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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

APRIL 26, 2026

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**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 GOOD SHEPHERD**

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is popularly known as Good Shepherd Sunday. The readings speak of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, although in the Gospel Jesus speaks of Himself as the gate to the sheepfold. The image of Jesus is perhaps the most gentle and loving picture we are given of Jesus. In more modern times, it has evolved into the images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and that of Jesus as Divine Mercy.

**PRIMARY EVANGELISTS – PARENTS**

A few weeks ago, I began writing about the fact that we are all sent out by Christ to bring the message of salvation to all. I believe that the most important evangelizers in the Church are parents and grandparents. Passing on the message of Christ to young people is one of the most significant ways in which the faith of the Church is handed on to new people. The Baptism Rite stresses that parents are the primary teachers of their children in the ways of faith. Grandparents and others in the family support and assist parents in this responsibility.

Many, perhaps most, parents feel very inadequate in fulfilling this role of evangelizing their children. What can they do to feel more comfortable in sharing faith with their young ones? I want to make some suggestions that can empower you.

An old saying tells us that, “Faith is caught, not taught.” In handing on the faith of the Church, there are two components. There is the content of the faith, but there is also the act of faith. Someone may know the Catholic faith very well. They may know the Catechism of the Catholic Church front to back. That is great, but it is not faith. Faith is the act of trust that we make in the content of the Church’s teaching, and primarily it is placing our trust in a person, Jesus Christ. We do not want our children to become very catechized but unbelieving Catholics.

Parents are to pass on the content of the faith, but maybe more importantly, they need to become models of faith

themselves. Do your children see you pray? Do you take them to Mass, and allow them to see you participating, by singing, by responding to the prayers, focusing your attention on what is going on? Insist that they join in the songs and the prayers. Let them know that as a Catholic parent, you have expectations of them.

What about around the house? Are there pictures or statues that make it obvious that yours is a believing household? Especially when they are children, when you buy books for them to read, or to color, do you buy books that tell Bible stories, especially stories about Jesus? Do you do meal prayers, and night-time prayers? These are important moments of spiritual formation for children.

All families go through difficult times, and children are usually aware that something is happening, even if they don’t know what it is. Pray with them at those times. Teach them to turn to God when they are having a problem, asking God for guidance, strength and healing.

These are just a few suggestions. I will be making more as we go along.

**SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA**

This Wednesday, April 29, is the Feast of Saint Catherine of Siena, an Italian mystic and patron of sacred music. She lived in the fourteenth century, and desired as a teen to join the Dominican Order. Because of health issues, she was not accepted into the order and instead joined a group of devout women in her hometown. Later, she dedicated herself to the care of the poor and the sick.

**SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER**

Saint Joseph has two major feasts in the Church’s calendar. On March 19, we celebrated the Feast of Saint Joseph, the Spouse of Mary, and Friday, May 1, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker. This date and this feast are related to the struggles with Communism and Socialism, which organized major marches in Europe on what they called May Day. In the United States, the Labor Movement adopted that date for their celebrations of the Labor Movements.

Communism and Socialism both were atheistic and sought to separate their followers from worship and God Himself. They considered religion to be the “opiate of the masses” and contrary to their efforts to liberate workers from all forms of oppression. The Church chose that day to focus on the encyclicals and other writings of the Popes of the nineteenth century, which addressed the rights of workers to organize and to work for better wages and work conditions.

Saint Joseph was chosen to be the patron saint of workers and laborers because of his work as a carpenter. In him, those who labor found a friend and an ally.

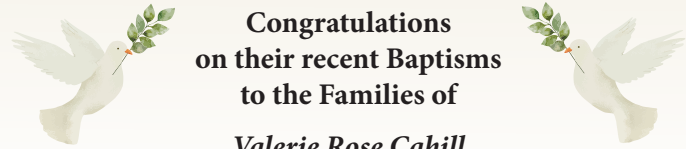
Spiritually, we can ask Saint Joseph to help us, no matter what work we do. We go to him for intercession when looking for employment, in seeking better income and work conditions.



## PARISH NEWS

Today, Coffee and donuts are available for you after both Masses downstairs in the undercroft.

Next Sunday, May 3 10:30-11:30 am  
Fair Trade Coffee, Tea and Chocolate Products will be available for sale downstairs in the undercroft.



**Congratulations on their recent Baptisms to the Families of**


**Valerie Rose Cahill**  
Daughter of Luke and Chelsea (Vaal) Cahill

**Leon Wallace Tibbs**  
Son of John and Michele (Kirn) Tibbs

**Birdie Walker Wesdorp**  
Daughter of Walker and Christine (Kirn) Wesdorp



**Congratulations on their recent Wedding!**

Jeffrey and Kaly (Snow) Boyle



**A CHILDREN’S ROSARY**

May is a month that we honor our mothers. Let’s honor our Heavenly Mother, Mary, by teaching your little ones how to pray one decade of the Rosary! Beginning next Sunday, May 3, you will find on a table by the Pieta statue in the back of church, a baggie, which has been blessed by Father Comer, with all the instructions needed! It will contain an illustrated guide that identifies which prayer to recite for each bead, the words for each prayer and all five mysteries of the Rosary. A craft will also be provided to enrich the experience.





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


*Northern Kentucky University*  
*Spring Choral Concert*

Thursday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m.  
Mother of God Church  
119 W. Sixth Street  
Covington, KY 41011

Featuring Northern Chorale, Norsekor, Women's Choir and Chamber Choir  
**Katie Barton & Adam White, Directors**



We are pleased to host the Northern Kentucky University for their annual spring concert! Join us for an evening of beautiful choral music featuring a variety of composers conducted by Professor Katie Barton and Dr. Adam White. The concert is free to attend.



**Download Our New Parish App**  
Use the QR code to download the app.

**Songs for a Spring Afternoon**  
**Here at Mother of God Church**  
**Sunday, May 17, 3:00 pm**

*Please join our organist, Meg Booker, for an afternoon recital featuring some of her favorite songs, from Broadway to Mozart! She will be joined by Dr. Christina Seal on piano and is excited to share this eclectic and joyful program. Meg can't wait to sing these selections for you and we hope you'll come and enjoy an afternoon of music together!*

In support of Young Artist development

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**3:00 PM**

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**Meg Booker, soprano**  
**Dr. Christina Seal, piano**



**A BIG THANK-YOU!**

Have you and your children enjoyed the Lent and Easter crafts this year? Be sure to thank Ann Oberjohn! Her creativity and organization have made these possible, and she has another great idea for May! Stay tuned...

Thank you to our Young Adult Group for making adorable Easter Treat Bags for our parishioners at home and in nursing homes. They are touched by your thoughtfulness!

**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	April 19, 2026
Church Collection	\$ 7,979.00
Mailed In	\$ 1,175.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,310.40
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$10,464.40</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).

**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.

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 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.

**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).



*Featuring over 15 local vendors!*

**Annual Dames in Faith May Market**

**Saturday, May 2, 10:00 am-3:00 pm**

St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church

**Prince of Peace School Auditorium**

625 W Pike Street, Covington, KY

Unique jewelry, hand-poured candles, 3D-printed treasures, or even freeze-dried candy, there truly is something for everyone. **This is a family event, with a dedicated Kids Area** including crafts and coloring, games, raffle baskets and a special candy raffle!

**Parking:** Park for free in the church lot. If that fills up, there is plenty of overflow parking in the event lot under the I-75 underpass, right across from the city building.

*For more details,*

visit our Facebook page at St. John's Dames in Faith.

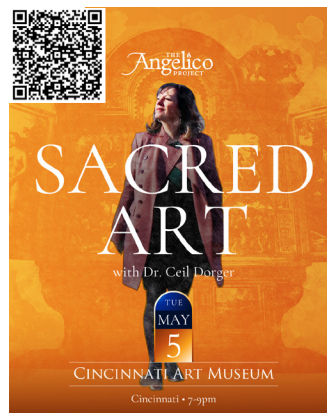
**Sacred Art at the Cincinnati Art Museum**

**Tuesday, May 5, 7:00-9:00 pm**

**Cincinnati Art Museum, Fath Auditorium**

Join The Angelico Project for a special evening at the Cincinnati Art Museum! Beloved local art historian Dr. Ceil Dorger will lead us on an in-depth, multimedia exploration of the Cincinnati Art Museum's exceptional Sacred Art Collection through lecture and video. After her presentation and live Q&A, attendees will be treated to an after-hours walk-through of the exhibit accompanied by Live Sacred Music. Tickets: General Admission, \$25.00

Learn more and reserve your seat at [angelicoproject.org](http://angelicoproject.org).



May the glory and the promise of this joyous time of year bring peace and happiness to you and those you hold most dear.

Christ, Our Risen Savior, is always by your side, to bless you most abundantly and be your loving guide.

*Wishing you a Joyous Easter Season!*

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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 6:1-7 Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.**

1 Peter 2:4-9 John 14:1-12

### Message of Condolence

We offer our deepest sympathy to his wife, Sandra, and to the Family and Friends of Michael Tierney. You will be held in our prayers. May Michael rest in peace.



We also extend our deepest condolences to his wife, Nga, and to the Family and Friends of Jerry Lynch. You will be held in our prayers. May Jerry rest in peace.

## Mass Intentions

Apr. 26	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Greg Hunkemoeller
Apr. 27	12:05 pm	<b>Communion Service</b>
Apr. 28	12:05 pm	Krista Wilmink
Apr. 29		No Mass
Apr. 30	12:05 pm	Terri King Schoborg
May 1	12:05 pm	Funeral Mass – Jerry Lynch
May 2	12:05 pm	Loma Marqua
May 3	9:30 am	Holly Thyme Blanton
	11:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors



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

## 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 ♦ Jan Stahlheber ♦ Kathleen Stevens Cox ♦ Freda Legner ♦ 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 ♦ Keith Bosshart ♦ Frank Hlebak ♦ Joy Rolfsen ♦ Greg Scanlon ♦ 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 ♦ Meg H. ♦ The Barrett Family ♦ Debbie Klein ♦ Plymesser Family ♦ Mary Lou Wilson ♦ Katie Tignor ♦ Oliver Derrick ♦ 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 ♦ Jamie ♦ Jenny Vellon ♦ Jim Skridulis ♦ Beverly Henn ♦ Susan Byrley ♦ Jean Byrley ♦ Bill Hambley ♦ Kathy Thamann ♦ Ben and Natalie Thamann ♦ Suzy Sneary ♦ David Wise ♦ Nikki ♦ Joyce Hamberg ♦ Staci Earls ♦ Peggy Bess Kratz ♦ Linda Wesley ♦ Jessica ♦ Damien Herold ♦ Karen Jansen ♦ Zadah Edmonds ♦ Karn Fields ♦ Caroline Olberding ♦ Melissa ♦ Rick and Pam Bronner ♦ Susan ♦ Caroline Raymond ♦ Jill Bland ♦ Olivia Hollihan ♦ Mary Beth Lynch ♦ Theresa Lynch ♦ Trudy ♦ K. T. ♦ Karen ♦ Fred B. ♦ John K. ♦ Jeanne Bitter ♦ Tabitha Frye Family ♦ Greg Benning ♦ Edward Weeden ♦ Elizabeth King ♦ S. M. ♦ Linda ♦ White Family ♦ Joan Hunkemoeller Racke ♦ Fred ♦ Jon Hickman ♦ Mark Amabile ♦ Jim Kiger ♦ Janice Northcutt ♦ Joe Weidenbach, Jr. ♦ Mary and Lou Lococo ♦ Amber and Michael Neuroth ♦ Dolores Donovan ♦ Colleen Bill and Family ♦ Wilma Brown

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