

November 5, 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



*"Call no one on earth your
father; you have but one
Father in heaven. Do not be
called 'Master'; you have
but one master, the Messiah."*

Matthew 23:9-10

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:

Rev. John Chen, Pastor

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Associates

Rev. Francis X. Clooney, S.J.

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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 \$5,951 for the week ending **October 30, 2023**. Thank you.

Weekend Readings ~ #1182

1st Reading: Malachi 1:1-4b-2:2b,8-10

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9,13

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Nov. 11th at 4:30 PM

Douglas Sullivan

Sunday, Nov. 12th at 8:45 AM

A. Brandt Henderson

Sunday, Nov. 12th at 11 AM

Mark & Stella Serrao

Music

Mass Parts

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

Gathering ~ #574

Crown Him With Many Crowns

11 AM ~ # 976

Dwellers In The Holy City

Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 131 ~ #89

“In you, O Lord, I have found my peace, I have found my peace.”

Offertory ~ #663

Lord Of All Hopefulness

11 AM Adult Choir

The Holy City *by Stephen Adams*

Communion ~ #21

The Living Bread Of God

Recessional ~ #578

How Great Thou Art



Please Pray for those in need of our prayers, that God's healing and comforting presence will be with them.

Sick

Mike Methot, Lauren Nagobabs, 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, Edith Isidro Chan, James Delaney, Augustus “Gus” Spano

Mass Intentions Welcome

Memorial Masses can be scheduled for an weekend or weekday Mass except for Holy Days of Obligation and Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Easter Vigil and Easter Day. The suggested offering for Memorial Mass is \$10. Please call the office for assistance 781-784-2265.

Memorial Mass Sunday at 11AM

The following are loved ones who have died this year and will be remembered in a special way during the 11AM Mass on Sunday.

Antonina Triolo, Dinh Nguyen, Douglas James Sullivan, Alan Sendker, Cesar Barbagelata, Margaret McGrath, Pauline Holte Callahan, Lois Marie Staula, Phyllis Kurtzer, Mary Grant, John "Chuck" Charles Thomas, Sr, Joanne McCarthy, Patricia "Patty" Ann Donovan, Judith Ann Melcher Stevens, Mary Molloy, David Joseph Farrell, Frances Singarella, Edward "Chucka" Connors, Francis Janey Fox, Esq, Joseph Nee, Paula Pariseau, Matthew Enos, Augustus “Gus” Spano, James B. Delaney, David Bowlby, Frances Tolland, Marie Hester, Edith Chan, Art Decko, Ernest Morgera, Michael O'Loughlin, Diane Jones, Gordon Jones, Earl Greve, John Dentino

Pastor's Note

Dear parishioners and friends of Our Lady's,

Are we familiar with this Scriptural passage? *"Who of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ...How much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him?"* (Mt 7:9-12) Even though we do not know these words well, I know for sure that all parents always try to provide the best for their children.

To prepare for last Sunday's coffee hour talk, *"From Qingdao (Tsingtao) to Sharon,"* I mentally revisited my childhood looking for God's presence in my life. Honestly speaking, I did not see much of God's presence. During my boyhood, I did not engage in conversation with God, and neither did I have any extraordinary spiritual experiences. Instead, when I recall my childhood years, what I see clearly is the way my mother brought me to God. When I was little, I listened to her. (I always say that, back then, I was a nearly perfect boy). My mother was happy with me and taught me to pray. When I became a teenager, I started to resist prayer and even rebelled against her teaching me about our faith. Like many other boys, I began to think that faith had nothing to do with life. My mother was terribly upset, yet continued to remind me in a rather serious tone that the Catholic faith was a Chen family tradition! A tradition that needed to be kept. She was very serious about her faith. The first and only time she spanked me happened when I refused to see the visiting priest to confess my sins and receive my First Communion.

Friends, my faith became alive because of my mother's persistence and my sisters' help. The grace of God started to nurture my being, and I began to walk with God. I have been a happy priest for over 28 years now. About half a century after I tried to run away from my faith, I still can see my mother's tearful face and hear her trembling voice. As a boy, I did not know any better. I really pushed my mother to the breaking point. "I'm sorry, Mom, that I did that to you. Thank you, Mom, for bringing me back to God." I never had an opportunity to apologize to her when she was alive. Now, I feel much better. Thank you, everyone at Our Lady of Sorrows, for giving me the opportunity to share my faith and to apologize to my mother who is resting in God's eternal peace. We pray that our faith may be strengthened and we never push God to His breaking point. My mother gave me the best food in the whole world.

God bless,
Fr. John Chen

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

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
ADULT FAITH FORMATION



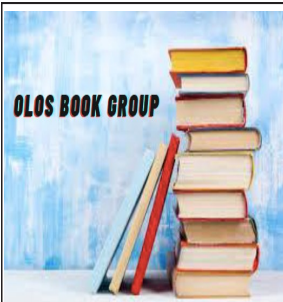
Continue the Conversation

with Fr. John Chen and Monica LaFond

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
O'CONNELL HALL
AFTER THE 8:45 AM MASS
(APPROXIMATELY 9:45 AM)

*Join us over coffee for further conversation about the
Mass readings and homily.*

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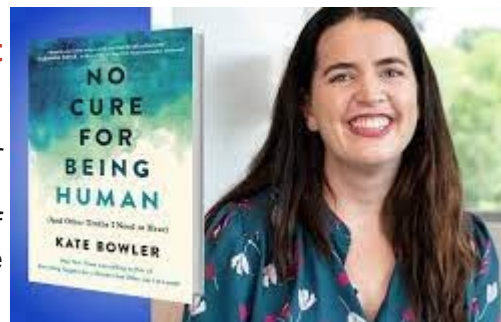


The next meeting of the OLOS Book Group is scheduled for Sunday, November 26 from 2-3 pm via Zoom. We will discuss [No Cure for Being Human \(And Other Truths I needed to Hear\)](#) by Kate Bowler. The Book Group meets one Sunday afternoon a month to discuss books that broadly deal with spiritual or religious themes.

For our November meeting, we will meet via Zoom.

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

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.



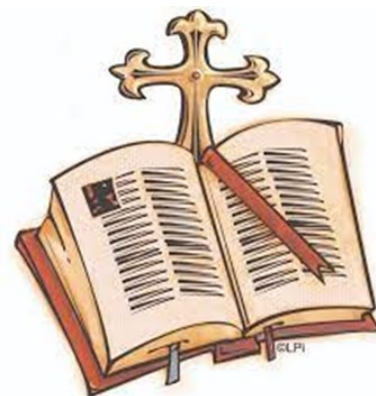
Breakfast Donations for Mainspring House



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, November 27th or before noon on Tuesday, November 28th**. 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.



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 can attend this OLOS training or a training offered elsewhere within the Archdiocese of Boston. 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.



OLOS Helps a New Family!



Please help our brother and sisters in Christ to have a warm winter and get to a better life with our donations.

URGENT NEED: Winter clothes and boots - new or gently used

JACKETS/COATS:

2 WOMEN XL JACKETS, MEN XL JACKET, GIRL'S 5/6 JACKET

PANTS:

WOMEN PANTS SIZE 10 AND SIZE 12, GIRL PANTS SIZE 5/6, MEN PANTS SIZE 36

SHOES:

WOMEN SHOES SIZE 8 AND SIZE 9, GIRL'S SHOE SIZE 13, MEN SHOES SIZE 11

COLLECTION BINS WILL BE LOCATED IN THE CHURCH AND IN THE BULLOCK CENTER

Cash donations are welcome! You can make a check out to Our Lady of Sorrows and in the memo write "Relocated Families"

Any questions, please contact Tzipora Stessman at tstessman@olossharon.org or (781)784-2265



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Christmas Giving Tree

Nov. 4 - Nov 30, 2023

Share your Holiday Spirit with a gift for
a resident at the Evelyn House,
a temporary home for displaced families.

**Take an instruction tag from the Giving Tree in the
church alcove. Bring gifts to the Giving Tree by Nov 30.**

Gifts will be delivered on December 7.

For details and to sign up online, scan the QR
Code with a phone camera or go to
<https://tinyurl.com/4jbsmv5w>

Questions? Michelle Davenport 617-962-5519 or
Mary Ann LaHive 781-784-1394
mdavenport2121@gmail.com



Thank you! The OLOS Christian Services Commission

Letters for Seminarians



For the next two weeks, we are asking OLOS parishioners of all ages to write a letter or card of encouragement to a seminarian studying at St. John's Seminary in Brighton. We would like to recognize these men who are following the call to live out God's will in their lives by praying for them and sending a card or letter of encouragement to let them know that we are thinking about them.

Let's encourage our future priests and thank them for what they are doing.

There are currently 52 men studying for the priesthood at St. John's, many of them far from home. In order to ensure that everyone gets a card from an OLOS parishioner this Thanksgiving, please contact Tzipora Stessman (tstessman@olossharon.org or 781-784-2265).

Volunteers will be provided with the name of a seminarian, a set of guidelines and some prayers you might choose to use during the month.



Fr. Francis X. Clooney, SJ, Awarded Honorary Degree from Scranton

At a recent lecture he gave at The University of Scranton on comparative theology, Fr. Francis X. Clooney, SJ, the Parkman Professor of Divinity at Harvard University, was awarded an honorary degree from the university. Fr. Clooney has served as president of the Catholic Theological Society of America and is currently at work on his memoir, set to be titled *Priest and Scholar, Catholic and Hindu: A Love Story*.



Town of Sharon Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 19th at 7PM Unitarian Church of Sharon, 4 N. Main Street

All are welcome! Sponsored by Sharon's clergy.

A potluck dessert will follow the service. Please bring a dessert to share. Please support our food pantries! Bring a non-perishable food item, cash, or you can donate through the Unitarian Church's donation webpage to purchase gift cards for the Ilse Marks Food Pantry:

Scan the QR code, scroll to the form at the bottom of the page, enter the amount you wish to give, and select "Give to Social Justice: Donation for Grocery Card Program" from the drop-down menu.



Knights of Columbus Meeting

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.

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



Holiday Cards for Seniors

Help us let our senior neighbors know we are thinking of them! We are extending a simple cheerful message to those in our parish and surrounding communities during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. These cards will be colored during faith formation Sunday coffee hours during October, November, and December. We will have a table set up with printed cards, stickers, markers, and crayons for all to create and decorate. We need two people to attend and help with the activity. To sign up, please [click here](#). Please contact [Tzipora Stessman](#) (781-784-2265) for more information.