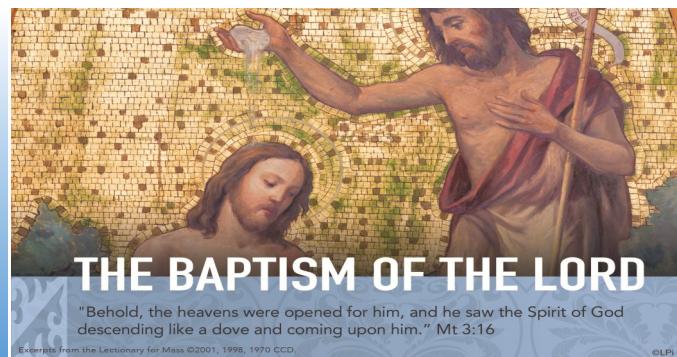




# MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH



JANUARY 11, 2026 • THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**Our Mission:** 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.

**Our 4 Core Values:**

**Christ-Centered & Holy Spirit-Led:** We are a community that puts Jesus at the center, seeking and following the Holy Spirit's guidance.

**Welcoming & Genuine Community:** We are a warm and non-judgmental family where everyone belongs and is embraced.

**Faithful & Reverent Worship:** We are devoted to celebrating sacred liturgies that offer a profound and respectful encounter with God.

**Generous & Humble Servants:** We are grateful stewards of God's gifts, serving others and our world with generosity and humility.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 PM

**Sunday:** 9:30 AM

**Holy Days/Holidays:** See bulletin schedule.

**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

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**Website:** [www.motherofsorrowspeninsula.org](http://www.motherofsorrowspeninsula.org)



**PARISH STAFF**

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

**Parish Life Coordinator:** Deacon William Yoho

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**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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).

**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.



Please consider OSV Online Giving for weekly contributions: You can access the eGiving portal at <https://osvhub.com/motherofsorrowspeninsula/giving/funds>



## REMEMBER in your prayers

### Pray for those who are sick and suffering

Sue Adrolla, Tammy Cozzone, Thomas Fiocca, Brian Hitt, Kelly Jasko, John Mazenec, Scott McDonough, Ken Michalik, Connie Morehouse, Tom Schleicher, Nancy Stohlman, Greg Trecaso & Megan

### & for those who have passed away including

Frank Nicotera, Fr. Mike Troha & the deceased of Mother of Sorrows



### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, January 17— 5:00 PM**

Mark S. Figler (Mr. & Mrs. A Figler)

**Sunday, January 18— 9:30 AM**

Deceased of Mother of Sorrows Parish

### Blessing for Baptismal Graces

Dear God,

Through Baptism, You called and claimed us as Your own, chosen and loved. Pour Your blessing upon us as we remember our Baptism. Plant Your identity in our hearts.

Help us to live as Your beloved. Amen. ©LPI

### GOSPEL MEDITATION:

**January 11, 2026**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

**Matthew 3:13-17**

Apple ran a commercial not long ago called “Behind the Mac – Greatness.” It shows artists and creators, such as Kendrick Lamar, Billie Eilish, and Lady Gaga, working behind their MacBooks. The narration says, “There’s a certain kind of person who doesn’t wait for greatness. They make it.” It’s a compelling message.

There’s beauty in using our gifts with passion and purpose. But there lies a hidden weight in that idea: If you are what you make, what happens when you can’t anymore? When the project fails, the passion fades, or the spotlight moves on, where is greatness then?

Today’s Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn’t preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: **“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”** It’s not a reward for success. It’s not earned. Before he does anything “great,” Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father.

And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: “You are my beloved.” That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away.

This week, reflect on your baptism: look up the date, thank God for it, pray for those baptized with you, or visit the church where it happened. Let your identity be rooted there.

— Father John Muir



## MASS READINGS

**MONDAY, 1/12: Weekday**

1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

**TUESDAY, 1/13: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

**WEDNESDAY, 1/14: Weekday**

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

**THURSDAY, 1/15: Weekday**

1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

**FRIDAY, 1/16: Weekday**

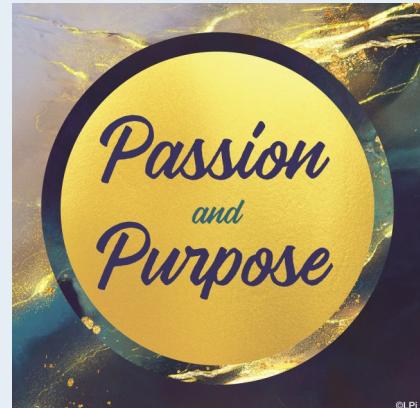
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

**SATURDAY, 1/17: St. Anthony, Abbot**

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

**SUNDAY, 1/18: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34



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# Activities CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 14

Faith &amp; Fiction Book Club 10:00—Noon

Wednesday, January 21

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

Vision Team Meeting 7:00 PM

Thursday, January 22

Human Trafficking Presentation 7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 28

Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM

Finance Council 7:00 PM

Saturday, January 31

MoS Volunteer at Gennesaret

**Card Ministry**

A heartfelt initiative within our church to spread love, encouragement, and support through the simple act of sending greeting cards. Each card will include a brief, personalized message to serve as a tangible expression of God's love and compassion. Cards will be sent for births/adoptions, illness, wedding anniversaries in 5-year increments, and the passing of a loved one.

Please email [MoScardministry@gmail.com](mailto:MoScardministry@gmail.com) and include:

- Your name and phone number
- Recipient's name and address
- Reason for the card

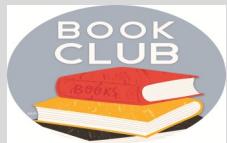
**Catholic University Collection | 17-18 January 2026**

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States. Gifts to the National Collection — the only second collection taken for higher education in the U.S. — support students during this crucial time and help the University conduct critical research that will serve parishes and dioceses throughout the country.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**JANUARY 22, 2026**
**Human Trafficking Awareness  
is Everyone's Responsibility**

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month and Mother of Sorrows has scheduled 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 and empower survivors on their journey to freedom.

The presentation will take place in Mother of Sorrows Church at 7PM on Thursday, January 22. This event is designed to educate, equip, and empower community members to recognize the signs of trafficking and learn how we can work together to protect the vulnerable.

**FAITH & FICTION**

Join us on Jan. 14 when we will discuss All the Beauty in the World by Patrick Bringley. We gather for coffee at 10 AM and begin our discussion promptly at 10:30. Even if you haven't finished or even started the book, you are welcome to join us. We are members of all faiths and different parishes. We meet at Carol Kamphuis' home. Contact her at [carolk4mos@gmail.com](mailto:carolk4mos@gmail.com) for more information.

**THANK YOU!**

Mother of Sorrows Parish thanks Brenton Taussig of Consolidated Plastics in Stow for the donation of the awesome all-weather rugs!!



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 24-28, 2025**

	In Pew	On-line	Total	Weekly Budget	Over/(Under)
Sunday Offering	\$809.00	\$479.95	1,288.95	1,859.00	(570.05)
Christmas	\$2,729.00	\$75.00	2,804.00	4,500.00	(1,696.00)
Maintenance Fund	\$0.00	\$51.00	51.00	358.00	(307.00)
Facility Restor/Rep	\$2,085.00	\$108.25	2,193.25	578.00	1,615.25
Other	\$25,049.00	\$0.00	25,049.00	285.00	24,764.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,672.00</b>	<b>\$714.20</b>	<b>31,386.20</b>	<b>7,580.00</b>	<b>23,806.20</b>