

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 30, 2025 • 1ST 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

Parish Assistant: Diane Griffiths 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

Deacon Will Yoho: 330-620-0992

6034 S. Locust Street, Peninsula, OH 44264

Email: mospeninsula@gmail.com

Website:

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.



**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!

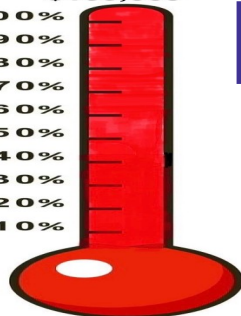
Building Restoration Fund

**GOAL
\$165,000**

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\$201,421



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

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 to set up a convenient time. We will be happy to bring the Holy Eucharist to you on a temporary or regular basis.

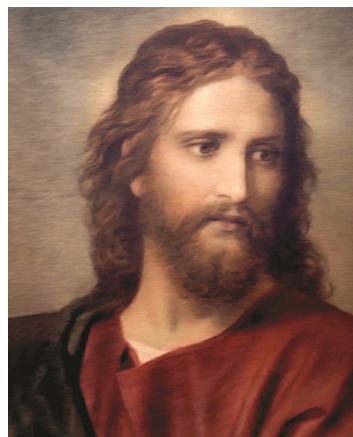
CARD MINISTRY REQUESTS: To request a greeting card from the parish for significant life events, please email

MoScardministry@gmail.com 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 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. Responses to messages are usually made within 48 hours.



**1ST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT**

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."
- Mt 24:44

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MASS READINGS

MONDAY, 12/1: Advent Weekday

Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

TUESDAY, 12/2: Advent Weekday

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

WEDNESDAY, 12/3: St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

THURSDAY, 12/4: St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

FRIDAY, 12/5: Advent Weekday

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

SATURDAY, 12/6: St. Nicholas, Bishop

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

SUNDAY, 12/7: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/
Mt 3:1-12



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 6— 5:00 PM

Helen Satola (Diane & Charles Griffiths)

Sunday, December 7— 9:30 AM

Frank Nicotera (Nicotera Family)



REMEMBER in your prayers

Pray for those who are sick and suffering

*Brian & Karen Becker, Jared Boehm, Tammy Cozzone, Thomas Fiocca,
Kelly Jasko, John Mazenec, Scott McDonough, Ken Michalik,
Nancy Stohlman, Greg Trecaso & Megan*

& for those who have passed away including

Helen Satola, and Frank Nicotera



Tuesday, December 2:

Vision Committee Meeting 7 PM

Wednesday, December 3:

Eucharistic Adoration 5:30 PM

Finance/Facilities/Parish Council Joint meeting 6 PM

Thursday, December 4:

Brecksville Broadview Hts Chorus Performs 6:30 PM

Friday, December 5:

First Friday Club featuring Deacon Will 11 AM
at Our Lady of Cedars

Saturday, December 6:

Holy Family Handbell Choir Performs 2:30 PM

Monday, December 8:

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION—Mass at 7 PM

Sunday, December 14:

Lessons and Carols 4 PM

Wednesday, December 17:

Sorrowful Mother Rosary 8:45 AM

Weekday Mass 9 AM

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. Trees will be on display from Nov 29-Dec 18. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the Library (\$3 each or 3 for \$10).

Your Parish Offering November 15-16, 2025

	In Pew	On-line	Total	Weekly Budget	Over/(Under)
Sunday Offering	\$1,109.00	\$338.95	1,447.95	1,859.00	(411.05)
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00	\$21.00	26.00	358.00	(332.00)
Facility Restor/Rep	\$265.00	\$505.25	770.25	578.00	192.25
Other	\$604.12	\$0.00	604.12	285.00	319.12
Total	\$1,983.12	\$865.20	2,848.32	3,080.00	(231.68)

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent
Matthew 24:37-44



A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos *will* come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he. — *Father John Muir*
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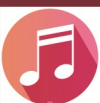
FIRST FRIDAY CLUB OF AKRON - DECEMBER 5

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.

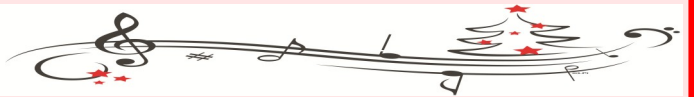
If you are interested, cost for lunch and talk is \$25 and is payable at the door. Doors open at 11 AM, lunch is served at 11:30, and event ends by 1 PM. Please email ffcofga@gmail.com if you would like to reserve a seat. Reservations due Tuesday, December 2, 2025.

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



Christmas is coming! We would like to form a choir for the Christmas Eve Mass. Two Wednesday practices are scheduled at 12:30 p.m. on December 10 and 17. If interested, please email our music director Darlene at darlenebednarz@gmail.com. All are welcome.

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 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.

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 Saturday, 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.



ADVENT WREATH KITS FOR SALE!!

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.

Giving Tree Donations



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