

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 11, 2025 • FOURTH 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

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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Website:

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

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.

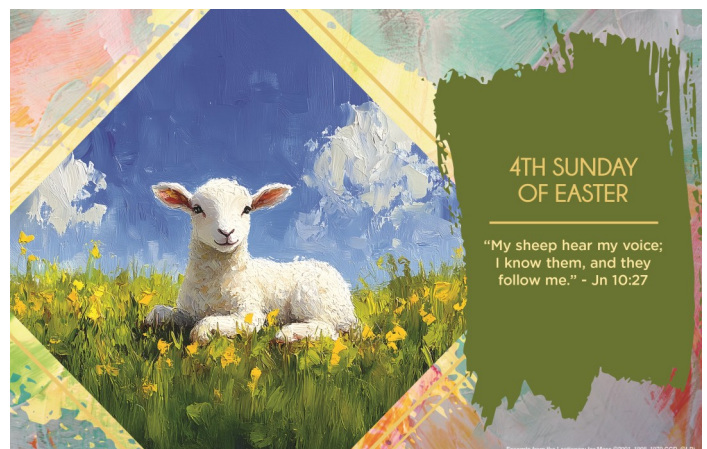
WEEKLY VISITATION/COMMUNION: Homebound parishioners are encouraged to receive communion regularly. If you or someone you know is homebound or unable to attend Mass due to illness, surgery, or other circumstances, & you would like to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Holy Communion to the home, please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





MASS READINGS

MONDAY, 5/12: Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

TUESDAY, 5/13: Our Lady of Fatima

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY, 5/14: St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

THURSDAY, 5/15: St. Isidore

Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

FRIDAY, 5/16: Weekday

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

SATURDAY, 5/17: Armed Forces Day

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

SUNDAY, 5/18: 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 17 — 5:00 PM

Jim Kozey (Diane & Charles Griffiths)

Sunday, May 18 — 9:30 AM

Ashley, Evelyn & Abigail Patrick (Anika Patrick)



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

Bernadine Baur & the deceased of Mother of Sorrows



The Tradition of Genuflection

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means “to bend the knee.” For many Catholics, it’s an almost automatic gesture that we perform before

entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of “bending the knee” is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord’s Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus. ©LPi

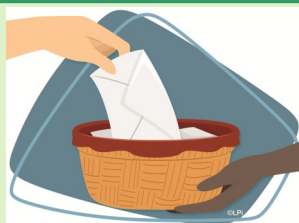
Finance Corner

Collection Information for May 3-4 will appear in next week’s bulletin.

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Office of Catechetical Service (Newman Campus).

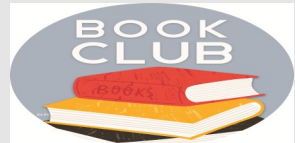
This is the final weekend to donate to the Grafton Prison Ministry Garden Fund.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!



FAITH & FICTION

meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10AM for coffee with book discussion beginning at 10:30. On May 14, we will be talk about a work of fiction, *Death in Black & White*, by Fr. Michael Brisson, L.C. Join us in our discussion of this purely fictional novel. Everyone is welcome — bring a friend!



Reluctant Sheep

Sheep get an awfully bad rap, linguistically. Some are quick to label people as “sheep” if we think they haven’t sufficiently questioned authority or if they’re too willing to go along with someone else’s plan. We say someone has “the wool over their eyes” if they aren’t willing to see what we think is very obvious. “A wolf in sheep’s clothing” is what we call someone looking to take advantage of those too gullible to identify a real threat.

Taking all this into account and considering how often we are referred to as sheep in Scripture, you’ve really got to wonder if God trying to tell us something about ourselves.

If you look at the phraseology associated with sheep, it’s no wonder that nobody *wants* to be one. Sheep are innocent. Sheep can’t protect themselves. They’re vulnerable and easily misled.

We want to see ourselves as the opposite of all that. We like to think we’re shrewd, with plenty of common sense. We want to believe that we don’t have to rely on anybody for anything. We would sooner identify with the wolf than with the sheep — at least the wolf can take care of himself.

We do this because we often resist the need to rest in the greatness of God. Like a child walking to school alone for the first time (forgetting his mom is following watchfully in the car), we want to think we can handle it all by ourselves.

The truth is that God *is* trying to tell us something by comparing us to sheep: *You don’t have to do this on your own.*

Every time I look at an obstacle and think that there is no way around it, I am forgetting that I have a shepherd who knows the location of the gate.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

Thank You!

Parish Grounds Workday

A huge thank you to the team of volunteers who helped weed the bedding areas, haul and spread 10 yards of mulch, trim back trees and remove a couple of small trees. The weather did not cooperate very much, so all our volunteers were thoroughly soaked and cold by noon, but we made big improvements between 8 am and noon! Thank you to the following volunteers for helping us on the May 3rd workday: Deacon Will Yoho, Eli Yoho, Michael Guerriero, Steve Craig, Nicole Fleming, Joshua Fleming, Matt Fleming.

We also thank Ingersoll Landscape Co. for donating 10 yards of mulch and delivering it to us.

We appreciate everyone’s hard work.

Diane Fleming

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.



**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.