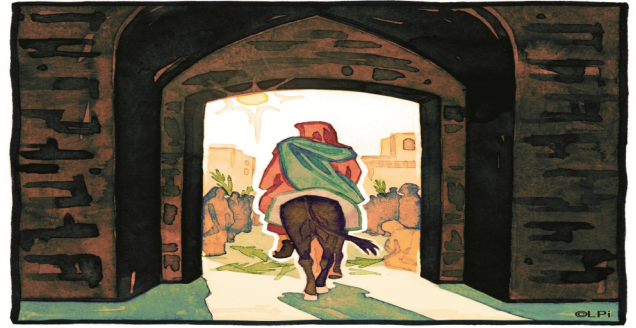




MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH



MARCH 29, 2026 • PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION 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

6034 S. Locust Street, Peninsula, OH 44264

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Website: www.motherofsorrowспенinsula.org

PARISH STAFF

Presbyteral Moderator: Reverend Michael P. McCandless

Parish Life Coordinator: Deacon William Yoho

Director of Music: Darlene Bednarz darlenebednarz@gmail.com

Parish Assistant: Diane Griffiths dianeg4mos@gmail.com

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
Saturday, April 4— 8:00 PM
 Deceased of Mother of Sorrows
Sunday, April 5 — 9:30 AM
 Frank Nicotera (Nicotera Family)

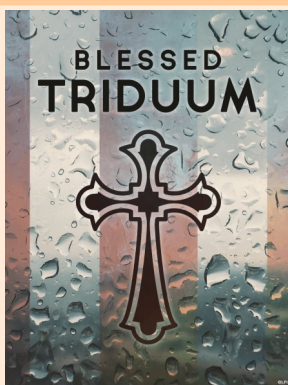


REMEMBER
in your prayers

Pray for those who are sick and suffering
*Tammy Cozzone, Kelly Jasko, John Mazenec, Scott McDonough,
 Ken Michalik, Frank Przybojewski, Oren Ryan, & Tom Schleicher*
& for those who have passed away including
the deceased of Mother of Sorrows parish

Blessing for Holy Week

Be with us this week, Lord,
 journeying closer and closer to
 Your pierced and Sacred Heart.
 Immerse us in Your intense and
 undying love.
 Help us to encounter Your passion
 in new ways that inform, surprise,
 and inspire us.
 Amen.
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MASS READINGS

MONDAY, 3/30: Lent Weekday
 Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

TUESDAY, 3/31: Lent Weekday
 Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

WEDNESDAY, 4/1: Lent Weekday (April Fool's Day)
 Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

THURSDAY, 4/2: Holy Thursday
 Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/
 Jn 13:1-15

FRIDAY, 4/3: Good Friday
 Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17 and 25/Heb 4:14-16;
 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

SATURDAY, 4/4: Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14,
 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2,
 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4,
 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/
 Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez
 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16
 -17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

SUNDAY, 4/5: Easter Sunday
 Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor
 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Matthew 26:14-27:66

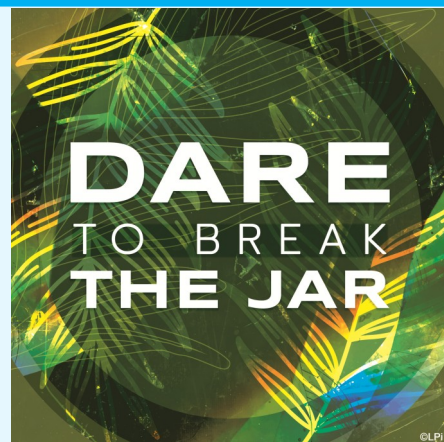
Just prior to this week's Passion narrative in St. Matthew's Gospel, there is a small, striking story describing a woman's scandalous action toward Jesus: **"A woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and poured it on his head"** (Matthew 26:7). The ointment was pure nard, worth more than 300 denarii. A year's wages. Maybe a dowry, maybe a family inheritance. In any case, she breaks it. She does not measure or ration. She pours it all out, irreversibly, over Jesus. Why does this image begin Holy Week?

Because what she does with the jar, Jesus will soon do with his life. The jar must be broken so the fragrance can be released. Jesus' body will be broken so his priceless divine and human love can be poured out. She gives everything, just as he is about to give everything. And He sees it: **"She has done a good thing for me"** (Matthew 26:10). Her act is lavish, impractical, scandalous in its apparent wastefulness. And he loves it. It is what Holy Week is all about.

What jar are you still holding onto? Your time? Your comfort? Your plan for how life should go? Don't just wave palms today. Let yourself be broken open so your love, too, can be poured out.

Lenten Challenge: Offer something costly to Jesus this Holy Week — not out of guilt, but love. Your attention. Your forgiveness. Your time. Break the jar. Trust that nothing poured out for him is ever wasted.

— Father John Muir



Calendar of **EVENTS**

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

- 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 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
- Wednesday, 4/8: Faith & Fiction Book Club 10:00 AM
- Wednesday, 4/15: Rosary 8:45 AM & Mass 9:00 AM
- Wednesday, 4/29: Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM
Finance Council Meeting 7:00 PM

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 size is limited to 10.



**2026 Knights of Columbus
Bonanza Charity Raffle**

Your MoS Knights' raffle tickets are available! 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. 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 an envelope & deposit it in offertory collection.

The Knights thank you for your past and future support!

DID YOU KNOW?
HOLY THURSDAY CELEBRATES THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST & THE PRIESTHOOD.

DID YOU KNOW?
THE PRINCIPAL LITURGY OF GOOD FRIDAY INCLUDES THE PROCLAMATION OF THE PASSION FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN, THE VENERATION OF THE CROSS, & HOLY COMMUNION USING HOSTS CONSECRATED ON HOLY THURSDAY.

DID YOU KNOW?
THE CELEBRATION OF THE PASCHAL VIGIL ON THE EVENING OF HOLY SATURDAY MARKS THE END OF HOLY WEEK AND THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM.

Your Parish Offering March 14 - 15, 2026					
	In Pew	On-line	Total	Weekly Budget	Over/(Under)
Sunday Offering	\$551.00	\$444.10	995.10	1,859.00	(863.90)
Maintenance Fund	\$0.00	\$51.00	51.00	358.00	(307.00)
Facility Restor/Rep	\$290.00	\$105.25	395.25	578.00	(182.75)
Other	\$240.00	\$50.50	290.50	285.00	5.50
Total	\$1,081.00	\$650.85	1,731.85	3,080.00	(1,348.15)