



Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

59 Cottage St., Sharon, MA

February 4, 2018

Today's Readings are on : 1105

Ordinary of the Mass begins on Page 166

Scripture for the week of February 4, 2018

Sunday, February 4th

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/ 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39

Monday, February 5th

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/ Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 6th

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/ Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 7th

1 Kgs 10:1-10/ Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, February 8th

1 Kgs 11:4-13/ Mk 7:24-30

Friday, February 9th

1 Kgs 11:20-32, 12:19/ Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 10th

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/ Mk 8:1-10

Sunday, February 11th

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/ 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1/ Mk 1:40-45

Music

Mass Parts:

#321, 340, 361, 362, 363, 390

Gathering

#663 ~ Lord Of All Hopefulness

Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm #147

"Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted."

Presentation of Gifts

#658 ~ Seek Ye First

Communion

#920 ~ Pan de Vida

Sending Forth

#803 ~ For The Healing Of The Nations

Mass Schedule:

Weekends:

Saturday at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 7:30, 8:45 & 11 AM

Week Days:

Wednesday, Thursday,

Friday at 9:00 AM

Parish Office Hours:

Monday -Friday

9 AM to Noon & 1 PM to 4 PM

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parish@olossharon.org

Mass Intentions for the Week:

February 7th at 9AM: Patricia Morrissey

February 8th at 9AM: Frances Hall

PASTOR'S DESK

At Cardinal Sean's request all the masses this weekend will be offered for prayer and penance. It will be an opportunity to seek repentance for the sins of the church and to pray for all those abused and for the harm done by clergy sexual abuse. We want to keep especially in mind those victims who did not survive, who died from suicide, substance abuse and the burden of living with what happened to them. This is a difficult topic to address. It has been an episode that brought great pain and suffering to many. The horror of the abuse is unspeakable and the response has often been marred by insensitivity, denial and missteps. Recently Pope Francis in Chile stumbled when he suggested negative motivation on the part of victims. Cardinal O' Malley responded with the following statement that the Holy Father applauded.

"It is understandable that Pope Francis' statements yesterday in Santiago, Chile were a source of great pain for survivors of sexual abuse by clergy or any other perpetrator. Words that convey the message "if you cannot prove your claims then you will not be believed" abandon those who have suffered reprehensible criminal violations of their human dignity and relegate survivors to discredited exile.

Not having been personally involved in the cases that were the subject of yesterday's interview I cannot address why the Holy Father chose the particular words he used at that time. What I do know, however, is that Pope Francis fully recognizes the egregious failures of the Church and it's clergy who abused children and the devastating impact those crimes have had on survivors and their loved ones.

Accompanying the Holy Father at numerous meetings with survivors I have witnessed his pain of knowing the depth and breadth of the wounds inflicted on those who were abused and that the process of recovery can take a lifetime. The Pope's statements that there is no place in the life of the Church for those who would abuse children and that we must adhere to zero tolerance for these crimes are genuine and they are his commitment.

My prayers and concern will always be with the survivors and their loved ones. We can never undo the suffering they experienced or fully heal their pain. In some cases we must accept that even our efforts to offer assistance can be a source of distress for survivors and that we must quietly pray for them while providing support in fulfillment of our moral obligation. I remain dedicated to work for the healing of all who have been so harmed and for vigilance in doing all that is possible to ensure the safety of children in the community of the Church so that these crimes never happen again."

In the past few days the Vatican appointed one of its most experienced experts in this area to go to Chile and investigate.

For us today is an opportunity to express our sorrow. There is no defense. We have sinned and sinned greatly. To those abused, their families, the members of our faith community here and the larger community we express our profound regret. May God in his goodness grant them healing.

~ Fr. Frank



Weekly Collection January 28, 2018

The average cost to run the parish is \$9,800 per week. Our expectation is that 70% or \$7,100 will come from the weekly offertory. Parishioners contributed **\$5,608** for the week ending **January 28th**.

Reminder

Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th this year. Masses are at 9 AM and 7:30 PM.

There is a Special Collection that day for Catholic Charities.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

The Transformed in Love Marriage Preparation Program will be offered at St. Mary's Parish in Holliston on Sunday, February 10, 2018 from 9 AM to 5 PM and on Saturday, February 17, 2018 from 9 AM to 5 PM.

Learn the latest in researched practical skills for great communication, gain a deeper understanding of marriage as a Sacrament and vocation, learn fertility awareness and its application in family planning, consider how differences in personality can be as a source of strength in your relationship, and more! To register please visit: <http://conta.cc/2uQ1W2w>.

Prayers for the Sick

Michael Ivancich, Ramona Rosario, Vincent & Jo Chiodo, Anita DeGallo, Francis & Gert DiLoreto, Anthony Venti, Donna Prado, Ruth & Ralph Fretts, Judy Manuel, Judy Grenier, Carol Baggeroer, Marty Johnson, Debbie Green

Prayers for the Deceased

Robert Parilla, Jr, Ellen Laurie, Ricardo Balarezo, Paul Baro, Lawrence Russell, Kathleen Minerva,

MASS FOR PRAYER AND PENANCE

All Masses this weekend will be offered for Prayer and Penance at the request of Cardinal Sean. His request is in response to a call from Pope Francis for bishops' conferences across the world to have a day of Prayer and Penance in recognition of harm done by clergy sexual abuse within the church. It will be an opportunity to seek repentance for the sins of the church, to pray for all those who were abused, their families, our church community and the community at large.

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The day has arrived; next to Christmas, this is one of the most popular days of the year---Super Bowl Sunday. Parties, wagers, debates and loud cries of joy or agony will mark this day as one to be discussed and remembered for the rest of the week. Even if the game is lopsided, the new commercials are always fun to watch and the half-time show is usually spectacular. There is a little something in it for everyone.

Besides strategy and skill, athletics also include sportsmanship, an attitude of fair play and respect for everyone involved; teammates, opposing team, and fans. In a sense, sports teach us about life: playing by the rules, treating others well and doing our best to succeed. Good sportsmanship sets an example, both on and off the field, for others to follow. Great athletes can be great teachers, worthy of imitation.

What kind of example do we set for others? In the Super Bowl of faith, can others see in us the Person and Presence of Jesus? Or does that only count for church? Live faith today as though the whole season of life depended on it. Because someday, it will!

~James Gaffney, © 2009 Karides Lic. to St. George Publishing

Grand Annual Campaign Update

As of January 24th the Grand Annual has received \$66,065 from 156 parishioners. We are at 66% of our \$100,000 goal. If you have given already thank you. If you have not given please consider making a contribution to will help make our parish grow and flourish.

What's Happening At Our Lady of Sorrows

Adult Faith Formation Program



"Encountering Our Neighbor, Encountering Christ"
Sunday, February 11, 2018 in O'Connell Hall, 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Presenter: Deborah Kincade Rambo, LICSW
President of Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of Boston

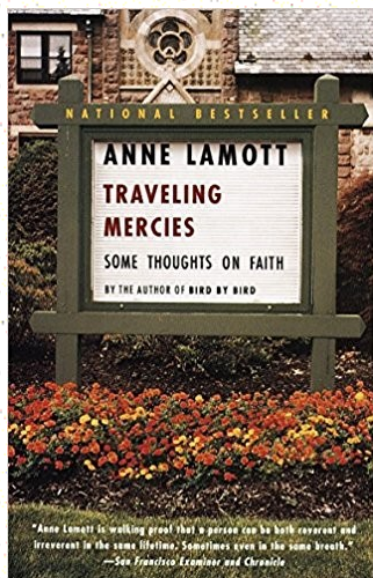
Come learn about Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services, the United States Council of Catholic Bishops' national and international initiatives to answer the Gospel call to care for the most vulnerable among us.



"Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his Word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor." ~Pope Francis

OLOS Book Group

We are starting a new book group at Our Lady of Sorrows and the first meeting will be on **Sunday, March 4th at 2:00 p.m. in the Bullock Center**. Our plan for the book group is to discuss books that broadly deal with spiritual or religious themes, including a mixture of fiction, spirituality, memoir and biography. **All are welcome**. If you are interested in joining us but are unavailable to make it to the first meeting, please be in touch with Teresa Coda (tcoda@olossaron.org) or Monica LaFond.



The first book we will be discussing is ***Traveling Mercies***, by **Anne Lamott**.

Anne Lamott claims the two best prayers she knows are: "Help me, help me, help me" and "Thank you, thank you, thank you." She has a friend whose morning prayer each day is "Whatever," and whose evening prayer is "Oh, well." Anne thinks of Jesus as "Casper the friendly savior" and describes God as "one crafty mother." Despite--or because of--her irreverence, faith is a natural subject for Anne Lamott. Lamott's faith isn't about easy answers, which is part of what endears her to believers as well as non-believers. Against all odds, she came to believe in God and then, even more miraculously, in herself. As she puts it, "My coming to faith did not start with a leap but rather a series of staggers." At once tough, personal, affectionate, wise, and very funny, ***Traveling Mercies*** tells in exuberant detail how Anne Lamott learned to shine the light of faith on the darkest part of ordinary life, exposing surprising pockets of meaning and hope.



From Senior Deacon Mike

On the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the theme of healing predominates.

1. Note the Response to the Psalm...verse 3 ... He heals the broken hearted...
2. In the Gospel, Jesus notes that Peter's mother-in-law is ill. He immediately heals her malady.
3. Further in the narrative, Jesus encounters many who came for relief from their physical burdens.....

"...When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him..." Hesitate not to seek him!



A Special Opportunity for You and Your Spouse A Weekend of Discovery ... A Lifetime of Love Join us at an upcoming Marriage Encounter Weekend

Duxbury, MA ~March 9-11

Brewster, MA ~April 21-22

Warner, NH ~May 19-20

Medway, MA ~June 9-10

Approved by the Office of Family Life Ministry Archdiocese of Boston, Dioceses of Worcester, Springfield, Fall River, Manchester, and Providence

When was the last time you did something special as a couple alone together? Most couples are busy with work and family. It seems every moment of the day is planned and there's never

enough time to get everything done. When was the last time you had a weekend alone together? Consider planning a weekend away, just the two of you, to renew your marriage relationship. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is a positive, renewing experience for couples that have a good marriage and want to make it even better! Who is a Marriage Encounter Weekend for? Any married couple that desires a richer, fuller life together deserves a Weekend. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is designed to deepen and enrich the joys a couple shares together, whether they have been married only a short time or many years.



Welcome to Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. We encourage all our parishioners who worship with us to register. Our registry is a vital source of connection we use to communicate and build community. Please call the Parish office at 781-784-2265, or return this form to the Parish Office via the collection basket, mail, or in person. Thank you.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Town: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth : _____

Telephone # _____ Names /ages of children _____

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Sacraments

We welcome those seeking the sacraments of the Church. For information on celebrating the other sacraments, please contact the Parish Office.

Reconciliation

Saturday ~ 3:45 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday ~ 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

The Rosary

Fridays after the 9AM Mass

Bible Study:

Wednesday at 10am in O'Connell Hall .
All are Welcome!

Connecting

If you are housebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, if you are in need of prayer or if you need assistance from our community, please call the Parish Office or send us an email. We want to hear from you.

Contact Us:

We welcome your ideas and involvement. Please contact us. We also invite you to visit and contribute to our prayer book in the back of the church.

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Our Vision

We welcome all to our community as we celebrate and explore our Catholic faith. We embrace the unique religious composition of Sharon. We proclaim the Risen Lord who gathers us as a community. We pursue open dialogue as we follow the teachings of Jesus Christ through lifelong learning and faith formation. We practice and promote social justice that affirms the Dignity of every human being. We call upon the grace and talents of all parishioners to strengthen our living church.

Please visit our full Vision Statement at our website.

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