

MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH



DECEMBER 28, 2025 • THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

PARISH STAFF

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PARISH OFFICE

Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

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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



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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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.

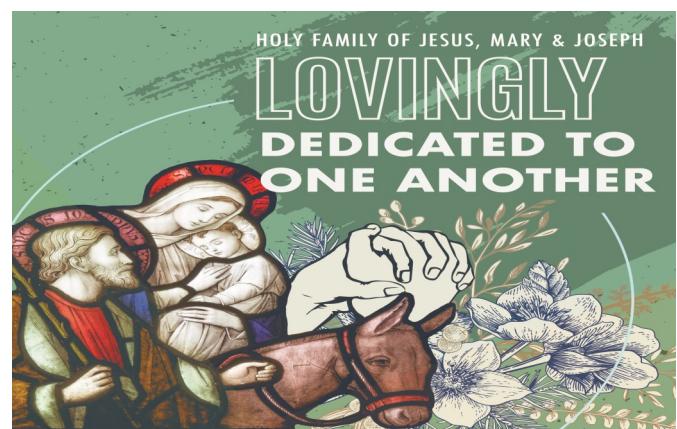
CARD MINISTRY REQUESTS: To request a greeting card from the parish for significant life events, please email

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, 12/29: Octave of Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

TUESDAY, 12/30: Octave of Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

WEDNESDAY, 12/31: St. Sylvester I, Pope;

New Year's Eve

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

THURSDAY, 1/1: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

FRIDAY, 1/2: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

SATURDAY, 1/3: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

SUNDAY, 1/4: The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



Activities CALENDAR

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)

Saturday, January 10:

MoS Volunteer as Ozanam Center 9:15—Noon

Wednesday, January 14

Faith & Fiction Book Club 10:00—Noon

Wednesday, January 21

Rosary (8:45 AM) and Weekday Mass 9:00 AM

Thursday, January 22

Human Trafficking Presentation

Wednesday, January 28

Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM

Finance Council 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 31

MoS Volunteer at Gennesaret



MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, December 31 — 5:00 PM

Deceased of Mother of Sorrows Parish

Thursday, January 1 — 9:30 AM

Deceased of Mother of Sorrows Parish

Saturday, January 3 — 5:00 PM

Deceased of Mother of Sorrows Parish

Sunday, January 4 — 9:30 AM

Frank Nicotera (Nicotera Family)



REMEMBER in your prayers

Pray for those who are sick and suffering

Sue Andrella, 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

Charles Sofchak, Elsa Rios & the deceased of Mother of Sorrows

Your Parish Offering December 13-14, 2025

	In Pew	On-line	Total	Weekly Budget	Over/(Under)
Sunday Offering	\$631.00	\$438.95	1,069.95	1,859.00	(789.05)
Initial Offering	\$0.00	\$505.00	505.00	0.00	505.00
Maintenance Fund	\$0.00	\$51.00	51.00	358.00	(307.00)
Facility Restor/Rep	\$1,768.00	\$225.25	1,993.25	578.00	1,415.25
Other	\$994.00	\$0.00	994.00	285.00	709.00
Total	\$3,393.00	\$1,220.20	4,613.20	3,080.00	1,533.20

December 28, 2025

The Feast of the Holy Family

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

December 28, 2025

**The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**

When I was ten, my dad gathered our family around the table in small-town Vermont

and told us we were moving to the big desert city of Phoenix, Arizona. We were leaving behind family, friends, and everything familiar. None of us knew what to expect.

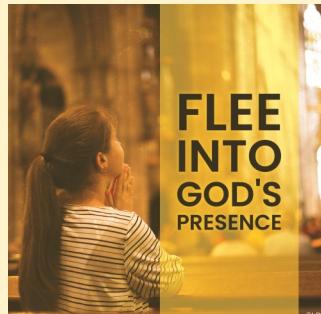
But something beautiful happened. As we made the move together, our family grew closer. In retrospect, I'm amazed at my parents' courage to go on that adventure. Even as a kid I realized our family found, in that challenge, a deeper unity and mutual love.

In today's Gospel, Joseph is told: **"Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee..." (Matthew 2:13, 20)**. First to Egypt, then later to Israel. The Holy Family is frequently challenged to move and change, to adapt to God's will for them, in order to find safety in the midst of threat. It's not just an idiosyncratic story about survival. It's a spiritual pattern for all of us. Every Christian family is called to be a kind of sanctuary, especially in a world full of noise, busyness, and fear.

May I make a practical application for us? The Lord's Day, Sunday, is perhaps the most practical way we imitate this dynamic we see in Joseph and his family. Sunday is not meant to be just like every other day, filled with errands and stress. It's meant to be a day set apart; a holy "escape" into rest, worship, joy, and peace. A day to rise, take your family, and flee, into God's presence.

— Father John Muir

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THANK YOU TO MOTHER OF SORROWS

A heartfelt "thank you" to Deacon Yoho and the parishioners of Mother of Sorrows from Camp Christopher.

As most of you know, Camp Christopher is operated by Catholic Charities and features 160 acres of rocks and streams, day and overnight camping, hiking, horses, canoeing and Environmental Education. This summer, I inquired upon Deacon Yoho if he had a source for crucifixes, the kind which hang in each cabin and remind us why our Camp exists. Over the years, some have broken or gone missing. Thanks to Deacon Will's coordination and your generosity, all of our cabins once again have a visible reminder of Our Lord's immense love for us. I am grateful. We are grateful.

May God bless you,
Larry Furman, Property Manager,
Camp Christopher



The 2026 Stow-Hudson-Peninsula Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

The contest will be held the evening of Friday, January 9, 2026 from 6:00-7:00 PM in the Holy Family School gymnasium. Free registration will take place the night of the event at 5:45 pm. Registration forms will be available and must be signed by a parent or guardian. The contest is open to girls and boys ages 9-14 and each contestant will have the opportunity to shoot 15 free throws. A girl winner and a boy winner from each age group will advance to the Knight's District competition in February. Ages 9-11 shoot a 12-foot shot while ages 12-14 shoot a 15-foot shot. Please bring basketball shoes to wear on the court.



**The First Friday Club of Greater Akron
January 9, 2026**

We are happy to announce that **Fr. Jeffrey L. Lindholm** is speaking on "Reflections of a Newly Ordained Priest." NOTE: *This is the second Friday (due to the holiday)*. Fr. Lindholm was ordained May 17, 2025. He is currently Parochial Vicar at St. Barnabas and Our Lady of Guadalupe. **Reservations:** Email ffcofga@gmail.com or, you can make your reservation through Eventbrite. **Reservations due Tuesday, January 6, 2026.** Location: Our Lady of Cedars, 507 South Cleveland Massillon Rd., Fairlawn, OH 44333. Doors open and buffet luncheon begins at 11:00 am. The speaker begins at noon.



The 2025 Mother of Sorrows contribution statements will be mailed out the beginning of January. If you do not receive one and need one, please contact the parish office.