

# 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 7, 2025 • 2ND 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 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

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

6034 S. Locust Street, Peninsula, OH 44264

**Email:** [mospeninsula@gmail.com](mailto:mospeninsula@gmail.com)

### 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

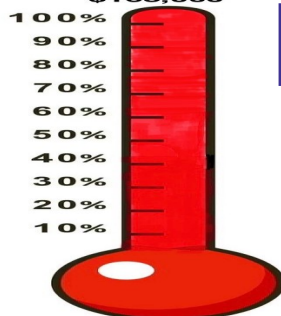
<https://osvhub.com/motherofsorrowspeninsula/giving/funds>

**Thank you for your GENEROSITY!**

## Building Restoration Fund

**GOAL  
\$165,000**

**122 %**



**\$202,016**

## 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.

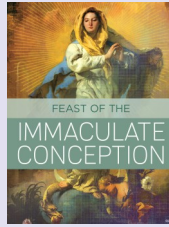




## MASS READINGS

**MONDAY, 12/8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38



**TUESDAY, 12/9: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

**WEDNESDAY, 12/10: Our Lady of Loreto**

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

**THURSDAY, 12/11: St. Damasus I, Pope**

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

**FRIDAY, 12/12: Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**SATURDAY, 12/13: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**SUNDAY, 12/14: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, December 8— 7:00 PM**

Alfonse Szydlowski (Diane & George Taninecz)

**Saturday, December 13— 5:00 PM**

Martha Griffiths (Diane & Charles Griffiths)

**Sunday, December 14— 9:30 AM**

Deceased of Mother of Sorrows Parish



## REMEMBER in your prayers

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

Jared Boehm, Tammy Cozzone, Thomas Fiocca, Kelly Jasko,  
John Mazenec, Scott McDonough, Ken Michalik, Joe Pfeiffer,  
Nancy Stohlman, Greg Trecaso & Megan

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

Martha Griffiths, Alfonse Szydlowski & the deceased of Mother of Sorrows



Monday, December 8:

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION—Mass at 7 PM**

Sunday, December 14:

Lessons and Carols 4 PM

*Poinsettia Donations Due*



Wednesday, December 17:

Sorrowful Mother Rosary 8:45 AM

Weekday Mass 9 AM

Wednesday, December 24:

Christmas Eve Mass 5 PM

Thursday, December 25:

Christmas Day Mass 9:30 AM

Wednesday, December 31:

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Vigil Mass 5 PM (New Year's Eve)

Thursday, January 1:

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Mass 9:30 AM (New Year's Day)



## MoS Lessons and Carols Service Sunday December 14th at 4 PM

Lessons and Carols is an Advent tradition dating back to the nineteenth century. It

blends together Scripture readings, prayers, and carols. Join us for this beautiful service reminding us of God's loving plan of salvation realized in Jesus' life, death and resurrection.



## Your Parish Offering November 22-23, 2025

|                     | In Pew     | On-line  | Total    | Weekly Budget | Over/(Under) |
|---------------------|------------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------|
| Sunday Offering     | \$914.00   | \$353.95 | 1,267.95 | 1,859.00      | (591.05)     |
| Maintenance Fund    | \$5.00     | \$51.00  | 56.00    | 358.00        | (302.00)     |
| Facility Restor/Rep | \$273.00   | \$321.50 | 594.50   | 578.00        | 16.50        |
| Other               | \$47.00    | \$10.00  | 57.00    | 285.00        | (228.00)     |
| Total               | \$1,239.00 | \$736.45 | 1,975.45 | 3,080.00      | (1,104.55)   |

## GOSPEL MEDITATION:

Dec. 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Matthew 3:1-12



This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating

**"locusts and wild honey" (Mark 1:6).** It's not just a strange historical detail. It's a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them lighting up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we're each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it's time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It's time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That's the honey. Savor it!

John didn't avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we'll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi

## 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 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*

### Meet Keith Novak



Thank you for being such an open and welcoming parish! My name is Keith Novak and I'm in the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program to God-willing someday become a permanent deacon like your own Deacon Will! I'm in year 2 of this 5-year program, and each year from now on, each of us is assigned to a different parish. This year I'm so happy to have been assigned to Mother of Sorrows! I will be here, along with my wife Susan, from August 2025 to May 2026. We and our 3 children have called St Hilary our home parish for the last 10 years, going to St Bernard's prior to that.

During this year you will see me serving various roles during Mass, including serving, reading, Eucharistic Minister, or whatever else I can do to help and be a part of your parish. Thank you again for being so kind and welcoming to Susan, myself, and our children ( Mia 23, Nathan 21, and Josh, 18). Please come and say hello if we haven't met yet, feel free to ask any questions, or reach out anytime if you need anything, or especially if you have questions about diaconate formation!

God Bless.

Keith Novak

Aspirant year 2

Permanent Diaconate Formation

Cell 234-788-3335



### Prayer for Advent – Peace

Come, Lord Jesus!

Bring your peace to our world.

Inspire reconciliation,  
heal divisions, bind wounds,  
rewrite scripts.

You are the Prince of Peace,  
bring that light into every space.  
Amen.

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