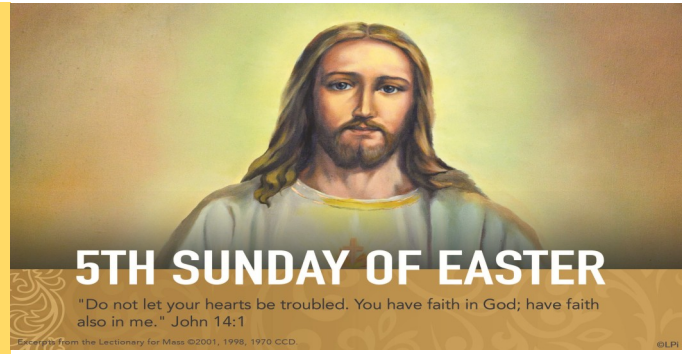




MOTHER OF SORROWS



MAY 3, 2026 • 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

6034 S. Locust Street, Peninsula, OH 44264

Email: mospensinsula@gmail.com

Website: www.motherofsorrowспенinsula.org

PARISH STAFF

Presbyteral Moderator: Reverend Michael P. McCandless

Parish Life Coordinator: Deacon William Yoho

Director of Music: Darlene Bednarz darlenebednarz@gmail.com

Parish Assistant: Diane Griffiths dianeg4mos@gmail.com

Liturgical Minister Scheduling: 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 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 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. 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.

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.



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, May 9— 5:00 PM
 Deceased of Mother of Sorrows
Sunday, May 10 — 9:30 AM
 Deceased of Mother of Sorrows



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



Blessing of Peace

Dear Lord,
 You have said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."
 Bless me with Your peace. Fill my heart with trust in
 You, and hope in Your promises. Be my rock in times
 of distress, my light in times of darkness, and my rest
 in the storm. Amen. ©LPI



MASS READINGS

MONDAY, 5/4: Easter Weekday
 Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

TUESDAY, 5/5: Cinco de Mayo
 Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

WEDNESDAY, 5/6: Easter Weekday
 Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

THURSDAY, 5/7: National Day of Prayer
 Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

FRIDAY, 5/8: Easter Weekday
 Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

SATURDAY, 5/9: Easter Weekday
 Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

SUNDAY, 5/10: 6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day
 Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/
 1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

GOSPEL MEDITATION:

May 3, 2026
5th Sunday of Easter
John 14:1-12

We generally approach life with the question, "What can this do for me?" We try a new workout, a low-carb diet, intermittent fasting, or a new career path, hoping it will make us healthier, stronger, happier. The assumption is that if I invest in this, I'll eventually reap some benefit, or I won't do it.

It is easy to think of faith the same way: if I really practice my faith, what will it do for me? Will it make me calmer, more moral, more successful?

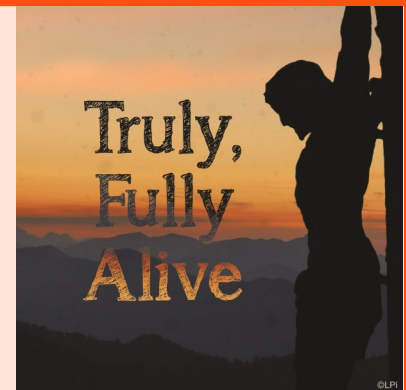
But in today's Gospel, Jesus says something astonishing. He doesn't present himself as a teacher who shows us the way to life. He says, **"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."** (John 14:6) He is not merely a guide toward some higher benefit. He *is* the benefit itself. To know him is to know Life.

Thomas Aquinas explains that every desire in the human heart — love, joy, meaning, all of our restless cravings — is really an indirect cry for life. Even despair testifies to this longing: people despair precisely because they feel they are not, and might never be, fully alive.

The good news is that Jesus is not simply the means to a better life; He is Life itself. To believe in him is to share in God's own eternal vitality. Not simply later but even now. Faith is not a transaction that produces results — it is a union that fills us with joy. To be in communion with Christ is to be truly, fully alive.

— *Father John Muir*

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Calendar of **EVENTS**

- Saturday, 5/9: May Crowning at 5:00 PM Mass
- Sunday, 5/10: May Crowning at 9:30 AM Mass
- Wednesday, 5/13: Faith & Fiction Book Club 10 AM
- Wednesday, 5/20: Rosary 8:45 AM & Mass 9:00 AM
- Wednesday, 5/27: Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM
Facilities Council Meeting 7 PM
- Thursday, 5/28: Sandwich Ministry 1:30 PM
- Saturday, 5/30: MoS Volunteers at Gennesaret

BE PART OF OUR MONTHLY SANDWICH MINISTRY



We are looking for 5-6 volunteers to partner with our Methodist Church neighbors in preparing sandwiches for those in need in downtown Akron. This outreach will take place once a month and is a meaningful way to serve our community together.

Our first gathering will be on May 28 at 1:30PM at Peninsula United Methodist Church, where we will assemble 100-200 sandwiches. These will then be delivered to St. Bernard's for distribution. You will not be asked to deliver; we have a volunteer in place for that.

If you are able to help, please contact Carol at carolk4mos@gmail.com. If we are blessed with too many volunteers, we will set up a monthly volunteer list. Your time and support are greatly appreciated!

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Life in the Spirit Seminar
Discover a turning point in your life!
No Charge

Presented by Dr. Jacqueline Phillips-Sabol & Faith On Fire! Catholic Charismatic Renewal

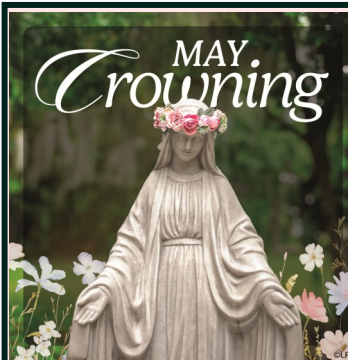
Six Sessions:

1. The Fathers Loving Plan
2. The Joy Of The Gospel
3. The Gift Of The Spirit
4. Unwrapping God's Gift
5. Encountering the Holy Spirit
6. Living In The Spirit

May 15: 6-9 pm
Lower Church Hall

May 16: 9a-3:30 pm
Szabo Parish Hall

Register: HFHealingPrayerStow@gmail.com
Holy Family Church ~ 3179 Kent Rd, Stow



May Crowning is celebrated by crowning a statue or image of Mary with a wreath of flowers to honor her as Queen of Heaven and the Mother of God. It is a visible expression of devotion, love and reverence. It reminds us of Mary's humility, faithfulness and guidance, encouraging believers to grow in faith, hope and love while seeking her intercession.

The blossoming of flowers in May mirrors the spiritual renewal inspired by Mary in the hearts of the faithful.

On Saturday, May 9th and Sunday, May 10th, we will be celebrating the May Crowning at the beginning of Mass. Immediately prior to Mass, we will distribute flowers to the women and children who would like to participate in the procession to honor Our Blessed Lady.

Your Parish Offering April 18 -19, 2026

	In Pew	On-line	Total	Weekly Budget	Over/(Under)
Sunday Offering	\$864.00	\$333.50	1,197.50	1,859.00	(661.50)
Maintenance Fund	\$150.00	\$51.00	201.00	358.00	(157.00)
Facility Restor/Rep	\$2,763.00	\$105.25	2,868.25	578.00	2,290.25
Other	\$9.00	\$0.00	9.00	285.00	(276.00)
Total	\$3,786.00	\$489.75	4,275.75	3,080.00	1,195.75