

Twenty-eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time



The Lord God will wipe away
the tears from every face.
Let us rejoice and be glad.

Isaiah 25:8,9

October 15, 2023
*Our Lady of
Sorrows Parish*

59 Cottage St., Sharon, MA

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:
Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 7:30, 8:45 & 11 AM

Weekday Masses:
Wednesday
7 AM and 9 AM
Thursday and Friday
9 AM

Adoration
Friday after the 9 am Mass
Benediction at Noon

To Contact Us:
Parish: 781-784-2265
Website: www.olossharon.org

Parish Email:
parish@olossharon.org

Pastor:
Rev. John Chen

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.

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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.

Staff:

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Pastor

Parish Finance Council:

Jim Spoto ~ Chair



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 \$6050 for the week ending **October 8, 2023**. Thank you.

Weekend Readings ~ #1173

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 15th at 8:45AM

Min Won Hahn

Sunday, October 15th at 11AM

Peggy Bergeron



Prayers for the

Sick

Mike Methot, Lauren Magobabs, Owen Devlin, Douglas Devlin, Jeanne Bruner, Joe Kurtzer, Kathleen O'Brien, Eden Glover

Deceased:

Hazel Blundell McDonough, Don Landis, Gerald Boulet, Frances Singarella, Edward Connors, Francis Fox

Music

Mass Parts

#320-327~370-373-372-389

Gathering ~ #848

Gather Us In

Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 23 ~ #36

"The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.
The Lord is my shepherd, nothing I shall fear."

Offertory ~ #724

I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

Communion ~ #930

Taste And See

Recessional ~ #685

How Can I Keep From Singing?



Faith Formation
Registration

2023-24 Faith Formation classes have begun, but it is not too late to register!

Take a moment now to register your child(ren) for the PreK-Grade 5, Middle School, or Confirmation program. To register or learn more about our program offerings for the year, visit www.olossharon.org.

Protecting God's Children Training

The Archdiocese of Boston requires all adult volunteers involved with OLOS activities or events where children may be present during the course of their volunteering attend a one-time Protecting God's Children training program. This program will be offered on the following dates:

Saturday, October 14 from 1-4 pm

Sunday, November 19 from 1-4 pm

You need to attend only one of the sessions being offered. To register scan this QR code. For more information or for assistance determining if this requirement applies to you, please contact Lynn Jacobs at the parish office, ljacobs@olossharon.org.



Pastor's Note

Dear parishioners and friends of Our Lady's,

Wednesday, October 4th, the feast of St. Francis, was a blessed day for me, not only because I celebrated the first 7:00 am Mass which will be celebrated weekly at our parish, but also because I attended Sharon's Interfaith Clerics' monthly meeting for the first time. What struck me the most were the words shared by one of the ministers during the spiritual checkup session: "I want to offer to God the best of my time, not the leftover of the day. I get up at 4:30 am to pray."

It has been my own practice to start the day with a prayer, especially a Mass. I know that many people love to do the same, spending time before God as the day starts. Certainly, 4:30 am is not my best time to pray. Everyone is different. However, praying is the most wonderful way I can start the new day.

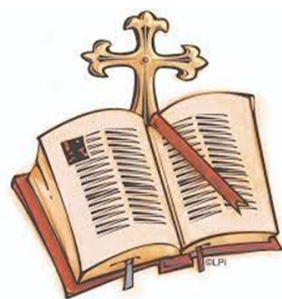
Friends, October is the month of the Holy Rosary in our Catholic Church. The Rosary is a form of prayer that honors the Blessed Mother and meditates on the mysteries of Christ's life. The Rosary was not my prayer at all when I was young. I wrongly thought that repeating the same prayers was meaningless and a waste of time. I did not know the correlation between prayer and life. In fact, the Rosary is Christocentric, setting forth the entire life of our Lord Jesus Christ, the passion, death and resurrection and glory. The Rosary honors and contemplates Mary too. As *Mediator Dei* tells us: "Because of the mission she received from God, her life is most closely linked with the mysteries of Jesus Christ, and there is no one who has followed in the footsteps of the Incarnate Word more closely and with more merit than she."

Spending some quality time in prayer listening to God is always good because we can become what we pray for. As the ending prayer of the Rosary says, "Grant we beseech Thee, that while meditating upon these Mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise." "It is experiencing a new springtime," said Pope Benedict XVI.

God bless,
Fr. John Chen

Memorial Mass ~ November 5th at 11 AM

Our Lady of Sorrows' annual Memorial Mass will take place at 11:00 AM on Sunday, November 5th. Join us as we remember those who have died during the past year. If you would like to include the name of your loved one and take part in the candle lighting during Mass, contact Lynn Jacobs at the parish office before October 30th. Lynn can be reached at 781-784-2265 or ljacobs@olssharon.org.



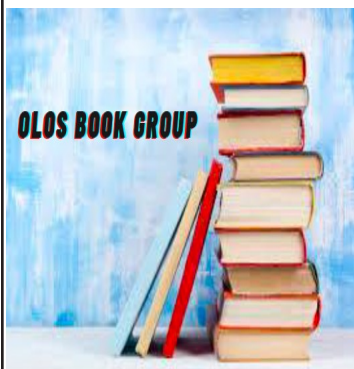
Youth Lectors

High school students are needed to share the Word of God during Mass. Lectors proclaim the first and second readings and read the General Intercessions. The commitment is one Mass every two to three weeks depending upon your availability and the Mass you prefer. Training will be provided. Interested teens are encouraged to contact Marie Martin, mariemartin@comcast.net, for more details.

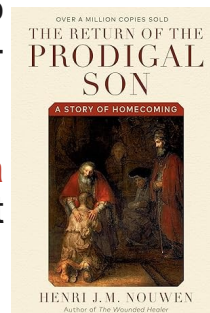
PPC and CSC minutes Announcement

With the return to “normal” at Our Lady of Sorrows, our parish councils and commissions are meeting regularly. Check out the parish website (olossharon.org) for the latest meeting minutes from the Parish Pastoral Council and the Christian Services Commission. To get involved, contact the parish office at parish@olossharon.org. We welcome your participation!

The next meeting of the OLOS Book Group is scheduled for Sunday, October 22 from 2-3 pm via Zoom. We will discuss [*The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*](#) by Henri Nouwen. The Book Group meets one Sunday afternoon a month to discuss books that broadly deal with spiritual or religious themes.



For our October meeting, we will meet via Zoom. Please contact Monica LaFond at mlafond@olossharon.org for the Zoom link.



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, October 30th or before noon on Tuesday, October 31st**. Please visit the parish website to sign up.

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest Announcement

Foxboro/Sharon Knights of Columbus Council 6063 is sponsoring an essay contest for Confirmation students at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. Students in our Confirmation I and II faith formation classes are invited to submit an essay of 500-750 words on the topic “How can the Church evangelize in the digital age?” Essays and entry forms are due Friday, November 30, 2023. Essays will be judged on content, grammar and style. Awards include \$150 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for third place. For more information and the entry form, contact Monica LaFond at mlafond@olossharon.org.



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

The Foxboro-Sharon Knights of Columbus Council #6063 will be holding their next monthly meeting on Friday, November 10th at OLOS in O’Connell Hall. The evening begins at 6:30PM with Praying of the Rosary, followed by the meeting and then an Italian

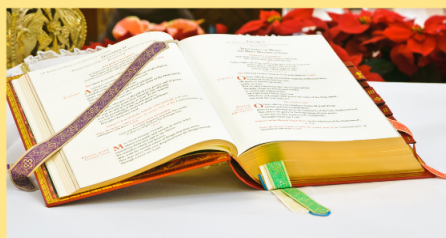
Feast supper. All parish men are invited for prayer and fellowship, to learn about upcoming social and fundraising events and the ways we serve our parishes and communities in living out the Knights’ mission of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.

Start your day with God...

We've heard your requests for an early weekday Mass! Beginning Wednesday, October 4th, OLOS will offer an additional weekday Mass on Wednesdays at 7 am. Stop by on your way to work, school, or wherever else the day will take you!

Early Daily Mass

Wednesdays @ 7:00 am



We hope this time will provide additional members of the community an opportunity to attend a weekday mass.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Calling all parents, grandparents and
caregivers of little children ages 0-3 years!

I am a caregiver of a young child looking for playdates or
park meet-ups. I would love to host or coordinate. Is there
anyone interested in some old-fashioned socialization?

Please contact me!

Tzipora at tzipora.stessman@gmail.com



Altar Server Training

COME JOIN US...



Learn to serve at our Lord's table!

Anyone who has received
First Communion is
encouraged to participate.
Adults and parent-child
pairs are welcome!



**Saturday October 21 from 2:30 - 3:30pm
in the church.**



**Join us for an Altar Server Ice Cream Social
in the Bullock Center immediately
following.**

Bagged Lunch Brigade

Saturday, October 14, 2023

11:30am-12:30 pm
Bullock Center



We are preparing bagged lunches and need your donations and your help!

MainSpring House, a homeless shelter in Brockton, depends on bagged lunches to serve to hungry men, women, and children who are unable to make it to specific meal times at the shelter.

Items needed include: cases of small (8 oz) bottles of water, fruit (apples, bananas, and oranges), lunch meat, loaves of sandwich bread, and undecorated sugar cookies. All items should be labeled "Bagged Lunch Brigade" and brought to the Bullock Center by noon on Thursday, October 12. Volunteers are also needed to assemble the lunches from 11:30am-12:30 pm on Saturday, October 14.

To help, sign up at olossharon.org or contact Tzipora Stessman (781-784-2265 or tstessman@olossharon.org) for more information.

OLOS MIDDLE SCHOOL

YOUTH NIGHT

FRIDAY, OCT. 27, 2023

7:00 - 9:30 PM

FREE

Middle School Socials are a safe place for young people to be with their friends and enjoy music, free pizza and snacks, games and activities.

FUN

Grades 6-8 WELCOME!



October:
Pumpkin Carving!

BRING A
FRIEND

Middle School Socials take place in O'Connell Hall with adult supervision. Two adult chaperones are needed. To volunteer, please contact Tzipora Stessman at tstessman@oloss Sharon.org



YOUTH COMMISSION

HALLOWEEN PARTY

OCTOBER 22ND

7-8:30 PM

O'CONNELL HALL

**GRADES 9-12 WELCOME
COME IN COSTUME!**



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



SENIOR LUNCH

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

12:00-1:30 PM

IN O'CONNELL HALL

*Anyone who has ever received mail from the AARP
or who loves someone who receives mail from the AARP
is invited to join this conversation
with Sr. Rosemary Mulvihill of Sacred Threads Center
and Sr. Rita Welch, CSJ
about dealing with the unexpected
during the second half of life*

Volunteers Are Needed to Help Serve the Lunch

To RSVP or to sign up to serve, please contact Monica
LaFond at 781-784-2265 or mlafond@olossharon.org



Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with the faith formation program!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We still are in need of volunteer catechists, assistants, and substitutes. If you have any questions, please contact Tzipora Stessman at (781) 784-2265 or tstessman@olossharon.org



SAVE THE DATE!

Youth Mission Opportunity Nov. 10



START

Church in Action is hosting a one day mission on November 10th in Hopkinton, MA. This is open to all middle school students.

Church in Action was founded by a group of five adults who are passionate about youth ministry. Former Just5Days and Young Neighbors in Action* leaders, these adults have put together a program combining Service, Catholic Social Teaching, and Fun!

More information will follow in the coming weeks!

*These are programs OLOS participated in for over a decade. Unfortunately, they dissolved during the pandemic.

If interested, contact
Tzipora Stessman/
tstessman@olossharon.org

Father John Chen was officially Installed last Sunday as
Our Lady of Sorrows new Pastor!
WELCOME TO OUR OLOS FAMILY FR JOHN!!



October 15, 2023

Ilse Marks Food Pantry “Wish List”

Updated September 17, 2023

Frequently requested **FOOD** items:

- canned veggies
- cereals & oatmeal
- crackers
- granola bars
- jams or jellies
- mayonnaise
- soups (all kinds; canned)
- instant mashed potatoes and side dishes
- ready-to-eat canned meals e.g. chili, beef stew, tunafish, pasta mixes, etc



Any **baking supplies** including:



- baking powder, flour, sugar, baking soda
- cooking oils
- “birthday cake kit” (i.e. cake mix, frosting & candles)

Laundry & cleaning supplies are always needed!



Any and all items are deeply appreciated.

THANK YOU!

The Christian Services Commission
Contact Ginny Devlin at rnginny63@gmail.com