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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday – 9:30 am-4:30 pm

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays:

9:30 am – Traditional Music

11:30 am – Contemporary Ensemble

Cindy Duesing, Director

(ASL Interpreted)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday – 12:05 pm

PARISH SCHOOL

Prince of Peace Catholic Montessori

625 Pike Street, Covington, KY – 859.431.5153

Please call the Parish Office (859.291.2288) to Register, to inform us of changes in your contact information, to let us know how our parish can serve you, or to inquire about volunteering in the parish.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism of Infants:

Contact

Ellen Habermehl

(M, TU, F)

Reconciliation:

Tuesday at 11:00 am

Saturday at 11:00 am

in Church

Marriages:

Contact Ellen Habermehl

at least 9 to 12 months prior
to the desired wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick:

Communion

and other home visits:

Contact Parish Office

Sacraments of Initiation:

For Adults:

Baptism, Confirmation,

and First Communion:

Contact Parish Office

For Children:

Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist,

and Confirmation:

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NOVEMBER 9, 2025

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME

MOTHER OF GOD CHURCH

PURPOSE STATEMENT

We, the people of Mother of God Church, aspire to be instruments of the peace of Jesus Christ by:

- Worshipping God with joy and reverence
- Welcoming the stranger with love and compassion
- Serving those in need with humility and respect.

FROM THE PASTOR

THE DEDICATION OF SAINT JOHN LATERAN

As we have repeatedly noted, there are four major basilicas in Rome, and each has a particular significance. These are Saint Mary Major, Saint Peter, Saint Paul outside the Walls, and the Basilica of Saint John Lateran, that we celebrate today.

The full title of this church is the Arch-Basilica of Most Holy Savior and Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist at the Lateran, better known as Saint John Lateran. The Lateran is one of the Seven Hills of Rome. Although we usually think of Saint Peter's as the pope's church, it is actually Saint John Lateran that is the official church of the pope and is known as the Mother Church of the World. It is the Cathedral of the City of Rome and is officially the church of the pope as the pope's first title is Bishop of Rome. As such, it is the most important church in all of the world.

The Emperor Constantine gave the site to Pope Sylvester I, who oversaw the building of the Basilica in 324. It has gone through extensive remodeling and rebuilding after two fires over the centuries, but there are extensive parts of the original structure that are still part of the present structure.

As the Mother Church of the World, our celebrations are of the unity of the Church, and of the pope. Let us pray for that unity and for Pope Leo XIV.

TIME WITH SAINT PETER

This Thursday, November 13, at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm, I will begin a series of talks entitled *Four Weeks with Saint Peter*. Personally, I find Peter to be the most interesting character in the New Testament, after Jesus. He is also a character that I think serves as a great mirror, in whose struggles and foibles we can see ourselves.

One of the reasons I love Saint Peter so much is because

of how flawed he is. The man who Jesus chose to be the first pope of the Catholic Church was incredibly human, constantly putting his foot in his mouth, and falling on his face. Jesus does not see his failures as problems, but as Peter's learning curve. And despite his failures, Peter always gets back up, makes his peace with Jesus, and moves forward. Jesus did not want a pope who seemed to have it all together, and who never made mistakes. That makes me feel as if I may really belong to this Church. Maybe you can fit in this Church as well.

See the flier included in this bulletin for more information.

VETERANS DAY

November 11 is Veterans Day here in the United States. World War I officially ended when the armistice with Germany officially took place on the eleventh day of the eleventh month at 11:00 am. It was originally known as Armistice Day in the United States, Remembrance Day in Canada, and had other titles in other countries. It was to honor all veterans of World War I. In 1954, following World War II and the Korean War, President Eisenhower signed a bill changing the name from Armistice Day to Veterans Day, as a holiday to honor all veterans of all American Wars.

Sadly, in its history, America has been involved in many wars, with far too many deaths and injuries. We honor all of those men and women, and all who have served in our nation's military.

To all, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE !!!

FATHER THOMAS BARNES

I first met Father Thomas Barnes in 1987 when we were both assigned as associate priests at Saint Pius X Church in Edgewood. We were only together for one year before he was reassigned to Holy Cross in Latonia. For the first few years, he was the associate pastor, and then became pastor, serving there until he retired.

Father Barnes was a real inspiration to me. He had been a monk at Gethsemane for a few years as a young man, with Thomas Merton as his novice master and his spiritual director. I found him to be absolutely fascinating to talk to, with deep insights and understanding.

Father Tom Barnes died on October 28, 2025. His funeral will be Saturday, November 15, at 11:00 am, at Holy Cross Church. There will be an hour of visitation before the funeral, beginning at 10:00 am.

SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini (known as Mother Cabrini) was born in Italy in 1850. She came to the United States in 1887 and became a citizen of the US in 1909. In 1887, she went to Rome to meet with Pope Leo XIII to ask him to allow her to set up a convent in Rome and to send missionaries to China. Instead, he asked her to go to America to serve the large number of Italian immigrants who were coming to America. She did so.

During her life, she established schools, orphanages, and nursing home all over the country, even as she went up against opposition within the Church and within the local governments who were hostile to immigrants.

We honor Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini this Thursday, November 13.



Today, coffee and donuts are available after both Masses downstairs in the undercroft.

On Tuesday, Nov. 11, the **parish office will be closed** for the Veterans Day holiday. The office will reopen on Thursday, Nov. 13, at 9:00 am.

Mass on Tuesday, Nov. 11 will begin at 12:05 pm
Eucharistic Adoration and Confession 11:00-11:45 am.

Today, Sunday, Nov. 9

Handcrafted Olive Wood Items from the Holy Land

Maha and Mike Kassis are here with religious handcrafted Olive Wood Items for sale **before and after both Masses downstairs in the undercroft**. Only cash or check accepted.

These items makes great Christmas gifts!

St. Vincent de Paul Coat Drive

You can help our neighbors fight the elements this winter with donations of new or gently used coats, hats and gloves. **Blue bins are located in the back of church to drop off any of these items.**

Distribution to those in need will take place

- Saturday, Nov. 22, 9:00 am till Noon at John G. Carlisle School and the Life Learning Center, Covington
- Saturday, Dec. 6, 9:00 am till Noon at Newport Intermediate School and Christo Rey in Florence.

Care Net Baby Bottle Campaign

Thank you for participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign for Care Net Pregnancy Services of NKY.

Please return all Baby Bottles as soon as possible.

“The condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems and, not least, the Church. On the wounded faces of the poor, we see the suffering of the innocent and, therefore the suffering of Christ Himself.” (Pope Leo XIV)

Next Sunday, Nov. 16

MOG St. Vincent de Paul Quarterly Collection

We continue to meet our neighbors in their homes and assist them with food, rents, utilities, clothing, household items and furniture, along with prayers and your generosity. Living is challenging for all of us today and sometimes more for those experiencing additional problems.

Next Sunday, Nov. 16, MOG Volunteers or collection baskets will be at each church entrance to accept monetary donations. Envelopes are in the pews and boxes at church entrances. **Checks should be made to MOG SVDP.**

So far, we have been able to help those who have reached out for help. We are grateful to you for making this ministry possible and we let our neighbors know that it is your generosity that enables us to visit them.

Thank you!



The Year of Jubilee 2025 Theme
Pilgrims of Hope

Advent Wreath and Jesse Tree Making Activity

Sunday, Nov. 23, 1:30-3:00 pm

We will host an Advent Wreath and Jesse Tree Making Activity on Sunday Nov. 23 from 1:30-3:00 pm downstairs in the undercroft. This is a family project from one person to ??? members! All are invited to join us in making a wreath to bring this beautiful Advent tradition to your home.

All materials will be provided for the project. Prayers for use each week will also be provided. To cover material cost, we ask for a \$10.00 donation for the Advent Wreath project and \$5.00 for the Jesse Tree project.

Registration to participate in one or both of these activities **is requested**, so that we have enough materials for everyone. **Please register** as soon as possible. **Register by email to eat2407@fuse.net.**



Scan this QR Code
to view a video about the
Mother of God Church building!

Sacramental Preparation for Children

Parents, if you have a school-age child who is seeking First Reconciliation and / or First Communion, we would love to hear from you! You must be a registered parishioner for your child to participate. To register your child / children for the classes, please call the parish office at 859-291-2288 or email mkelly@mogcov.org. Preparation will begin in January.

If your child / children have not been baptized, we can help with that, too. Please call or send us an email.

AL-ANON has their Wednesday Noon Meetings at Mother of God Church. Enter through the courtyard and go down the steps to the undercroft of the church. Al-Anon has but one purpose: to help families and friends of alcoholics and addicted ones. Please come for you are welcome.

Notice: If you are giving online or through a bank draft to our church and are still receiving budget envelopes, please let us know if you wish to cancel receiving budget envelopes.

Sunday Collection	November 2, 2025
Church Collection	\$ 8,346.00
Mailed In	\$ 2,033.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,026.17
Total Collection	\$ 11,405.17

Mother of God Memorial Trust Fund

In your kindness, please consider making bequests or financial donations to the Mother of God Memorial Trust Fund. These funds are used only for the preservation of the church.

Volunteer Spirit is Alive and Well at Mother of God!

Thank you to the many volunteers who help our parish events, like our Parish Picnic and Oktoberfest, come to life. In addition, we have many parish ministries which are active on a daily basis.

If you would like to become more engaged in parish ministry, please email one of the Ministry Coordinators to see how you can get involved! Parish ministry information can be found in the **Parish Services Directory** which can be found at each of the doors.

Some ministries require VIRTUS training. Email Mary Ann Kelly at mkelly@mogcov.org to learn more about this training.



DIOCESAN NEWS

In Celebration of National Adoption Month!
DCCH Center for Children & Families Open House
Wednesday, Nov. 19, 6:30-8:30 pm

75 Orphanage Road, Ft. Mitchell, KY

Anyone interested in learning more about adopting, fostering, mentoring, or volunteering, please attend.

For more details,

Call 859 331-2040 or visit www.dcchcenter.org.

Women's Retreat –

“The JOY in Discovering Who I Am”

All women and teenage girls are invited to a special Retreat at:

St. Pius X Church in Edgewood

Saturday, Dec. 6, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

(registration begins at 7:30 am).

The day will include

Mass, Confession, Adoration, three talks, and two meals.

- **Cost:** \$40.00 (cash or check payable to St. Pius, paid on the day of the Retreat).
- **Register:** Email bentjenr@gmail.com or text 859-801-6813.

Parents' Night Out! Saturday, Dec. 6

Holy Cross High School Cheerleaders and Coaches are sponsoring a **Polar Express fun(d)raiser**

Saturday, Dec. 6 from 6:00-9:00 pm

Finn Center/Holy Cross Gym

Corner of 36th and Church Streets in Latonia.

- Ages 4+ (must be potty-trained)
- \$25.00 per child / \$50.00 family maximum.
- Wear pajamas, bring a blanket and pillow to enjoy the movie, snack, crafts, and games.

To register,

Go to the school website www.hchscov.com and click on the advertising flyer or contact Karen Bunton at karen.bunton@hchscov.com.

Come Enjoy Christmas in Bethlehem!

Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, Norwood, OH

- **Saturday, Dec. 6, 10:00 am-4:00 pm**
Interactive city of Bethlehem and shopping, plus live animals, St. Nicholas, crafts, and food trucks.
- **Saturdays, Dec. 13 & 20, 10:00 am-2:00 pm.**
Interactive city of Bethlehem and shopping.

Registration is Required. Space is Limited.

To order tickets, go to www.olhsc.org/events.



Four Weeks With St. Peter

A new series of talks by Fr. Mike Comer

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in Church

November 13

The Call of St. Peter / Peter Walks on Water

November 20

Peter's Confession / The Keys to the Kingdom / The Rebuke

December 4

The Last Supper / Peter's Denial of Jesus / Feed My Sheep

December 11

Role of Peter in the Early Church / The Death of Peter

Come and bring a friend!



Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group

We will be starting a Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group for family members and friends of persons who have ended their own lives. This will be a sharing group to help in dealing with common issues and questions surrounding suicide, loss, and grief.

Our hope is that the group will help us feel less alone, when it may seem that no one else has experienced this type of traumatic loss. You are NOT Alone!

Group meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at the parish office in the St. Aloysius Conference Room.

The first meeting will be
Wednesday, January 7, 2026 from 6:30-8:00 pm.

For additional information,
please contact Jeff Duell at 859-801-8213.

Pope Leo's Monthly Intention for November
For the prevention of suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass –

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Malachi 3:19-20a Psalm 98:5-6, 7-8, 9

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 Luke 21:5-19

Please join us on **Tuesdays at 11:00-11:45 am,**
for **Eucharistic Adoration.**

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available
during this time.

Message of Condolence

We offer our sincere sympathy to the Family and Friends of David R. Cannon. He is the brother of Martha Cannon. You will be held in our prayers. May David rest in peace.



HOME COMMUNION VISITS

Do you know a parishioner who is confined to home or a nursing home and would like to receive the Eucharist? We can make a visit!

For more information: Call or email Mary Ann Kelly
at 859-291-2288 / mkelly@mogcov.org

Mass Intentions

Nov. 9	9:30 am	Knights of St. John
	11:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
Nov. 10	12:05 pm	Marie Braun
Nov. 11	12:05 pm	Theresa Schuler
Nov. 12		No Mass
Nov. 13	12:05 pm	Jacob Geiman
Nov. 14	12:05 pm	John Steiner
Nov. 15	12:05 pm	Goodhew Family
Nov. 16	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Carl Nunner

Daily Mass readings are available for you at
<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

Remember in Prayer

Hannah Donoghue ♦ Lois Knochelmann ♦ Chris Haddix ♦ Frank Sutthoff ♦ David Verkamp ♦ Kenneth Schuler ♦ Nancy Correll ♦ Debbie Prior ♦ Lauri Boggs ♦ Joe Legner ♦ Faye Gosney ♦ Rita & Ron Hopper ♦ Freda Legner ♦ Kathleen Stevens Cox ♦ Jan Stahlheber ♦ Joan Miley ♦ Rob Feldman ♦ Gerri Losey ♦ Pat Landrum ♦ Bruce Hummel ♦ D.B. ♦ Amy Stiens ♦ Mary Estelle Roesel ♦ Amy Bates ♦ Joan and Kelse Murphy ♦ Eileen Concannon ♦ Greg Scanlon ♦ Keith Bosshart ♦ Frank Hlebak ♦ Joy Rolfsen ♦ Greg ♦ Mary Beth Ryan ♦ Charles Kania ♦ Justin Reeves ♦ Jennifer T. ♦ Mary Ann Grimm ♦ Jack Hicks ♦ Ben Wolff ♦ Mickey Penman ♦ Marine Sgt. Edward M. Burke ♦ G.S. ♦ Ruthie ♦ Greg Dahlenberg ♦ Anna F. ♦ Hannah Harris ♦ Renee Seward ♦ Meg Anne O'Brien ♦ The Barrett Family ♦ Debbie Klein ♦ Plymesser Family ♦ Mary Lou Wilson ♦ Katie Tignor ♦ Oliver Derrick ♦ Meg H. ♦ Steve Oberjohn ♦ NR ♦ John Kalker ♦ Charlotte McDermott ♦ Mary Kohorst ♦ Anne Halpin ♦ Mary Kelley ♦ Jerry Turner ♦ Cliff Wagner ♦ Cindy Losey ♦ John Phillip Pugh ♦ Connie Braedon ♦ Teresa Bowman ♦ Jenny Vellon ♦ Jim Skridulis ♦ Beverly Henn ♦ Susan Byrley ♦ Jean Byrley ♦ Bill Hambley ♦ Kathy Thamann ♦ Ben and Natalie Thamann ♦ Suzy Sneary ♦ David Wise ♦ Nikki ♦ Jamie ♦ Evie Sullivan ♦ Joyce Hamberg ♦ Staci Earls ♦ Peggy Bess Kratz ♦ Linda Wesley ♦ Jessica ♦ Damien Herold ♦ Melissa ♦ Karen Jansen ♦ Dorothy Willett ♦ Zadah Edmonds ♦ Bertha Neltner ♦ Karn Fields ♦ Caroline Olberding ♦ Rick Bronner ♦ Susan ♦ Tom Schneider ♦ Caroline Raymond ♦ Jill Bland ♦ Janet Hatter ♦ Olivia Hollihan ♦ Mary Beth Lynch ♦ Theresa Lynch ♦ Stephen Dery ♦ Trudy ♦ K. T. ♦ Karen ♦ Fred B. ♦ John K. ♦ Jeanne Bitter ♦ Tabitha Frye Family ♦ Greg Benning ♦ Edward Weeden ♦ Anisha Meyer ♦ Elizabeth King ♦ S. M. ♦ Linda

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