

# MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH



**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**  
*We, the parishioners of Mother of Sorrows  
Parish,  
established in 1882,  
Christ-centered and empowered by the Holy  
Spirit, dedicate ourselves  
to serve the needs of all by liturgical worship  
and parish ministries.*

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## DECEMBER 22, 2024 • 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### PARISH STAFF

**Presbyteral Moderator:** Reverend Michael P. McCandless

**Parish Life Coordinator:** Deacon William Yoho

**Director of Music:** Darlene Bednarz [darlenebednarz@gmail.com](mailto:darlenebednarz@gmail.com)

### PARISH OFFICE

#### Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

**Parish Office:** 330-657-2631

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6034 S. Locust Street, Peninsula, OH 44264

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**Website:** [www.motherofsorrowspeninsula.org](http://www.motherofsorrowspeninsula.org)

### SACRAMENTS

**INFANT BAPTISM:** A custodial parent or legal guardian must contact the parish office to request an Infant Baptism and to make arrangements for attending a baptismal class.

**RECONCILIATION:** Anytime by appointment.

**MARRIAGE:** Fridays at 5:00 PM, Saturdays until 3:00 PM.

Arrangements for date and time must be made six months in advance to allow for the necessary preparation. Contact the Parish Office for detailed information.

### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION/JUNIOR YOUTH MINISTRY

Please contact Deacon Will Yoho at the Parish Office for information.

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 PM

**Sunday:** 9:30 AM

**Holy Days/Holidays:** See schedule in bulletin.

**Liturgical Minister Coordinator:** Email Diane Griffiths at [dianeg4mos@gmail.com](mailto:dianeg4mos@gmail.com)

### OTHER PARISH INFORMATION

**REGISTRATION:** If you are new or have not yet registered, please register in person or call during office hours. If you are moving, please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible.

**WEEKLY VISITATION/COMMUNION:** Homebound parishioners are encouraged to receive communion regularly. If you or someone you know is homebound or unable to attend Mass due to illness, surgery, or other circumstances, and you would like to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Holy Communion to the home, please email us at [carolk4mos@gmail.com](mailto:carolk4mos@gmail.com) to set up a convenient time. We will be happy to bring the Holy Eucharist to you on a temporary or regular basis.

**MASS INTENTION REQUESTS:** Due to bulletin deadlines and other factors, please submit requests two months in advance.

**ARTICLES FOR THE PARISH BULLETIN:** Items should be emailed to [mospenoh@windstream.net](mailto:mospenoh@windstream.net) by 4:00 PM on the Friday which is nine days prior to the desired publication date.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVDP)

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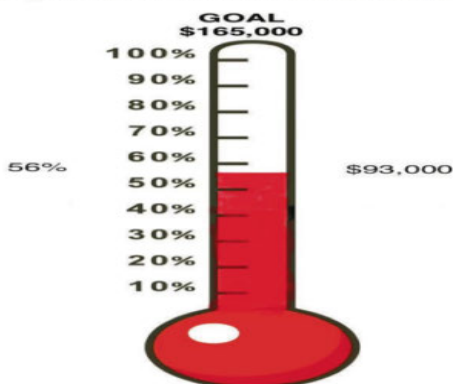
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### Building Restoration Fund Commitments





## MASS READINGS

**MONDAY, 12/23: St. John of Kanty, Priest**

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

**TUESDAY, 12/24: Christmas Eve**

*Morning:* 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29/Lk 1:67-79

**WEDNESDAY, 12/25: The Nativity of the Lord**

*Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/  
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

*Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

*Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

*Day:* Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18  
or 1:1-5, 9-14

**THURSDAY, 12/26: St. Stephen, First Martyr**

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

**FRIDAY, 12/27: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**SATURDAY, 12/28: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

**SUNDAY, 12/29: The Holy Family**

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/



### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, DECEMBER 28 — 5:00 PM**

Charles Sofchak (Carol & Ed Kamphuis)

**Sunday, DECEMBER 29 — 9:30 AM**

Paul Hlavacs (George Hlavacs)

### Your Parish Offering

	In Pew	On-line
	12/7-12/8	12/7-12/8
Sunday Offering	\$724.00	\$348.25
Monthly Offering	\$0.00	\$0.00
Maintenance Fund	\$320.00	\$106.25
Bldg. Restoration	\$3,028.00	\$213.25
Mass Intentions	\$6.00	\$0.00
Candle Money	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hymnal Sponsors	\$60.00	\$0.00
Religious Retirement	\$308.00	\$0.00
Immaculate Conception	\$210.00	\$0.00
Christmas Flowers	\$40.00	\$0.00
Christmas	\$5.00	\$0.00
Total	<b>\$4,701.00</b>	<b>\$667.75</b>
Total Collected	<b>\$5,368.75</b>	



### St. Stephen | Feast Day December 26

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the San-

hedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

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## Pray For...

### Those who are sick and suffering

Terry Balinski, Thomas Fiocca, John Griffiths, Matt Leifer,  
Therese Slenn & Jen Torres-Speith;

### for those who have passed away including

Anthony Cichan, Martha Griffiths, Paul Hlavacs,  
John Lahoski, Helen Satola, Charles Sofchak  
& the deceased of Mother of Sorrows Parish

## From The Deacon's Desk:



My brothers and sisters in Christ,

He is coming! We are in the final days of Advent, our looking forward to the birth of our savior.

When we contemplate the incarnation, our minds can become overwhelmed. How does the creator become part of his creation? How does an all-powerful God become a helpless child? And even more confounding than those questions is why. Why would the all-powerful God of the universe, condescend himself to become one of us?

The short answer, and it is a short answer, LOVE. He did all of this out of love for us.

So, during this time of enjoying family, festivities, and fun, let us remember the reason for the season, and that is Christ Jesus.

We have so much to be thankful for, but we are to be most thankful to our Father God that loved us so much that He gave His loved begotten son so that we might walk with Him in this life and be with Him in eternity. Let us always remember the reason for the season.

Please know that I am thankful that God has called me here at Mother of Sorrows to shepherd this wonderful community and I know I am blessed to be part of this community.

As we head into this Christmas season, let us be thankful for all that God has done for us.

May God bless you and your family abundantly.

Deacon Will



## Holiday Mass Schedule

### The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve Mass — 5:00 PM

Christmas Day Mass — 9:30 AM

### Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

New Year's Eve — 5:00 PM

New Year's Day — 9:30 AM



THANK YOU!!!

What an amazing parish we have!! All the gift tags from the Giving Tree were taken in one week! We were able to provide gifts for 54 people. Thank you for your generosity to ensure that others have a joyful Christmas. May God bless you abundantly!

## Hymnal Donation:

Thank you to the following for their memorial towards the new hymnals:

**Walter & Brenda Omiecinski** in memory of Walter & Marie Omiecinski and Ronald & Darlene Nichols (2 books).

*If you would like to make a gift of a hymnal or remember a loved one, envelopes can be found by the doors of the church.*

## Everyday Stewardship

When Elizabeth was visited by Mary, her joy was overwhelming. Elizabeth recognized that Mary was carrying inside her the Messiah. She was honored to receive Mary, not just because of who Mary was herself, but also because of the One she had inside her.

We meet people every day in our lives. Some we know well, some are acquaintances, and others we may have never seen before. Yet all of them are made in the image of God and carry within them the person of Jesus. If we considered this more frequently, would we act more graciously toward each other? Mary gave birth to the Son of God so that we might be able to be adopted sons and daughters of God. If we thought of this more often, would we be so quick to dismiss someone or ignore him or her?

This time of year is filled with gatherings and parties for many of us. We also find ourselves rushing about getting ready for Christmas. There are so many people that cross our paths. Will we allow the Jesus in us to greet with joy the Jesus in them? Will we pause to offer a greeting or kind word? Instead of looking at them with human eyes, will we try to see them through the eyes of faith like Elizabeth. If not, what is all of this celebration and preparation about anyway?—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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