

# 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 27, 2025 • SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)**

## 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 OFFICE

### Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

**Parish Office:** 330-657-2631

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**Email:** [mospeninsula@gmail.com](mailto:mospeninsula@gmail.com)

### Website:

[www.motherofsorrowspeninsula.org](http://www.motherofsorrowspeninsula.org)



## 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](mailto: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](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.

**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.

**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.

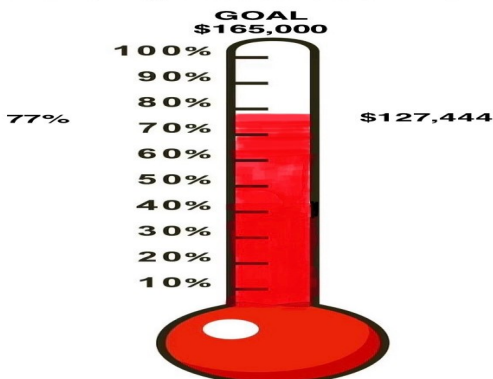
## ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVDP)

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.

 **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



## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."  
- Jn 20:28-29



**MASS READINGS**

**MONDAY, 4/28: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;  
St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest**  
Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

**TUESDAY, 4/29: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin  
and Doctor of Church**  
Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

**WEDNESDAY, 4/30: St. Pius V, Pope**  
**Eucharistic Adoration 6:00—7:00 PM**  
Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

**THURSDAY, 5/1: St. Joseph the Worker; National Day of Prayer**  
Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

**FRIDAY, 5/2: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**  
Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

**SATURDAY, 5/3: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles**  
1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

**SUNDAY, 5/4: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/  
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



**Mass Intentions**

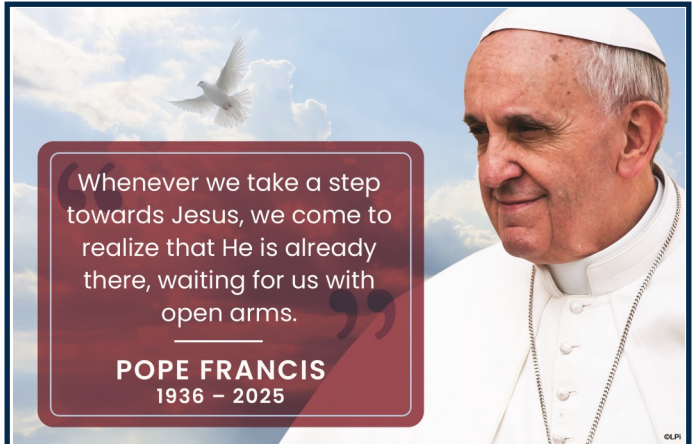
**Saturday, May 3 — 8:15 PM**  
Deceased of Mother of Sorrows Parish  
**Sunday, May 4 — 9:30 AM**  
Frank Nicotera (Nicotera Family)



**Those who are sick and suffering**

*Brian & Karen Becker, Kelly Jasko, Matt Leifer,  
Becky Nadeau, Andrew Perko, Cecilia Schroeder,  
Therese Slenn, Pam Whitney & Micky Zusy*

**& for those who have passed away including**  
*Jen Torres-Speith, & the deceased of Mother of Sorrows*



Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that He is already there, waiting for us with open arms.

**POPE FRANCIS**  
1936 – 2025

Pope Francis, born Jorge Mario Bergoglio on December 17, 1936, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was the first pope from the Americas and the first Jesuit to lead the Catholic Church. Before his election as pope on March 13, 2013, he served as Archbishop of Buenos Aires, where he was known for his humility, simple lifestyle, and dedication to the poor.

Raised in a family of Italian immigrants, he studied chemistry before entering the seminary and joining the Jesuits. Ordained a priest in 1969, he later became the Provincial of the Jesuits in Argentina and played a key role in guiding the Church during a period of economic and social crises in the country. When he was appointed bishop in 1992 and archbishop in 1998, he prioritized evangelization, social justice, and pastoral outreach.

As pope, Francis emphasized mercy, care for the marginalized, and environmental stewardship. His papacy was marked by a call for a “poor Church for the poor,” interfaith dialogue, and reform within the Vatican. His teachings focused on compassion, the dignity of every person, and the need for a missionary Church.

On April 21, 2025, Pope Francis passed away, leaving behind a legacy of love, humility, and service.

**Your Parish Offering**

	In Pew	On-line	In Pew	On-line
	4/12-4/13	4/12-4/13	4/19-4/20	4/19-4/20
Sunday Offering	\$924.00	\$405.60	\$445.00	\$419.40
Maintenance Fund	\$275.00	\$76.00	\$170.00	\$76.00
Facility Restor/Rep	\$3,700.00	\$25.25	\$753.00	\$356.50
Easter	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$5,240.00	\$0.00
Holy Land/Good Fri	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$270.00	\$0.00
Soup & Stations	\$41.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mass Intentions	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
Candle Money	\$39.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$0.00
Total	<b>\$5,119.00</b>	<b>\$506.85</b>	<b>\$6,913.00</b>	<b>\$851.90</b>
Total Collected	<b>\$5,625.85</b>		<b>\$7,764.90</b>	

Dear God,  
We thank You for the years of service Pope Francis gave to our Church: his encyclicals, his prayers, his pilgrimages, his work for a brighter tomorrow. May his life and service remind us of our ultimate goal — You and You alone. Amen.

**From the Deacon's Desk**



My brothers and sisters in Christ, may the grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.  
HE IS RISEN!!!

With His resurrection, He broke the power of death and sin. That means as believers in Christ, He broke the power of death and sin for us as well.

By walking with Him in this life and receiving His sanctifying grace, we also are set free from the prison of sin. As the scriptures tell us, we are a new person in Christ. A new creation through the renewing of our mind.

We renew our mind by spending time in prayer, reading, obtaining knowledge of the scriptures and partaking of the life-giving sacraments of the church.

As we contemplate Christ's suffering and death that He endured for us, we diminish His suffering and death when we only give Him one hour a week.

Our relationship with Jesus should be the most important thing in our lives and He sanctifies us through His grace that we receive through being in relationship with Him.

As we journey through this Easter season, let's remember every day how much God loves us and live in a way that shows our appreciation for all the He has done for us.

May God bless you abundantly.  
Deacon Will

**TIME AND TALENT**

Opportunities to Share Your Gifts  
**Please join us Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**for Our Parish Workday**



Be part of a team of volunteers that will work to improve the parish grounds during the morning and afternoon, followed by a picnic. Come for an hour or two or come for the whole day. Interested in working or helping to organize the event? Please contact Diaine Fleming at 330-612-9189.

**MAY CROWNING**



The month of May is right around the corner, and we traditionally honor our Blessed Mother by crowning her as Queen of heaven and earth. We are looking forward to doing that again this year at both Masses on Saturday and Sunday, May 10 & 11.

It would be especially nice if we could have children of all ages present at both Masses to process to Mary's altar with flowers to honor her. All children are beautiful and we welcome them to participate.

May crowning is a long-held tradition in our Catholic faith, and we are honored to be able to recognize Mary during her special month.

**HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF OUR SORROWFUL MOTHER AS THE MOTHER OF A CONVICTED CRIMINAL?**

As part of Mother of Sorrows year-long dedication to Mary, one project chosen was "Honoring Mary as the Mother of a Convicted Criminal."

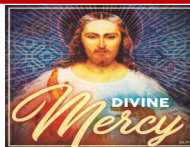
Since 2020, the Cleveland Diocese has been working with the Grafton Correctional Institution on the Grafton Garden Project. The inmates spend many hours in the prison garden planting, weeding, and growing vegetables. What began as a stress reliever during Covid, according to one inmate, has become a dedication to help those in need of food in the community.

In 2020, the one-acre garden yielded 1,300 pounds of vegetables. In 2024, more than 20,000 pounds of fresh produce from the garden were distributed to the needy and hungry in the area!

To honor Mary, we ask you to please consider helping us support this most worthwhile prison garden ministry by donating to the cost of plants and seeds. A collection will be taken during the first two weeks of May.

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Explained**

Prayed with an ordinary five-decade Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer invoking God's mercy on the world, utilizing words drawn from the text of The Diary of St. Faustina Maria Kowalska. ©LPi



**Service Opportunity: Ozanam Center Volunteers Needed**

It is MOS' turn to volunteer at the Ozanam Center on **Sat., May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Time is 9:15-12:00. Address is: 93 Kent St., Akron, Ohio 44305. The Ozanam Center is a division of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and provides food, clothing, toys, and household goods to low-income individuals and families in Summit County. Please consider volunteering or donating any of the above items to those in need. Please contact Denise Lahoski at 330-256-8683 if you have any questions.

