



# Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

59 Cottage St., Sharon, MA

December 9, 2018

## 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

## **Today's Readings are on : 996**

Ordinary of the Mass begins on Page 166

*Scripture for the week of December 9, 2018*

### **Sunday, Dec. 9th**

Bar 5:1-9 / Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 / Lk 3:1-6

### **Monday, Dec. 10th**

Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26

### **Tuesday, Dec. 11th**

Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14

### **Wednesday, Dec. 12th**

Zec 2:14-17 / Lk 1:26-38

### **Thursday, Dec. 13th**

Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15

### **Friday, Dec. 14th**

Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19

### **Saturday, Dec. 15th**

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13

### **Sunday, Dec. 16th**

Zep 3:14-18a / Phil 4:4-7 / Lk 3:10-18

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Christmas Eve ~ Monday, Dec. 24th**

**5 PM ( Church & O'Connell )**

**7 PM & 9 PM**

**Christmas Day ~ Tuesday, Dec. 25th**

**7:30 AM & 10:30 AM**

## Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday

9 AM to 4 PM

## To Contact Us:

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Parish Email:

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## Music

### Mass Parts

Gospel Acc. #333 ~ Sanctus #358 ~Mystery #359 - Amen

#360 ~ Lamb of God #390 (Haugen)

### Gathering

#418 ~On Jordan Bank

**Responsorial Psalm #126**

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

### Gifts

#396 ~ Comfort, My People

### Communion

#923 ~ Table Song

### Sending Forth

#403 ~ Come, O Long-Expected Jesus

*Join us for Evening Prayer  
Thursday, December 13th  
at 7:30 PM in the Church*

## PASTOR'S DESK

### FEEDBACK

A wonderful group of parishioners have been working these past months on a parish Pastoral Plan. We owe them a great debt of gratitude. They conducted a Parish Survey and over two hundred of you completed it which is a very good response rate. The preliminary findings having been put together, the team now wants to afford the opportunity for you to respond to them. The first of three open meetings will be held in O'Connell Hall after the 4:30 PM Mass on Saturday December 15. The subject is *OLOS as a model for lay leadership*. If there was ever before a time for the laity to step up and lead, it probably hasn't been as great as now. Please join us, share your thoughts and make your voice heard. We are eager to listen.

### CHEVERUS AWARD

On Sunday, November 25, Cardinal O'Malley presented the Cheverus Award to 125 laypersons, deacons and religious. Named for the first bishop of Boston, Jean-Louis Lefebvre de Cheverus, the award honors local Catholics for service to the Church. The Cardinal has referred to the recipients as the "unsung heroes and heroines" of the Archdiocese.

Among the recipients this year was our own Senior Deacon Mike Iwanowicz. The ordinary process is for the pastor to nominate someone every third year and I was pleased to do so last year. This nomination of Mike however was made by regional Bishop Robert Reed and was a region-wide nomination rather than a parish one.

On Sunday, December 9 at the 11:00 AM Mass, we will recognize this honor for Deacon Mike and thank him for his long service to Our Lady of Sorrows.

### GONE PHISHING

Last weekend, some parishioners received an e-mail, supposedly from me, asking them to purchase gift cards for cancer victims who I had visited. **DO NOT DO THIS.** We received notice from the Archdiocesan IT group this week that this has happened in a number of parishes. It is a scam. If you ever get anything suspicious like this, please call the parish before doing anything. We appreciate your generous instincts but don't let someone with evil intent take advantage of your goodness.

### SCREENS

This week, I heard a radio report that the American Heart Association had issued a warning to parents about the possible negative effect on heart health of sitting before a screen for inordinate amounts of time especially for young people. The report suggested that there are estimates that young people between eight and eighteen spend as much as seven hours a day before screens of one type or another. Many hours are spent playing video games. The recommendation is to reduce that time to two hours. For reasons other than medical, I endorse this recommendation. Given the vast amount of material available for viewing and engagement, the health of the soul is certainly threatened not only by the content but by the messages of what's important that gets conveyed. Video games for example were originally developed by the people who made training videos for the military. So, it's no surprise that violence, defeat the other at all costs and the kind of competition that excludes cooperation with and consideration of others is common fare.

It's true that we encounter these messages other places in our culture but rarely do we engage them and absorb them as completely. Despite the culture, we are still called to live in it as brothers and sisters, redeemed in Christ and committed to his message to love God and one another. I know that can sound countercultural but the AHA seems to be telling us that it's healthy too.

~ Fr. Frank



### Weekly Collection December 2, 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 **\$7,605** for the week ending **December 2nd. Thank you.**



### Advent Evening Prayer

Advent Evening Prayer will be held on December 13th and 20th in church at 7:30 PM. Come together to pray, listen and find quiet during this pre-Christmas season. On December 20th the prayer will be lead by a parish women’s group. Please join us.

### Prayers for the Sick

Anita DeGallo, Francis & Gert DiLoreto, Donna Prado, Ruth & Ralph Fretts, Judy Manuel, Susan Middlebrook, Terry, Jose Rosario, Ivan Cichmichael, Nadia Darwisch, Alissa Porcaro, Claire Solari, Barbara “Bonnie” Grady, Joan Nesse, Chris Delgallo, Harry Gilmore, Cynthia, Marie & Brandt Henderson, W. Michael Hoffman

### Prayers for the Deceased

Adrienne Newell, David Chambers, Ramona Rosario, Paul Baro, George Russell, Lawrence Russell, Mary Mobilia, Nancy Baldasarre, Judy Grenier, Florence Shulenburg, Elaine Jaillet, Sean McCann, Raymond Jaillet, Consuela Brossard, Gertrude Sullivan, Michael Minerva, Michael Minerva, Jr., Robert Parilla, Marty Johnson, Mary Ellen Bonfiglio

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” Welcome Christ into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI and Mar 8-10, 2019 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

### Christmas Flower Memorial Donations



We are accepting memorial donations for Christmas flowers. Please use the envelopes at the back of the church. Names will be published in the bulletin on Dec. 23rd and 30th. Deadline: December 17th.

*Please write names legibly so they will be accurately spelled in the bulletin.*

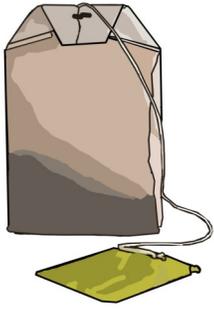


From Senior Deacon Mike

This weekend is the celebration of week 2 of the Advent season.

The Gospel (cycle ‘C’, Luke ) describes the travels of John the Baptist through the entire region of the river Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Continue to recognize the scriptures relating the coming of Jesus into our midst.



### Ethical Trade Shop

Shop for ethically traded holiday gifts, handmade crafts, coffee, tea and chocolate on December 9th at the Donuts and Bagels with St. Nicholas



Coffee Hour (9:45-10:45 AM). Your fair-trade purchases help to sustain artisans and farmers across the globe. Coffee, tea and chocolate sales also benefit the OLOS Youth Commission.

### The Giving Tree

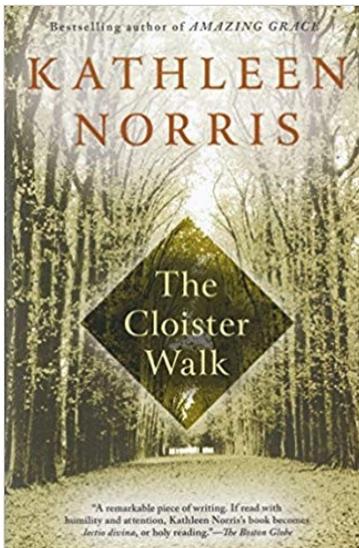
If you picked up a tag off the Giving Tree last weekend, please be sure to return it by December 10th. Gifts for My Brother's Keeper (red tags) should be placed under the tree, unwrapped. Gift cards for the Salmeron family should be placed in the locked black drop-box located under the Giving Tree.



### Donuts and Bagels with St. Nicholas Sunday, December 9th, 9:45-11:00 AM

Bring your children and grandchildren to this annual fun-filled event in O'Connell Hall. Pre-K thru Grade 1 Religious Ed classes will not be held this day. Grades 2 thru 5 will meet in the CSS for half an hour of class before heading over to O'Connell Hall to join the St. Nicholas themed festivities. There

will be face painting, coloring, breakfast treats, and of course, the opportunity to take pictures with St. Nicholas! This event is sponsored by the OLOS Youth Commission.



### OLOS Book Group

The OLOS Book Group will meet on Sunday, December 9th from 2-3:00 PM. in the Bullock Center. **All are welcome.** We will be discussing *The Cloister Walk*, by Kathleen Norris. Please come ready to discuss the book. If you have any questions, be in touch with Teresa Coda ([tcoda@olossharon.org](mailto:tcoda@olossharon.org)) or Monica LaFond.

Our January meeting will be on Sunday, January 6th and we'll be discussing *My Mother's Secret*, by J. L. Witterick.

## HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Please join us on Saturday, December 22nd at 10 AM to decorate the inside and outside of the church for the birth of Christ! (*Please note change of day & time*). For more information please contact Lynn Jacobs at the parish office (781-784-2265 or [ljacobs@olssharon.org](mailto:ljacobs@olssharon.org)). MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!!!!

## Focus Group Meetings

The pastoral plan writing team conducted survey in which we had excellent participation from you. They have distilled the results. Three focus group meetings on separate topics have been planned to hear from you.

December 15th 5:30 PM after 4:30 PM Mass

OLOS as Model for Lay Leadership

O'Connell Hall

January 6th. 9:45 AM at coffee hour

OLOS as a Welcoming and Supportive Community

O'Connell Hall

January 6th 6:30 PM

OLOS with a Strong Focus on our Faith Formation Foundation  
Rectory

### Boy Scouts ~ Troop 95

We are grateful to the Boy Scouts of Troop 95 for their work in cleaning up the parish property of leaves after the autumn. The Boy scouts do this every year. This year they were delayed because of early snow and other weekend weather events.

Thanks to them and the supportive adults who work with them for doing a great job and for being faithful to what has become an annual exercise by them for OLOS benefit.



### Calling all Middle School Students!

Serve this summer with

**JUST 5 DAYS**

A service trip for students who have completed  
6th, 7th or 8th grade

**JULY 15-19, 2019**  
**SPRINGFIELD, MA**

For more information, visit <https://olssharon.org/summer-mission-trips> or contact Teresa Coda (781-784-2265 / [tcoda@olssharon.org](mailto:tcoda@olssharon.org)).

Spots are limited. To reserve yours, submit a \$50 deposit made payable to Our Lady of Sorrows and directed to Teresa Coda.

## Music Announcements



### Advent Mass Music

As we have the past years, we will celebrate Advent Masses with *Missa Emmanuel* based on the familiar tune "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." Our Advent responsorial psalms will be beautiful and contemplative chants.

### Christmas Adult Choir

Adults are invited and welcome to sing with the Adult Choir at the 8:30 PM special concert and the 9 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. Those who would like to sing for this Mass are asked to participate in at least three of the following rehearsals:

Wednesdays, December 5, 12, 19 at 7:30 PM  
Saturdays, December 8, 15, & 22 at 2:30 PM  
Christmas Eve at 8:00 PM

*Please contact the music director, Daesik Cha ([dcha@olossharon.org](mailto:dcha@olossharon.org) or 781-784-2265), if you have any questions or need additional information*

### Christmas Youth Choir

We are looking for teens who can join the Teen Choir and celebrate the 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass with an instrumental ensemble. If you are interested, please contact Daesik Cha ([dcha@olossharon.org](mailto:dcha@olossharon.org) or 781-784-2265). We will accommodate individual schedules.

### Pageant Children's Choir

All children and young people are invited and welcome to sing in the Christmas Pageant at the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass in the church. Those who would like to sing should plan on coming to the following rehearsals:

Sunday, December 9, 16, 23 at 12:00 PM & Saturday,  
December 24 at 4 PM

*Please contact Daesik Cha ([dcha@olossharon.org](mailto:dcha@olossharon.org) or 781-784-2265), Claire Sullivan ([cmsullivan529@aol.com](mailto:cmsullivan529@aol.com)), or Carla Guenette ([cguenette@ucpboston.org](mailto:cguenette@ucpboston.org)), if you have any questions or need additional information.*





THE OLOS FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION  
INVITES YOU TO AN

# INTERFAITH PANEL DISCUSSION

Sunday, December 16, 9:30-10:30 AM  
O'Connell Hall, Our Lady of Sorrows Church

Rabbi Rachel Silverman, Imam Abdurrahman Ahmad  
and Fr. Frank Daly will discuss how we best live out our  
faith in the current times. All are welcome!

# Babysitting Movie Night Fundraiser



Hosted by the OLOS Youth Commission  
Children grades Pre-K thru 5 are welcome!

Saturday, December 8th  
5:30-8:30 p.m. in O'Connell Hall  
Dinner is provided. We'll be showing a  
Christmas movie and providing other  
games and activities as well.  
Suggested Donation: \$15 per child.  
(\$30 maximum per family)

RSVP: Call or email Teresa Coda (781-784-2265 [tcoda@olossharon.org](mailto:tcoda@olossharon.org))



# Volunteers Needed for Christmas in the City!

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16  
8:45 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

Volunteers age 16 and older are needed at the largest Christmas party in MA, serving over 3,000 homeless children and families. Each volunteer is asked to bring an unwrapped Christmas present.

VISIT THE HOMEPAGE OF THE PARISH  
WEBSITE ([WWW.OLOSSHARON.ORG](http://WWW.OLOSSHARON.ORG))  
TO SIGN UP.

# OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH

## 59 Cottage St, Sharon MA 02067

### Sacraments

We welcome those seeking the sacraments of the Church. For information on celebrating the 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 9 AM Mass

### Bible Study:

Wednesday at 10 AM 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.

**Parish Office: 781-784-2265**

**Web: [www.olossharon.org](http://www.olossharon.org)**

**Email: [parish@olossharon.org](mailto:parish@olossharon.org)**

### 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.

### Staff:

**Rev. Francis J. Daly, Pastor**

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**Claire Ramsbottom, Staff Associate**

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### Weekend Associates

Rev. Francis X. Clooney, S.J.

Rev. Kevin Spicer, C.S.C.

**Parish Pastoral Council:**

John Glancy

**Parish Finance Council:**

Jim Spoto

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: \_\_\_\_\_