

# 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 21, 2025 • 4TH 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>

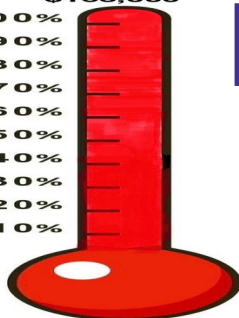
**Thank you for your GENEROSITY!**

## Building Restoration Fund

**GOAL  
\$165,000**

**125 %**

100%  
90%  
80%  
70%  
60%  
50%  
40%  
30%  
20%  
10%



**\$205,987**

## 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.

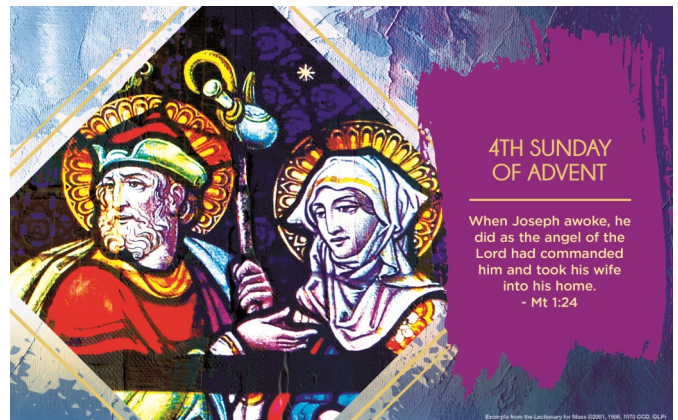
**CARD MINISTRY REQUESTS:** To request a greeting card from the parish for significant life events, please email

[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, 12/22: Advent Weekday

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

### TUESDAY, 12/23: St. John of Kanty, Priest

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

### WEDNESDAY, 12/24: Christmas Eve

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

### THURSDAY, 12/25: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

*Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25*

*Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/*

*Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14*

*Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20*

*Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14*

### FRIDAY, 12/26: St. Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

### SATURDAY, 12/27: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

### SUNDAY, 12/28: The Holy Family

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



## Holiday Schedule

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Wednesday, December 24:

Prelude Music 4:30 PM

Christmas Eve Mass 5 PM

Thursday, December 25:

Christmas Day Mass 9:30 AM

Saturday, December 27:

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Vigil Mass 5 PM

Sunday, December 28:

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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)

## MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, December 24— 5:00 PM

Sheila Price (Fred Price)

Thursday, December 25— 9:30 AM

Deceased of Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saturday, December 27— 5:00 PM

Charles Sofchak (Carol & Ed Kamphuis)

Sunday, December 28— 9:30 AM

Elsa Rios (Peterson Family)



**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**

John Lahoski, Sheila Price, Charles Sofchak, Elsa Rios &

the deceased of Mother of Sorrows

## Your Parish Offering December 6-7, 2025

	In Pew	On-line	Total	Weekly Budget	Over/(Under)
Sunday Offering	\$2,289.00	\$503.95	2,792.95	1,859.00	933.95
Maintenance Fund	\$20.00	\$76.00	96.00	358.00	(262.00)
Facility Restor/Rep	\$1,020.00	\$358.25	1,378.25	578.00	800.25
Other	\$970.00	\$0.00	970.00	285.00	685.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,299.00</b>	<b>\$938.20</b>	<b>5,237.20</b>	<b>3,080.00</b>	<b>2,157.20</b>

**GOSPEL MEDITATION:**  
**December 21, 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Matthew 1:18-24**



A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly 10 years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: **"Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home"** (Matthew 1:20). When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.

— Father John Muir

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**Prayer for Advent – Miracles**

Dear God,  
 You are in the miracle business.  
 I still believe that You can move mountains and separate seas.  
 Break into every unknown and astound us with Your goodness and grace.  
 Amen.

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**Christmas Blessing**

On this blessed Christmas day,  
 may the joy and goodness of the sweet baby Jesus fill our home and our hearts.  
 Jesus, bless every member of our family, near and far.  
 May peace prevail, goodness reign, and love triumph.  
 Amen. ©LPi

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**JANUARY 22, 2026**

**JANUARY IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
 AWARENESS MONTH**



We have arranged a presentation by Ted Rusinoff, Chairman of the Board of The Exodus Road ([theexodusroad.com](http://theexodusroad.com)), an international organization established to fight modern-day slavery by partnering with law enforcement to fight human trafficking crime, equip communities to protect the vulnerable, and empower survivors on their journey to freedom. Look for more details to follow, but be sure to save the date now!

