

MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH



OUR MISSION STATEMENT
We, the parishioners of Mother of Sorrows Parish, established in 1882, Christ-centered and empowered by the Holy Spirit, dedicate ourselves to serve the needs of all by liturgical worship and parish ministries.

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APRIL 13, 2025 • PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

PARISH STAFF

Presbyteral Moderator: Reverend Michael P. McCandless

Parish Life Coordinator: Deacon William Yoho

Director of Music: Darlene Bednarz darlenebednarz@gmail.com

PARISH OFFICE

Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

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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.

RECONCILIATION: Anytime by appointment.

MARRIAGE: Fridays at 5:00 PM, Saturdays until 3:00 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.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM

Holy Days/Holidays: See schedule in bulletin.

Liturgical Minister Coordinator: Email Diane Griffiths at dianeg4mos@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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Thank you for your generosity!

Building Restoration Fund





MASS READINGS

MONDAY, 4/14: Lenten Weekday

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

TUESDAY, 4/15: Lenten Weekday

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

WEDNESDAY, 4/16: Lenten Weekday

Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

THURSDAY, 4/17: Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/
1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

FRIDAY, 4/18: Good Friday

Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

SATURDAY, 4/19: Holy Saturday

Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 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 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

SUNDAY, 4/20: Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/
Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12



Mass Intentions

Holy Saturday, April 19 — 8:15 PM

Deceased of Mother of Sorrows Parish

Easter Sunday, April 20— 9:30 AM

Deceased of Mother of Sorrows Parish



Those who are sick and suffering

Brian & Karen Becker, Kelly Jasko, Matt Leifer,
Becky Nadeau, Andrew Perko,
Cecilia Schroeder, Therese Slenn,
Jen Torres-Speith, & Micky Zusy

& for those who have passed away including

Sharon Krachinsky & the deceased of MoS

Your Parish Offering

	In Pew	On-line
	4/6-4/7	4/6-4/7
Sunday Offering	\$777.00	\$449.55
Maintenance Fund	\$265.00	\$101.00
Facility Restor/Rep	\$2,768.00	\$517.25
Mass Intentions	\$50.00	\$0.00
Candle Money	\$4.00	\$0.00
Memorials	\$285.00	
Catholic Relief Svc	\$25.00	
Immac. Concept.	\$30.00	\$0.00
Total	\$4,204.00	\$1,067.80
Total Collected	\$5,271.80	

Seven Churches Pilgrimage, Explained

The Seven Churches Pilgrimage is the practice of visiting seven different churches on Holy Thursday, in imitation of the journey of Christ on the eve of his crucifixion. The devotion is thought to have originated in sixteenth-century Rome, where pilgrims — likely led by St. Philip Neri — would visit the seven major basilicas there: St. Peter’s in the Vatican, St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. Mary Major, St. Sebastian Outside the Walls, St. Lawrence Outside the Walls and Santa Croce in Gerusalemme. Pilgrims undertaking this journey anywhere in the world can visit any seven churches while adoring Christ in the Blessed Sacrament upon the Altar of Repose, fulfilling his request of his disciples to stay with him as he awaited his Passion. There are specific Scripture passages that pilgrims can meditate upon at each altar. ©LPi

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR A FUN EVENT

During Peninsula’s Ramp Up Festival on April 26, we’re inviting the public to come in and hear a brief history of our church and climb up to the choir loft and ring our church bell! If you would like to take a 2-hour shift beginning at 11AM, 1PM or 3PM, please email carolk4mos@gmail.com to let her know your time preference. The church history will be provided. Let’s show our community and visitors how proud we are of our little church!

DIOCESAN DAY OF CARING—THANK YOU!

We had a wonderful turnout of 9 people to the Ozanam Center for the Diocesan Day of Caring on April 5. The Oz Center organizers were impressed and surprised by the number of people from Mother of Sorrows who showed up ready to work. Our parishioners sorted, sized and tagged clothes and shoes before they were hung or racked for people to shop and claim. Others helped clients with their selections, broke down boxes or did whatever was necessary. What an amazing place and what an amazing mission! Thank you to everyone who came out, especially our first-time volunteers. Remember, the 1st Saturday of every month is MOS day to volunteer. Just show up at 9:15 and you will be richly rewarded.

Mass Livestreaming and Call for Volunteers

Recently we have restarted livestreaming Mass, a practice that was used during the pandemic lockdown. This means we are broadcasting our Mass on YouTube via the Internet. While we prefer that you attend Mass in person, we realize that illness or another reason may prevent your physical attendance. In those cases, refer to our YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@motherofsorrows-peninsulao3151> (or you can search using the text “mother of sorrows peninsula”). You do not need to create an account to access the videos. If you subscribe to our channel, you will receive notifications when videos/content are posted.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the equipment set up and filming our Masses. Equipment, training and instructions will be provided. We would like to get a couple of people working together at a Mass; this provides support and backup. If you are interested, please send an email to mospenninsula@gmail.com or leave a message at 330-620-0992.

If we get enough volunteers, then we could offer livestreaming for funerals conducted at our church.

From the Deacon's Desk



Today's celebration of Palm Sunday is like a bridge that connects two sides of a gorge. One side is where we've traveled for the last five weeks on our Lenten journey. The other side is Holy Week which we are about to cross into.

In the last three weeks, we have heard our gospel readings call us to repentance. Three weeks ago, we heard the gardener begging the vineyard owner to be gracious and give the vine a little more time. We see that the vineyard owner patiently gives time, but that time is not endless. Then we heard of the prodigal son who repented of his ways. Last week, we read about the woman caught in adultery repenting and sinning no more.

Each Friday as we participated in the Stations of the Cross, it reminded us of all that our Lord endured for our sake. It reminded us that Jesus was condemned when it should have been us. We saw Jesus take up his cross, which serves as reminder that we are daily to do the same. His falling with His cross reminded us of every time we fall into sin. The Stations of the Cross help us to gain a better understanding of the horror that Christ experienced in His crucifixion. It also opened our hearts and minds to what a mother would've experienced watching her baby go through all that violence. It is almost incomprehensible. When we read of Simon of Cyrene and his resistance to help Jesus, it served as a painful reminder of the many times that we fail help Jesus when we fail to help others. When we saw Jesus being stripped of his earthly possessions, it helped us to reflect on how we respond when we see, in our society, people being stripped of their possessions, rights, and even dignity. Do we act or are we complicit in it? During the stations it was painful, knowing that Jesus was nailed to that cross for us, but we also experienced consolation, in knowing that it was our sins that were ultimately nailed to that cross, and when Jesus died, our sins died along with Him. And at the end of the stations, it all pointed to Jesus, and His resurrection, His redemption, and the offer of new life where there was only death.

We were blessed and fed three spiritually rich, nutritious meals that strengthened us for our Lenten journey, by Father Jacob Bearer. On our first night of the three-night Lenten Mission, Father Jacob challenged us to "Get Your Eyes on Jesus" as well as providing opportunities for confessions. Father then trained us for spiritual battles that all of us fight by teaching us that we are to use "Worship as a Weapon of Hope". On the last night of the mission, he showed us that "You can Pray with Others and See Miracles". This was spiritually nutritious food for our souls.

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Holy Week Schedule

- Holy Thursday**
Mass of the Lord's Supper @ **7 PM**
- Good Friday**
Outdoor Stations @ **Noon**
Passion of the Lord @ **3 PM**
- Holy Saturday**
Easter Vigil @ **8:15 PM**
- Easter Sunday**
Mass of Resurrection of the Lord @ **9:30 AM**



From the Deacon's Desk—continued

Now, as we celebrate Palm Sunday, we witness Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. In ancient times, palms would be laid before a king who was returning victorious over the defeat of his enemies. That king would be riding a powerful mighty majestic stallion. Our triumphal king Jesus comes riding in, not on a powerful stallion, but on a humble mule. This reminds us that Jesus is a different kind of victorious king. His entry does celebrate the victories that Christ won over evil, darkness, injustice, infirmity, and hatred. But all of these are simply a precursor and point to the ultimate victory that Christ wins in the last leg of our Lenten journey.

On the other side of Palm Sunday is Holy Week. While it is not liturgically a part of the Triduum, one of my favorite parts of Holy Week is going to the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist for the Chrism Mass. This is a spectacular celebration of the church's tradition of creating holy oils. It is a spectacle to be observed and experienced. I encourage everyone to go and participate in the Chrism Mass.

Holy Thursday reminds us that just as Christ served others, we are called to deny ourselves and serve others, especially those in most need.

Then we have Good Friday. What a solemn and beautiful opportunity to show reverence for the cross that our Jesus hung on for us. This provides us a quiet time of reflection to try to grasp the immensity of Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

Finally, we experience the fullness in completion of our Lenten journey by celebrating Christ's triumphal victory over sin, evil, and even death. Through this journey, we are reminded that our sins were nailed to the cross, along with Jesus. That our sins were put to death by Jesus's death. That just as Christ received new life, if we put our faith in Jesus, we too will receive new life.

It is Jesus, Easter, the resurrection, and the reality of all that means, that is our destination. We should stay in this truth. That is why we have the Easter season to celebrate and continue to rejoice in Christ's victory over death and sin.

This has been a wonderful Lenten journey; I consider my blessed myself to have traveled it with each and every one of you.
Deacon Will