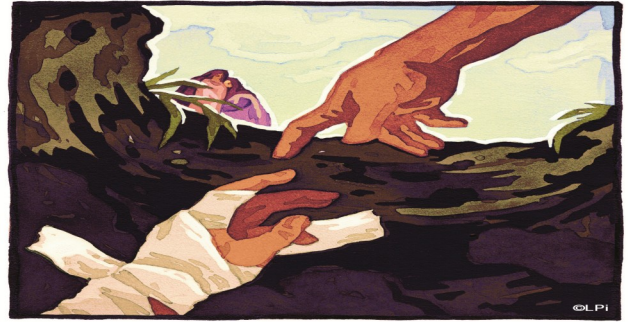




MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH



MARCH 22, 2026 • 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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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 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
Saturday, March 28— 5:00 PM
 Ted Satola (Diane & Charles Griffiths)
Sunday, March 29 — 9:30 AM
 Deceased of Mother of Sorrows



MASS READINGS

MONDAY, 3/23: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
 Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

TUESDAY, 3/24: Lent Weekday
 Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY, 3/25: The Annunciation of the Lord
 Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

THURSDAY, 3/26: Lent Weekday
 Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

FRIDAY, 3/27: Lent Weekday
 Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

SATURDAY, 3/28: Lent Weekday
 Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

SUNDAY, 3/29: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord;
Holy Week begins
 Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/
 Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

REMEMBER
in your prayers

Pray for those who are sick and suffering
Sophie Andrews, Tammy Cozzone, Luke DesRosiers, Thomas Fiocca, Kelly Jasko, John Mazenec, Scott McDonough, Ken Michalik, Frank Przybojewski, Oren Ryan, Tom Schleicher, Don Toth, & Megan
& for those who have passed away including
Greg Treceso & the deceased of MoS

Blessing for New Life
 God, in Your goodness, restore our hope.
 Where we feel imprisoned, break our chains.
 Where we feel discouraged, bring us light.
 Where the ground feels dry, break through with life anew.
 Amen.
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GOSPEL MEDITATION:

March 22, 2026
5th Sunday of Lent
John 11:1-45

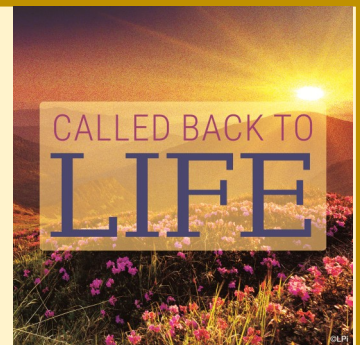
A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus’ voice cuts through the silence: **“Lazarus, come out!” (John 11:43)** The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him.

It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, **“Untie him and let him go” (John 11:44).**

That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ’s voice breaks through, anyway.

Lenten challenge: Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now.

— *Father John Muir*



Calendar of **EVENTS**

Schedule & locations subject to change due to church renovations. Check the bulletin & parish website for updates.

- Wednesday, 3/25: Choir Practice 1:30 PM
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 Noon
- 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
- Wednesday, 4/1: Choir Practice 1:30 PM
- Thursday, 4/2: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM
- Friday, 4/3: Good Friday Outside Stations of 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



The Crucifixion in Art will be presented by Rev. James Daprile, PhD, on Thursday, March 26 at 7PM. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: Because of ongoing renovations at Mother of Sorrows, the presentation will take place at Peninsula United Methodist Church, located diagonally across the street from MoS. Free parking is available in the PUMC lot behind the church. Fr. Daprile serves as pastor emeritus of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Aurora and is a docent at the Cleveland Museum of Art. He has presented at The First Friday Club of Greater Akron and numerous other venues across Ohio. He leads gallery talks, tours and presentations at the Cleveland Museum of Art. There is no cost to attend. Call 330-657-2631 or email carolk4mos@gmail.com for more information.

FIRST AID TRAINING AVAILABLE

If you would like to register for a free CPR or First Aid Training Class, read carefully and respond ASAP as registration is limited. Classes will be conducted by Valley Fire District instructors and will be held at the Peninsula Coffee House. You are invited to attend either or both and spaces are limited and filling up quickly.

CPR TRAINING - Monday, April 6th from 5-7PM — OR — Tuesday, April 14th from 5-7PM. (Participants need to attend only one of the sessions for certification.)

1st AID TRAINING — Tuesday, April 7th from 5-7PM — OR — Monday, April 13th from 5-7PM. (Again, participants need to attend only one of the sessions for certification.)

Training is free of charge

To register, please email mark@peninsulacoffeehouse.com. Your registration will be confirmed.

Training sessions will be held at the Peninsula Coffee House. Please arrive a few minutes early.

Registration is on a first-come basis. Class sizes will be limited to 10.



**2026 Knights of Columbus
Bonanza Charity Raffle**

Your Mother of Sorrow Knights' raffle tickets are available in the container at the entrance to the church! There is over \$108,000 in CASH prizes, and your council earns \$4.40 on each \$5.00 ticket sold, proceeds support numerous worthy causes and individuals throughout the community and church (for example, the MoS front steps & ramp). The tickets contain more details about the raffle. The Knight's name on the ticket is only for council identification. Knights don't receive compensation for ticket sales. The drawing will be held May 23, 2026. Each ticket is \$5.00, the stub must be completed with either a 10-digit phone number or complete mailing address for notification. Place your stub (retain the large portion) and payment (cash or a check made out to "Knights of Columbus" in a provided envelope and deposit it with the offertory collection.

The Knights thank you for your past and future support!

Your Parish Offering March 7 - 8, 2026

	In Pew	On-line	Total	Weekly Budget	Over/(Under)
Sunday Offering	\$2,112.00	\$504.10	2,616.10	1,859.00	757.10
Maintenance Fund	\$5.00	\$76.00	81.00	358.00	(277.00)
Facility Restor/Rep	\$78.00	\$128.25	206.25	578.00	(371.75)
Other	\$167.00	\$10.00	177.00	285.00	(108.00)
Total	\$2,362.00	\$718.35	3,080.35	3,080.00	0.35

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