

# 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

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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.

## Sacraments of Initiation:

### Anointing of the Sick:

Communion  
 and other home visits:  
 Contact Parish Office

### For Adults:

Baptism, Confirmation,  
 and First Communion:  
 Contact Parish Office

### For Children:

Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist,  
 and Confirmation:  
 Contact Parish Office

**MARCH 15, 2026**  
**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**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 MAN BORN BLIND**

Physical blindness is used as a metaphor in the New Testament to understand the reality of spiritual blindness. In today's Gospel, we meet a man who was born blind. Jesus had taken clay, spit on it, and rubbed the man's eyes with the mud. He then told him to go and to wash in the Pool of Siloam. Having done so, he was able to see.

The Pharisees asked the man born blind how it was that he could now see. He responded that the man, Jesus, had rubbed mud on his eyes, sent him to wash, and now he could see. Three times he has to explain how he could see, but the Pharisees could not accept this. They could see physically, but they were blind spiritually. This recalls the words from the song *Amazing Grace*, in which we hear, "I was blind but now I see."

Christ wants to heal us from our own spiritual blindness. This is the meaning of Saint Paul's words, "You must put on the mind of Christ," so that we can see as Christ sees, as God sees, so that we can see things as they truly are. This is part of the conversion of Lent.

**LAETARE SUNDAY**

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as Laetare Sunday. This is drawn from the Entrance Antiphon, which reads: "Rejoice Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast." So Laetare Sunday is Rejoice Sunday. Why do we rejoice? Because the sacrifices of Lent are nearing their end. Easter is near at hand. The priest wears rose vestments, symbolizing the rising of the sun at dawn.

Saint Paul tells us, "You once were darkness, but now you are light." Through Jesus, we have been redeemed from darkness and now are filled with His light. Therefore, we must rejoice. Even in the midst of trial and strife, we know that "we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."

**SAINT PATRICK**

On Tuesday, March 17, we celebrate the feast of Saint Patrick. This is a high holy day for those of us who are of Irish descent. But, as many say, everyone is Irish on Saint Patrick's Day.

The exact dates of Patrick's birth and death are not certain, but he lived in the Fifth Century. Probably living in Wales, when Patrick was sixteen years old he was captured by pirates and was taken to Ireland and sold into slavery. After about six years he escaped and returned home. He desired to enter into the priesthood.

After being ordained a bishop, Patrick had a dream in which a man from Ireland begged him to come back to Ireland and bring the Catholic faith to them. That he decided to do. He returned to Ireland as a missionary and was remarkably successful in preaching the Gospel to the people there. He writes that he baptized thousands of people. The most famous of stories about Patrick as a preacher is his use of the three-leafed shamrock as an object lesson to the King, explaining the Trinity.

Patrick met great opposition from the pagans living in Ireland at that time, mostly druids. Always portrayed with his shepherd's staff, he had shaved the lower end into a point that he used as a weapon against those who attacked him physically. The myth that Patrick drove the snakes out of Ireland is a symbolic statement that he drove the druids out of Ireland.

"May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sunshine warm your face, and the rain fall softly on your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hands."

**SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF MARY**

This Thursday, March 19, is the Feast of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He has a second feast on May 1, Saint Joseph the Worker.

The Church holds up Saint Joseph as a patron of husbands and fathers. We see this humble man, who never speaks a word in the Scriptures, who became the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. He was a hardworking carpenter, who is described in Matthew's Gospel as both a righteous man and as a merciful man.

Joseph's faithfulness to Mary and Jesus are the reasons we honor him on this day, and why he is held up as a great example of what a husband and father should be.

Let us pray for all husbands and fathers on this day, especially those who are struggling to understand what it means to live out this incredible vocation.



## PARISH NEWS

**Coffee and donuts** are available for you today downstairs in the undercroft after both Masses.

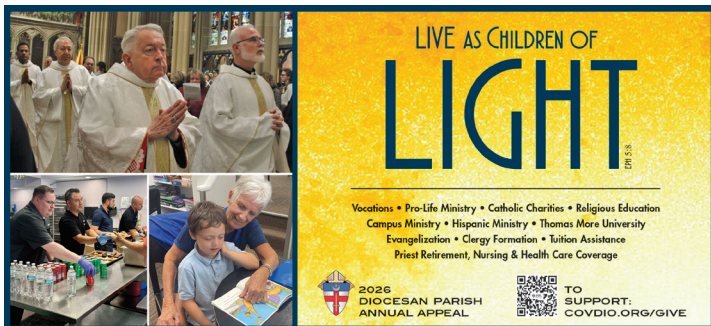
### DIOCESAN PARISH ANNUAL APPEAL 2026 BEGINS TODAY!

The 2026 Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal begins this weekend. This year's theme is *"Live as Children of Light" from Ephesians 5:8*. It invites us to be innocent, to trust fully in God's love, mercy, and plan for us. By sharing our spiritual and material gifts, we can be a light to those in need. Let us work together to build a more just and compassionate world as children so earnestly do.

**New for this year is a Parish Participation goal.** Every household is invited to take part because every gift – no matter the size – truly matters and helps form hearts in stewardship. We especially hope to welcome a new generation of donors who have never given before, encouraging them to begin with whatever they can.

Please prayerfully consider giving to the 2026 DPAA. Review all the materials you receive, and listen to the DPAA messages presented at Mass. Then, come to Mass next Sunday, March 22, ready to make your gift. We will complete our pledge forms together.

*God bless you for your generosity!*



**In honor of the Feast of St. Patrick this week,** starting today and for the rest of this week, Father Comer will be using the chalice of Father McCaffrey. He was a longtime pastor of St. Patrick's Church in Covington.

### HOLY THURSDAY SUPPER – APRIL 2

We *invite you* to share a simple meal as a parish community on April 2 prior to the Holy Thursday Liturgy. We will be gathering for dinner downstairs in the undercroft at 5:30 pm. Mass will follow at 7:30 pm.

There will be no charge for the meal; however, freewill offerings will be most appreciated. Please be generous if you can.

### CARE FOR KIDS RAFFLE TICKETS

Today, Sunday, March 15, representatives from DCCH Center for Children and Families will be in the back of church near the pieta statue with Care for Kids Raffle Tickets available for sale after both Masses.

However, you can purchase one at any time. Scan the QR Code. Cost per ticket is \$20.00 for a chance to win the grand prize of \$10,000.00, along with two additional prizes of \$2,500.00 and \$1,000.00.



Supporting this raffle helps heal children and families affected by severe abuse and neglect in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

### Father Comer's Talks Series continues this week.

*Reflections on St. Francis of Assisi*

Thursday, March 19 – 10:30 am and 6:30 pm.

This week's topic:

**Francis and the Song of Creation**

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS / Fridays of Lent

Please join Deacon Brian Cox, who will lead the Stations of the Cross after the 12:05 pm daily Mass on the Fridays of Lent.

**Don't delay! This is the last week to complete the survey!**

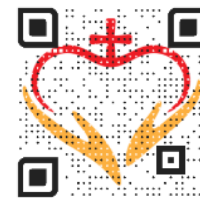
**We need you to tell us what's on your heart!**

**Do you need help completing the DMI?** Survey Helpers are available today and next Sunday after both Masses to help you complete your survey on a computer or phone. Stop by the parish office conference room or the undercroft after Mass and complete your survey today!

Complete the survey **online** at

<https://survey.catholicleaders.org/d/ppg3bp>.

**Or Scan this QR Code.** Select our parish name from the list.



If you prefer a **paper copy** instead, they will be available for you at the New Parishioner Table near the Baptistry; or contact Mary Ann Kelly at 859-291-2288 at the parish office.

**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.

### 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.



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

**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	March 1, 2026
Church Collection	\$ 10,939.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,056.64
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 12,995.64</b>

Sunday Collection	March 8, 2026
Church Collection	\$ 6,387.00
Mailed In (Two Weeks)	\$ 5,386.00
One-time Donation	\$ 2,400.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,550.77
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 16,723.77</b>

### Subsplash Online Giving

If you are currently giving a recurring gift online through FaithStreet, please log in and cancel it before setting up your Subsplash gift. For more information, go to "Giving" at <https://mother-of-god.org> or send an email to [communications@mogcov.org](mailto:communications@mogcov.org).



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### 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).

### MOTHER OF GOD SENIOR SOCIAL GROUP

The Senior Group has decided to share established overnight and day trips that have already been organized. On the bulletin board at the bottom of the steps leading to the undercroft is the **Golden Age Travel Schedule for 2026**. It includes overnight and day trips. If there are no notices left on the board, please notify Carol Fausz at 859-409-3730 and she will get a copy to you.



**Children's Easter Activity**  
**Life Is Colorful with Jesus**  
Look for more details in  
next week's bulletin!



### DIOCESAN NEWS

**Annual Lenten Pilgrimage – Five Covington Churches**  
**Saturday, March 28 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Begin at any time (*rain or shine*) and start your journey at any one of these churches:

**The Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption**  
**St. Benedict, St. Augustine**  
**St. John the Evangelist and here at Mother of God!**  
Walk or drive any or all of the 4.3 mile pilgrimage.

*For more details*, visit  
<https://www.covdio.org/lenten-pilgrimage>  
**Walk! Pray! Adore!**

**Catholic Order of Foresters Pancake Breakfast**  
**with the Easter Bunny!**

**Sunday, March 29, 8:00-11:30 am**  
**St. Joseph Church, Memorial Hall,**  
4011 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY.  
\$9.00 adults, \$4.00 kids, \$25.00 family max.  
Pictures with the Easter Bunny  
**Easter Egg Hunt at 11:15 am.**

**CHRISM MASS – Tuesday, March 31, 7:00 pm**  
**Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption.**

The Most Reverend John C. Iffert, Bishop of Covington, invites *all* the faithful of the diocese: priests, deacons, consecrated religious, and laity, to join him for the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 31, at 7:00 pm, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption.

The Sacrament of Penance will be available prior to Holy Mass beginning at 6:00 pm.

**Lord, Lord, Open Unto Me**

Open unto me, light for my darkness.  
 Open unto me, courage for my fear.  
 Open unto me, hope for my despair.  
 Open unto me, peace for my turmoil.  
 Open unto me, joy for my sorrow.  
 Open unto me, strength for my weakness.  
 Open unto me, wisdom for my confusion.  
 Open unto me, forgiveness for my sins.  
 Open unto me, tenderness for my toughness.  
 Open unto me, love for my hates.  
 Open unto me, Thy Self for myself.  
 Lord, Lord, open unto me. Amen.

**To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass****Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Ezekiel 37:12-14 Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**With the Lord there is mercy  
 and fullness of redemption.**

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45 Or John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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

*Mass Intentions*

Mar. 15	9:30 am	Susan Heidrich Winkler
	11:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
Mar. 16	12:05 pm	Noreen Sheridan
Mar. 17	12:05 pm	Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians
Mar. 18		No Mass
Mar. 19	12:05 pm	Jim O'Brien
Mar. 20	12:05 pm	Clarence and Margaret Wiehoff
Mar. 21	12:05 pm	Carol Imbus
Mar. 22	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Maury Price

*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 ♦  
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 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 ♦ G.S. ♦  
 Marine Sgt. Edward M. Burke ♦ 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 ♦ Jenny Vellon ♦ Jim Skridulis ♦ Beverly Henn ♦ Susan Byrley ♦ Jean Byrley ♦  
 Bill Hambley ♦ Kathy Thamann ♦ Ben and Natalie Thamann ♦ Suzy Sneary ♦ David Wise ♦ Nikki ♦ Jamie ♦  
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 S. M. ♦ Linda ♦ White Family ♦ Joan Hunkemoeller Racke ♦ Fred ♦ Jon Hickman ♦ Mark Amabile ♦ Jim Kiger ♦  
 Janice Northcutt ♦ Joe Weidenbach, Jr. ♦ Mary and Lou Lococo ♦ Dolores Donovan ♦ Mary Ruth ♦ Nancy

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