

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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JANUARY 4, 2026 • THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

PARISH STAFF

Presbyteral Moderator: Reverend Michael P. McCandless

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Director of Music: Darlene Bednarz darlenebednarz@gmail.com

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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



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

GOAL
\$165,000

126%

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

\$208,700



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.



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Mt 2:6

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MASS READINGS

MONDAY, 1/5: St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY, 1/6: St. André Bessette, Religious

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

WEDNESDAY, 1/7: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

THURSDAY, 1/8: Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

FRIDAY, 1/9: Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

SATURDAY, 1/10: Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/
Jn 3:22-30

SUNDAY, 1/11: The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/
Mt 3:13-17



ActivitiesCALENDAR

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



REMEMBER in your prayers

Pray for those who are sick and suffering

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

& for those who have passed away including

Frank Nicotera & the deceased of Mother of Sorrows

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, January 10 — 5:00 PM

Deceased of Mother of Sorrows Parish

Sunday, January 11 — 9:30 AM

Deceased of Mother of Sorrows Parish



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.

Your Parish Offering December 20-21, 2025

	In Pew	On-line	Total	Weekly Budget	Over/(Under)
Sunday Offering	\$1,026.00	\$868.95	1,894.95	1,859.00	35.95
Christmas	\$3,175.00	\$515.00	3,690.00	4,500.00	(810.00)
Maintenance Fund	\$29.00	\$51.00	80.00	358.00	(278.00)
Facility Restor/Rep	\$398.00	\$321.50	719.50	578.00	141.50
Other	\$1,143.00	\$0.00	1,143.00	285.00	858.00
Total	\$5,771.00	\$1,756.45	7,527.45	7,580.00	(52.55)

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

January 4, 2026
The Epiphany of the Lord
Matthew 2:1-12

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000.

I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

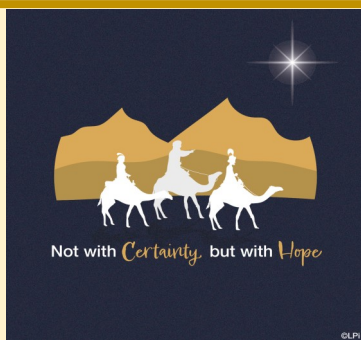
When do you feel most alive? I'd wager it's not when you're most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it's when your life is aimed at something great; when you're on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends.

That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

— Father John Muir

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Ozanam Center Volunteers Needed

January 10, 2026



Mother of Sorrows has been volunteering at the St. Vincent de Paul Ozanam Center since 2007 when it opened. The Oz center as it is called, located at 93 Kent St. Akron 44305, is a food and clothing bank located on the grounds of the Visitation of Mary parish in East Akron. It is staffed by a site manager and a weekly group of rotating parish volunteers from churches around Akron area. MOS volunteers on the first Saturday of each month. It is a beautiful opportunity to spend time serving the needs of others and meeting parishioners from other parishes in our area.

Volunteers can work from 9:15 to noon in a variety of ways: unpacking donations, sizing adult, children's and infants' clothing, distributing socks and undergarments, and supporting food distribution to the needy. Clients line up outside the building and enter the building on a metered basis to allow everyone time to browse household items, clothing choices and the popular shoe display.

MoS' next weekend to serve is January 10th. Join a friendly group of SVdP volunteers as we strive to improve the lives of others in need. It's in giving that we receive. "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me..." Matthew 25:35



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.



Join us on **Monday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m.**, as we welcome our Guest speaker **Fr. Armando Elkhoury, Pastor, Our Lady of the Cedars in Fairlawn** at Our Lady of the Cedars, 507 S. Cleveland-Massillon Road in Fairlawn. He

will be speaking on the topic: **"From Antioch to Today: A Concise History and Importance of the Maronite Church".**

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Program begins at 7:30 p.m. \$15 admission fee. Light appetizers included. Cash bar available. Sponsored by St. Sebastian Parish, Akron.