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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

MAY 24, 2026
PENTECOST SUNDAY

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.

PARISH NEWS

COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

There are many titles that are given to the Holy Spirit. He is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity. He is the Soul of the Church. The Spirit is the life-breath of the Church. These are just a few of His titles. But despite these, the Holy Spirit is the anonymous member of the Trinity.

The Spirit came to those in the Upper Room in the form of a strong, driving wind and as tongues of flame. We first met the Spirit at Jesus' Baptism. These are not images that we can easily relate to as a "Person." Whereas it is much easier to relate to the Father and the Son. The Spirit, which means Wind or Breath in Aramaic (Ruah) must be seen in these images.

MEMORIAL DAY

On Monday, May 25, our nation celebrates Memorial Day, when we honor all of the fallen dead veterans of our nation's wars, and pray for permanent peace. Far too many men and women have died in our nation's wars, both on our side, and of those we were fighting. When Pope Paul VI spoke to the United Nations, when he visited the United States, he cried out, "NO MORE WAR, WAR NEVER AGAIN!"

I think the greatest way we can honor those who have died in our countries' many wars is to dedicate ourselves to be Peace Makers, as Jesus called us to be.

In the midst of the picnics, parades and other celebrations, stop to remember and pray for those who have given their lives for the sake of peace.

BRAVO!!! MEGHAN BOOKER, SUPERSTAR!!!!

If you were not here last Sunday afternoon for the recital put on by Meghan Booker, you should go into mourning immediately. Her presentation of some of her favorite songs, from Mozart to Cole Porter and many more, was truly magnificent. We know how beautifully she plays and sings at 9:30 am Mass, but we are not, perhaps, familiar with her performance skills.

Meg did not play organ or piano for this show. That was covered by Dr. Christina Seal, who was her piano teacher at Northern Kentucky University.

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

On Monday, May 25, we celebrate the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. This feast is based on the scene from the Gospel of John, portrayed above the Altar of Repose in Mother of God Church. At the foot of the Cross are Mary, the Mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene, and John, the Beloved Disciple. Jesus speaks from the Cross to His mother and to John, saying, "Woman, behold your Son. Son, behold your Mother." We are told that Mary becomes the Mother of the Church in that moment, when John takes her into his home. In that exchange, Jesus entrusts His Mother to the Church, and the Church to His Mother. She becomes the Mother of the Church.

Although celebrated as the Mother of the Church for centuries, Pope Francis designated an annual feast day for her, on the Monday following Pentecost.

Join with us as we honor Mary, the Mother of the Church, calling out her love and compassion for all of us.

SAINT POPE PAUL VI

Pope Paul VI played a very important role in the recent history of the Church. His predecessor, Pope John XXIII had called for the Second Vatican Council. He died after the first session. The first session of the Council was in the fall of 1962. Pope John died in June of 1963. In the conclave of 1963, he was chosen to be the next Pope, and was canonized on June 21, 1963, adopting the name Paul.

When a Pope dies during a Council, it is usually cancelled, but Paul chose to continue the Council. He signed all of the documents and decisions of the Council.

Paul led the Church throughout the tumultuous 1960s and 1970s. Known as a very hesitant man, compared to the indecision of Hamlet, this was very difficult for him. He died on August 6, beginning what came to be known as The Year of Three Popes. He was followed by Pope John Paul I and then Pope John Paul II, who were both ordained that same year.

The Feast of Saint Pope Paul VI is this Friday, May 29.

PARISH NEWS

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

Reminder: The Parish Office will be **closed** Monday, May 25, for the Memorial Day holiday. The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday, May 26, at 9:00 am.

Mass on Monday, May 25, will begin at 10:00 am.



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

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.

If you are interested in joining our OCIA program, or if you are thinking of asking someone to join, visit our **OCIA information table** in the back of church near the Pieta statue. We will gladly answer any questions!

SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

The Survivors of Suicide Loss Support Group here at Mother of God is for family members and friends of persons who have ended their own lives. Group meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month in the **St. Aloysius Conference Room at the parish office.**

Next meeting - Wednesday, June 3, 6:30-8:00 pm.

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

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.

Congratulations on their recent Wedding!

Anthony and Sarah (Gregg) Molinaro III



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.

Praying for the sick is an important act of mercy, and one of great support. Thank you for keeping those on our Remember in Prayer list in your constant prayer. Over time our list becomes robust, and we need to reduce it if possible.

At the beginning of July, we will be moving most of the names from our **Remember in Prayer** list to our Parish Book of Intentions. We will keep our parishioners on the prayer list as we are more familiar with their needs.

If you wish to keep a non-parishioner on the Remember in Prayer list, add someone new, or remove someone from the list, call or email our parish secretary, Ellen Habermehl, at the Parish Office. She will gladly help you. Keep praying!
Call 859-291-2288 or email motherofgod@mogcov.org.

F3NKY – The Fellowship-Driven FITNESS PROGRAM FOR MEN *Fitness. Fellowship. Faith.*

F3NKY recently began meeting here to workout in **Mother of God Parish's North Parking Lot.** You are invited to join in on these FREE Men's workouts. Always free, always held outdoors, peer led in rotating fashion, ends with a circle of trust. Don't miss out!

Meeting times are the following:

- Friday mornings, 5:30-6:15 am – Regular workout
- Saturday mornings, 6:00-7:00 am – Run, Walk, Ruck

If you are under 18 years of age, you must have a parent with you.

For more information, please visit F3NKY.com.

The preliminary work for the construction of the companion bridge for I71/75 will begin this month. To help you travel to church on Sundays, enter the following website address into your browser:
<https://brentspencerbridgecorridor.com>

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	May 17, 2026
Church Collection	\$ 7,593.00
Mailed In	\$ 2,950.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,767.93
Total Collection	\$12,310.93

One-time Donation: \$2,000.00

SUBSPASH 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.

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!

DIOCESAN NEWS

St. Catherine of Siena Summerfest 2026!

Friday and Saturday, June 5 & 6

St. Catherine of Siena

1803 N. Fort Thomas Avenue, Fort Thomas, KY

- June 5, Friday night from 6:00-11:00 pm
Adult-only music night, with an Italian dinner prepared by chef Vincenzo Mazzocco from Vincenzo's restaurant, drinks, dancing and live music by Rue the Day.
- June 6, Saturday night – **main event** 5:30-11:00 pm,
Food, drinks, games, and fun for the whole family!

Graduating High School Seniors

We're here to help you find a faith community as you head into what's next after high school.

Newman Connection / Faith Forward –
<https://signupnc.newmanministry.com/>

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Young Adult Summer Picnic – Saturday, June 27 immediately following their 4:30 pm Mass.

8246 E. Main Street, Alexandria, KY.

- This event is **for young adults, ages 21-40**. Children are welcome. Invite a friend.
- Location: Meet in St. Mary's Undercroft for food, drinks, games, and more. Please park in the upper church lot.
- **For more info**, please email Morgan Becker (morganhaley139@gmail.com).

FREE In-Person Adult Catholic

Faith Formation Workshops

June 8-11, at Thomas More University

The Diocese of Covington is offering Free In-Person Adult Catholic Faith Formation Workshops, June 8-11, at Thomas More University. All Workshops are broken into two parts and scheduled for two consecutive days, 1.5 hours per day. Instructors will provide topical information, video content, and open discussion time. The 63 Workshops are open to everyone in our Diocese.

Visit <https://covdio.org/register> or contact Isaak A. Isaak at 859-392-1529 or iisaak@covdio.org.

You must register to attend the workshops.

Deadline to register is tomorrow, Monday, May 25.

Catholic Charities offers a **free hot lunch every day** at the **Parish Kitchen**, served from **11:30 am to 1:30 pm** in a welcoming and respectful environment.

Parish Kitchen is located at 1561 Madison Avenue in Covington, Kentucky, on the corner of 16th Street and Madison Avenue.

June NeighborWorks Homebuyer Education Class

Catholic Charities

Saturday, June 6, 9:00 am-5:00 pm

The class covers topics such as managing money, budgeting, insurance, home inspections, mortgage lending, working with realtors, protecting your investment, and avoiding predatory lending.

Space is limited and **registration is required**.

To Register – Call Catholic Charities at 859-581-8974.



Prayer for Pentecost

Open your hearts to the breath of God,
 His life is grafted to the souls that He touches;
 May a new people rise from the waters
 Over which hovers the spirit of your baptism!
 Let us open our hearts to the breath of God
 For He breathes in our mouths more than we do ourselves!
 -Days of the Lord

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9
 Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56

Responsorial Psalm:

Glory and praise forever!

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 John 3:16-18



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

May 24	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Chad Wagner
<i>Memorial Day</i>		
May 25	10:00 am	Sylvia Overmann
May 26	12:05 pm	Brenda Fette
May 27		No Mass
May 28	12:05 pm	Brian Steinmetz
May 29	12:05 pm	Funeral for Richard Grau
May 30	12:05 pm	William Bugg
May 31	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Bill Clayton

Remember in Prayer

Hannah Donoghue ♦ Lois Knochelmann ♦ Chris Haddix ♦ Frank Sutthoff ♦ David Verkamp ♦ Kenneth Schuler ♦
 Nancy Correll ♦ Debbie Prior ♦ Joe Legner ♦ Faye Gosney ♦ Rita & Ron Hopper ♦ Freda Legner ♦ Joan Miley ♦
 Kathleen Stevens Cox ♦ Jan Stahlheber ♦ Rob Feldman ♦ Gerri Losey ♦ Pat Landrum ♦ Bruce Hummel ♦ D.B. ♦
 Amy Stiens ♦ Amy Bates ♦ Mary Estelle Roesel ♦ Eileen Concannon ♦ Joan and Kelse Murphy ♦ 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 ♦ 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 ♦
 Jenny Vellon ♦ Jim Skridulis ♦ Beverly Henn ♦ Susan Byrley ♦ Jean Byrley ♦ Bill Hambley ♦ Kathy Thamann ♦
 Suzy Sneary ♦ Ben and Natalie Thamann ♦ Nikki ♦ David Wise ♦ Jamie ♦ Staci Earls ♦ Peggy Bess Kratz ♦
 Linda Wesley ♦ Jessica ♦ Damien Herold ♦ Melissa ♦ Karen Jansen ♦ Zadah Edmonds ♦ Karn Fields ♦
 Caroline Olberding ♦ 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 ♦ White Family ♦
 Tabitha Frye Family ♦ Greg Dues Benning ♦ Edward Weeden ♦ Elizabeth King ♦ S. M. ♦ Linda ♦ Fred ♦
 Joan Hunkemoeller Racke ♦ Jon Hickman ♦ Jim Kiger ♦ Janice Northcutt ♦ Joe Weidenbach, Jr. ♦ Dolores Donovan ♦
 Mary and Lou Lococo ♦ Amber and Michael Neuroth ♦ Wilma Brown ♦ Colleen Bill and Family ♦
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To add or remove a name on this list, please contact the parish office.



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