

# 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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**NOVEMBER 23, 2025 • OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

## 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 Assistant:** Diane Griffiths [dianeg4mos@gmail.com](mailto:dianeg4mos@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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### 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 2:30 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. Email [mospeninsula@gmail.com](mailto:mospeninsula@gmail.com).



**ONLINE  
GIVING**

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

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

Thank you for your **GENEROSITY!**

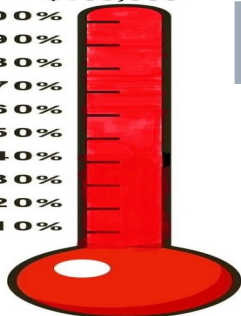
## Building Restoration Fund

**GOAL**  
\$165,000

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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 [motherofsorrowsscheduling@gmail.com](mailto:motherofsorrowsscheduling@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.



**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." - Lk 23:35

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## MASS READINGS

**MONDAY, 11/24: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

**TUESDAY, 11/25: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr**

Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

**WEDNESDAY, 11/26: Weekday**

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

**THURSDAY, 11/27: Thanksgiving Day**

Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28

**FRIDAY, 11/28: Weekday**

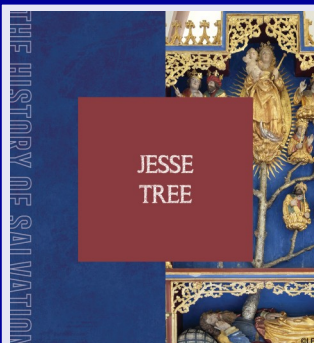
Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

**SATURDAY, 11/29: Weekday**

Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

**SUNDAY, 11/30: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44



## Jesse Tree, Explained!

The Jesse Tree is an Advent practice which recounts the history of salvation by tracing the lineage of Christ — the foretold “shoot from the stump of Jesse” who will bring peace and unity to the people of God (Isaiah 11:1).

In a way, creating a Jesse tree is the telling of one big story — the redemption of man — through the telling of many smaller stories — the fall of Adam, God’s promise to Abraham, the wandering of the Israelites, the greatness of David and the humble submission of Mary. A Jesse tree is adorned with symbols of these various people and stories, with the earliest ones hung from the topmost branches, progressing downward.

There are different versions of the Jesse Tree featuring different Old Testament figures and stories, but all begin with Adam and end with the birth of Jesus. It is an easy tradition to practice at home — all you need is a tree, paper, markers, scissors, string and a Bible.

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**Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 27— 9:00 AM**

Gervase Bardy (Darlene & Wally Bednarz)

**Saturday, November 29— 5:00 PM**

Deceased of Mother of Sorrows Parish

**Sunday, November 30— 9:30 AM**

Deceased of Mother of Sorrows Parish



**Pray for those who are sick and suffering**

Brian & Karen Becker, Jared Boehm, Tammy Cozzone, Kelly Jasko, John Mazenec, Scott McDonough, Ken Michalik, Nancy Stohman & Megan

**& for those who have passed away including**

Gervase Bardy and the deceased of Mother of Sorrows Parish

Christmas is coming and again we would like to form a choir for the Christmas Eve Mass with prelude music at 4:30 followed by mass at 5 pm on Dec 24. Two Wednesday afternoon practices are scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on December 10 and 17. If you are interested in singing, please email our music director Darlene at [darlenebednarz@gmail.com](mailto:darlenebednarz@gmail.com) so music can be ready for you. All are welcome.



Please join us once again this year in helping those in need with our CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE PROGRAM!

The giving tree will be near the altar from November 29 through December 14th. Please take a tag, purchase a gift or gift card and return the wrapped gift no later than December 14th. All gifts will be picked up and ready to be delivered December 15th. Most of the recipients are provided by the Peninsula community organization. However, if parishioners know of a family in need, please contact Liz Yoho (330-620-5645) and we will include them in our Giving Tree Program also. Gift requests submitted by parishioners will need to be delivered by those parishioners. Every year Mother of Sorrows parish has been extremely generous. Deacon Will and I are extremely appreciative of your generosity. ~ Liz Yoho

**Offertory Collection Information will appear in next week's bulletin .**



## GOSPEL MEDITATION:

November 23, 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Luke 23:35-43



Not long ago, I was called to a hospital to anoint a woman in her early 80s. She was dying, and visibly in pain. But what struck me most wasn't her suffering — it was the atmosphere in the room. She had eight children and 30 foster kids, and many of them were gathered around her. You'd expect sorrow, fear, maybe even despair. But the room was filled with something else entirely — a quiet strength, a kind of sweetness. It was as if she was suffering not just with them, but for them. And they, in love, were suffering for her. The pain was real. But so was the peace. I didn't want to run. I felt as if I was in a little paradise, beeping machines and all.

I think of that moment when I hear today's Gospel. Jesus, hanging on the cross, doesn't look like a king. But one of the crucified, dying men beside him sees through the suffering and says, "**Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom**" (Luke 23:42). That word — *remember* — literally means to make someone a member again. He's asking to be joined to Christ, to become part of his Body. And Jesus says, "**Today you will be with me in paradise.**"

He doesn't say, "I'll take your suffering away." He says, "**You will be with me.**"

That's the strange power of Christ the King. He doesn't rule by avoiding suffering. He reigns by entering into it, and transforming it with love.

What are you suffering right now in your life? Likely you want it to stop. But if we are willing to suffer with him — paradise begins even today.

— Father John Muir

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## Mother of Sorrows Christmas Tree on display at Peninsula Library



When you're in the vicinity of the Peninsula Library, stop in to see the beautiful mini Christmas tree decorated by our own Betty Derrer. Each year trees are decorated by local merchants, organizations and individuals and raffled to benefit children's programming at the library and the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, of which MOS is a member. This is the first time Mother of Sorrows is decorating a tree. Thank you, Betty! Trees will be on display from Nov 29-Dec 18. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Library (\$3 each or 3 for \$10).



## ADVENT WREATH KITS FOR SALE!!

Having an Advent wreath in the home serves as a beautiful reminder of hope, faith, joy and peace, helping families prepare their hearts for the coming of Christ throughout the Advent season.

We will have a limited number of advent wreath kits for sale at the back of the church. Cost is only \$15 for the greens (artificial), ring and candles! You can keep it very simple, or add pinecones, ribbons or small birds or ornaments for decoration. It's a wonderful project to engage a whole family & take pleasure in creating this sign of our faith. Advent begins on November 30. Please consider buying one for your home or as a gift.

## SPECIAL HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES AT MOTHER OF SORROWS!

BRECKSVILLE-BROADVIEW HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CHORUS  
TO PERFORM on DECEMBER 4

Join us on Thursday, December 4, as the Brecksville-Broadview Heights Community Chorus performs at Mother of Sorrows from 6:30-8:00 PM during Peninsula's annual Candlelight Walk. Enjoy an evening of beautiful seasonal music as our church glows with Christmas spirit.

Admission is free; freewill offerings will be accepted to support the semi-professional organization that has graciously fit us into their busy holiday performance schedule.

We are also looking for volunteers to be present in the church between 5:00-8:00 PM to welcome guests, answer questions, and help create a warm, inviting atmosphere. If you can assist for any portion of that time, please contact Carol at [carolk4mos@gmail.com](mailto:carolk4mos@gmail.com).

## HOLY FAMILY HANDBELL CHOIR TO PERFORM on DECEMBER 6

We are delighted to welcome the Holy Family Handbell Choir to our church during Peninsula's annual Christmas in the Village celebration on Friday, December 6. Their beautiful handbell music will add a joyful and reflective spirit to this festive community event. The free performance will take place at 2:30PM. Enjoy the festivities in downtown Peninsula, do some shopping or have lunch, and come to support our sister parish's beautiful choir while they put us in the true Christmas spirit.

"What the heck is a Parish Life Coordinator?"  
FIRST FRIDAY CLUB OF AKRON - DECEMBER 5

Our own Deacon Will Yoho will be guest speaker at Akron's First Friday Club on December 5.

Join us as he answers his own question, "What the heck is a Parish Life Coordinator?" — the only question he had when he was asked by the Bishop to become PLC to Mother of Sorrows.

We will need to reserve a table (or hopefully multiple tables) for MOS parishioners to sit together. If you are interested, cost for lunch and talk is \$25 and is payable at the door. Doors open at 11 AM, lunch is served at 11:30, and everything winds up at 1 PM. Please let Carol know ([carolk4mos@gmail.com](mailto:carolk4mos@gmail.com)) if you would like to reserve a seat. We will reserve as many tables as necessary, but need 8 people in order to reserve each full table. Please let Carol know by November 26 if you plan to attend. If you reserve and must later cancel, please find a replacement for yourself.

**First Friday Club luncheons are held at Our Lady of Cedars,  
507 South Cleveland Massillon Road, Fairlawn, OH 44333**