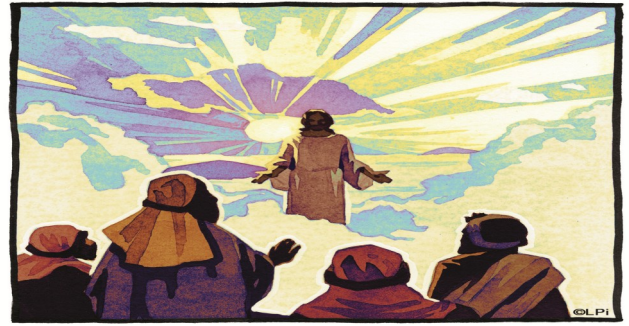




MOTHER OF SORROWS



MAY 17, 2026 • THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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.

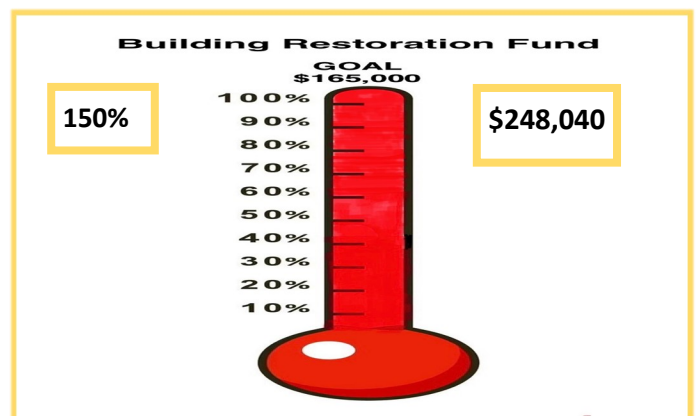


SACRAMENTS

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>

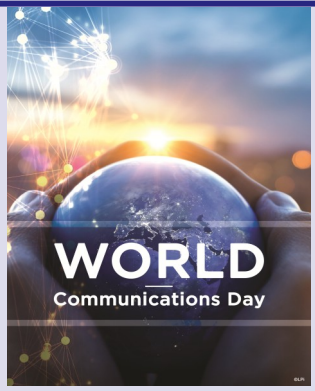


MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, May 23— 5:00 PM
 Carol O'Donnell (Diane & Charles Griffiths)
Sunday, May 24 — 9:30 AM
 Deceased of Mother of Sorrows



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

Dear Jesus,
 On this World Communications
 Day, bless each of us as we com-
 municate, whether by conversa-
 tion, email, text, post, letter, or
 phone. May our words bring
 peace, comfort, healing, prom-
 ise, joy, and love. May we bring
 your blessing wherever we go.
 Amen. ©LPi



MASS READINGS

MONDAY, 5/18: St. John I, Pope and Martyr
 Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

TUESDAY, 5/19: Easter Weekday
 Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

WEDNESDAY, 5/20: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
 Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

THURSDAY, 5/21: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
 Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

FRIDAY, 5/22: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
 Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

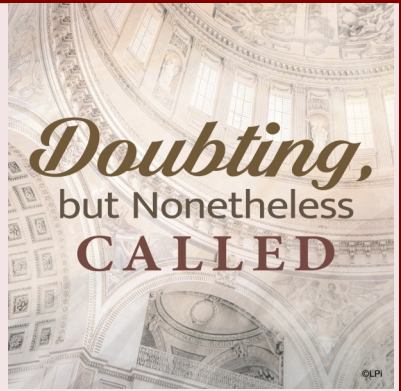
SATURDAY, 5/23: Easter Weekday
 Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

SUNDAY, 5/24: Pentecost Sunday
Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 or,
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/
 Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 **Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 & 24, 29-30, 31 & 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23



GOSPEL MEDITATION:
May 17, 2026
The Ascension of the Lord
Matthew 28:16-20

I recently read a book called "The Defining Decade" by psychologist Dr. Meg Jay. She convincingly argues that a person's 20s are the most impactful decade of one's life. For example, a twenty-something who waits until she has absolute clarity before making commitments typically drifts and regrets it later. But those who dive into something meaningful — even with doubts and questions — tend to grow and find joy and better outcomes in life. In other words, it takes courage, not perfect certainty, to move forward.



As we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord, that insight comes alive in a new way. Matthew tells us: **"When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted."** (Matthew 28:17) Even standing before the risen Christ, the disciples were a mixture of adoration and hesitation. It is as though they were in their spiritual 20s...unsure, doubting, but nonetheless called to act in worship and mission.

Here is the key: Jesus does not tell them to wait until they are sure of things. He sends them anyway: **"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."** (Matthew 28:19) The mission of the Church begins not with perfect certainty but with imperfect disciples who wonder and worship. Then they get going.

That is us, too. We may feel unsure of ourselves, perhaps full of hesitation about following Christ more fully. But now is not the time to wait for perfect clarity. Now is the time to worship and to go, trusting that he is with us always, even to the end of the age.

Calendar of **EVENTS**

- 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
- Saturday, 6/6: MoS Volunteers at Ozanam Center
- Wednesday, 6/10: Faith & Fiction Book Club 10:30 AM
- Sunday, 6/14: Bike & Hike Blessing 10:30 AM
- Wednesday, 6/17: Rosary 8:45 AM & Mass 9:00 AM
- Wednesday, 6/24: Eucharistic Adoration 6:00 PM
Facilities Council Meeting 7 PM



Thank you Lord for the Blessings of ANIKA PATRICK.

What a blessing Anika is to Mother of Sorrows Parish. She gives of herself so eagerly and is always so willing to pitch in and help. She was the chairwoman and was instrumental in organizing our May Crowning Celebration this past weekend.

Please reach out to her, and thank her for her "yes" and let her know what a blessing she is.

May God bless you.
Deacon Will



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!



SUNDAY MASS BABYSITTING

We at Mother of Sorrows parish love the little people that you bring to our parish. We do not mind their special way of praying and it brings joy to our hearts to see them in our parish. However, sometimes at Mass, it is not as joy filled for the parents as it is for the parishioners. So, if you love bringing your smaller children to Mass, please continue! However, if you would like some grandmotherly women to watch your child in our parish playroom, we would be more than happy to help out. Please join us for the Sunday Mass at 9:30 to praise and worship as you wish. If you are interested in the playroom, it will be upstairs in the Parish Life Center until the basement of the church is remodeled. Just bring them on over! If you have questions, please call Liz Yoho at 330-620-5645.

Your Parish Offering May 2-3, 2026

	In Pew	On-line	Total	Weekly Budget	Over/(Under)
Sunday Offering	\$973.00	\$333.50	1,306.50	1,859.00	(552.50)
Maintenance Fund	\$0.00	\$51.00	51.00	358.00	(307.00)
Facility Restor/Rep	\$1,118.00	\$5.25	1,123.25	578.00	545.25
Other	\$21.00	\$10.00	31.00	285.00	(254.00)
Total	\$2,112.00	\$399.75	2,511.75	3,080.00	(568.25)