

# 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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**MAY 4, 2025 • THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

## 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

**Deacon Will Yoho:** 330-620-0992

6034 S. Locust Street, Peninsula, OH 44264

**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.



**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 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.

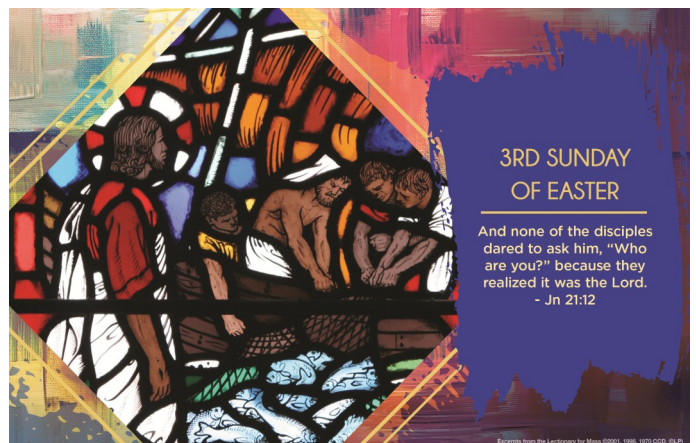
**WEEKLY VISITATION/COMMUNION:** Homebound parishioners are encouraged to receive communion regularly. If you or someone you know is homebound or unable to attend Mass due to illness, surgery, or other circumstances, & you would like to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Holy Communion to the home, please 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.



**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord.  
- Jn 21:12

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**MASS READINGS**

**MONDAY, 5/5: Easter Weekday**

Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

**TUESDAY, 5/6: Easter Weekday**

Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/  
Jn 6:30-35

**WEDNESDAY, 5/7: Easter Weekday**

Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

**THURSDAY, 5/8: Easter Weekday**

Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

**FRIDAY, 5/9: Easter Weekday**

Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

**SATURDAY, 5/10: St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest**

Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

**SUNDAY, 5/11: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter;**

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations;**

**Mother's Day**

Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/  
Jn 10:27-30



**MOTHER OF SORROWS  
FIRST ANNUAL BLESSING OF BIKES & HIKERS  
AND FUN RIDE/WALK**

Following 9:30AM Mass on May 18, bikes and hikers will be blessed outside the church before we embark on a fun trek along the Towpath at 10:45. At 12:15, we will return to the church for a BBQ and refreshments. There is no charge; you are just required to have fun!

Everyone is welcome — solo riders and walkers, families, kids! Lace up your favorite shoes or ride your favorite bike — tandem, electric, 3-wheelers, pull-behind bike wagons, even old fashioned two wheel bicycles!

We look forward to seeing a large group from different parishes across the diocese! Questions? Call 330-620-0992.



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, May 10 — 5:00 PM**

Deceased of Mother of Sorrows Parish

**Sunday, May 11 — 9:30 AM**

Bernadine Baur (George & Tina Baur)



**Those who are sick and suffering**

*Brian & Karen Becker, Kelly Jasko, Matt Leifer,  
Becky Nadeau, Cecilia Schroeder,*

*Therese Slenn, Pam Whitney & Micky Zusy*

**& for those who have passed away including**

*Frank Nicotera & the deceased of Mother of Sorrows*



**THANK YOU RAMP UP VOLUNTEERS!**

Thank you to our six volunteers who came out during Peninsula's Ramp Up Day when we opened our church to visitors and talked about our church's rich history. We had on display some beautiful vintage vestments as well. Visitors had the opportunity to ring our bell! A highlight of their day for sure!

An amazing 31 visitors stopped in to take pictures, listen to our story and ask questions! We look forward to future community events that will demonstrate where we are, who we are, and let people know they are welcome and loved by God and His people.

| <b>Your Parish Offering</b> |                   |                  |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
|                             | <b>In Pew</b>     | <b>On-line</b>   |
|                             | <b>4/26-4/27</b>  | <b>4/26-4/27</b> |
| Sunday Offering             | \$502.00          | \$344.40         |
| Maintenance Fund            | \$120.00          | \$176.00         |
| <b>Facility Restor/Rep</b>  | <b>\$5.00</b>     | <b>\$95.25</b>   |
| Mass Intentions             | \$0.00            | \$0.00           |
| Candle Money                | \$10.15           | \$0.00           |
| Easter                      | \$100.00          | \$201.00         |
| Catholic Relief Svc         | \$0.00            | \$50.00          |
| Holy Land/Good Fri          | \$0.00            | \$25.00          |
| Home Missions               | \$114.00          | \$0.00           |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>\$851.15</b>   | <b>\$891.65</b>  |
| <b>Total Collected</b>      | <b>\$1,742.80</b> |                  |

**THANK YOU!!**



I would like to thank all my lovely ladies for helping with the decorations for our church. You are so generous with you time and talents! Besides their labors and very fun company, their insights and ideas are so appreciated!

Thank you Diane Griffiths, Liz Yoho, Pam Jones and Carol Kamphuis. Thank you, Bill Reimer for all your "heavy lifting" and Rick Slenn for all your carpentry, clever ideas and endless patience!

Jan Slenn

**From the Deacon's Desk**



Would you die for your faith???

On May 4, we celebrate the life of Saint John Houghton. In 1534, he was the first person to oppose King Henry VIII's Act of Supremacy which stated that the king was the head of the church of England.

He was imprisoned when he refused to sign the oath to the king. It was modified with the phrase "in so far as the law of God permits." With this modification John felt he could be loyal to both the Church and the Crown; he and several of his monks signed the oath, though with some reservations. Father John was released, but a short time later he was ordered to sign the original unmodified oath.

Following three days of prayer, he was hauled into court and staying true to his Carthusian vow of silence, John would not defend himself in court and refused to co-operate or sign anything.

A jury initially found him innocent, but when they were threatened with prosecution themselves, they found John and his co-defendants guilty of treason. He became the first person martyred under the Tudor persecutions, dying as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales.

We can learn much from this faithful follower of Jesus. While none of us will likely be hauled into court and given an ultimatum to follow the rule of man over the rule of God, each and every one of us will experience the same challenge of having to choose to follow the rule of man or the rule of God.

I think following St. John's model will serve us well. Initially, John sought a solution to the situation where he could both satisfy the requirements of man and still at the same time be true to his faith. But once that was not possible, we are called to choose, just as St. John did, to follow what God calls us to do even at the expense of having to make sacrifices in the world. To do this, we must make following God's will a priority in every aspect of our lives.

While none of us will be called to sacrifice our lives to be obedient to God, we, like John, must be willing to sacrifice and not count the cost. We must choose to please God over pleasing man. And if we do this, if we stay true to the faith until the end, our heavenly Father will welcome us with the greatest approval, acceptance and love that we have ever experienced. When we are faithful to God, he is faithful to us.

I offer this challenge and encouragement to you with the utmost love. My brothers and sisters in Christ, stay strong and keep the faith.

May God bless you abundantly in the coming week  
Your brother in Christ.  
Deacon Will

**MAY CROWNING**

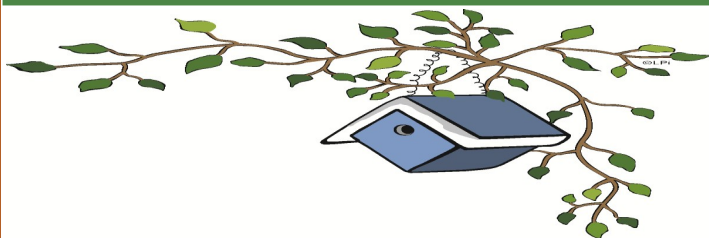


The month of May is right around the corner, and we traditionally honor our Blessed Mother by crowning her as Queen of heaven and earth.

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.

