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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

JUNE 21, 2026

TWELFTH 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
FATHER'S DAY

Happy Father's Day to all of our Dads, to Grandads, to Foster Dads, and to all men who play out a Father role in the life of all children. Yours is often a thankless job. Moms get far more attention and expressions of gratitude. But it is so important that you Dads are present and active in the life of your sons and daughters.

Our culture does not recognize the significance of Dads. But our prisons are full of men and women who share one very important fact of life. They grew up without a positive, active and present father or father figure. Children without a father are more likely to grow up in poverty, to become involved in drugs and crime. Dads provide a stability that is difficult for a single mom to do on their own.

This Sunday, we acclaim you, we thank you, and we appreciate you.

TERESA BOWMAN, REST IN PEACE

When I came to Mother of God nine years ago, Teresa Bowman was our parish sacristan. She set up the Masses and took care of the sacristy. Teresa was always very helpful and supportive to me. She knew the needs of every liturgy and anticipated me in providing for all of them. She was very proud of the work that she did and did it with great dedication.

Teresa died on Wednesday, June 10, and we celebrated her Memorial Mass on Wednesday, June 17. She had donated her body to UC Hospital, so the service was not a funeral. We only celebrate a funeral when the body of the deceased is present.

Please keep Teresa and her family in your prayers.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

This Wednesday night at 6:30 pm, we will have a cookout in the parish courtyard, as we begin a new version of our Mother of God Young Adult Group. In this meeting, we plan to get to know one another a bit, and to begin planning for the group's future together.

The group is intended for those who are 20 to 35 years old, with some flexibility. Singles and couples (married and unmarried) are welcome. It will be an opportunity for our younger members to meet one another, to pray together, to grow together, and to play together.

WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

The Catholic Church provides classes and rituals to bring people into the Church. This process is known as the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Those going through the process fall into three main categories.

Those who have never been baptized into any church are called Catechumens and will prepare for the three Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. If someone has been baptized, they are known as Candidates and prepare for Confirmation and Eucharist. Some people were baptized Catholic as children but did not receive training and education. They are known as Baptized but Uncatechized Adults.

If you are interested, please call me at 859-816-3198 or Mary Ann Kelly at 859-291-2288.

SAINTS THOMAS MORE AND JOHN FISHER

Thomas More and John Fisher were both martyrs under the persecution of the Church by King Henry VIII. Saint John Fisher was a Catholic bishop when Henry decided to make himself the head of the Church, so that he could grant himself an annulment in order to marry Anne Boleyn. He was, in fact, the only bishop in England to stand up to Henry and denounce his takeover of the Church. Because of this, Henry had Fisher beheaded.

We are more familiar with Thomas More, especially considering that our diocesan university is known as Thomas More University. Thomas was a brilliant lawyer and worked his way up in the private sector, and then throughout the government sector. Eventually, he would become the Chancellor of England, essentially the second in command in England, after the King. When Henry rebelled against the Pope, and declared himself the head of the English Church, annulled his marriage to Queen Catherine of Aragon, he insisted that Thomas More sign a statement endorsing the King's decision. He refused. And for this he was also beheaded.

These are the two saints of the Church who demonstrated heroic virtue in standing up to King Henry, and to the entire government, on behalf of the Catholic Church.

Their feast day is June 22, the anniversary of Saint John Fisher's martyrdom.

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

In the beginning of the Gospel of Luke, we learn of the angel appearing to Zechariah, John’s father, in the Temple. It was his turn to offer sacrifice in the Holy of Holies of the Temple, when the angel appeared and announced that he and his elderly wife, Elizabeth, would have a child. Zechariah laughed at the very idea and was struck mute until the day of the baby’s birth. The family members were prepared to name him after his father, but Elizabeth said that his name was to be John, the name given him by the angel. They ignored her and asked the father. He wrote, “His name is John,” and he instantly regained his voice.

The child would become a great prophet, who would announce the arrival of Jesus, would baptize Jesus in the Jordan River, and would die a martyr’s death.

The Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist is June 24.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

In Rome, in the Church of Saint Alphonse Ligouri, there is a 14th century icon of the Blessed Mother holding the Christ Child in her arms. It is known as Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and a number of miracle healings are attributed to the icon. In 1882, Father William Tappert, at that time the pastor of Mother of God Church, was in Rome, and had a private audience with Pope Leo XIII. The Holy Father gifted him an image of the icon, that had been touched to the original, making it a third class relic, and was blessed by the Pope.

The Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be celebrated this Saturday, June 27. I will do special prayers that day at the relic after the 12:05 pm Mass.



Today, Sunday, June 21, Coffee and donuts are available after both Masses downstairs in the Undercroft.



PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION

Next Sunday, June 28, we will take up the Peter’s Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the works of the Holy See, including helping Pope Leo to carry out his charitable works.

These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. *Please be generous.*

Congratulations on their recent Wedding!
Evan and Mary (Gruber) Mallett



COOKOUT IN THE COURTYARD FOR YOUNG ADULTS

(Ages 20-35)

Mother of God Church Courtyard

Wednesday, June 24, 6:30 pm

Join Fr. Mike Comer, Deacon Brian Cox, Seminarian Michael Schulte and fellow young adults for an evening of food and conversation.

RSVP helpful but not required to Mary Ann Kelly.

SOUND SYSTEM UPDATE

This week, Ovation Audio will be on site to train our sound operators on the new system. The goal is to switch over from the temporary system we’ve been using by next weekend.

Mother of God Church is a complex space to amplify, which is why we employed an independent acoustic architect with more than 40 years’ experience in designing systems for churches and concert venues like ours.

Here are some important things to know:

- Sound waves are subject to the law of physics, so both the spoken word and music will sound slightly different depending on where you are in the room. In fact, there can even be subtle differences whether you are seated or standing. But most people won’t notice.
- About 13 years ago, we applied acoustic panels to the back wall of the church underneath the choir loft to absorb the sound waves coming from the main speakers. This greatly reduced the echo that bounced off the wall and hung in the air, muddying the sound and making the spoken word less intelligible.
- That echo effect also happens in the transept of the church, with sound from the speakers bouncing off the large stained-glass windows and walls above the confessionals. Acoustic treatment in these areas would be very expensive and detract from the artwork. If you have difficulty hearing, we suggest that you’ll have the best listening experience sitting about four pews back from the front (or further). If you wear Bluetooth-enabled hearing aids, you can also download the “Listen Everywhere” app from Google Play or Apple’s App Store onto your smartphone and select “MOG Listen.” (Note: This will be available once the new sound system is fully up and running at the end of June.)

Congratulations on her recent Baptism!

Olivia Anne Cahill

Daughter of

Sam and Rachel (Brannen) Cahill



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, July 1, 6:30-8:00 pm.

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

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!

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 14, 2026
Church Collection	\$ 6,763.00
Mailed In	\$ 3,950.50
Online Giving	\$ 2,652.93
Total Collection	\$13,366.43

One-time Donation \$2,500.00

Bequest \$10,000.00

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.



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

The preliminary work for the construction of the companion bridge for I-71/75 has begun. To help you travel to church on Sundays, enter the following website address into your browser:

<https://brentspencerbridgecorridor.com>

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.

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.

F3NKY – The Fellowship-Driven

Fitness Program for Men *Fitness. Fellowship. Faith.*

F3NKY meets 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. **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.



DIOCESAN NEWS

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend offers married couples a chance to step away from daily demands and focus on their relationship in a meaningful, faith-filled way. Through simple presentations and private couple dialogue, you’ll rediscover connection, communication, and the grace of your marriage.

**Friday-Sunday, July 24-26 TownePlace Suites by Marriott
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For questions or more details, contact:

Wayne and Jeanie Hodges at 859-760-3046,
wayne.jeanie.hodges@wwme.org or visit esharing.org.

Prayer for Basic Rights

Lord of Wisdom, awaken us to our duty to care for the basic needs of all people. Strengthen with hope people denied their human rights and freedoms. Provide us all with the voice to cry out for justice for the poor and the oppressed. Amen.

To help you prepare for next Sunday's Mass

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a Psalm 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19

Responsorial Psalm:

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 Matthew 10:37-42

Messages of Condolence

We offer our deepest sympathy to the Family and Friends of Teresa Bowman. You will be held in our prayers. May Teresa rest in peace.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Dr. Chris and Patty Heeb and Family on the passing of Patty's brother, Paul Middendorf. You will be remembered in our prayers. May Paul rest in peace.



Mass Intentions

June 21	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Fred and Harriet Clayton
June 22	12:05 pm	Ed and Laverne Burk
June 23	12:05 pm	Mike Tierney
June 24		No Mass
June 25	12:05 pm	Mike Corcoran
June 26	12:05 pm	Sister Kathleen Ryan
June 27	12:05 pm	Timothy Jacobs
June 28	9:30 am	Parishioners and Benefactors
	11:30 am	Greg Hunkemoeller



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 ♦ Joe Legner ♦ Faye Gosney ♦ Rita & Ron Hopper ♦ Freda Legner ♦ Amy Bates ♦ Kathleen Stevens Cox ♦ Jan Stahlheber ♦ Joan Miley ♦ Rob Feldman ♦ Gerri Losey ♦ Pat Landrum ♦ D.B. ♦ Bruce Hummel ♦ Amy Stiens ♦ Mary Estelle Roesel ♦ Eileen Concannon ♦ Ruthie ♦ 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. ♦ Greg Dahlenberg ♦ Marine Sgt. Edward M. Burke ♦ 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 ♦ Jenny Vellon ♦ Jim Skridulis ♦ Beverly Henn ♦ Susan Byrley ♦ Jean Byrley ♦ Bill Hambley ♦ Kathy Thamann ♦ Suzy Sneary ♦ Nikki ♦ Ben and Natalie Thamann ♦ David Wise ♦ Jamie ♦ Staci Earls ♦ Peggy Bess Kratz ♦ Linda Wesley ♦ Jessica ♦ Damien Herold ♦ Melissa ♦ Karen Jansen ♦ Zadah Edmonds ♦ Karn Fields ♦ Susan Caroline Olberding ♦ Rick and Pam Bronner ♦ Caroline Raymond ♦ Jill Bland ♦ Olivia Hollihan ♦ Mary Beth Lynch ♦ Theresa Lynch ♦ Trudy ♦ K. T. ♦ Karen ♦ Fred B. ♦ John K. ♦ Jeanne Bitter ♦ Tabitha Frye Family ♦ Edward Weeden ♦ Greg Dues Benning ♦ Elizabeth King ♦ S. M. ♦ Linda ♦ Fred ♦ Jon Hickman ♦ Joan Hunkemoeller Racke ♦ Jim Kiger ♦ Janice Northcutt ♦ Joe Weidenbach, Jr. ♦ Mary and Lou Lococo ♦ Dolores Donovan ♦ Chip Ritter ♦ Michelle Berning ♦ Amber and Michael Neuroth ♦ Brad Lark ♦ Marilyn Schleyer ♦ Peter G.

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



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