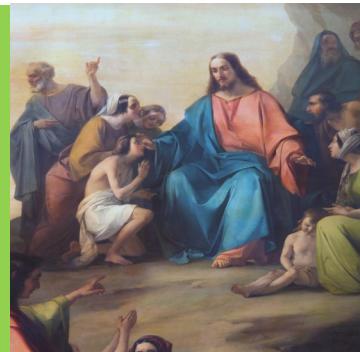




# MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH



## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow."  
- Mt 5:33

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FEBRUARY 15, 2026 • 6TH 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

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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

**Director of Music:** Darlene Bednarz [darlenebednarz@gmail.com](mailto:darlenebednarz@gmail.com)

**Parish Assistant:** Diane Griffiths [dianeg4mos@gmail.com](mailto:dianeg4mos@gmail.com)

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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>



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Wednesday, February 18— 7:00 PM**  
Deceased of Mother of Sorrows

**Saturday, February 21— 5:00 PM**  
Daniel Egleston (Evelyn Kaczmarski)

**Sunday, February 22 — 9:30 AM**  
Bill Feterle (Diane & Charles Griffiths)



**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 Stohlman, Greg Trecaso & Megan

**& for those who have passed away including**  
Danile Egleston, Bill Feterle & the deceased of Mos



**Ash Wednesday is a day of obligatory fasting & abstinence.**

**Fasting** is required for those age 18—59; it permits one full meal & two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

**Abstinence** from meat binds Catholics age 14 and older.



**MASS READINGS**

**MONDAY, 2/16: Presidents' Day**  
Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

**TUESDAY, 2/17: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**  
Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

**WEDNESDAY, 2/18: Ash Wednesday**  
Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/  
2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**THURSDAY, 2/19: Lent Weekday**  
Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

**FRIDAY, 2/20: Lent Weekday**  
Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

**SATURDAY, 2/21: St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church**  
Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

**SUNDAY, 2/22: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19  
or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11



## GOSPEL MEDITATION:

**February 15, 2026**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Matthew 5:17-37**

A few years into my priesthood, I hit a wall. I had taken on too many commitments: Masses, meetings, ministries, projects. I couldn't keep up. I was double-booking, forgetting things, running late, and letting people down. My boss at the time, a wise priest, and our shared secretary, noticed. For my birthday, the two gave me a stack of 100 flashcards, each with one word printed in a different language: "NO." It was funny, but also painfully true. If I couldn't say no, my yes was in danger.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, **"Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the Evil One" (Matthew 5:37)**. He's not just giving advice about polite speech. He's showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom.

The Church Fathers often linked this kind of straightforward truthfulness with spiritual maturity. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we hedge, flatter, exaggerate, or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. That little stack of flashcards reminded me that God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too.

**Lenten Challenge:** Practice one moment of honest, peaceful speech this week. Maybe it's a sincere "yes" to something important, or a humble "no" to something you cannot do. Let it be a quiet step into the freedom Jesus offers.

— Father John Muir

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## Calendar of EVENTS

*Note: Schedule & locations subject to change due to church renovations.*

Wednesday, 2/18: Ash Wednesday Mass 7:00 PM

Friday, 2/20: Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

Thursday, 2/26: Shroud of Turin Presentation 7:00 PM

Friday, 2/27: Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

Thursday, 3/5: Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM

Facilities Meeting 7:00 PM

Friday, 3/6: Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

Wednesday, 3/11: Faith & Fiction Book Club 10:00 AM

Parish Mission 7:00 PM

Thursday, 3/12: Parish Mission 7:00 PM

Friday, 3/13: Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

Wednesday, 3/18: Rosary 8:45 AM & Mass 9:00 AM

Friday, 3/20: Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

Wednesday, 3/25: Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM

Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM

Thursday, 3/26: The Crucifixion in Art 7:00 PM

Friday, 3/27: Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

Saturday, 3/28: Palm Sunday Vigil Mass 5:00 PM

Sunday, 3/29: Ecumenical Palm Sunday Service with United Methodist Church followed by Mass 9:30 AM

Thursday, 4/2: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM

Friday, 4/3: Good Friday Outside Stations of the Cross Noon, Passion of the Lord Service 3:00 PM

Saturday, 4/4: Easter Vigil 8:00 PM

Sunday, 4/5: Easter Sunday Mass 9:30 AM

### SAVE THE DATES! LENTEN EVENTS

Please mark your calendars now for these three special Lenten events, thoughtfully chosen to guide us prayerfully and intentionally into a deeper relationship with Jesus throughout this sacred season.



- ◆ Feb 26, 7PM - Presentation at MOS on the **Shroud of Turin** by David Onysko, well-known Sindonologist (one who scientifically studies the Shroud).
- ◆ Mar 11-12, 7PM - **From Encounter to Discipleship** Parish Mission by Father Jeffrey Lindholm, Parochial Vicar at St. Barnabas (Northfield) and Our Lady of Guadalupe (Macedonia) Churches.
- ◆ Mar 26, 7PM - **The Crucifixion in Art** presentation by Father James Daprise, pastor emeritus of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Aurora and docent at the Cleveland Museum of Art.

### SERVICE projects

This weekend, at the end of Mass, we welcome Cathie Perusek from the Ozanam Center to share their mission and current needs. Parishioners are encouraged to remain and take a few minutes to learn how our community can support this important ministry.

### In Case of BAD WEATHER

The recent severe weather underscores the need for Mother of Sorrows to be able to contact parishioners in a timely manner. Please provide your preferred email address and phone number through any of the following means: **Email** to MoS at [mospeninsula@gmail.com](mailto:mospeninsula@gmail.com). **Drop** them off at the parish office on Mondays or Wednesdays from 10:00am to 1:00pm. **Phone** the church at 330-657-2631 to either leave a voicemail with your information or request a call back. **Mail** them to Mother of Sorrows, 6034 S. Locust Street, Peninsula, Ohio 44264. **Complete** the form located in the pew, and drop it in the collection basket. NOTE: MoS **DOES NOT** share or sell email addresses, phone numbers or any personal information provided by you.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Eucharistic Adoration will be on Thursday, March 5 at 6 PM. Facilities meeting will be on Thursday, March 5 at 7 PM.

### Your Parish Offering January 31 - February 1, 2026

	In Pew	On-line	Total	Weekly Budget	Over/(Under)
Sunday Offering	\$1,520.00	\$242.45	1,762.45	1,859.00	(96.55)
Maintenance Fund	\$20.00	\$21.00	41.00	358.00	(317.00)
Facility Restor/Rep	\$1,173.00	\$5.25	1,178.25	578.00	600.25
Other	\$33.00	\$0.00	33.00	285.00	(252.00)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,746.00</b>	<b>\$268.70</b>	<b>3,014.70</b>	<b>3,080.00</b>	<b>(65.30)</b>