

March 27, 2022

“But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.”

Luke 15:32

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

59 Cottage St., Sharon, MA

Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses:

Saturday at 4:30 PM

Sunday

at 7:30, 8:45 & 11 AM

Week Days:

Wednesday, Thursday,

Friday at 9:00 AM

Lenten Evening Prayer

Thursday, March 31st

At 7:30PM

CRS Prayer Walk

Thursday, April 7th

At 7:30PM

To Contact Us:

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Pastor:

Rev. Francis J. Daly

*Sunday
of Lent*

Weekend Readings

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9A,10-12

2nd Reading: 2 Cor 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Music

**Gospel Acclamation #343, Holy #179,
Mystery #181, Amen #183, Lamb of God
#185**

Gathering ~ #712

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Responsorial Psalm 34

“Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord”

Presentation of Gifts

Special Music

Communion ~ #950

Taste and Eat

Sending Forth ~ #641

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



Weekly Offertory

The average cost to run the parish is \$8,500 per week. Our expectation is that 70% or \$6,802 will come from the weekly offertory. Parishioners contributed \$ 5,391 for the week ending **March 21, 2022**. Thank you.

Prayers for the Sick and Deceased



Sick:

David Bowlby, Carla Guenette,
Sarah Pasternack, Barbie Walsh

Deceased:

Jim Carney, Lesley Stanfield,
Michelle Ziegler Bennett, Mary
Carolyn Barrett, Maureen Lappen

Pastor's Desk

We are pleased to begin this hard copy edition of the bulletin again. There are some folks who do not have access to the internet and our website and we want them to be up-to-date on parish activities. In a way, I suppose we can hope that this is another sign that the pandemic is, at least, partially in our rear-view mirror.

Half way through Lent, it is also a good idea for us to re-visit what Lent means and can mean in our lives.

For the past two years, we have lived Lent through the pandemic. Sickness, death, isolation, emotional stress, long-haul illness have all reminded us that suffering and human limitation are inevitable elements of our lives here on earth. That doesn't mean we have to like it or seek it. God knows it will find us and as the saying goes, it is what it is.

This year, we are reminded, almost as if it was timed for Lent, of suffering and death caused by evil and inhumanity in our world. The people of Ukraine are our partners this Lent as we put up with those things that can make our lives difficult and uncomfortable. We must join them in prayer and solidarity as we witness the terrible evil being visited upon them and carrying within it a threat to us as well.

It is important to contemplate also that suffering and death are an essential part of the paschal mystery which we enter into in Lent and which leads us in the glory of spring to a Resurrection of all things in Christ.

He did not come so much to take away our suffering as to take it on and make it his own. As St Paul reminds us, "...he emptied himself." His complete human experience is at the heart of the mystery, namely: that God would love us so much that He sent His Son to become as fully human as we are.

As we show solidarity with suffering Ukraine, let us note the amazing acts of goodness and bravery we have seen in the midst of this evil. We see in them the triumph of the human spirit and some hint of the promise of Christ who suffered through evil, injustice and inhuman punishment but in the end brought us promise, hope and Resurrection.

~Fr. Frank



E a s t e r F l o w e r D o n a t i o n s

There are envelopes in the back of the church to donate funds for the flowers to decorate the church at Easter. You can make your donation in honor or memory of a loved one. If you would like to donate by mail please include a list of the person(s) you wish to have included. All names will appear in the bulletin, website and emails during Holy Week so the parish can pray for them.

Please be sure to write names clearly so that they will appear correctly in bulletin and email. For more information please contact the parish office at 781-784-2265 or parish@olssharon.org.

Your Talent is Needed

Parish Finance Commission

OLOS is blessed with a very effective and committed Parish Finance Commission. We would like to add a few new members. The major commitment at this time is a monthly Zoom meeting. If this is an area where your background or expertise could help the parish, please contact Jim Spoto, Finance Commission Chair, through the parish office at 781-784-2265 or email parish@olssharon.org.



Save the Date **Fr. Daly's Farewell Celebration**

Please join us Saturday, May 14th at the 4:30PM Mass and afterwards in O'Connell Hall to celebrate our Pastor and all that he has given us at OLOS and the community. Watch the bulletin for more details.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

This year, we surpassed \$100,000 in the Grand Annual Collection. The actual number was \$101,673. Thank you all for your generosity again this year and also for the five years I have been blessed to be pastor here. You have kept our parish strong and encouraged staff, volunteers and others in their willingness to be involved and contribute in ways that are not financial but are essential to giving flesh to your generosity. Thank you. – Fr. Frank

BAPTISMAL GARMENTS

One of the key symbols in the baptismal liturgy marking a newly baptized is a white garment. Along with a candle and anointing, it symbolizes newness, rebirth and membership in the community of Faith. We can purchase these from a vendor. In the recent past, however, we have had a volunteer with sewing skills make these simple garments for us as a sacramental ministry. If you have such skills and would be interested, contact the parish office at parish@olssharon.org or 781-784-2265 for details.



Looking for a Lenten service project?

OLOS and Christian Services Commission (CSC) invite you to make an **Easter Basket** for a child at Evelyn House, a temporary home for displaced families in Stoughton.

The Evelyn House residents also need:

New bedding supplies:

sheets (twin and crib)
pillows
towels & face clothes

Supplies for babies & children:

diapers & baby wipes
baby shampoo
ointment

To sign up, scan the QR code with your phone camera to go to the Sign Up Genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094bafac2c7-2022>

Please return items to the alcove in the church **before April 3, 2022.**



Thank you!

Questions: Contact **Mary Ann Lahive**, malahive@verizon.net



Continental Breakfast Item Donations Needed for Main Spring House

We are collecting continental breakfast items for donation to the MainSpring House in Brockton, which provides shelter and meals to homeless men, women and children. We need muffins, bagels, cereal in individual serving containers, yogurt in single servings, bread and juice. Donations should be dropped off in the Bullock Center anytime

Monday, March 28 or before noon on Tuesday, March 29. Please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/2pxk8sb7>.



We need artists of all ages to color **"Happy Spring" cards** for our senior neighbors.

We hope to give a card to every resident of the Foremost and Whitney Place nursing homes here in Sharon.

Card packets are now available for pickup from the table in the first floor of the Bullock Center. Each packet contains 5 pre-printed cards you can color and personalize, together with stickers you can use for decorating. Please return your completed cards to the basket in the Bullock Center before the end of the day **Saturday, April 9.**

To sign up to help, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/yc4373v2>.

OLOS Book Group

The next meeting of the OLOS Book Group is scheduled for **Sunday, April 24 from 2-3 p.m.** We will discuss *Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as a Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Teacher. Way, and Presence* by Diana Butler Bass. The Book Group continues to meet one Sunday afternoon a month to discuss books that broadly deal with spiritual or religious themes. At present, we meet through video/conference call.

From Amazon.com's review of Freeing Jesus:

"How can you still be a Christian?

This is the most common question Diana Butler Bass is asked today. It is a question that many believers ponder as they wrestle with disappointment and disillusionment in their church and its leadership. But while many Christians have left their churches, they cannot leave their faith behind.

In *Freeing Jesus*, Bass challenges the idea that Jesus can only be understood in static, one-dimensional ways and asks us to instead consider a life where Jesus grows with us and helps us through life's challenges in several capacities: as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence. *Freeing Jesus* is an invitation to leave the religious wars behind and rediscover Jesus in all his many manifestations, to experience Jesus beyond the narrow confines we have built around him. It renews our hope in faith and worship at a time when we need it most."

If you are interested in participating in the discussion, please email Monica at mlafond@olossharon.org for the link to the Zoom.

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Sacraments

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

Baptism

4th Sunday of Each Month

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:45 PM or by appointment

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.

Bible Study:

Wednesday at 10 AM in the Bullock Center
All are Welcome!

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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