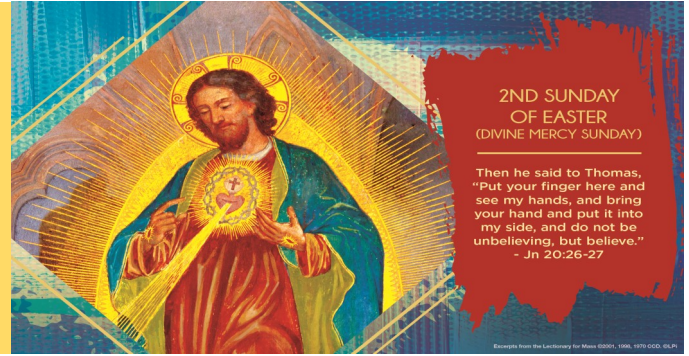




# MOTHER OF SORROWS



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."  
- Jn 20:26-27

APRIL 12, 2026 • SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

**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

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**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 Assistant:** Diane Griffiths [dianeg4mos@gmail.com](mailto:dianeg4mos@gmail.com)

**Liturgical Minister Scheduling:** [motherofsorrowsscheduling@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:SVDPofSTBARNABAS@gmail.com). Responses to messages are usually made within 48 hours.

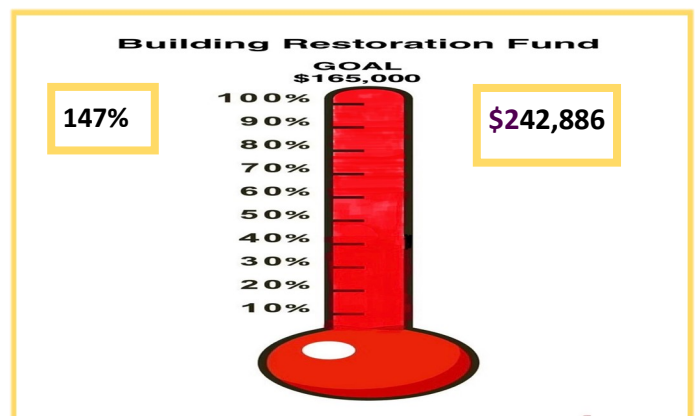


**SACRAMENTS**

**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](mailto: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](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.



**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 18— 5:00 PM**  
 Deceased of Mother of Sorrows  
**Sunday, April 19 — 9:30 AM**  
 Ashley, Evelyn & Abigail Patrick



**REMEMBER**  
*in your prayers*

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

**Easter Blessing**

Dear Lord,  
 Your redemption has been known  
 in every age.  
 You have never stopped inviting us  
 closer into your presence.  
 Fill us anew this Easter season,  
 bringing new hope, new life, and  
 new light into our journey.  
 Amen. ©LPi



**MASS READINGS**

**MONDAY, 4/13: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr**  
 Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

**TUESDAY, 4/14: Easter Weekday**  
 Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

**WEDNESDAY, 4/15: Easter Weekday (Tax Day)**  
 Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

**THURSDAY, 4/16: Easter Weekday**  
 Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

**FRIDAY, 4/17: Easter Weekday**  
 Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

**SATURDAY, 4/18: Easter Weekday**  
 Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

**SUNDAY, 4/19: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
 Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

**GOSPEL MEDITATION:**

**April 12, 2026**  
**2nd Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)**  
**John 20:19-31**

*“Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.’” (John 20:27)*

In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I’d want to sarcastically murmur, “Well, good for you.” I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew.

Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: “I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?” My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and his mercy broke through.

So I can relate to the scoffing — and transformation — of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents his wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist.

**Divine Mercy Challenge:** This week, rejoice with someone who is newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will. — *Father John Muir*



Calendar of **EVENTS**

Sunday, 4/12: **Divine Mercy Prayers and Eucharistic Adoration 10:30 AM (immediately after Mass)**

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

Wednesday, 5/13: Faith & Fiction Book Club 10:00 AM

Wednesday, 5/20: Rosary 8:45 AM & Mass 9:00 AM

Wednesday, 5/27: Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM

Finance Council Meeting 7:00 PM

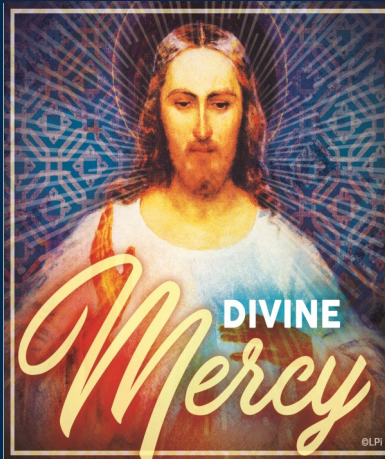
During the December Candlelight Walk, an ensemble from the Brecksville Broadview Heights Community Chorus performed at Mother of Sorrows. You can hear the entire chorus at their Spring Concert which features music specifically commissioned for them. The concert is April 26 at 4 PM. Tickets are \$10 each and available at [bhcommchorus.org](http://bhcommchorus.org) or from Diane Griffiths.

Brecksville-Broadview Heights Community Chorus presents

# The Spirit of Freedom

Celebrating the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence

Sunday, April 26, 2026 - 4 PM  
 Brecksville - Broadview Heights Middle School  
 6376 Mill Rd, Broadview Heights, OH  
 Free Parking - Handicapped Access  
[bhcommchorus.org](http://bhcommchorus.org)



**Chaplet of Divine Mercy**

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, a Polish nun.

- ◆ To begin, make the Sign of the Cross, then pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.
- ◆ On each of the large beads (where the Our Father is said), pray: "Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."
- ◆ On each of the 10 smaller beads (used for the Hail Mary), pray: "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."
- ◆ This pattern is repeated for all five decades of the Rosary. To conclude the chaplet, pray three times: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world." ©LPi

When you attended the services on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, our Music Director Darlene Bednarz, proclaimed the psalms from the ambo. Since the psalm is part of Scripture, it is preferable to sing it from the ambo. A friend of Mother of Sorrows, Rebecca Herr, offered her gift of music to us on Holy Thursday so Darlene would be available to sing the psalm. We hope you found this prayerful.



**Your Parish Offering March 28 - 29, 2026**

	In Pew	On-line	Total	Weekly Budget	Over/(Under)
Sunday Offering	\$1,132.00	\$455.10	1,587.10	1,859.00	(271.90)
Maintenance Fund	\$200.00	\$51.00	251.00	358.00	(107.00)
Facility Restor/Rep	\$1,438.00	\$5.25	1,443.25	578.00	865.25
Other	\$1,182.00	\$0.00	1,182.00	285.00	897.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,952.00</b>	<b>\$511.35</b>	<b>4,463.35</b>	<b>3,080.00</b>	<b>1,383.35</b>