

# Mother of God Church

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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:  
Contact Parish Office

**JULY 13, 2025**  
**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**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**

**OUR SAVIOR PARISH**

This Tuesday, July 15, I become the pastor of Our Savior Parish in Covington. Please pray for me as I take on those new responsibilities.

**WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?**

We all know this line from Mister Rogers, sung as he introduced his children's show. It is an act of radical generosity and kindness to invite the world to be one's neighbor.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is asked by a lawyer, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus' response is the Two Great Commandments – "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself."

The lawyer, wishing to "justify" himself, then asked, "And who is my neighbor?" He wanted to make sure that he fulfilled the law, but did not want to have to go very far in order to fulfill the law. He wanted to set limits on the requirement to love neighbor.

Jesus did not answer the question, "Who is my neighbor?" but rather had the lawyer, and we, ask ourselves, "To whom am I neighbor?" To answer this more challenging question, Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan.

The man who was beaten, robbed, and left for dead, was a Jew. Those who passed by him were also Jews. They feared that if he were dead, or if they got his blood on them, they would be considered unclean and would be barred from the synagogue or Temple services and could not enter their own homes or visit with their own families, until they were purified and made clean again. Those who should have seen the man in the ditch as their neighbor were making excuses why they had no responsibility here.

The Samaritan, one of the most hated by the Jews, would not be considered the man's neighbor by anyone, including by the victim himself. If he had seen the Samaritan in his own situation, lying in the ditch, he would probably have had nothing to do with him himself.

But the Samaritan, this hated and avoided foreigner, had compassion. He not only poured water and oil on the man's wounds, but also lifted him up onto his own animal, and took him to a nearby town, and paid for the man to stay overnight in an inn.

The next day, seeing that the man could not travel, he paid the innkeeper to take care of the man, and said that when he returned he would pay whatever was owed.

Jesus then asked the punchline: "Which of these men was neighbor to the man who had been attacked?" Clearly the answer is that it was the hated and despised Samaritan.

There is a natural question that arises in our minds, as well as in those who passed by. Who is my neighbor? How far do I have to go in showing charity to others? Am I responsible for the sufferings of people I do not know? Who live in other countries? Who are my enemies?

Jesus' answer to these questions is pretty obvious. We do not set boundaries on our charity.

**ACUE COLLECTION**

ACUE stands for Alliance for Catholic Urban Education. A number of years ago, the Diocese of Covington created ACUE on behalf of the urban Catholic schools in Covington, Newport, Bellevue, Dayton and Taylor Mill. These include Prince of Peace, Saint Augustine, Holy Cross, Saint Anthony, and Holy Trinity schools.

ACUE oversees the running of these schools and is responsible for the financing of the schools. As part of this, the urban parishes are all asked to take up a special collection for the support of the ACUE schools.

Our collection for ACUE is this Sunday. Please be generous.

**SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA**

Kateri Tekakwitha was a young Mohawk woman who joined the Catholic Church at great cost to herself. She was rejected by many in her tribe, including many of her family. She was a woman of deep prayer, who took a vow of perpetual virginity, and moved into a Jesuit community in what is now upstate New York. Kateri became known as the Lily of the Mohawks.

Her feast day is July 14.

**SAINT BONAVENTURE**

In the great window on the east side of Mother of God church, in one of the lower panels, there is a picture of Saint Bonaventure. Bonaventure was an early Franciscan, and a brilliant scholar and theologian. He wrote one of the first biographies of Francis. His feast day is Tuesday, July 15.

**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**

Usually, a feast that begins, "Our Lady of ..." indicates an apparition of the Blessed Mother. That is not the case of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Rather it is a feast recognizing the founding of the Carmelite Order, who took their name from Mound Carmel, in Israel, where they founded the first Carmelite Monastery, and dedicated the Order to the patronage of the Blessed Mother. The Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is Wednesday, July 16.

**PARISH NEWS**

**Today, Coffee and Donuts** are available downstairs in the undercroft after both Masses.

**Today, Sunday, July 13, Equal Exchange Fair Trade Coffee, Tea and Chocolate Products** will be available for sale in the undercroft 10:30 am-11:30 am.

**Welcome to New Parishioners!**

David and Ellen Mayleben  
Jacob Nurre

**Today, Sunday, July 13 ACUE Collection -  
2025 Summer Mission Collection  
for Diocesan Inner City Schools**

The Alliance for Catholic Urban Education (ACUE) is a group of five urban elementary schools within the Diocese of Covington:

Holy Cross, Latonia  
Holy Trinity – Bellevue and Newport  
Prince of Peace, Covington  
St. Anthony, Taylor Mill, and  
St. Augustine, Covington.

The Diocese Mission Collection this summer will benefit these ACUE schools to keep them affordable for all. Please consider the impact your support will have. **There are many families within our ACUE school system who need your help.**

**Mark your calendar to Celebrate Summer!****Hawaiian Shirt Sunday – Sunday, July 27!**

Wear your favorite and festive Hawaiian shirt at Mass on Sunday, July 27.

**VIRTUS**

A big **Thank-You** to all of the Mother of God Volunteers who stay current on their Virtus training bulletins. If you would like to volunteer and need to become VIRTUS-trained, please email Mary Ann Kelly.

If you have any questions regarding this process, call or email Mary Ann at any time! She can be reached by phone at 859-291-2288, ext. 16, or send an email to her at [mkelly@mogcov.org](mailto:mkelly@mogcov.org).

**Catholic Charities needs your help!**

**Next Sunday, July 20**, parish members and volunteers for Catholic Charities will be in the back of church to promote their upcoming fundraiser by selling raffle tickets after both Masses. **CaSSba Cash tickets** are available for \$20 each. You can also purchase tickets online at [www.Cassba.org](http://www.Cassba.org).

- First place – \$10,000
- Second place – \$5,000
- Third place – \$1,000

The winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday, Aug. 24. All proceeds from this event benefit the clients being served through Catholic Charities and Parish Kitchen. **Thank you for your support!**



**Extend a Hand. Change a Life.**

**Aug. 24, 3:00 – 7:00 pm**

**Drees Pavilion, Park Hills, KY**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR K-5**

**July 28-30, 6:00-7:30 pm**

We will have a Vacation Bible School for children in Kindergarten through Grade 5, July 28-30. Classes will be held in the undercroft and will begin at 6:00 pm.

**Deadline to register is this Monday, July 14.**

**Questions** – Contact Marilyn Schleyer at 859-380-6155 or email her at [schleyermarilyn@gmail.com](mailto:schleyermarilyn@gmail.com).

**To register**, please stop by after Mass in the back of church to **pick up a registration form** or if you prefer, you may **register using the QR code**.



**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.



**The Year of Jubilee 2025 Theme**  
***Pilgrims of Hope***

**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	June 29, 2025
Church Collection	\$ 5,270.00
Mailed In	\$ 1,195.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,150.82
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 7,615.82</b>

**Peter's Pence \$3,249.00**

Sunday Collection	July 6, 2025
Church Collection	\$ 9,025.50
Mailed In	\$ 2,929.00
Online Giving	\$ 994.47
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 12,948.97</b>

**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.



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to view a video about the  
Mother of God Church building!



"Wherever we go from here Lord,  
let us be strong in faith and poor in spirit.  
Make us your disciples With One Heart. Amen."  
*Bishop John C. Iffert*



**2025 Wedding Anniversary Couples**  
**Vespers Celebration Sunday, Sept. 7, 2:00 pm**

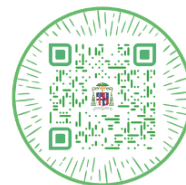
Bishop John C. Iffert will celebrate Vespers at the **Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington**, to honor couples celebrating significant Wedding Anniversaries in 2025. Married couples celebrating their **1st, 25th, 50th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2025** are invited to a Vespers Celebration on Sunday, Sept. 7, at 2:00 pm.

**Anniversary Couples need to RSVP by Friday, July 25**, at <https://www.covdio.org/wedding-vespers/> or contact Lisa Taylor at 859-392-1533 to register. **Reservations are required only for Anniversary Couples**; family members and guests are welcome to attend.

**80th Birthday Open House Celebration**  
**Honoring The Most Reverend Roger J. Foys, D.D.**  
**Bishop Emeritus of Covington**  
**Friday, July 25, 5:00-8:00 pm**

The Most Reverend John C. Iffert, Bishop of Covington, cordially invites you to an 80th Birthday Open House Celebration honoring The Most Reverend Roger J. Foys, D.D., Bishop Emeritus of Covington, on Friday, July 25, 5:00-8:00 pm, St. Mary's Park, 1125 Madison Ave., Covington, KY.

**Please RSVP by July 18**, to [porecchio@covdio.org](mailto:porecchio@covdio.org) or by scanning the QR Code.



**Young Men, are you being called to be a Priest?**

**You're Invited**  
to  
**Bishop's Vocations BBQ**  
Sunday, August 3, 2025 at 5:00 PM

**Knights of Columbus Acree Hall**  
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Burlington  
KY 41005

**Please RSVP**  
by July 28, 2025  
email: [sbarnes@covdio.org](mailto:sbarnes@covdio.org)  
or scan the QR code

**Teach Me to Listen, O God**

Teach me to listen, O God, to those nearest me, My family, my friends my coworkers. Help me to be aware that no matter what words I hear, the message is, "Accept the person I am. Listen to me."

Teach me to listen, my caring God, to those far from me – the whisper of the hopeless, the plea of the forgotten, the cry of the anguished.

Teach me to listen, O God, to myself. Help me to be less afraid to trust the voice inside in the deepest part of me.

Teach me to listen, Holy Spirit, for Your voice. In busyness and in boredom, in certainty and in doubt, in noise and in silence.

Teach me, Lord, to listen. Amen

**To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass –**

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 5

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Colossians 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42

**Daily Mass readings are available for you at**

<https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading>

Please join us for **Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays, 11:00-11:45 am.** The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is also available at this time.



## Mass Intentions

July 13	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Greg Hunkemoeller
July 14	12:05 pm	Ebbitt Family
July 15	12:05 pm	Theresa Boc
July 16		No Mass
July 17	12:05 pm	Deb Kunkler
July 18	12:05 pm	Leroy Neltner
July 19	12:05 pm	Carl Nunner
July 20	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Goodhew Family

**Please consider having a Mass offered** for your loved ones, either living or deceased. The offering for a Mass Intention is \$10. To schedule a Mass, call the parish office at 859-291-2288.

## 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 ♦ Kathleen Stevens Cox ♦ Freda Legner ♦ 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 ♦ Mary Ann Grimm ♦ Jack Hicks ♦ Ben Wolff ♦ Mickey Penman ♦ Marine Sgt. Edward M. Burke ♦ G.S. ♦ Ruthie ♦ Greg Dahlenberg ♦ Jennifer T. ♦ 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 ♦ Linda Plymesser ♦ Jenny Vellon ♦ Jim Skridulis ♦ Beverly Henn ♦ Susan Byrley ♦ Jean Byrley ♦ Bill Hambley ♦ Kathy Thamann ♦ Ben and Natalie Thamann ♦ Suzy Sneary ♦ David Wise ♦ Nikki ♦ Jamie ♦ Danny A. ♦ 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 ♦ Norma Atkins ♦ Caroline Olberding ♦ Rick Bronner ♦ Susan ♦ Tom Schneider ♦ Caroline Raymond ♦ Jill B. ♦ Kennedy ♦ Janet Hatter ♦ Olivia Hollihan ♦ Mary Beth Lynch ♦ Theresa Lynch ♦ Stephen Dery ♦ Trudy ♦ K. T. ♦ Karen

*To add or remove a name on this list, please contact the parish office.*

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