



Stella Maris

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St. Bernadette

Saturday 8:15am, Sunday 9am & 11am

St. Mary

Sunday 10:30am

St. Peter

Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:30am

St. Thomas More

Saturday 4pm, Sunday 8am & 10am

*Daily Mass Schedule

St. Bernadette

M, T, W, F 8:15am, Thursday 6:45pm

St. Mary

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am

St. Peter

Friday 8:30am

St. Thomas More

T, W, Th, F 8:30am

Confession Schedule

St. Bernadette: Thursdays from 5:30pm to 6:30pm
& Saturdays from 9am to 10am

St. Mary: Thursdays from 6pm to 7pm

St. Peter: Mondays from 6pm to 7pm &
Saturdays from 4:00pm to 4:45pm

St. Thomas More: Saturdays 3pm to 3:40pm

Confessions are also available by appointment. Please contact one of our priests by phone or email to schedule a time.

Eucharistic Exposition

****St. Bernadette:** Tuesdays from 9am - 8pm

St. Mary: Thursdays from 5pm - 7pm

St. Peter: Mondays from 1pm - 7pm

St. Thomas More: Fridays from 9:30am - 3:30pm

Learn more about Eucharistic exposition and becoming a regular guardian at stellamarisfamily.org/adoration.



**Benediction (7pm-8pm) 3rd Tuesday
and 1st Friday of each month at St. Bernadette

*Exceptions for Mass times will be listed separately in the bulletin.

Mass Intentions

Key: B: Bernadette, M: Mary, P: Peter, TM: Thomas More

Monday, May 18

8:15am (B) † Morgan Meyer req. by The Kiser Family

Tuesday, May 19

8:15am (B) † Bill Weimer req. by The Parish

8:30am (M) † Bob Smith req. by Barb and Jerry Hanlon

8:30am (TM) † Karen Klysz req. by Tom and Beverly Hageman

Wednesday, May 20

8:15am (B) † Gary Jay Feldkamp req. by The Parish

8:30am (TM) † Karen Klysz req. by Jim Harrison

Thursday, May 21

8:30am (TM) † Karen Klysz req. by Jim Harrison

8:30am (M) † Steve Spiller req. by The Family

6:45pm (B) People of the Parish Family

Friday, May 22

8:15am (B) Jicky Muth req. by Anne Tran

8:30am (P) † Carl Martineck req. by The Martineck Family

8:30am (TM) † Dominic DeBona req. by Caleb and Friends

Saturday, May 23

8:15am (B) Priest's Intention

4:00pm (TM) † Karen Klysz req. by The Speth Family

5:00pm (P) Dan Morgan req. by Betty Morgan

Sunday, May 24

8:00am (TM) † Sylvia Collins req. by Delia Berry

8:30am (P) † Gary Jay Feldkamp req. by The Parish

9:00am (B) † Bill Weimer req. by The Parish

10:00am (TM) People of the Parish Family req. by The Pastor

10:30am (M) † Mary Assumpta Koerner req. by Keith Koerner

11:00am (B) † Rita Craft req. by Sheila Fehn

Other Sacramental Needs

For more information on weddings, baptisms, and funerals, please call the appropriate parish office. **If you or a loved one is hospitalized or ill at home and would like a pastoral visit and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call [513-549-2198](tel:513-549-2198).**

Schedule a Mass Intention

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a special occasion, on behalf of a family member, a friend, or a deceased loved one, please submit a Mass Request using our new online program.

Visit the link below, or scan the QR code.

tinyurl.com/MassIntentionSM



Reflecting on Mary: Pope Leo XIV's Anniversary Homily

The Church has just celebrated the one-year anniversary of the election of Pope Leo XIV. The Holy Father, to commemorate this anniversary, visited the Shrine of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Holy Rosary of Pompei. Below is an excerpt from his homily, in which Pope Leo reflects on the Blessed Mother and the beautiful prayer of the Rosary. The full homily can be found here: tinyurl.com/22u42vc8

"Exactly one year ago, when I was entrusted with the ministry of the Successor of Peter, it was precisely the day of the Supplication to the Virgin, this beautiful day of the Supplication to Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii! So, I had to come here, to place my service under the protection of the Holy Virgin. My choice of the name Leo places me in the footsteps of Leo XIII, who, among his other merits, also developed an extensive Magisterium on the Holy Rosary. Added to all this is the recent canonization of Saint Bartolo Longo, apostle of the Rosary. This context provides us with a key to reflecting on the Word of God we have just heard.

The Gospel of the Annunciation introduces us to the moment at which the Word of God is incarnated in Mary's womb. From this womb radiates the Light that gives full meaning to history and to the world. The greeting that the angel Gabriel addresses to the Virgin is an invitation to rejoice: "Hail, full of grace" (Lk 1:28; cf. Zeph 3:14). Yes, the Hail Mary is an invitation to joy: it tells Mary, and through her all of us, that upon the ruins of our humanity, tested by sin and therefore ever prone to oppression, abuse and war, the caress of God has come, the caress of mercy, which takes on a human face in Jesus. Mary thus becomes the Mother of Mercy. A disciple of the Word and an instrument of His Incarnation, she truly reveals herself to be "full of grace". Everything in her is grace! By offering her own flesh to the Word, she too becomes, as the Second Vatican Council teaches, following Saint Augustine, "the mother of the members of Christ ... having cooperated by charity that faithful might be born into the Church, who are members of that Head" (Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen gentium*, 53; cf. Saint Augustine, *De S. Virginitate*, 6). In Mary's "Let it be to me", not only is Jesus born, but also the Church, and Mary becomes both the Mother of God – Theotokos – and Mother of the Church.

What a great mystery! Everything happens in the power of the Holy Spirit, who overshadows Mary and makes her virginal womb fruitful. This moment in history possesses a tenderness and a power that draw the heart and lift it to that contemplative height where the prayer of the Holy Rosary takes root. A prayer which, having arisen and developed progressively during the second millennium, has its roots in the history of salvation, and finds its prelude precisely in the Angel's greeting to the Virgin. "Hail Mary!" The repetition of this prayer in the Rosary is like an echo of Gabriel's greeting, an echo that spans the centuries and guides the believer's gaze to Jesus, seen through the eyes and heart of His Mother. Jesus adored, contemplated, and assimilated in each of His mysteries, so that with Saint Paul we may say: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Gal 2:19).

Preceded by the proclamation of the Word of God, nestled between the Our Father and the Glory Be, the Hail Mary repeated in the Holy Rosary is an act of love. Is it not characteristic of love to repeat, without tiring: "I love you"?"



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Tim Ralston".

Fr. Tim Ralston
Pastor of Stella Maris

1-3 Our 8th-graders received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday, May 3, at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains. 4, 5 St. Peter had a good turnout for the May Crowning procession on Sunday, May 3. Sarah Buskirk, an eighth-grade student this year and a St. Peter Mass server, crowned Mary. The Greeson family was well represented, with two girls serving and two more carrying the processional rosary, especially Zeke Greeson, who had just received his First Communion. 6, 7 Members from the Caring for God's Creation team did gardening work at St. Thomas More and at St. Bernadette School. 8 The Grace Ministry Book Club met on Wednesday, April 29, in Stevenard Hall to discuss The Screwtape Letters by CS Lewis. They discussed that free will is humanity's greatest weakness and its greatest strength. 9 The first session of the "From God or Not" mini course took place on Tuesday, April 28, in Stevenard Hall.



Do you have photos from a recent event at Stella Maris?
Please share them by emailing rwilliams@stellamarisfamily.org for a chance to be featured in the bulletin!



The Surrender Initiative Weekend

June 13 & 14, 2026

The Surrender initiative has been part of our mission at Stella Maris for the last three years. It is an opportunity to intentionally gather as the Body of Christ and dedicate our Mass, prayers, and sacrifices for those we love who are no longer practicing their faith. In the past, we've offered these events three times a year on select Friday nights. Instead of a separate event, we're happy to bring The Surrender Initiative to all four parishioners during regular Sunday Mass. This means the two Vigil Masses on June 13 and all Sunday morning Masses on June 14 will give people a chance to pray, with intention, for those who are not practicing their Catholic faith. This

won't affect the normal Mass schedule. We will pray the "Litany to Obtain a Conversion" together just before Mass begins, listen to a homily about the spiritual power of surrendering to God, and make a prayer during the Offertory by putting names of those no longer practicing the faith in the collection basket. There will be a reception/social following selected Masses.



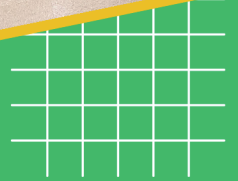
stellamarisfamily.org/the-surrender-initiative

ST. BERNADETTE SCHOOL



Weekly Updates

Grades third through eighth were treated to a visit from iSpace. The fourth grade got to explore Ft. Ancient. Some of our second graders received their First Holy Communion.



Upcoming Events

- 5/18 - Pre-school Carnival
- 5/18 - The graduating seniors from St. Bernadette's class of 2022 will walk through the hallways of St. Bl
- 5/20 - Pre-school Graduation
- 5/22 - Field Day
- 5/25 - No School
- 5/27 - 8th Grade Graduation
- 5/29 - Last day for grades K-7. Noon dismissal

A Become Catholic Night at Stella Maris... Catholic Social Teaching

May 19 | 6 PM | Stievenard Hall at St. Bernadette

Once each month, everyone currently involved in the Become Catholic process gathers for a meal, a message, & prayer. We also welcome anyone interested in becoming Catholic. Simply RSVP via the QR code or link below.



stellamarisfamily.org/become-catholic



Sacred Heart: History and Meaning



Stella Maris
INSTITUTE

Wed. June 3 | 7 pm | Stievenard Hall, St. Bernadette

Join Fr. Tim Ralston for an introduction to and deep reflection on Catholic devotion to the Sacred Heart. This talk will take place a little over a week before the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart and the US Bishops' consecration of the USA to the Sacred Heart on June 11, 2026. This is a free event; no registration is necessary!



stellamarisfamily.org/institute-talks

Totus Tuus

Registration Deadline — May 31

June 7 - 12, 2026

St. Bernadette Church Campus



Help your child deepen their faith this summer! The Totus Tuus Catholic youth program helps young people grow in their relationship with Jesus through prayer, learning, worship, skits, games, and songs. Cost is \$35 per child, with a max cost of \$105 per family.

Day Program

Mon-Fri, 8:30 am-2:30 pm
(Entering) Grades 1-6

Evening Program

Sun-Thur 7:00-9:00 pm
(Entering) Grades 7-12



stellamarisfamily.org/totus-tuus

STELLA MARIS YOUTH MINISTRY REDS GAME OUTING

Sunday, June 14

6th-12th grade
Tickets — \$15

Join us for a day at Great American Ball Park to watch the Cincinnati Reds take on the Arizona Diamondbacks!

MASS @ 11 AM
LUNCH @ 12:15 PM
GAME @ 1:40 PM



stellamarisfamily.org/redsgame2026

Dare to Care Dash

Saturday, June 13, 2026



The 32nd Annual St. Vincent de Paul 5K Run and Fitness Walk will be back in action on Saturday, June 13, 2026. A spectacular patriotic formation flyover by WWII era Warbirds is again planned for the start of the Run at 9:00 am (weather permitting). Registrants are eligible to win valuable door prizes, with free food and drinks also available at the awards ceremony held immediately after the finish. Please use the QR code or visit daretocaredash.org to register, to make donations, or to get more information on the charitable work of the St. Martin District Council of St. Vincent de Paul, which benefits neighbors in need in 21 communities, including our Stella Maris Parish Family.

daretocaredash.org

Please pray for the soul of Bill Weimer from St. Thomas More, who passed on 05/01/2026. May God grant him eternal peace and console his family at this time of great loss.

Please pray for the soul of Gary Jay Feldkamp from St. Thomas More, who passed on 05/02/2026. May God grant him eternal peace and console his family at this time of great loss.

Please pray for the soul of Diane Piening from St. Thomas More, who passed on 05/10/2026. May God grant her eternal peace and console her family at this time of great loss.

Stella Maris Jr. High Youth Ministry Night

RISING 6TH - CURRENT 8TH GRADERS INVITED!

SPORTS COMPETITIONS

 Friday, May 22

 6:30 - 8:30 pm

 **St. Thomas More**
800 Ohio Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45245

stellamarisfamily.org/junior-high-youth-ministry



St. Peter's Cemetery



GRAVE PRICING PER PLOT

- 1 - \$1,200
- 2 - \$2,200
- 3 - \$3,200
- 4 - \$3,800

(Military Discounts Available)

Cemetery Board Members:

Mike Greeson: (513) -491-6633 | greesonmc@yahoo.com

Keith Vogelsang: (513) -491-6490 | keith.vogelsang@zoomtown.com

JulyFest Bid N Buy Booth



The JulyFest Bid N Buy Booth is one of the most profitable booths at the STM festival! We rely on donations from local businesses and generous parishioners, family, and friends.

Here are some ways you can donate:

- Donate any new or unused items
- Donate gift cards, timeshares, sporting event tickets, appliances, etc.
- Purchase an item off the Bid N Buy's Amazon Wish List by going to: tinyurl.com/2s3sszt5



If you have any questions, please contact Casey Anderson:
513-374-9965 / Casey.Clukey@yahoo.com

Director of Internal Communications

Job opening | Archdiocese of Cincinnati Pastoral Center

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is seeking a Director of Internal Communications. The Director of Internal Communications is responsible for developing, executing and improving internal communications efforts to: (1) build awareness, understanding, and buy-in to archdiocesan priorities and strategies; (2) help foster employee engagement in the overall mission of the Catholic Church and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and employee understanding of their work as part of that mission; and (3) improve communication and stronger connection among priests, religious, and staff members across the archdiocese. The Director of Internal Communications reports to the Director of Communications & Media Relations and collaborates closely and congenially with the entire staff of the Department of Communications and other archdiocesan offices. The Director must be a model of professional conduct and always represent the Archdiocese of Cincinnati with honesty and integrity.



Visit: tinyurl.com/32fhruf8 to learn more and apply.

Register your 8th grader for IGNITE

Confirmation Formation Program



Parents, please complete the online registration form and submit the fee (\$45) to secure your child's spot for the 2026/27 IGNITE Confirmation Formation Program. **DEADLINE: June 1, 2026.**

Liability and Medical Release Forms will be emailed after the registration deadline. These must be completed, signed, and returned to the parish office before the first IGNITE event. Please visit our website via the link or QR code below to register today!



tinyurl.com/2w5v24zz

Calling All Creatives!

Do you enjoy photography, graphic design, videography, or other creative work? We would love to connect with you!

As our communication efforts at Stella Maris continue to grow, we would love to invite parishioners who are willing to share their creative talents from time to time — whether that's photographing an event, designing a flyer for one of our Stella Maris programs, or helping with a special project if extra creative hands are needed.

This is a great opportunity to utilize your artistic gifts within our Parish community. If you are interested in being added to a volunteer team, please contact Rachael Williams, Communications Coordinator at Stella Maris, at rwilliams@stellamarisfamily.org.



We look forward to collaborating with you!

Coord. of Youth Ministry

Job opening | Stella Maris Family of Parishes



The Stella Maris Family of Parishes is seeking a Coordinator of Youth Ministry. The coordinator of youth ministry will be responsible for offering leadership and discipleship programming in each of the parochial schools that are part of Stella Maris. The coordinator will also recruit and form adult and high school volunteers as a team of missionary disciples who will carry out the IGNITE Confirmation Formation program. Finally, the coordinator will develop and execute content, curriculum, and programs for jr. high and high school teens.

Visit: tinyurl.com/w53ms32v to learn more and apply.

Pray a Novena for Life in honor of the Feast of the Visitation

May 22-30. Sign up at respectlife.org/visitation

On Sunday, May 31st, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates the Blessed Mother's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers. The USCCB invites all of us to pray A Novena for Life in honor of this special feast day.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

THE SICK & HOMEBOUND: David Himmelstein, Jan Frazee, Bev Jung, Carroll Mayhugh, Ross Gentry, Timothy Haller, Robert Back, Julie Armbrrecht, Marge Armbruster, Kristina Deboard, Ken Ozanich, Joann Schwetschenau, Matthew Haurert, Patricia Dean, Herbert Doty, Steve & Zenia Kobylski, John Davis, Pat Crumbacher, Jim D'Aquila, Milie Blom, Mary Breving, Rose Brumfield, Pauline Young, Derek Archer, AJ Bressler, Mary Ann Fedak, Mary Anna Willacker, Denny Mulvey, Charlie Horstman, Jack Gardner, Andrea Kittel, Robert Kocher, Paul Coyne, Willie and Renee Rooks, Joe Bresser, Rita Afflaeck-Graves, Bernice Sutter, Andrew Nelson, Nicole Bussard, Kenneth Siler, Hugh Evans, Donna Merkle, Robert Rau, Ainsley Gableman, Michelle Smith, Norma Alford, David Kiefer, Barb Setty, Alice Sims, Dennis Ralph, Lori Cole, Carol Woerner, Toni Hayes Herbst, Bob Guenther, Tom Candelaresi, Jose Worrall, Stephanie Kortyka, Kathy Johnson, Dave O'Connor, Art Kareth, Beverly Cmehil, Steve Feist, Harry Horstman, Cathy Scheffter, Tyler Renfro, Diane Piening, Chris Horstman, Nicole Henry, Al Meisman,

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES: Michael Kelly, Dominic Steelman, Donnie Lawrence, Tyler Reinhart, Jonathan Carnes, Travis Gallivan, Koray Sexton, Michael Hucker Jr., Corey Campbell, Randy Damron, Keith Deardorff, Ryan Robinson, Paul Bellonby II, Andrew Schloemer, Kimberley Brinson, Joshua A. Rettig, Tim Czubek, Bill Harris, Rachel Piening, Brian Faw, Jeff Archer, Matthew Quitter, Paul Conrady, Emma Conrady, Kyle Broerman and Alexis Ruth, Nicholas Craig, Logan Owens, Connor Murray, Samantha Dauterman, Andrew D'Aquila-Meyers, Benjamin Watson, Robert Kidd, James Leo Seibert III, Ethan Tolliver, Crosby Luke Seibert, Logan Coward,

To keep our prayer list up to date, please email rwilliams@stellamarisfamily.org to add/remove names.

PRIESTS

- Father Timothy Ralston, Pastor | 513-753-5566 ext. 102 pastor@stellamarisfamily.org
Father Thomas Dorn, Parochial Vicar fatherdorn@fuse.net
Father William Wagner, Parochial Vicar 513-753-2553 wjwags@sttm.org
Father David Endres, Weekend Celebrant

For a complete listing of parish staff members, please see the individual parish websites.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

To view our most recent financial report, please visit the May 3 bulletin.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

MATERIALS DUE: MAY 21, 2026

BULLETIN ISSUE: MAY 31, 2026

Please submit your bulletin articles to rwilliams@stellamarisfamily.org. For submission guidelines, visit stellamarisfamily.org/bulletin

NEW TO STELLA MARIS?

We are so glad you're here! We encourage you to register as a parishioner. Scan the QR code or visit stellamarisfamily.org/new-parishioner-registration



CHURCH INFORMATION

- St. Bernadette 1479 Locust Lake Rd. Amelia, OH 45102 Office: (513) 753-5566 stbameliaaparish.org
St. Peter 1192 Bethel-New Richmond Rd, New Richmond, OH 45157 Office: (513) 553-3267 sccrochio.org
St. Mary 3398 State Route 125 Bethel, OH 45106 Office: (513) 734-4041 sccrochio.org
St. Thomas More 800 Ohio Pike Withamsville, OH 45245 Office: (513) 752-2080 sttm.org

Stella Maris Family of Parishes: stellamarisfamily.org