 A.M. AT ST. MARY CHURCH

Sunday, January 21, 2024

8:00 a.m. St. Mary - Velma & Jerome Winner (Joan & Chief Jim Winner)

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY 9:45 A.M. EVERY SUNDAY BEFORE 10:00 A.M. MASS AT ST. MARY CHURCH

10:00 a.m. St. Mary - Donald Markland (Joseph Markland)

Noon St. Benignus – Deceased Members of Stuckey Spangler Families (Larry & Susan Stuckey)

Fr. Mark Bredestege

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

9:15 a.m. St. Mary – Healing for Laura Sprauer (Cynthia Sprauer)

ROSARY EVERY TUESDAY AT 11:00 A.M. AT ST. BENIGNUS CHURCH

11:30 a.m. St. Benignus – Zaldy Bucayan (McNichols Family) Fr. Mike Paraniuk

ROSARY EVERY THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M. AT ST. MARY CHURCH

Thursday, January 25, 2024

7:00 p.m. St. Mary - Petra Riguer (Josie Riguer) Fr. Mike Paraniuk

Friday, January 26, 2024

Noon St. Benignus - Rosemary Kropfelder (Fitchpatrick Family) Fr. Mike Paraniuk

Saturday, January 27, 2024

3:30 p.m. St. Benignus - Ruth Peterson (Birthday)

(Eric & Cathy Givens) 5:30 p.m. St. Mary - Joan Wright (Mary Tamborski)

Fr. Mike Paraniuk

Sunday, January 28, 2024

8:00 a.m. St. Mary - Regina Schmidt (Rockey Family)

10:00 a.m. St. Mary - Stanley & Rosemary Feder (Joyce Combs)

Noon St. Benignus - Mary Lou Haines

(Leah Salyer & Mary Lynn Burnett)

Fr. Mike Paraniuk

ST. MARY COLLECTION JANUARY 14, 2024

Weekly Need\$	6,500.00
Weekly Collection\$	3,806.00
Variance\$	-2,694.00
FISCAL YEAR NEED\$	188,500.00
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED\$	177,514.00
VARIANCE\$	-10,986.00

ST. BENIGNUS COLLECTION JANUARY 14, 2024

Weekly Need\$	1,900.00
Weekly Collection\$	1,934.00
Variance\$	+34.00
FISCAL YEAR NEED\$	55,100.00
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED\$	72,069.00
VARIANCE\$	+16.969.00

Thank You for your Generosity!

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

Jeff Hadley, Theresa Shackelford, Cathy Thompson, Teresa Staten, Edna Maxwell, Jean Smith, Howard Smith, Lide Parker, Laura Sprauer, Karen Griffith, Kathy Birchfield, Bill Combs, Joe Trimpe, Sandy Singer, Ed Davis, Anna Turner

** To Add/Remove from Parish Prayer List, please inform the office at St. Mary, 937-840-9932, or leave a note in the collection basket at St. Mary or St. Benignus.**

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.



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ST. MARY PROGRAM CONTACTS

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Michelle Vanzant Salver;

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Pro-Life Representative: Mary Tamborski; Contact: 937-205-4458

St. Mary Church Office: Contact: 937-840-9932

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You are invited to serve people in need in the Hillsboro area by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Helping us provide people in our Parish area who need food, utility assistance, transportation, and other types of support will be a rewarding

experience. Working on our fundraising events, which support the work of SVdP, is another way to help. Is it time for you to live your religious convictions and give something back for all you have received? Please call SVdP President, George Sakash at 937-205-0919.

MEET AND GREET

January 20,2024 after 5:30 p.m. Mass and January 21, 2024 after the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. Masses in the St. Mary Narthex. Stop by for refreshments and meet the Board of St. Vincent de Paul at St. Mary Parish. There will be information available about what SVdP can do for our community. Everyone is welcome.

CHURCH SURVEY – PLEASE COMPLETE BEFORE FEBRUARY 26th Our Lady of the Hills Family will be participating in a parish-wide survey! January 20th through February 26th

(DMI) Disciple Maker Index Survey is an **anonymous survey** of parishioners that provides insights into the level of missionary discipleship in the parish in addition to the effectiveness of the Mass experience, preaching and other aspects of the parish. The survey will take 10-15 minutes and can be done online or reach out to the Church Office at 937-40-9932 or 937-205-3038 for any help/questions!! The online links are posted below for each church.

There will be computer access scheduled dates at each church in the coming weekends as well as a paper copy, if requested.

St. Mary (Hillsboro) - https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/b272yb

Holy Trinity - https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/b2c6bb

St. Benignus - https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/bk75db

St. Mary Queen of Heaven - https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/b273x5

ST. BENIGNUS SIGN UP

Servers (Adults and Children), Sacristans, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Requested: Please sign up on the sheets located at the back of the church, or call the Church Office at 937-981-2785. Training will be provided.

<u>St. Benignus Record Update:</u> Please fill out a *BLUE Paper* located at the back of the church to help update our St. Benignus Parish Records. **Please return to Collection Basket** – Thank You!

ASH WEDNESDAY

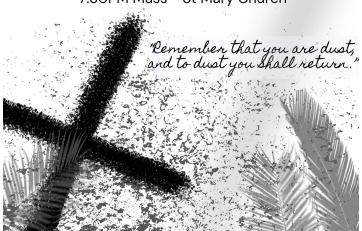
St. Benignus Church & St Mary Church

Mass Schedule

NOON Mass - St Mary Church

6:00PM Mass-St. Benignus

7:30PM Mass - St Mary Church



St. Mary Church BINGO Income – Total since May 5: \$11,206.70
Bingo Team 1 (February 2, 2024)

Anne Lerch, Taryn Hastings, Jane Horne, Barb Rayburn, Michelle Salyer, Josh Pohlman, Tom Moran



Our Lady of the Hills Family!

Love in Action Team Gathering

When: January 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Where: St. Mary Queen of Heaven

(205 Wendell Avenue Peebles, Ohio 45660)

Point Person: Michelle Vanzant-Salyer at 937-840-9932 or

stmarycre119@gmail.com

Birthday Blessings!

January 21 – Abigail Gillespie, Kim Pack January 22 – Barbara Ludwick January 23 – Bonnie Rusch

January 24 – John Butsch, Ellie Howland, Adam King, David Spicer,

Carole Terrell, Cathy Thompson

January 25 – Steven Ventura

January 26 – Delores Kossler, Kaitlyn Strickland

January 27 – David Frump, Janet Hauser

January 28 – Linda Friessen

February 1 – Christina Witt

February 2 – Nancy Bennett, Hannah Singleton

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, January 28, 2024

10:30 a.m. PSR (Religious Ed. Bldg.) – St. Benignus

Sunday, February 4, 2024

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Youth Group (Bible Bowl) Nacho Party – **St. Mary**

Sunday, February 11, 2024

After 10:00 a.m. Mass Youth Group St. Mary Sweet Treat - St. Mary

SAVE THE DATE: FEBRUARY 10, 2024

"Being Authentically Catholic in a Difficult Culture – Maybe You Were Born for Such a Time as This" is the title of a retreat that will be held at St. Stephen Parish, 3804 Eastern Avenue, Cincinnati, 45226. Fr. David Endres will start the day with Holy Mass at 8:30 a.m. Then he will give a brief history of the Catholic Church and very difficult times through which he valiantly survived. Short presentations by gifted speakers will be followed by small group discussions that will give great hope and new insights to help you navigate the future. The retreat will end at 3:00 p.m. Prayer teams will be available at the end of the retreat. Please bring a bag lunch to enjoy fellowship at the lunch break. For those who register early, baby sitting will be available in a room adjacent to the retreat.



More details and a registration link can be found at: www.presentationministries.com – Just scroll down to find the list of retreats or call 513-373-2397. Mark your calendars now! Invite a friend to register with you! Cost is a freewill offering, so everyone can

afford to attend.

ST. MARY CHURCH ST. BENIGNUS CHURCH

"He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures."

(Lk 24:45)

In 2019, Pope Francis established the Sunday of the Word of God to be celebrated each year on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. As the Holy Father stated in his apostolic letter instituting the observance, "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." (Aperuit illus, no. 2)

On January 21, 2024, in observance of the Sunday of the Word of God, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, through a grant from the American Bible Society, will offer a "Sunday Seminar Series" of four videos about Sacred Scripture in the life of the Church. These videos, available in English and Spanish, will feature bishops and biblical scholars, accompanied by discussion/reflection questions.

https://catholic.bible/sunday-of-the-word-of-god/.

Through these videos, we hope to bring people into an encounter with Scripture. May God's people be inspired and challenged to see, understand, and engage with Scripture in a new and prayerful way.



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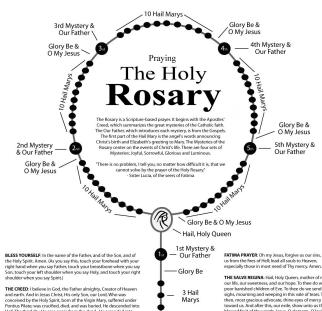
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God our Creator, we give thanks to you, who alone have the power to impart the breath of life as you form each of us in our mother's womb; grant, we pray, that we, whom you have made stewards of creation, may remain faithful to this sacred trust and constant in safeguarding the dignity of every human life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



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Our Father

Sign of The Cross



SERMON ON MARK 1:14-20

There is a television series on Netflix called, "Beef," which is winning all types of awards. It is described as an "existential thriller." Two strangers, named Danny and Amy (played by Steven Yuen and Ali Wong), devise various schemes to seek revenge on each other for a car accident in a store parking lot. Their feud becomes a "road rage on steroids" that changed their lives forever. It culminates in a car chase where both of them drive off a cliff. They are alive, but have no way to contact anyone. Amy forces Danny at gun point to forage for food, which leads them to eat poisonous berries. Believing they are dying; they share with each other about the pain in their lives. Danny is a failing contractor. The accident that sparked the feud occurred in the parking lot of Amy's failed business she was closing. They walk back together to the city. Danny was admitted into the hospital where he falls into a coma. Amy hugs him passionately. When Danny awakes, he returns the embrace.

There is a scene in this show where she asks her therapist a question that revealed to me how wonderful God's Good News is. Amy asks, "Do you think love can really be unconditional? You know, there must be some point where we all fall outside the reach of love. Like the mistake is so big and then the love has to stop." When I heard that, bells rang and lights flashed in my mind. I yelled out to my three cats sleeping in my lap, "That's God's Good News!" No one falls outside the reach of His Love. Jesus proclaimed that God's Love never stops. Your biggest sin, your worst mistake, cannot keep God from loving you. That's what unconditional love means. I remembered the words of actor Martin Sheen when a news reporter asked him to comment about the drug abuse and craziness of his son Charlie, who got fired from the show "Two and a Half Men." Martin calmly replied, "I'll have to love him more."

The first humans with a soul, Adam and Eve, screwed up really bad in the Garden of Eden. Satan was so jealous that God made humans. Psalm 8:6-7 gives the reason: "You made him (humans) a little lower than the angels; You crowned him with glory and honor. You made him ruler of the works of Your hands." Satan felt this honor should have belonged to him. He sought revenge against God by tempting Adam and Eve to turn against God. The very first sin was idolatry. "You will not surely die," the serpent told her. "For God knows that in the day you eat of it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God. (Gen 3:4-5) The root of every sin is idolatry. I, the creature, turn away from the Creator. I make myself a god.

But God has not abandoned us. Jesus is the arms of God reaching out to us with a never-stopping Love, a reach that has no limit. The Good News becomes visible in the flesh of Jesus, who came to our rescue. "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand." (Mark 1:15) This is God's decisive moment to win us back. It's like Jesus is saying, "Pay attention! See! I come to save you!"

So what should our response be? You must do two things: "Repent and believe in the Good News." Here is where Christians (especially Catholics) find a stumbling block. Repentance means to turn around. Turn away from the sin and turn back to God. But too often Christians let guilt get in the way of their repentance. The guilt feelings keep them from believing that God forgives them. Often have I dealt with people who can't repent because their guilt is so great, they can't believe God really forgives them. "Why should I go to church? God probably doesn't want me anyways." They are afraid the church walls will fall on them.

Believing in the Good News requires that you not only accept and believe God's Mercy, but you have to forgive yourself. There is a true story about Joyce Brown, who had a life-after-death experience. She carried shame for many years because she treated her mother so badly as a teenager. She never got a chance to tell her mom she loved her. She never got a chance to ask forgiveness. Mom died suddenly from a heart attack. Joyce herself died suddenly, but was revived. She had a life review in Heaven that healed her shame.

In the life review, she expected to see the times she hurt her mom, the times of disrespect and ugly behavior. To her surprise, there was nothing. She even asked the angel why there is no record of her meanness. The angel replied, "It was wiped out." Joyce asked, "Why?" The angel replied, "Because at those times your mom forgave you."

God says, "For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more." (Hebrews 8:12) When you repent, God remembers your sin no more. Why should you?" Blessings ... Fr. Mike

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