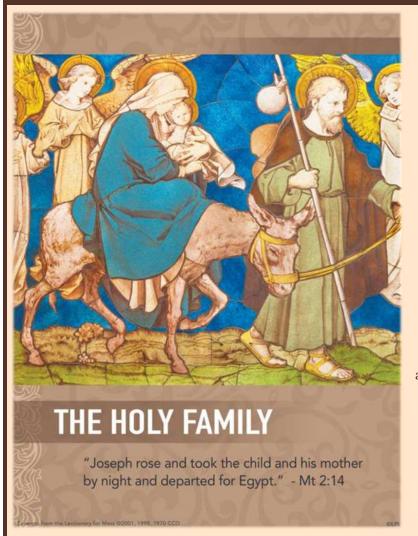
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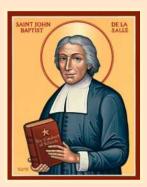
Please contact Ellen Mady at MOS or Joann Giuffre at St. John and St. Mary at the Parish Office four months before the birth of your child.

Reconciliation:
Saturdays at 9:00 AM at MOS
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Tuesdays at 5:00 PM at St. Mary;
OR by appointment.

Marriage:
Please contact
Monsignor Michael Begolly
in the Parish Office at least one year in
advance for information and scheduling.

Holy Communion for those who are homebound: Please contact the Parish Office.

New members are always welcome. Please call the Parish Office to register.



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Sunday Mass

9:00 AM



Mother of Sorrows 4202 Old William Penn Highway Murrysville, PA 15668 (724) 733-8870

Saturday anticipated Mass 4:30 PM Sunday Masses 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM & 6:00 PM

Sunday, Dec 28, 2025

Take notice of the poor among us

On the walls of the North American headquarters of the Divine Word Missionaries there is a painting from China that depicts the Holy Family living as Chinese peasants. What's especially interesting is that the painting shows them to be *poor*. In their small hut some paint is peeling from the walls, clothes are patched, and the table has seen better days. While Saint Joseph was probably not desperately poor, he and his family belonged to the vast majority of people who were outside the small elite who controlled most of the wealth and pulled the strings in ancient Palestine. So when Jesus talked about bringing Good News to the poor, he was talking about a whole lot of people, including his own family. What can you do to uplift the poor in your own family and beyond?

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 (17). "Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus."

Monday, Dec 29, 2025

Boundaries will set us free

The Russian composer Igor Stravinsky once wrote, "The more constraints one imposes, the more one frees one's self." It may sound paradoxical, but boundaries are necessary in life as well as in art. They provide a structure, a space in which we can most fully explore what it means to live and work and create. Far from restricting our freedom, limits actually give us our freedom. How is this so? Recall a time when you gave yourself unlimited time to finish a project. Did you? Our loving creator gave us commandments for this very reason. They are the constraints that allow us to learn fully who we are—and who God is.

FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35 (202). "The way we may be sure that we know Jesus is to keep his commandments."

Tuesday, Dec 30, 2025

A matter of importance

"The world and its enticement are passing away." These words from scripture evoke the dualism so much favored by certain New Testament writers, reflecting a mode of thought in which there continues a never-ending battle between good and evil, the world of darkness and the world of light. Christians believe that the battle is won, the world is redeemed. Yet anyone who has lived long enough knows that redeemed as "the world" may be, it is foolish to expect that worldly things provide us with all we need. This is what Saint Paul means when he speaks of the "things that really matter." We, too, in moments of clarity—after a close call with illness or death—come to recognize what is most important to us. And they are rarely the things that occupy most of our time, energy, or worry. Take time today to reflect on what truly matters in your life.

SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40 (203). "Do not love the world or the things of the world. ... the world and its enticement are passing away."

Wednesday, Dec 31, 2025

In with the new

Just before midnight most people will be awake and anticipating the end of one year and the beginning of a new one. But when scripture talks about endings and beginnings, it means more than putting up a new calendar. The last hour means a new world is about to begin. God has done something new in Jesus. We are reborn to new life through him. "Consider all the past as nothing," says Saint Francis de Sales, "and say, like David; 'Now I begin to love my God." How will you begin to love your God tonight, tomorrow, and every day?

SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18 (204). "It is the last hour."

Thursday, Jan 01, 2026

Peace offering

In a world torn by hateful discourse, violence, and war, we have been given the Prince of Peace to show us how to live in harmony. God's peace begins within us and then extends to our families, workplaces, schools, churches, marketplaces, and halls of government. We can begin spreading peace with a simple prayer, like the one found in the Book of Numbers: "The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!" With our hearts set on God's peace we can begin to take steps to resolve the small and large conflicts in our lives. What a welcome gift that would be at the start of this new year.

OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21 (18). "When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,"

Friday, Jan 02, 2026

Divine revelations

In sin we reject part of our humanity—the humanity of the Garden of Eden, where there is no shame or guilt but an open acceptance of God's love. Fortunately for us, God meets our rejection by continually offering to restore our humanity and share in his divinity. As Saint Basil the Great points out, "It did not suffice God merely to call us back to life, but he has also granted us the dignity of His Godhead." The love God holds for us is so unchangeable it not only brings us back from death and sin but also shows us a path to sharing in God's divinity. That is a truth worth remembering.

MEMORIAL OF BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS, DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28 (205). "Let what you heard from the beginning remain in you."

Saturday, Jan 03, 2026

What's in a name?

In the gospels the name of Jesus carries lots of weight. God gave Jesus his name, which means "salvation," before Jesus was conceived. People healed in the name of Jesus. Jesus was present to those who gathered in his name. For his disciples their mission was to proclaim his name to all nations and bring the love of Christ to the world. Thus, living in the name said who you were, what you believed, and what you were to do. "Jesus is the way that you must walk, and the truth that you must believe, and the life that you must live," says Saint John Eudes. Consider what you can do each day to live more fully in the name of Jesus.

MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS 1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34 (206). "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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We commend to your prayers Donald Albensi and Carol Gaviglia, who died

recently. May God welcome them to the joys of Paradise and bring comfort and peace to their families.

DONUT SUNDAY

All are welcome to join us on **Sunday**, **January 4** after all morning Masses for Donut Sunday in the Mother of Sorrows Parish Social Hall.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

If you are planning to have your baby baptized at MOS, St. John or St. Mary, join us for our upcoming Baptism Preparation Class on **Sunday, January 11** at 10:30 AM in the Ave Maria Room at Mother of Sorrows Parish.

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

The next Family Faith Formation sessions will take place **Sunday, January 11** at 4:00 PM or **Wednesday, January 14** at 6:30 PM.

WEDDING WORKSHOP

All engaged couples planning a 2026 wedding are encouraged to attend this year's Wedding Workshop on **Saturday, January 10** from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM in the Social Hall.

Information will be provided that is needed to plan a beautiful, sacramental wedding. Please RSVP to Brooke in the Parish Office at btognarina@dioceseofgreensburg.org or 724-733-8870.

MOS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday	12/27	7
9:00 AM		Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 PM	*	Anne-Marie Bliss (Glen, Maria & Mia)
Sunday	12/28	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
7:30 AM	*	Ed Peduzzi (Nancy Murawski)
9:30 AM		For the Parish Sacrament of Baptism Walter & Fr. Anthony Kliche
11:30 AM	*	(Joseph & Christine Gurski)
6:00 PM	*	Paul Mercurio (Mercurio Family)
Monday	12/29	
8:00 AM	*	Roland & Janice Beaureard (Beauregard Family)
Tuesday	12/30	
8:00 AM	*	Deceased Members of the Cryster & Sabol Families & Dolly & Joanie Parker and Family (Dolly Napolitno)
Wednesday	12/31	
4:00 PM	*	Ed Peduzzi (Carol Ann Reed)
Thursday	1/01	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
10:00 AM		Robert J. Bentz (John & Marian Keyes)
Friday	1/02	Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
8:00 AM	*	Gilda Thompson (John & Marian Keyes)
Saturday	1/03	
9:00 AM		Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:30 PM	*	Christy Kirby (Mary Ann Haslett)
Sunday	1/04	The Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 AM		Special Intention (Karen Thomas)
9:30 AM	*	Linda Kurimsky
11:30 AM		For the Parish
6:00 PM	+	Incanata Terrigno (Angela & Claudio Macerelli)

OUR WEEKLY NUMBERS December 13 and 14

MOTHER OF SORROWS
Attendance 1,243

Offertory \$34,532.69 Outreach \$ 1,311.00



Routine maintenance of the church and school buildings in November 2025:

\$32,265.36

ST. JOHN

Attendance 244 Offertory \$ 5,385.75



ST. MARY

Attendance 79 Offertory \$ 6,245.10



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A heartfelt thank you to our parishioners and visitors for your gift of stewardship to Mother of Sorrows, St. John Baptist de La Salle, and St. Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Parishes. Your generosity supports our many ministries and programs helping to advance our mission of bringing people to Christ. Thank you for the gifts you share with our Faith Community.

MOS OUTREACH

PEN PAL MINISTRY

Do you enjoy writing letters? Would you like to make a difference in someone's life? The MOS Pen Pal ministry is in need of 5 individuals or families to send a monthly note or card to a local nursing home resident. For more information, contact Raissa at rsvpfederline@gmail.com or 412-953-8206.

EXCITING NEWS - STAY TUNED!

Plans are currently underway to replace the carpeting at MOS in the church and narthex early next year. We will also be replacing the sanctuary floor as many of the tiles are broken. The good news is that we have funds for these projects from our DLA rebate from the Diocese! Thank you for your generous support.

The challenging news is that we will once again be celebrating our parish Masses at St. Mary and St. John churches as we did during the installation of the new lights this past fall. More details of the project will be shared as the New Year dawns. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

A PEEK AT THE WEEK...

Sunday		December 28
10:30 AM	MOS	Service Project, Social Hall
12:30 PM	MOS	Service Project, Social Hall
Tuesday		December 30
11:00 AM	MOS	Blood Drive, Social Hall
Saturday		January 3
7:00 AM	SM	Catholic Men's Fellowship, Social Hall
9:00 AM	MOS	Men's Renewal Group, Social Hall
Sunday		January 4 - Donut Sunday
8:30 AM	MOS	Faith Formation for those with special needs, School

STEWARDSHIP NOTES

"And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17

Giving thanks to God and using our words and actions to give all glory to God is the foundation of living a stewardship lifestyle. We were made in God's image and likeness, gratitude and generosity is in our DNA. As beloved sons and daughters of God, we are all part of God's family. Using our gifts to help others is our gift back to God and helps grow the Body of Christ here on earth and establishes a pathway to Heaven for each of us.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will take place at St. Mary from **noon until 4:00 PM on Tuesday, December 30**. There will be no Eucharistic Adoration at MOS on Thursday, January 1.

SUPPORT MINISTRY

Support Ministry welcomes recent widows or those who have been widowed for many years.

All widows are invited to join us on **Tuesday, January 13** at 1:00 PM at Fortune Kitchen in the Shop and Save Plaza. Please RSVP to Sandy Martin at *sandymartin112@gmail.com or* 724-787-9305 or by January 8.







ST. JOHN AND ST. MARY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday	12/27	1
12:00 NN SJ		Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM SJ	*	Robert Staub Jr. (Fr. Dave Slusarick)
Sunday	12/28	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
9:00 AM SM		For the Parish
11:00 AM SJ	*	Helen Opsitnick (Denise Lotinsky)
Monday	12/29)
8:30 AM SM		Dolly & Lou Bortot (Children)
Tuesday	12/30)
8:30 AM SJ	*	Jerry Exton (Steve & Loretta Voss)
12:00 NN SM		Eucharistic Adoration
4:00 PM SM		Benediction and Reposition
Wednesday	12/31	
4:00 PM SJ		For the Parish
Thursday	1/01	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
9:00 AM SM		For the Parish
Friday	1/02	Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
8:30 AM SM	*	Joe Mediate (Frank Mediate)
Saturday	1/03	
12:00 NN SJ		Sacrament of Reconciliation
4:00 PM SJ	†	George & Rita Coffen (Dave & Marybelle Weber)
Sunday	1/04	The Epiphany of the Lord
9:00 AM SM	*	Louis Intrieri (Mazur Family)
11:00 AM SJ		For the Parish





The next
Liturgy of the
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January 11

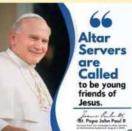
and 25 during the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Mary

FAITH FORMATION

All classes at St. Mary begin with the 9:00 AM Mass and end at 11:30 AM. Faith Formation will meet January 4, 11, and 18.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST COMMUNION

The next Sacramental
Preparation for First Holy
Communion for students at
St. John and St. Mary will take
place **Wednesday**, **January 21**from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at St. John.



ALTAR SERVERS UNITE!

All altar servers, along with students in grades 2-11 that are interested in learning more about altar serving, are invited to join us

for Servers Unite on Friday, February 6, from 5:30–8:30 PM at St. John. This is a special mini retreat night that will include dinner, meaningful teaching, hands-on training, and a fun activity.

More details will be coming soon. Mark your calendars for **Friday**, **February 6!**

5 Reasons Your Child Should Be An Altar Server:

- · Get to Mass on time.
- Altar servers are actively involved during the Mass
- · Being an altar server means hands-on learning.
- Being an altar server may encourage future religious vocations.
- A chance to meet others from the parish.

ANGEL GIVING TREE GENEROSITY

We would like to thank all of you so very much for taking tags from the angel giving tree to help others less fortunate. We had 160 tags between the St. John and St. Mary parishes and they went fast. Below is just a couple of the pictures of gifts.

We so enjoy being Santa's helpers—it truly makes our day when we get to deliver these gifts to the different centers knowing that needs and wants make others' lives better—thank you for making the holidays a lot brighter for other families.

Regina, Joan, Cindy, and Patty





HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY

On this feast of the Holy Family, St. Paul gives us some good practical advice on how we can grow in holiness. He writes:

"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, as the Lord has forgiven you. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts. And be thankful."

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

May we strive to follow the wisdom St. Paul offers.

COMING HOME



Holy Family Sunday celebrates God with us now, present in our households and family relationships. We speak of "coming home," yet home is often strained by more goings than comings.

Running from one

activity to another, meeting the demands of work, grocery shopping and volunteer meetings - all these can make us strangers to our home and to one another.

Take time to be mindful of each person in your home. Schedule meals together and talk to one another. These practices help to ease our harried pace and keep us aware of God's presence in those closest to us.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE

December 31 Anticipated Mass 4:00 PM St. John, Delmont

Anticipated Mass 4:00 PM MOS

January 1 Mass 9:00 AM St. Mary

Mass 10:00 AM MOS

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Offices will be closed on **Wednesday, December 31** and on Thursday, January 1. The Parish Offices will reopen on **Friday, January 2**.



Where is GOD calling YOU?

Mother of Sorrows:

- Sunday, January 4th following 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am Masses
- Social Hall during Donut Sunday

St. John:

- Saturday and Sunday, January 10th and 11th, following 4:30 pm and 11 am Mass
- Parish Hall

St. Mary:

- Sunday, January 25th, following 9 am Mass
- Parish Hall during Donut Sunday

Event hosted by Pastoral Council

MANY HANDS MAKE THE WORKLOAD LIGHT

LIFE LINE SCREENING

Mother of Sorrows Parish is hosting Life Line Screening on Monday, January 12. Life Line Screening is the premier provider of stroke and cardiovascular disease risk screenings since 1993. Life Line Screening is extending a discounted offer to all Mother of Sorrows, St. John and St. Mary parishioners which will identify your risk level for carotid artery disease, peripheral arterial disease, abdominal aortic aneurysm, and atrial fibrillation.

To book your appointment, call 1-888-814-0466 and use promo code HSCA001, or visit <u>LLSA.Social/</u>HSCA.

MINISTRY OF CARE

What is the Ministry of Care? It is a group of people who have been trained and commissioned to visit with, pray with and bring the Eucharist to those in our parish who are sick and unable to attend Mass; those who are homebound, in the hospital or in a nursing home.

We have several Ministers of Care available to bring Holy Communion to the homebound. For more information, please contact Brooke at btognarina@dioceseofgreensburg.org or 724-733-8870. Some other opportunities to minister include joining the Nursing Home Ministry or visiting parishioners for a social visit.



The Knights of Columbus are holding a blood drive in the Mother of Sorrows Social Hall on **Tuesday, December 30** between 11:30 AM and 5:00 PM.

You can schedule your donation appointment by calling 1-800-733-2767 or by logging on to www.redcrossblood.org and entering your zip code in the 'find a blood drive' search box.



The 2026 March for Life in Washington D.C. will take place on **Friday, January 23, 2026.** The bus will leave Mother of Sorrows Parish at 5:30 AM. The trip will include Mass at the National Basilica in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel at 10:30 AM celebrated by Bishop Larry Kulick. A quick stop will be made on the

way to Washington D.C. and a stop will be made on the way home for dinner at the Valley Mall in Hagerstown, MD. The bus should arrive back to MOS around 11:00 PM.

Register soon, as the bus fills up quickly! Email Barb Koury at *barbkoury@gmail.com* with your name and a your cell phone number. The cost is \$35 for adults and \$25 for students and is payable on the bus or in the Parish Office.



BOOMERS AND BEYOND

Join us on **Tuesday, January** 13 at 11:30 AM in the Mother of Sorrows Parish Social Hall for a

presentation on "What is a Therapy Dog?" presented by Jan and Frank Mallak and featuring LiLi.

Come and learn what Therapy Dogs do and how they differ from other "working dogs." Jan and Frank Mallak are approved Alliance of Therapy Dog Handlers and dog owners for over 50 years. Meet LiLi of the Laurel Highlands - Certified ATD/AKC Therapy Dog and AKC Trick Dog. Hear about how LiLi has been bringing comfort and joy to humans for almost 10 years.

Boomers and Beyond is a ministry serving the 'baby boomers' and all adults of Mother of Sorrows Parish and the surrounding communities. Lunch and learn sessions are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Topics are varied and reservations are not required. Participants gather at 11:30 AM and are encouraged to bring a 'brown bag' lunch and a friend. Presentations follow from 12:00 - 1:00 PM.



All women of MOS, St. John and St. Mary Parishes are invited to the annual Women's Retreat **January 16**

to 18, 2026 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Pittsburgh.

This year's theme is Pray Always/ Pray All Ways. This Women's Retreat provides a wonderful opportunity to step away from your busy life and spend a weekend focused on God.

The Retreat begins with a Friday evening Mass and ends Sunday at noon. Activities include daily Mass, speakers, and workshops or you may choose to spend solitary time in prayer and reflection. You will have the opportunity for Reconciliation, Adoration and fellowship.

To register, call 412-381-7676 or visit our website at motherofsorrowschurch.org and click on the image of the ad under the 'Upcoming Events' section.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

It's been a good year for High School Youth Ministry in our three parishes. We presented the Living Stations of the Cross in Lent, went on a mission trip to Richmond, VA in June, co-sponsored an outdoor summer movie night with fireworks for the parish, offered "Seek-Week," a three-day event in July with dinner and games and a discussion of timely topics for the teens, and in August, we kicked off the fall semester with a retreat on JPII's Theology of the Body on the beautiful campus of St. Emma Monastery. In November, we hosted "Mother of Sorrows' Got Talent" to bring the community together for a night of fun, and to raise funds to send our teens to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis.

Threaded throughout all these events was our study of the Catechism on the topics of Prayer and the Creed, with teaching and holy hours and great guest speakers. We also had a lot of fun! We enjoyed a scavenger hunt and an escape room adventure, along with a field trip to the Oratory at Pitt that included a trivia night at the Newman Club with the college students and a fun end of year Christmas party.

In High School Youth Ministry, we learn a lot about our faith, we play lots of games and have fun, and we eat a lot of food! Come and join us on **Sunday January 11, 2026** from **7:00 to 9:00 PM**, in the Mother of Sorrows School Gym.













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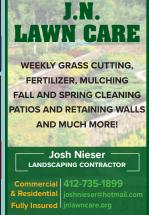
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