

# MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH



## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We are a Christ-centered and Holy Spirit-led parish, welcoming and genuine in community, faithful and reverent in worship, and humble stewards who serve with generous hearts.*

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DECEMBER 14, 2025 • 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### PARISH STAFF

**Presbyterian Moderator:** Reverend Michael P. McCandless

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**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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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 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).



### 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.

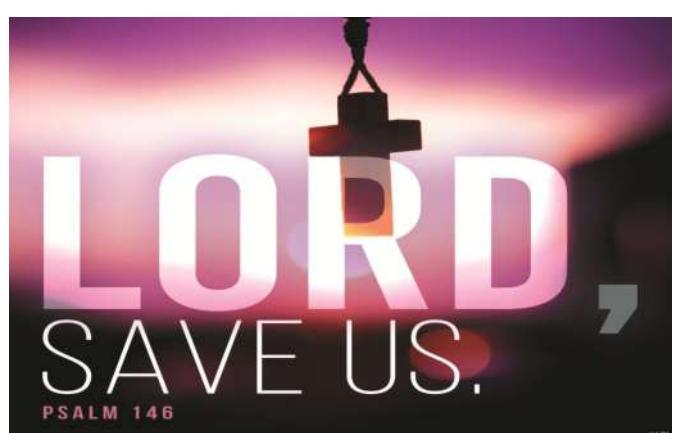
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## MASS READINGS

### MONDAY, 12/15: Advent Weekday

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

### TUESDAY, 12/16: Advent Weekday

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/  
Mt 21:28-32

### WEDNESDAY, 12/17: Advent Weekday

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

### THURSDAY, 12/18: Advent Weekday

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

### FRIDAY, 12/19: Advent Weekday

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

### SATURDAY, 12/20: Advent Weekday

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

### SUNDAY, 12/21: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/  
Mt 1:18-24



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Wednesday, December 17— 9:00 AM**  
Deceased of Mother of Sorrows Parish

**Saturday, December 20— 5:00 PM**  
John Lahoski (Terry & Denise Lahoski)

**Sunday, December 21— 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,  
Bob Kopacz, John Mazenec, Scott McDonough, Ken Michalik,  
Joe Pfeiffer, Nancy Stohlman, Greg Trecaso & Megan  
& for those who have passed away including  
John Lahoski & the deceased of Mother of Sorrows

## Holiday Happenings

Wednesday, December 17:

Sorrowful Mother Rosary 8:45 AM

Weekday Mass 9 AM

Choir Practice 12:30 PM

Wednesday, December 24:

Prelude Music 4:30 PM

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 29-30, 2025

	In Pew	On-line	Total	Weekly Budget	Over/(Under)
Sunday Offering	\$1,304.00	\$429.95	1,733.95	1,859.00	(125.05)
Maintenance Fund	\$0.00	\$51.00	51.00	358.00	(307.00)
Facility Restor/Rep	\$2,140.00	\$5.25	2,145.25	578.00	1,567.25
Other	\$198.00	\$0.00	198.00	285.00	(87.00)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,642.00</b>	<b>\$486.20</b>	<b>4,128.20</b>	<b>3,080.00</b>	<b>1,048.20</b>

**December 14, 2025**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**Matthew 11:2-11**

When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort ... for this?

As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: **“What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?” (Matthew 11:7)**. He’s not just describing the crowd’s mis-aimed pursuit. He’s naming our tendency to chase after what’s flashy but flimsy.

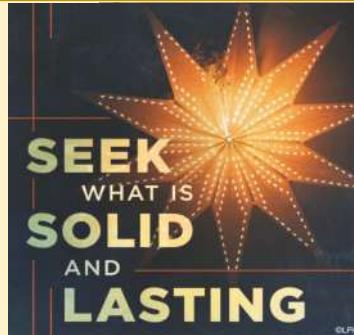
What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can’t satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

John the Baptist wasn’t a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real.

This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to Christ?

— Father John Muir

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**Prayer for Advent – New Growth**

Dear God,  
 Bring new life! Your love creates and cultivates.  
 Bring Your power into the places I think of as “deserts” and your grace to the prayers I fear may be “deserted.”  
 You can redeem and restore, bring a new song to my heart.  
 Amen.

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**Why the O Antiphons?**

The O Antiphons are chants of ancient origin sung or recited at the beginning and end of the Magnificat during Vespers (evening prayer) on each of the days leading up to Christmas, from December 17 to December 23. They are ancient invocations addressing Jesus in the language of Israel’s longing. And they invoke Jesus Christ as the answer to the longing of every human heart (from [wordonfire.org](http://wordonfire.org)).

You will hear the O Antiphons recited at each Mass from December 17-23. Wouldn’t it be a wonderful gift to our Savior to pray those same prayers that have been said since the 7th or 8th century! If you can’t get to a daily Mass, try to pray the O Antiphons yourself to prepare for the coming of our Savior.

Dec. 17: “O Wisdom, O Holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation.”

Dec. 18: “O Sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain: come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.”

Dec. 19: “O Flower of Jesse’s stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid.”

Dec. 20: “O Key of David, O Royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of heaven: come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom.”

Dec. 21: “O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.”

Dec. 22: “O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man, come, and save the creature you fashioned from the dust.”

Dec. 23: “O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God.”

— From *“Christian Prayer: The Liturgy of the Hours,”* Catholic Book Publishing Co., 1976





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