

# 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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**JUNE 8, 2025 • PENTECOST SUNDAY**

## 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

**Deacon Will Yoho:** 330-620-0992

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.



**ONLINE  
GIVING**

Please consider OSV Online Giving for weekly contributions: You can access the eGiving portal at

<https://osvhub.com/motherofsorrowspeninsula/giving/funds>

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 PM

**Sunday:** 9:30 AM

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

**Liturgical Minister Scheduling:** 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, & you would like to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Holy Communion to the home, please email [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.

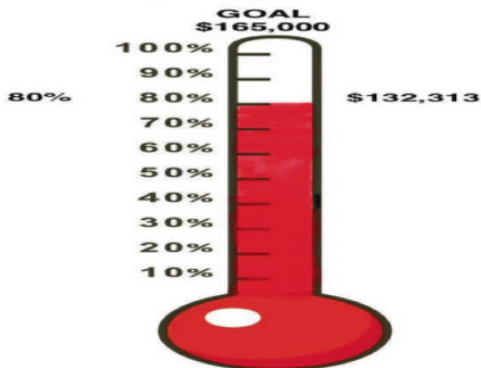
**CARD MINISTRY REQUESTS:** To request a greeting card from the parish for significant life events, please email [MoScardministry@gmail.com](mailto:MoScardministry@gmail.com) with the recipient's name & address, reason for the card, & requestor's contact information.

**ARTICLES FOR THE PARISH BULLETIN:** Items should be emailed to [dianeg4mos@gmail.com](mailto:dianeg4mos@gmail.com) by 4:00 PM on the Friday which is nine days prior to the desired publication date.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVDP)

We partner with St. Barnabas Parish in Northfield. If you or someone you know is in need of food, utilities or housing, call 330-467-7959 and at the prompt press "7" to leave a message or email [SVDPofSTBARNABAS@gmail.com](mailto:SVDPofSTBARNABAS@gmail.com). Responses to messages are usually made within 48 hours.

## Building Restoration Fund





## MASS READINGS

**MONDAY, 6/9: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

**TUESDAY, 6/10: Weekday**

2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135/Mt 5:13-16

**WEDNESDAY, 6/11: St. Barnabas, Apostle**

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Mt 5:17-19

**THURSDAY, 6/12: Weekday**

2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 5:20-26

**FRIDAY, 6/13: St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18/Mt 5:27-32

**SATURDAY, 6/14: Flag Day**

2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 5:33-37

**SUNDAY, 6/15: The Most Holy Trinity; Father's Day**

Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a)/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15



### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, June 14 — 5:00 PM**

Deceased Members of Mother of Sorrows Parish

**Sunday, June 15 — 9:30 AM**

Thomas Wearsch (Terry & Denise Lahoski)



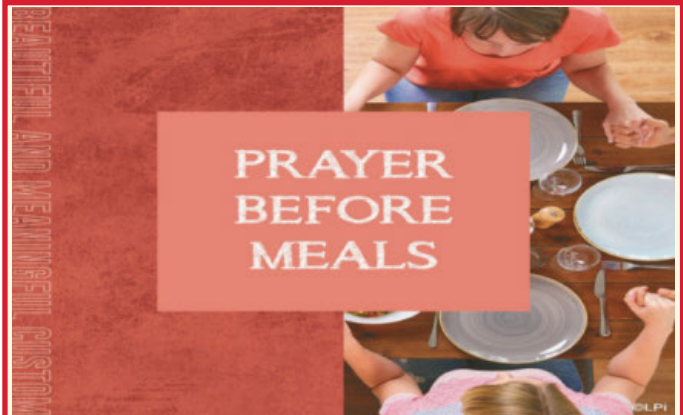
### Those who are sick and suffering

Brian & Karen Becker, Kelly Jasko, Joyce Kaminski,  
Matt Leifer, Becky Nadeau, Alexsandra Pollino,  
Cecilia Schroeder, Therese Slenn, & Pam Whitney

& for those who have passed away including  
Ronald & Darlene Nichols, Thomas Wearsch and  
the deceased of Mother of Sorrows Parish

### Your Parish Offering

	In Pew	On-line
	5/24-5/25	5/24-5/25
Sunday Offering	\$696.00	\$390.45
Maintenance Fund	\$200.00	\$131.00
Facility Restor/Rep	\$500.00	\$221.50
Candle Money	\$16.30	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ascension	\$50.00	\$0.00
Total	<b>\$1,462.30</b>	<b>\$742.95</b>
Total Collected		<b>\$2,205.25</b>



### Prayer Before Meals, Explained

Anyone who has ever dined in a Catholic home has probably heard the prayer before meals that begins with the famous words: "Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts." These words in particular are first found in the Galesian Sacramentary, a book of Christian liturgy that dates to the seventh or eighth century, but the practice of praying before meals is Biblical, harkening back to the Jewish ritual washing of hands before eating. In the Gospels, Jesus is shown praying before the Last Supper and other meals, setting an example followed by Paul in Acts 27:35.

In his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis urged the faithful "to return to this beautiful and meaningful custom."

"That moment of blessing," he wrote, "reminds us of our dependence on God for life; it strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation... (and) reaffirms our solidarity with those in greatest need."

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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEASURE UP

The Knights of Columbus will collect donations after Masses next weekend, June 14 & 15 for the Measure Up Campaign. These donations are used to help people with developmental disabilities. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Leaving the Room**

I was a full-grown adult before I realized that Pentecost is known as “the birthday of the Church,” and it only resonated with me because someone showed up to a church function with cake and candles. Leave it to buttercream frosting to drive home a theological reality I had been missing for 25 years.

I knew what Pentecost *was*, of course. It simply went over my head that, despite all the incredible, world-changing things that had come *before* the moment of Pentecost, prior to this day, the Apostles were just a group of guys in a room. It wasn’t until Pentecost that they became the Church.

So what makes the Church...well, *the Church*, capital C? What makes it more than just a group of guys in a room?

It’s true, they were a very special group of guys. They had the Truth — capital T. They had borne witness to Christ’s miracles, to his life and to his passion and death.

But they were still in that room.

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they received graces and gifts that made them fit to carry out the Great Commission. The Truth wasn’t enough, even with a capital T. They needed the Spirit — capital S — and more than that, they needed to receive it with the courage and faith necessary to do what needed to be done.

To get up and leave the room.

Because what good is any of it unless they leave the room? What does it matter, the tongues of fire and the miraculous bilingualism and, frankly, the coming of the Spirit, if no one ever hears about it?

The mission is what made them the Church. It’s what makes *us* the Church. Without it, we’re just a bunch of guys in a room.

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**THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**



Your Knights of Columbus thank all Mother of Sorrows' participants in the 2025 KoC Raffle, where ticket proceeds are used only for KoC charitable activities. Also, the Baby Bottle drive resulted in a 100% return of the Bottles, with proceeds benefiting Akron Pregnancy Services.

**Prayer for Pentecost**

Holy Spirit of God —

Disturb this room with your presence today, filling us, empowering us, emboldening us.

Descend upon us with your gifts, your inspiration, and your promptings.

Lead us to where we should go, stirring within us the movement of God.

Amen.



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On behalf of the ‘Blessing of the Bikes and Hikers’ committee, thank you to our generous donors who provided fantastic door prizes for our May 18<sup>th</sup> event. When you visit these companies in our community, please thank them for their support:

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