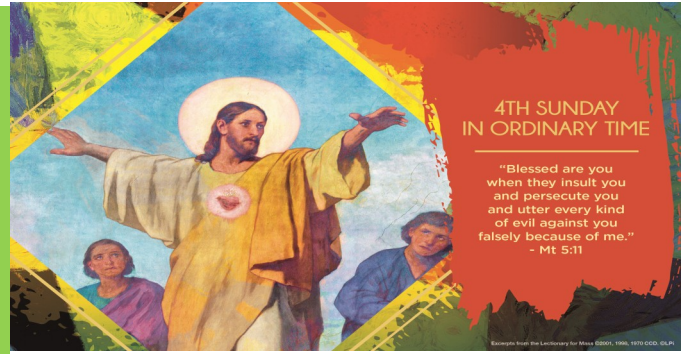




MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH



FEBRUARY 1, 2026 • 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

6034 S. Locust Street, Peninsula, OH 44264

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PARISH STAFF

Presbyteral Moderator: Reverend Michael P. McCandless

Parish Life Coordinator: Deacon William Yoho

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Liturgical Minister Scheduling: 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.

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.

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.

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.



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 mospensinsula@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 to set up a convenient time. We will be happy to bring the Holy Eucharist to you on a temporary or regular basis.



ONLINE GIVING

Please consider OSV Online Giving for weekly contributions: You can access the eGiving portal at

<https://osvhub.com/motherofsorrowспенinsula/giving/funds>

MASS INTENTIONS



Sunday, February 1— 9:30 AM
 Frank Nicotera (Nicotera Family)
Saturday, February 7— 5:00 PM
 Frank (Gene) Kaczmarek (E. Kaczmarek)
Sunday, February 8— 9:30 AM
 Deceased of Mother of Sorrows



MASS READINGS

MONDAY, 2/2: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
 Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

TUESDAY, 2/3: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

WEDNESDAY, 2/4: Weekday
 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

THURSDAY, 2/5: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

FRIDAY, 2/6: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
 Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

SATURDAY, 2/7: Weekday
 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

SUNDAY, 2/8: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day
 Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Pray for those who are sick and suffering
Sue Adrolla, Sophie Andrews, Tammy Cozzone, Luke DesRosiers, Thomas Fiocca, Brian Hitt, Kelly Jasko, John Mazenec, Scott McDonough, Ken Michalik, Connie Morehouse, Robert Reimer, Tom Schleicher, Nancy Stohman, Greg Treccaso & Megan

& for those who have passed away including
Frank Nicotera, Frank Kaczmarks & the deceased of MoS



Healing Mass

Saturday February 14th
8:00 AM Confession & Adoration |
8:30 AM Praise & Worship w/Matt Fafrak
9:00 AM Mass & Anointing
Multiple Priests ~ Individual Prayer
Holy Family Church – 3179 Kent Rd, Stow

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

February 1, 2026
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 5:1-12a

A priest I know was once falsely accused of a terrible crime. The claim was wild and easily disproved, but for a while, it didn't matter. In the atmosphere shaped by the abuse crisis of the early 2000s, the public assumption was guilty until proven innocent. His name was dragged through the mud, and his ministry placed on hold. I had the privilege — and the burden — of walking closely with him during that time.

He was angry. He was confused. He felt abandoned and deeply disoriented. The last thing on his mind was the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: **"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me ... Rejoice and be glad" (Matthew 5:11-12).** Rejoice? He felt anything but.

And yet... something holy slowly grew in him. Not overnight, and not without pain. But as the truth came to light and his name was cleared, I watched him become more Christlike — more patient, more compassionate, more detached from human approval.

Maybe you haven't faced something so dramatic. But where do you feel judged? Misrepresented? Overlooked? Maybe someone else got the credit or the promotion. Maybe someone you love isn't getting their due. In those moments, the Cross of Jesus is near. When we feel accused, that's when we ask him for the grace not just to endure, but somehow, mysteriously, to rejoice and be glad.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi



 **ActivitiesCALENDAR** ©LPI

Saturday, February 7

MoS Volunteers at Ozanam Center 9:15 AM

Wednesday, February 11

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

Faith & Fiction Book Club 10:00—Noon

Wednesday, February 18—*Lent Begins*

Ash Wednesday Mass 7:00 PM

Friday, February 20

Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

Wednesday, February 25

Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM

Facilities Meeting 7:00 PM



Ozanam Center Volunteers Needed—2/7/26

Mother of Sorrows has been volunteering at the St. Vincent DePaul 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. Volunteers work from 9:15 to noon in a variety of ways: unpacking donations, sizing & distributing clothes, and supporting food distribution to the needy. MoS' next weekend to serve is February 7th. Join a friendly group of SVdP volunteers as we strive to improve the lives of others in need.



**The First Friday Club of Greater Akron
February 2026 luncheon will feature**

Brian Polian,
*Vice President for Athletics and National
Engagement at John Carroll University*

speaking on
**Generation Z: Honor the Relationships
on February 6, 2026**

Prior to joining John Carroll, as a 25-year veteran of collegiate sports leadership, Polian most recently served as Associate Athletics Director and General Manager of Football at Louisiana State University (LSU) after spending a season under Brian Kelly as Special Teams Coordinator.

Brian Polian graduated from John Carroll in 1997 with a B.A. in History following a four-year stint on the JCU Football Team. Polian earned All-OAC Second Team honors in 1996. Polian brings extensive administrative experience to the role.

Reservations due Tuesday, February 3, 2026
330-535-7668
ffcofga@gmail.com

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**Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine,
you did for me. Mt 25:40**

After mass over the next month, we will welcome representatives from three ministries that help the most vulnerable. Each will briefly share their mission and current needs. Parishioners are encouraged to remain and take a few minutes to learn how our community can support these important ministries.

Feb 7 & 8 - Peter Maurin Center (Dave Churbock, Executive Director)

Feb 14 & 15 - Ozanom Center (Cathie Perusek, Ministry Leader)

Feb 28 & Mar 1 - Genneserate (Bob Dirgo, Executive Director)



Your Parish Offering January 17-18, 2026

	In Pew	On-line	Total	Weekly Budget	Over/(Under)
Sunday Offering	\$3,645.00	\$379.10	4,024.10	1,859.00	2,165.10
Maintenance Fund	\$660.00	\$51.00	711.00	358.00	353.00
Facility Restor/Rep	\$160.00	\$5.25	165.25	578.00	(412.75)
Other	\$204.00	\$0.00	204.00	285.00	(81.00)
Total	\$4,669.00	\$435.35	5,104.35	3,080.00	2,024.35