

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

Presbyterian 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.

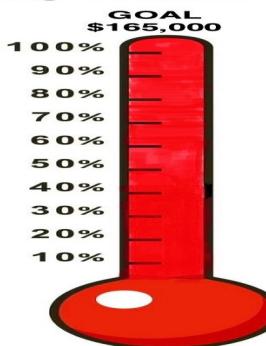


ONLINE
GIVING

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



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.

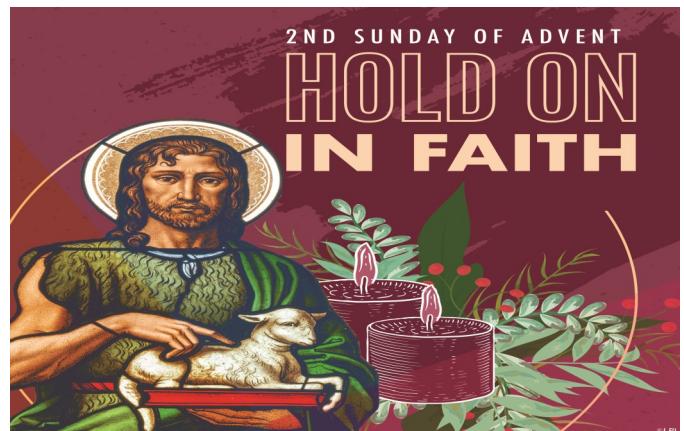
CARD MINISTRY REQUESTS: To request a greeting card from the parish for significant life events, please email

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.





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

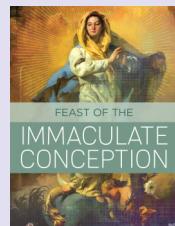
WEDNESDAY, 12/10: Our Lady of Loreto
 Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

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: 3rd 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 Szydłowski (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 Szydłowski & the deceased of Mother of Sorrows

Holiday Happenings

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



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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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

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Permanent Diaconate Formation

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