

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a single, lustrous pearl. The hand is positioned in the center-left of the frame, with the thumb and index finger gently gripping the pearl. The background is a textured, light-colored fabric, possibly a garment, with a vertical crease running down the middle. The lighting is soft, highlighting the smooth surface of the pearl and the skin of the hand.

# 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Mt 13:45-46

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## *July 30, 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:

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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 \$4,885 for the week ending **July**

**23, 2023.** Thank you.

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## **Weekend Readings**

**1st Reading:** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

**2nd Reading:** Rom 8:28-30

**Gospel:** Mt 13:44-52

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## **Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, July 30th at 10:30AM**

James Carney &  
Carney, O'Keefe & Stukenborg  
Families



## **Prayers for the**

Sick

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

Deceased:

Tom Murray, Judy Stevens, Kristine Page, Mary Molloy, Hazel Blundell McDonough, Don Landis

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## **Music**

### **Mass Parts**

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

**Gathering ~ #570**

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

**Responsorial Psalm 119**

"Lord, I love your commands.."

**Offertory ~ #665**

Healing River of the Spirit

**Communion ~ #921**

The Living Bread of God

**Recessional ~ #734**

Bring Forth the Kingdom

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"Each person does not need to invent themselves or create themselves out of nothing, but rather discover themselves in the light of God and allow their true selves to flourish," the letter reads. "For this, they need not be superheroes but sincere, genuine and free individuals; people who carry within themselves a hope-filled future: the hope of preparing a more dignified social and human climate than the current one, the hope of living in a world that is more fraternal, more just and peaceful, more sincere, more suited to humankind."

*~ Letter from Pope Francis at opening of MAGIS 2023 ~ Ignatian Youth Festival*

# OLOS Annual Parish Cookout



*A beloved OLOS tradition returns!*

Join us for a night of fellowship and fun at the Annual Parish Cookout in the Rectory driveway and backyard. OLOS will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and non-alcoholic beverages (BYOB). Attendees are encouraged to bring something to share.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26**

**AFTER THE 4:30 PM MASS**

*Rain date: Sunday, August 27  
after the 10:30 am Mass*

**TO RSVP, CONTACT LYNN JACOBS**

**AT 781-784-2265 OR**

**LJACOBS@OLOSSHARON.ORG**

Sign up to bring a side dish or  
dessert to share at  
<https://tinyurl.com/yw64ymnn>



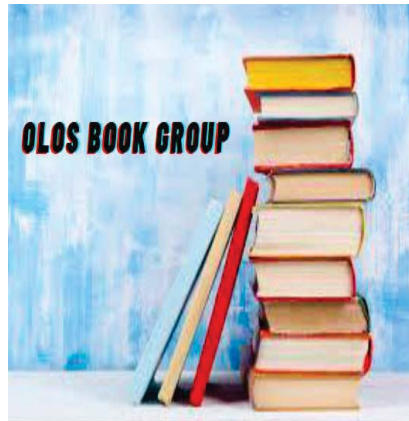
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## **Breakfast Donations for Mainspring House**

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, August 28 or before noon on Tuesday, August 29**. Please visit the parish website to sign up.



The next meeting of the OLOS Book Group is scheduled for Sunday, August 27 from 2-3 pm via Zoom. We will discuss [\*Maybe You Should Talk to Someone\*](#) by Lori Gottlieb. The Book Group meets one Sunday afternoon a month to discuss books that broadly deal with spiritual or religious themes.

**For our August meeting, we will meet via Zoom.** Please contact Monica La-Fond at [mlafond@oloss Sharon.org](mailto:mlafond@oloss Sharon.org) for the Zoom link.

From the publisher:

**"From a *New York Times* best-selling author, psychotherapist, and national advice columnist, a hilarious, thought-provoking, and surprising new book that takes us behind the scenes of a therapist's world--where her patients are looking for answers (and so is she).**

*One day, Lori Gottlieb is a therapist who helps patients in her Los Angeles practice. The next, a crisis causes her world to come crashing down. Enter Wendell, the quirky but seasoned therapist in whose office she suddenly lands. With his balding head, cardigan, and khakis, he seems to have come straight from Therapist Central Casting. Yet he will turn out to be anything but.*

*As Gottlieb explores the inner chambers of her patients' lives -- a self-absorbed Hollywood producer, a young newlywed diagnosed with a terminal illness, a senior citizen threatening to end her life on her birthday if nothing gets better, and a twenty-something who can't stop hooking up with the wrong guys -- she finds that the questions they are struggling with are the very ones she is now bringing to Wendell.*

*With startling wisdom and humor, Gottlieb invites us into her world as both clinician and patient, examining the truths and fictions we tell ourselves and others as we teeter on the tightrope between love and desire, meaning and mortality, guilt and redemption, terror and courage, hope and change.*

*Maybe You Should Talk to Someone is rev-olutionary in its candor, offering a deeply per-sonal yet universal tour of our hearts and minds and providing the rarest of gifts: a boldly revealing portrait of what it means to be human, and a disarmingly funny and illuminating account of our own mysterious lives and our power to transform them."*

All are welcome. We spend a few minutes at the beginning of each meeting introducing ourselves, so if you haven't come before, don't be shy! We are always glad to see new faces.

### **Upcoming books on our reading list include:**

September 24: [\*The Measure\*](#) by Nikki Erlick

October 22: [\*The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming\*](#) by Henri Nouwen

November 19: [\*No Cure for Being Human \(and Other Truths I Need to Hear\)\*](#) by Kate Bowler

OUR LADY OF SORROWS  
ADULT FAITH FORMATION



# Begin the Conversation

*with Fr. Frank Clooney, S.J. and Teresa Coda*

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27**  
**O'CONNELL HALL**  
**9:15 AM**

*Join us over coffee for a conversation  
with Fr. Frank and Teresa about  
the Mass readings and homily.*

July 30, 2023



# 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](mailto:tstessman@olosharon.org) (for PreK-5)

OR

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

# Our Lady of Sorrows **NEEDS YOU!**



## **ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED**

Open to all 3rd grade and above  
who have received the  
Sacrament of First Eucharist.

For more information, contact  
[tstessman@oloss Sharon.org](mailto:tstessman@oloss Sharon.org) or 781-784-2265





## Save the Date

**Sunday, September 17**  
**Mass at the Lake at 10:30 am**

Come celebrate Our Lady of Sorrows' feast day with a Mass on the shores of Lake Massapoag. Bring a chair or blanket and food for a picnic lunch after Mass. OLOS will provide cookies and beverages. In case of rain, we will have Mass at the church.

If you would like to volunteer for setup and take down please contact Lynn Jacobs at [parish@olossharon.org](mailto:parish@olossharon.org)



## **YOU ARE INVITED:**

**Bethany House Annual Mass and Barbeque**  
**Sunday, August 6, 2023**  
**Mass at 11AM**

Barbeque and Fun at 12:30PM  
1049 Main Street in Millis

*Dear Friends,*

*Please come join us for our annual Mass and Barbeque. Bethany House will provide hamburgers & hot dogs. If you are interested in bringing a salad or dessert please let us know. All are invited so feel free to invite your family and friends.*

*~Ruth Raichle and Bethany House Ministries*

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*Bethany House provides support to those affected by the harsh realities of prison.*





## Human Rights in the Catholic Church

Spirit Unbounded, the group dedicated to Catholic reform and an inclusive church, is organizing a week-long event coinciding with the Synod on Synodality in Rome in October. "Human Rights in the Catholic Church" will take place October 8-14, 2023 and will be streamed online, with gathering spaces in Bristol and Rome. Sr. Joan Chittister, Dr. Mary McAleese and the author Steven Newcomb head a roster of more than 70 speakers that include activists, artists and storytellers

alongside academics and theologians. The event will address the theme of human rights in the Catholic Church, particularly how the church can move beyond clericalism to model human rights both within and outside the institution. For more information, go to [spiritunbounded.org/event](https://spiritunbounded.org/event).

## The Ignatian Volunteer Corps Is Seeking Volunteers



Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) New England is interviewing applicants now for fall openings. IVC Service Corps Members combine direct service opportunities at local non-profits serving those in need in our communities with monthly spiritual reflection in the Jesuit tradition. Volunteers, 50 years of age and better, serve two full days/week from September through June. For more information and an application, contact IVC New England Director Dave Hinchin @ [dhinchin@ivcusa.org](mailto:dhinchin@ivcusa.org).

**In commemoration of the feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne, Pope Benedict XVI wrote this prayer:**

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasures of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them. Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!

# 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](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:**

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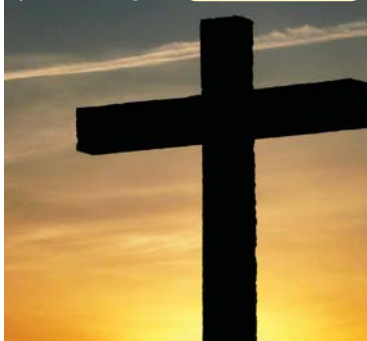
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