

**MASS SCHEDULE****ST. MARY MASS INTENTIONS****Sunday, June 13**

8:00 a.m. Charles Burchwell (Denny & Maureen Kiley)
10:00 a.m. Boots Carraher (John Carraher)

Monday, June 14

9:00 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday, June 15

9:00 a.m. Norma Groves & Sara Anderson
(Russ & Emma Groves)

Wednesday, June 16

9:00 a.m. Communion Service

Thursday, June 17

7:00 p.m. Mary Maher & Marie Hetzer (Marie Rook)

Friday, June 18

9:00 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, June 19

9:00 a.m. Mabel Klier Fey (Karen Munson)
5:30 p.m. Cathy Kiley (Mr. & Mrs. Michael Shanahan)

Sunday, June 20

8:00 a.m. Michael Zanowick
(Russ & Mitzi Zanowick)
10:00 a.m. Father of Roy and Troy Tesmer

ST. BENIGNUS MASS INTENTIONS**Sunday, June 13**

12:00 NOON Deceased Members of Spangler Family

Monday, June 14

8:00 a.m. Dr. Jim Steele (Patty Hays)

Tuesday, June 15

7:00 p.m. Communion Service

Wednesday, June 16

12:00 NOON Healing for Charles Fisher
(Henry Fisher Family)

Thursday, June 17

7:00 p.m. Communion Service

Friday, June 18

12:00 NOON Healing for Phillip Symons
(Henry Fisher Family)

Saturday, June 19

3:30 p.m. Vic Rohde (Mark Rohde)

Sunday, June 20

12:00 NOON Healing for Charles Fisher
and Phillip Symons (Henry Fisher)

PARTICIPANTS IN THE HISTORIC FARM MASS

Celebrant: Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr

Master of Ceremonies: Deacon Francis Wagner

Concelebrant: Fr. Michael Paraniuk, Pastor
St. Mary and St. Benignus

Lector: Mr. Ernie Blankenship

Servers: Mr. Michael Moses & Mr. Patrick Hays

Soloist: Mr. Christopher Ford

Choir Directors: Mrs. Lynn Turner of St. Mary &
Ms. Kristy Bockrath of St. Benignus

Ushers: Mr. & Mrs. Jeff & Sandy Kilbarger,
Mr. Joseph & James Otworth

Mitre & Crosier Bearers: Mr. Joseph & James Otworth

Gift Bearers: Mr. & Mrs. Tom & Janet Shawhan,
Mr. & Mrs. Ann Marie & Ron Gunderman

Communion Distributors: Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr,
Deacon Francis Wagner, Fr. Michael Paraniuk,
Mrs. Joan Wright, Mrs. Joyce Combs,
Mr. & Mrs. Dan & Teresa Allison, Mr. Dallas Debruin,
Mr. Jerome Piezer

Hostesses: Ms. Carol Pence, Mrs. Judy Henning,
Mrs. Rita Blankenship, Mrs. Sonya Blankenship,
Mrs. Erin Blankenship

Assistants: Mr. Jeffrey Johnson, Mr. Phillip Loudin

**FOUNDING OF ST. MARY CHURCH
IN HILLSBORO, OHIO**

Fr. Cornelius Daly, who had come from Ireland and was serving as Pastor of St. Patrick Church in Fayetteville, visited Hillsboro in 1845. To his surprise, he discovered about 15 Catholic families living in Hillsboro. The first Mass in Hillsboro was celebrated in a home owned by one of the families. The existing St. Mary Church was built in 1852 on land donated by a parishioner. The Church was blessed by Fr. Baraga, a missionary to America from Slovakia. Fr. Baraga was consecrated a Bishop in Cincinnati on November 1, 1853. He is currently being promoted for Sainthood. Cincinnati Archbishop Purcell preached the sermon. Fr. Michael O'Donoghue was the Sub-Deacon for the celebration. He would later become the longest serving Pastor of both St. Mary and St. Benignus Churches from 1861 to 1880. Fr. Michael O'Donoghue brought the 500-pound bell by train and wagon from the Verdin Bell Company in Cincinnati, as a symbol of peace when the Civil War ended in 1865. It was rung by rope and hand until Fr. Cletus Reiger bought the electronic bell ringing device from Verdin Bell Company 85 years later to celebrate the Marian Year in 1950. Now the bell could be programmed to ring the Angelus at 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m. The current Pastor, Fr. Michael Paraniuk, once again turned to Verdin 58 years later to purchase Hillsboro's very first electronic carillon in 2008 that could play music. It played its very first song on December 19th – a Christmas favorite, "Silver Bells."

St. Mary Church expanded greatly in 1923. Fr. John Malone built the current Sanctuary, the Choir Loft, and the Rectory. New building would not occur again till 1988 when Beloved Pastor, Fr. Stanley Luehrmann, built the Narthex and Parish Hall that parishioners voted to name after him. It took 136 years, but St. Mary Church finally had its own restroom!

Parishioners were mightily relieved. In 2000, Fr. Luehrmann established St. Mary Catholic School, which boasted its first enrollment of 12 students. The School grew so fast that a new, larger Parish Hall was constructed and finished in June 2005. Sadly, Fr. Luehrmann passed to his reward in Heaven one month later in July.

Fr. Michael Paraniuk was assigned Pastor on November 4th, 2005. The church interior was in need of a complete restoration. The last major restoration occurred under the Pastorate of Fr. Albert Schreck in 1961. The restoration began in June 2006, which saw the church redone in an Ornamental Gothic Style, under the direction of Interior Designer Mrs. Mary Wright. In order to enhance devotion to the Eucharist, the tabernacle was moved back to the center of the Sanctuary and placed on an original cherry wood repository podium built by the hands of Mr. Jerome Piezer.

Many people visit St. Mary Church and are generous in their compliments. The restored church with seven primary colors invites prayer and devotion.

FOUNDING OF ST. BENIGNUS CHURCH IN GREENFIELD, OHIO

In the fall of 1854, Miss Bridgit McCormick, who later became the wife of Lawrence Cribbins, went to Cincinnati to Confession. Archbishop John B. Purcell learned from her that there were several Catholic families in Greenfield without the services of a priest.

Archbishop Purcell promptly appointed Rev. Fr. John B. O'Donoghue of Fayetteville (brother of Fr. Michael O'Donoghue) to serve Greenfield (Irish Town). His first visit was unheralded, and only two of the faithful, Owen McCormick and his sister Bridgit, were present when he held Mass in their home, the first Mass ever solemnized in Greenfield.

A while later, Fr. O'Donoghue was assigned to St. Mary Parish in Hillsboro, and he continued to serve Greenfield as a mission station.

The priest's first concern was the building of a church. A plot of ground was acquired on S. Second Street, just South of the railroad, and work was begun on the edifice in 1856.

The church, built of stone cut from the Rucker Quarries, measured 36 by 26 feet.

Father O'Donoghue laid the cornerstone for the church on September 13, 1857.

The edifice was dedicated December 25, 1858 with Archbishop Purcell presiding. Rev. Fr. Sylvester Rosecrans (later the first Bishop of Columbus) officiated at the blessing, and Father O'Donoghue celebrated Mass.

Rev. Fr. Michael O'Donoghue became the second pastor of the mission, 1861-1880. During the pastorate of Rev. Fr. Michael Hays, 1881-1886, the parish bought ground and established St. Joseph's Cemetery, at a cost of \$800.00.

Rev. Fr. Bernard Feeney was appointed as the first resident pastor in 1899, and the stations at Waverly, Frankfort, Leesburg and New Vienna were attached to Greenfield as missions.

During the pastorate of Rev. Fr. Adolf Sourd, 1900-1904, the parish acquired a cottage at the southwest corner of Lyndon Avenue and Fifth Street for use as a Rectory.

In 1904, the opportunity of a larger and more modern church building presented itself as the Methodist Episcopal congregation moved into their new church at South and Fourth Streets. The vacated building at South Second and Mirabeau Streets was purchased by Edward Lee McClain.

That property appeared to the Catholics to be ample for their needs, and they opened negotiations for its purchase.

On October 11, 1904, Mr. McClain wrote to the pastor, Rev. Fr. John F. Cogan, saying: "I have decided to offer the church property on Second Street to the Catholic denomination which you represent in this place, to be used as a place of worship, for \$5,000.00, being the price I paid for the property."

The purchase was quickly sanctioned by Archbishop Henry Moeller.

The church building was remodeled, and Mass was celebrated therein for the first time on December 11, 1904.

The dedication took place June 11, 1905, with Archbishop Moeller as the celebrant of the Mass.

During the pastorate of Rev. Fr. Francis B. Lay (1962-1965), work was commenced on the church undercroft. The basement was completely excavated and refurbished into a Social Hall. The St. Benignus Religious Education Building was built in 1998 under the inspiration of Pat Hays, Ed Detwiller, Sue Smith, Vic, Mark, Terry Rohde, Jessie Spangler, Mark Smith, Mary Lou & Gary Schlupe. St. Michael Church in New Vienna donated \$10,000.00 towards the building.

In 1998, Fr. Frank Klamet created the first Hispanic Catholic Community at St. Benignus. He would later become Pastor in 2003 until his untimely death in 2009. He also served the community as a certified Medical Doctor.

The Ladies Auxiliary of St. Benignus donated \$5,000.00 to purchase the Verdin Bell Electronic Carillon in 2000 that played music for the first time at Thanksgiving.

In July 2009, after 110 years, St. Benignus would once again be united with St. Mary Church by sharing a common Pastor, Fr. Michael Paraniuk. He would immediately begin a complete and needed restoration of the interior church. Once again, Interior Designer Mrs. Mary Wright was called upon to redecorate the church in the colors associated with St. Benignus – gold, green, and white. The tabernacle was moved back to the center of the Sanctuary to enhance devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. The richness and warmth of the church has provided a beautiful place to celebrate Mass.