

29th
Sunday
in Ordinary Time

October 22, 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

"Then repay to Caesar what
belongs to Caesar and to
God what belongs to God."

Matthew 22:21

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:

Rev. John Chen, Pastor

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Associates

Rev. Francis X. Clooney, S.J.

Rev. Kevin Spicer, C.S.C.

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Parish Pastoral Council:

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 \$6,267 for the week ending **October 15, 2023**. Thank you.

Weekend Readings ~ #1176

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6

2nd Reading: Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Oct 21 at 4:30 PM

Nicholas Hausammann

Saturday, Oct 28 at 4:30 PM

Arthur & Barbara Taylor



Prayers for the

Sick

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

Deceased:

David Bowlby, Gerald Boulet, Frances Singarella, Edward Connors, Francis Fox, Paula Pariseau

Music

Mass Parts

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

Gathering ~ #694

How Firm A Foundation

Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 96 ~ #67

"Give the Lord Glory and Honor ".(2x)

Offertory ~ #717

Shelter Me, O God

Communion ~ #931

Come To The Banquet

Recessional ~ #607

Sing A New Song

Second Collection ~ World Mission Sunday

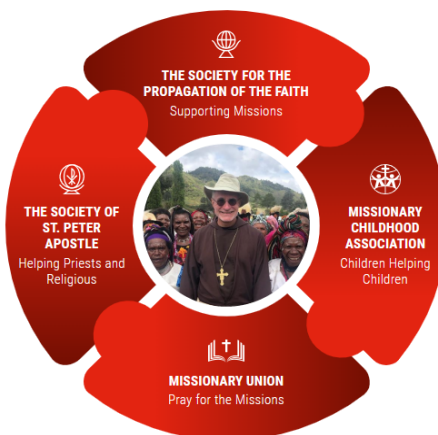
Pontifical Mission Societies

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith

Aims to open the heart of every believer to the vast needs of the young mission Church. We invite everyone to join in regular prayer and sacrifice for the spread of the Gospel.

The Society of St. Peter Apostle

Encourages prayer and financial help specifically for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, building up leaders for the global church.



Missionary Childhood Association

Helps to form a missionary spirit in young people while encouraging prayerful support of the work of missionaries who minister to children.

Missionary Union

Creates a deeper missionary spirituality in the faithful with an invitation to read, learn, and pray about their own role in the evangelizing work of the Church.

This week's second collection supports Catholic World Missions. By Baptism, all Catholics are called to participate in the mission of the Church and share their faith as missionaries. World Mission Sunday gathers support for the pastoral and evangelization programs and needs of more than 1,150 mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and remote regions of Latin America. The funds gathered on World Mission Sunday are distributed in the pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith ~ a Pontifical Mission Society. Please visit www.propfaithboston.org for more information.

Pastor's Note

Dear parishioners and friends of Our Lady's,

The parish's celebration of my installation as pastor last weekend was a great event for all of us at Our Lady of Sorrows in Sharon. Even though it was a holiday weekend, the Mass drew 150 participants. The presence of the Knights of Columbus made the liturgy solemn; the music made the church uplifting; the presence of the people made it a celebration. Bishop Robert Reed made it possible for all of us to feel the presence of God and our responsibilities as stewards of the vineyard. I was moved and touched by the Holy Spirit when putting my right hand on the Gospel and taking the oath of fidelity.

All the following thanks, which come from the bottom of my heart, I planned to express at the celebration. In the end, I did not deliver these remarks during the Mass because the bishop and I took on the same topic: "*No Anxiety*" as Paul mentioned in the second reading. I still want to let you know how grateful I am to God and to you, the members of our parish community. I give thanks to God for the vocation to be a priest; I thank His Eminence Cardinal Seán for appointing me to be your pastor; I thank Bishop Reed for his ministry and his encouraging and motivational homily; I thank Fr. Frank and Fr. Kevin for their pastoral presence; and I thank the parish staff and the members of our Pastoral and Finance Councils who provide me help and guidance. Most importantly, I thank you in a special way:

I thank you, members and friends of this parish community, the faithful stewards of the vineyard of God, for accepting me as your priest. I am so grateful to all of you who opened your arms to welcome me. I ask you to keep me in your prayers always so that I will be able to serve you well. I am ready.

Since we are all stewards of this very vineyard, I want to reiterate some of Paul's words from the second reading: "Rejoice in the Lord always, say it again, Rejoice!" Let our kindness be known to all. The Lord is indeed with us: have no anxiety, in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make our requests known to God: Enrich our Faith, Strengthen Our Community. Get involved with church activities because **Service** to our parish is a critical aspect of evangelization. Always take care of our parish by contributing our Time, Talent, Treasure and Testimony. Together, we work for the day when all of us will form a community of Christ united in Love and service. We walk with Jesus.

God bless,

Fr. John

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 who has died within the last year 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@olossoharon.org.



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.**

A watercolor illustration of autumn foliage, including clusters of orange berries and several leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and green, framing the top and sides of the text.

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

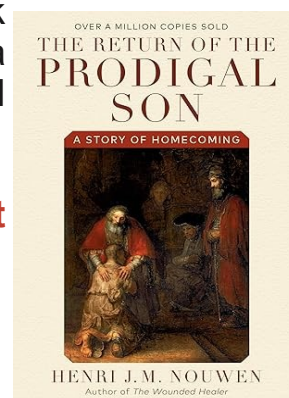


The next meeting of the OLOS Book Group is scheduled for Sunday, October 22 from 2-3 pm via Zoom. We will discuss [The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming](#) by Henri Nouwen. The Book Group meets one Sunday afternoon a month to discuss books that broadly deal with spiritual or religious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

For our October meeting, we will meet via Zoom.

Please contact

Monica LaFond at mlafond@olossharon.org for the Zoom link.



From the publisher: "A chance encounter with a reproduction of Rembrandt's *The Return of the Prodigal Son* catapulted Henri Nouwen on an unforgettable spiritual adventure. Here he shares the deeply personal and resonant meditation that led him to discover the place within wherein where God has chosen to dwell."

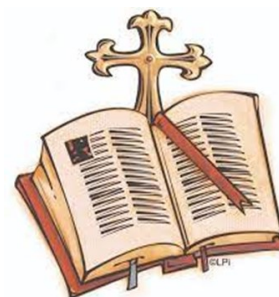
Breakfast Donations for Mainspring House



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.

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!

Middle School Socials: Chaperones Needed!

The revival of youth nights is in your hands!

Please consider
volunteering
for one or more
youth nights.



Future Dates:

November 17

December 15

January 12

February 9

March 15

April 26

To sign up, visit the parish website.
Under Youth Ministry, click link to chaperone.

Any questions, contact Tzipora Stessman at tstessman@olossharon.org

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



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

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YOUTH COMMISSION

HALLOWEEN PARTY

OCTOBER 22ND

7-8:30 PM

O'CONNELL HALL

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



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Christian Service Commission Request:

Please consider donating *unwanted leftover* **Halloween candy** to include in the holiday candy gifts bags we provide for Evelyn House residents and staff during the Christmas Season.

Donations bins will be located in the back of the church and in O'Connell Hall



Donations will be received
**Wednesday, Nov.1
through
Sunday, Nov.5**

"Enrich Our Faith, Strengthen Our Church" Program

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a final letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. We invite all faithful parishioners to complete a card as our parish goal is 100% participation! You may return your card by:

- mailing it to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included with the letter.
- or bringing it to Mass next Sunday.
- or you may visit our parish website at www.olossharon.org and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

All cards need to be returned to the parish by Sunday, November 12.

As a friendly reminder, electronic giving is an **easy, safe and secure** way to support Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. To set up a recurring weekly or monthly gift or to make a one-time donation directly from your bank account or credit card, please visit our website and follow the instructions. **We are grateful for your support!**

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

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 **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.



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.



CHURCH IN ACTION

C.I.A.

BE-ATTITUDE

Mission Accepted

DAY OF SERVICE

Friday
November
10, 2023
Day of Service

Open
to all students
presently in 6th,
7th, & 8th grade!

\$20 per
Participa
nt

Bring our Catholic call to service to life!
Join us for a single-day of service work,
morning prayer, Mass and community building



This is the perfect opportunity for middle schoolers to come to understand what it means to be a part of the Catholic family using our actions to affect change and bring the love of Christ to others.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Tzipora Stessman at tstessman@oloss Sharon.org or 781-784-2265

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ENLARGE THE SPACE OF YOUR TENT:
RETHINKING WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION
A Global Synod Gathering

"Enlarge the Space of Your Tent":

A Boston Synod Gathering

On Saturday, September 23rd, over 130 people from the People of God from the Archdiocese of Boston gathered in Braintree to participate in a synodal Gathering in response to Pope Francis' invitation to communion, mission, and participation in a more synodal, listening Church. This gathering focused on discerning the ways the Church is being called to

rethink women's participation. **For a synthesis outlining the fruit of the gathering's discernment, please visit the parish website. Look under the "News of the Church and World" tab of the "Parish Life" heading.**

prayer for peace in the Holy Land

God of our longing,
Remember those who wait and hope for peace.
Hear our prayer and our lament
for our brothers and sisters in Israel and Palestine.
With them, we share a common story,
set in a common homeland.

Make common also a will to forgive,
to reconcile,
to make a just peace for the sake of the ancestors,
for the sake of the children.
Open ears, eyes and hearts
And make a way toward justice
In our war-torn world.

God all merciful, you dwell in all human hearts
And the Holy Land is wherever you make your home.
Heal these broken places where prophets preached
Where Moses and Jesus and Muhammad kept faith with you.
Be a sure support for those who work toward reconciliation
And make us all, however far away,
Steadfast in their cause.

Amen

