

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God." (Rom 8:18-20)

July 16, 2023

*Our Lady of
Sorrows Parish*

59 Cottage St., Sharon, MA

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 7:30 & 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses

Wednesday, Thursday,

Friday

9 AM

Adoration

Friday after morning Mass

9:30 am Benediction to

12 Noon

To Contact Us:

Parish: 781-784-2265

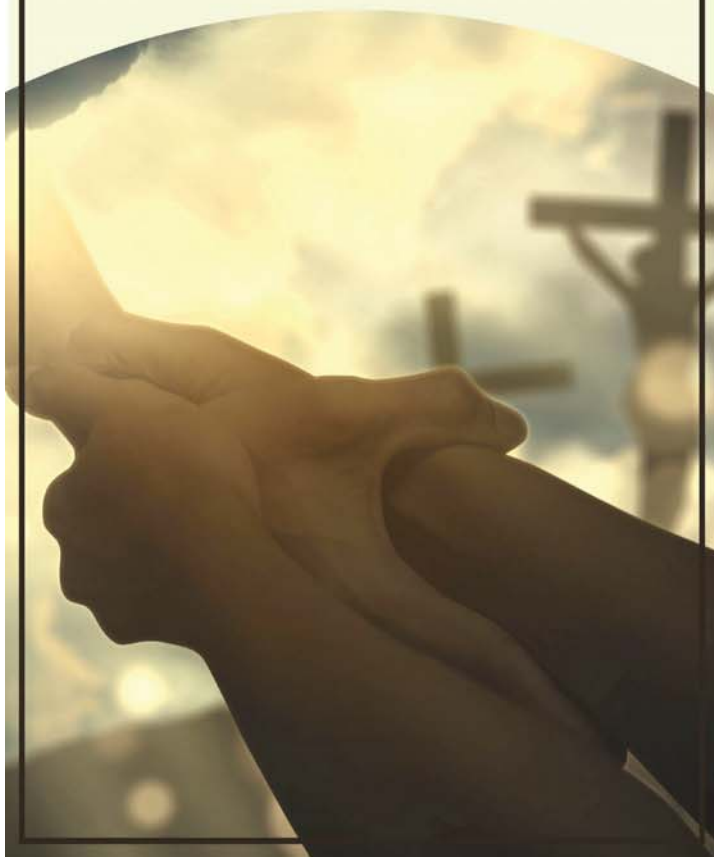
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Pastor:

Rev. John Chen





Weekly Offertory

The average cost to run the parish is \$9,600 per week. Our expectation is that 73% or \$6,980 will come from the weekly offertory. Parishioners contributed \$5,708 for the week ending **July 9,**

2023. Thank you.

Weekend Readings

1st Reading: Is 55:10-11

2nd Reading: Rom 8:18-23

Gospel: Mt 13:1-23

Mass Intention

No Mass Intention this week



Prayers for the

Sick

Mike Methot, Katherine Howley,
Lauren Magobabs, Owen Devlin,
Douglas Devlin, Sarah Pasternack,
Jeannie Bruner

Deceased:

Tom Murray, Judy Stevens, Kristine
Page, Mary Molloy, Hazel Blundell

Music

Mass Parts

#322-272-273-275-277-278

Gathering ~ #808

We Come with Joy

Responsorial Psalm 92 ~ #92

“The seed that falls on good ground will
yield a fruitful harvest.”

Offertory ~ #728

Eye Has Not Seen

Communion ~ #945

I Am the Bread of Life

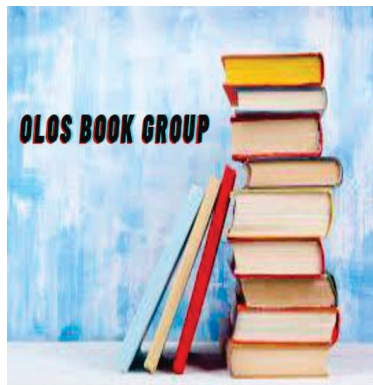
Recessional ~ #578

How Great Thou Art



Breakfast Donations for Mainspring House

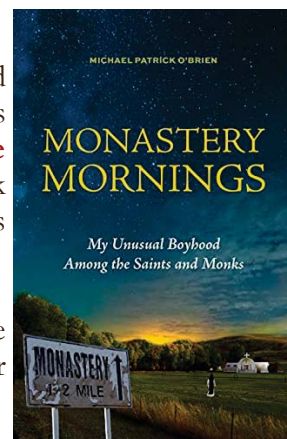
We are collecting continental breakfast items for donation to the MainSpring House in Brockton, which provides shelter and meals to homeless men, women and children. We need muffins, bagels, cereal in individual serving containers, yogurt in single servings, bread and juice. Donations should be dropped off in the Bullock Center anytime **Monday, July 24 or before noon on Tuesday, July 25.** Please visit the parish website to sign up.



Monthly Book Club

The next meeting of the OLOS Book Group is scheduled for Sunday, June 23 from 2-3 PM via Zoom. We will discuss **Monastery Mornings: My Unusual Boyhood Among the Saints and Monks** by Michael Patrick O' Brien. The Book Group meets one Sunday afternoon a month to discuss books that broadly deal with spiritual or religious themes.

For our July meeting, we will meet via Zoom. Please contact Monica LaFond at mlafond@olossharon.org for the Zoom link. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!**



Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

Join Us for a Lunch to Welcome Fr. John Chen

*Immediately following the
10:30 am Mass on Sunday, July 16*

in
O'Connell
Hall

COME MEET FR. JOHN AND
CELEBRATE THE ARRIVAL
OF OUR NEW PASTOR

OLOS will provide sandwiches.
If you can, please bring a dessert
or drink to share.

For more information or to sign up to help,
contact Lynn at ljacobs@olossharon.org
or 781-784-2265



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We Need You!

Consider Serving as a Faith Formation Volunteer

Faith Formation volunteers help young people come to know Christ and the riches of our faith by teaching weekly PreK-Grade 5 Faith Formation Classes or facilitating a small group in the Middle School or Confirmation program

In order to serve as a **Catechist**, you must:

- Be available Sunday mornings from 9:45 until 10:45 am
- Be comfortable and able to communicate effectively with the age group that you teach
- Prepare lessons (based on lesson plans provided within our *Blest Are We* curriculum)
- Attend a catechist training session in the fall

An **Assistant Catechist** helps the catechist in their work by:

- Helping children who require special assistance
- Taking attendance
- Accompanying children to the restroom
- Monitoring children until the catechist arrives
- Substitute teaching if catechist is absent
- Other duties as negotiated with the catechist

Hall Monitors are available during PreK-Grade 5 classes to help as need arise; **Substitute Catechists** are "on call" to fill in when Catechists are away or sick.

Middle School Facilitators assist the middle school faith formation teacher and must:

- Commit to serving in the Sunday night program (which meets once a month from 5-6:30 pm) or (if needed) the Tuesday night program (which meets once a month from 7-8:30 pm)
- Lead small group discussions and small group activities throughout the session
- Be a positive adult presence throughout the session and help with other needs as they may arise

Confirmation Facilitators lead small groups within the Confirmation program and must:

- Commit to serving one Thursday night a month from 7-8:30 pm
- Lead approximately two small group discussions/activities per class (small group discussion prompts and activity instructions are provided)
- Be a positive adult presence throughout the class and help create a safe and welcoming space

Training and on-going support are provided for all of our Faith Formation volunteers. All volunteers must comply with Archdiocesan Child Safety and Protection requirements, including: signing a Code of Conduct, attending a Protecting God's Children training session, and completing a CORI form.

For more information or to become a Faith Formation volunteer, contact
Tzipora Stessman at tstessman@olosharon.org (for PreK-5)

OR

Monica LaFond at mlafond@olosharon.org (for Middle and Confirmation)
Phone: 781-784-2265



New England

Making a Difference

Ignatian Volunteer Corps

IVC New England is very busy right now welcoming volunteer applications for 2022-2023. We are actively involved in interviewing and placing applicants for our September start-up, but many openings remain unfilled.

Our 15th year assisting local nonprofit agencies begins September 7. Now is the time to apply! **John Walsh** (left) is taking a break this year from his favorite afternoon activity at **Sister Mary Hart After School Program** in Roxbury (MA), for example. We need someone to fill his very big shoes! Please spread the word to women and men, 50 years of age or better, interested in a September to June year of service and spirituality. Tell them to contact us at newengland@ivcusa.org for more information or an application. Click [here](#) for today's listing of openings.

Education is perhaps our most pressing need. We have a variety of school openings in varied locations and settings: **Epiphany School** in Dorchester is looking for Early Learning Center volunteers. In Jamaica Plain, the **Raphael Hernandez School** needs support and enrichment volunteers. Shrewsbury's **Gateways Academy** seeks teachers, teacher's aides, and after-school volunteers for its exciting new educational effort. **Nurtury Early Education** has a variety of openings in Boston and Cambridge.

Elders have been hit hard by the pandemic and inflation. At **Ethos** in Jamaica Plain, a mental health outreach worker is needed to help senior homeowners stay safe in their homes. **FriendshipWorks** in Boston asks us for someone to support its friendly visiting program in Newton and other neighborhoods. **Springwell**, in Waltham, needs food delivery drivers in the greater Boston area.

For those with an interest in serving immigrants and newcomers to the US, check out **Catholic Charities Refugee and Immigrant Services** in Boston and its need for someone to coordinate in-kind donations, or work in its cultural coordination program. Help with volunteer coordination at **International Institute of New England** or with guest services at **Rian Immigrant Center**. Both programs are in downtown Boston. **Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island** asks for a clothing collaborative coordinator and education classroom aides. We expect to hear soon from **Ascentria Care Alliance** in Worcester about its need for volunteer assistance.

Many specialized positions exist, too. **Haley House** (Boston) needs marketing and communications help. **Pernet Family Health** (Worcester) asks for administrative and development assistance, holiday program help, or maintenance skills. **Genesis Center** in Providence has an opening for a medical instructor, or for a marketing or development volunteer. **Bread for the World**, in Worcester County needs a church organizer (Worcester). **Abby's House** (Worcester) seeks overnight shelter volunteers. **Project Hope** (Roxbury) has multiple opportunities.

These are some, but not all of our needs and they change often. Again, check out our website or contact us directly for an up-to-date listing of openings.

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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.

Baptism

4th Sunday of Each Month

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:45 PM or by appointment

Adoration

Friday at 9:30 AM to Noon

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.

Parish Office: 781-784-2265

Web: www.olossharon.org

Email: 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:

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