

January 14, 2024

*Our Lady of
Sorrows Parish*

59 Cottage St., Sharon, MA

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday :30, 8:45 & 11 AM

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday

7 AM & 9 AM

Thursday & 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

**2nd Sunday of
Ordinary Time**

*“Brothers and sisters: The body is not
for immorality, but for the Lord, and
the Lord is for the body; God raised
the Lord and will also raise us by his
power. Do you not know that your
bodies are members of Christ? But
whoever is joined to the Lord
becomes one Spirit with him.”*

(1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17)



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

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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.

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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 \$ 5,395 for the week ending

January 7, 2024. Thank you.

Weekend Readings

Weekly Readings ~ 1096

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

Mass Intentions

January 19th at 9 AM

Thomas Lunney

Mass Intentions Welcome

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



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, Sarah Pasternack, Pamela D'Arcy, Marie D'Arcy, Joseph Swartz, Earlene Shannon

Deceased:

Edward Connors, Francis Fox, Paula Pariseau, Edith Isidro Chan, James Delaney, Augustus "Gus" Spano, Robert Reilly, Thomas Cleveland

Music

Mass Parts

#261-262-263-266-267-269

Gathering ~ #611

All Creatures of Our God and King

Responsorial Psalm~#49~Psalm 40

"Here am I, Lord, here I am. I come to do your will."

Offertory ~ #781

Lord, When You Came / Pescador de Hombres

Communion ~ #910

Shepherd of Souls

Recessional ~ #777

Here I Am Lord

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! Do you have any new, used, leftover or old religious Christmas cards? Please consider donating them to OLOS! We will be using them for next year's Advent Workshop in a craft. Thank you for your efforts!

Publication of PPC and other Commission minutes

With the return to normal at Our Lady of Sorrows, our parish councils and commissions are meeting regularly. Check out the parish website (olosharon.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@olosharon.org. We welcome your participation!

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Join us for Coffee Hour with
Rabbi David Jaffe and Michaela Lauture
to learn about
the School of Prophetic Action**

School of Prophetic Action

Leadership Training

Sundays and Wednesdays starting 2/4/24

We are pleased to announce that the trainings will be held on both Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings, allowing attendees flexibility in choosing the session that best fits their schedule. Please note that participants must commit to attending one session per week.

The School of Prophetic Action is a series of in-person, interactive trainings on the skills and knowledge at the core of interfaith community organizing. These trainings will be a great way to build relationship with other leaders in the greater Brockton community and learn critical skills that you can use to advocate for social change.



Register at:
<https://tinyurl.com/SOPA2024> or
Scan the QR code



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AFTER THE 8:45 AM MASS (APPROXIMATELY 9:45 AM)**

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest Winners Announcement

Sharon/Foxboro Knights of Columbus Council 6063 is pleased to announce the winners of our 2023 Essay Contest held in October and November. Students in Our Lady of Sorrows Confirmation I and II faith formation classes were eligible to submit an essay of 500-750 words on the topic "How can the Church evangelize in the digital age?" Essays were judged on content, grammar, and style. Awards to the winners include \$150 first place, \$100 second place, and \$50 third place. The winning essays are: First Place: Gabrielle Roy; Second Place: Ethan Scarfo; Third Place (Tie): Olivia Roy and Owen Cullen. Winners will be presented their awards at the 11:00 Mass on January 21st. Please join the Knights in congratulating our winners!

Winning Essay ~ Gabrielle Roy

How Can the Church Evangelize During the Digital Age?

In the time of Jesus, there were very few ways to spread the Good News of Christ. The only way to hear the Good News was listening directly to Jesus or his disciples. Today, we can continue to share the Good News with family, at church, and depending on the person, at school. We also have many more opportunities to spread Jesus' teachings. One tool that could be utilized for this is social media. This can happen through countless different apps or websites, and the news can come from both adults and teenagers. The Church can evangelize during the digital age by creating accounts that share inspirational lessons, by creating social media pages to advertise Jesus inspired clothing, and using a social media page to advertise church and community groups.

One way that the church can evangelize during the digital age is by creating accounts that share inspirational words, bible quotes, and stories. We see an example of this already through an instagram account called "Trustgodbro". This account posts motivational words that help bring people closer to Jesus. It also shares particular bible quotes for those dealing with specific issues. This account shares posts reminding people to be thankful. They did this on Thanksgiving, for example. These instagram pages are easy to set up and relatively easy to manage. It would be easy for a teenager, as well as an adult to set one up. By doing this, you are both spreading the Good News of God, and also living it. Building on the example of "Trustgodbro" is one way the Church can evangelize in the digital age.

Another way the church can evangelize during the digital age is by creating clothing with the words of the Bible or Jesus on it. One of the easiest ways to advertise and sell this clothing would be through social media. We already see an example of this in the company He Would Love First. They advertise such items as hoodies, shirts, bracelets and hats on social media. The clothing and bracelets share phrases such as "WWJD", and "Love never gives up." The company could promote their wear and evangelize by sharing these clothes with those in nursing homes or homeless shelters, especially around the holidays. Considering this may be hard to do, an alternative would be having a discount for those who are ill or in rehab facilities.

A third way that the church can evangelize during the digital age is by using social media to advertise church and community groups. These groups are normally directed at teenagers or other young followers of Christ who are on social media. On platforms such as Instagram, Facebook and Twitter, there are social media pages advertising certain church groups. Some of these groups even have a team of teenagers that runs and organizes their social media page. These groups share fun and relatable ways to grow in a relationship with God. By creating one of these pages to advertise a church group, we are growing in your relationship with God, and also helping others to grow.

In conclusion, there are many different ways the Church can grow and spread the Good News with the help of social media. These ways include creating accounts that share inspirational lessons and bibles quotes, creating a social media page to advertise clothing with the words of Jesus, and finally using social media to creatively advertise church groups to the young. By evangelizing through social media in the digital age, the Church reminds young people that the words of Jesus are just as relevant today as they were many years ago.

Birthday Wishes

Our Lady of Sorrows will be collecting donations to create "Birthday in a Box" in partnership with Birthday Wishes. The mission of Birthday Wishes is to improve and empower the lives of homeless children and their families by providing joy, play and hope through the magic of a birthday party. Our goal is to ensure that children experiencing the trauma of homelessness can celebrate their birthday joyfully, surrounded by family, friends and others who care.

- ♦ We will be collecting a variety of items to make a full birthday party including cake items, table supplies, and decorations.
- ♦ We will also need volunteers to help wrap and assemble the boxes on **January 28 from 2:00 - 3:30 pm in O'Connell Hall.**

To sign up to donate or volunteer, go to the parish website and click the "Service Opportunities" tab or contact Tzipora Stessman (781-784-2265 or tstessman@olssharon.org) for more information.

Walking with the Saints

Who doesn't love a good saint story? Join us every other week for "Walking with the Saints" - a video series where priests and religious from around the Archdiocese of Boston share about a saint they've come to know. Watch now on the EvangelizeBoston YouTube Channel ~ **[YourTube.com/EvangelizeBoston](https://www.youtube.com/EvangelizeBoston)**



Mental Health Matters: A Workshop to Empower Parents

On Weds. January 24th at 7 PM join Dr. Mookie Manalili, a Catholic psychologist from Boston College; retired psychologist and pastor, Father Jim Ronan, and mental health clinician, author, and parent Suzanne Muldoon for a Zoom panel discussion on how parents can best support and care for their children and themselves in the midst of mental health concerns. The panelists will address diagnoses, recommendations, and how faith impacts healing. The complimentary workshop is sponsored by Family Life. For questions, call Emily Elliott at 617-746-5756.



To register: <https://bit.ly/MHMtoParents>

Middle School Socials: Chaperones Needed!

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The revival of youth nights is in your hands!

Please consider
volunteering
for one or more
youth nights.



Future Dates:

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@oloss Sharon.org



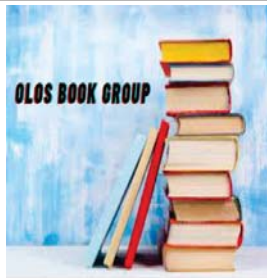
Breakfast Donations for Mainspring House

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, January 29th or before noon on Tuesday, January 30th**. Please visit the parish website to sign up.

Bagged Lunch Brigade

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 mealtimes at the shelter. All items should be labeled "Bagged Lunch Brigade" and brought to the Bullock Center by noon on Thursday, January 18th. Volunteers are also needed to assemble the lunches from 11:30am-12:30 pm on Saturday, January 20th. To help, go to the parish website, click the "Service Opportunities" link or contact Tzipora Stessman (781-784-2265 or tstessman@oloss Sharon.org) for more information.





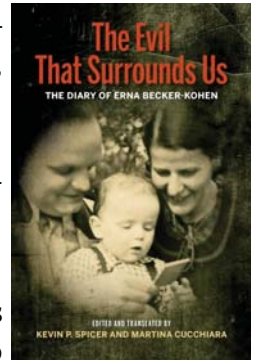
The next meeting of the OLOS Book Group is scheduled for Sunday, January 28 from 2-3 PM in the Bullock Center. We will discuss [The Evil That Surrounds Us: The Diary of Erna Becker-Kohen](#), edited and translated by Fr. Kevin P. Spicer and Martina Cucchiara (in person, with Fr. Kevin joining us as guest speaker).

ALL ARE WELCOME!

The Book Group meets one Sunday afternoon a month to discuss books that broadly deal with spiritual or religious themes.

From the publisher:

"In 1931, Gustav Becker and Erna Kohen married. He was Catholic and she was Jewish. Erna and Gustav had no idea their religious affiliations, which mattered so little to them, would define their marriage under the Nazis. As one of the more than 20,000 German Jews married to an 'Aryan' spouse, Erna was initially exempt from the most radical anti-Jewish measures. However, even after Erna willingly converted to Catholicism, the persecution, isolation, and hatred leveled against them by the Nazi regime and their Christian neighbors intensified, and she and their son Silvan were forced to flee alone into the mountains. Through intimate and insightful diary entries, Erna tells her own compelling and horrifying story and reflects on the fortunate escapes and terrible tragedies of her friends and family. The Nazis would exact steep payment for Erna's survival: her home, her family, and ultimately her faithful husband's life. *The Evil That Surrounds Us* reveals both the great evil of Nazi Germany and the powerful love and courage of her husband, friends, and strangers who risked everything to protect her."



Upcoming books on our reading list include:

February 25, 2024 - [Peace Like a River](#) by Leif Enger

March 24, 2024 - [Home Made: A Story of Grief, Groceries, Showing Up—and What We Make When We Make Dinner](#) by Liz Hauck

April 28, 2024 - [Dirtbag, Massachusetts: A Confessional](#) by Isaac Fitzgerald

May 19, 2024 - [Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality](#) by Ron Rolheiser

June 23, 2024 - [The Way of Trust and Love: A Retreat Guided by St Therese of Lisieux](#) by Fr. Jacques Philippe

The Knights of Columbus Foxboro-Sharon Council #6063 will be holding their annual Free Throw Championship on Wednesday January 17th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at the Ahern Middle School (Old Gym) in Foxboro. All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are welcome. On-site registration is available.

Email questions to Joe Rogers - Rogersfox@yahoo.com

Sharon/Foxboro Knights of Columbus COR Program

The next monthly COR Program Meeting (Cor means "heart" in Latin) will take place on Thursday January 18 at 7pm in the Murphy Room, lower basement level at St. Mary's Church in Foxboro. This program is open to all men of Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Mary's who wish to enrich their faith amidst the many challenges of living today as Catholic men. Each monthly meeting features a different faith-themed topic for discussion along with prayer, short video, fellowship, light snacks and refreshments. This month's meeting topic will focus on the important example of The Holy Family and the role of the father in Catholic family life. We are truly grateful to Fr. John for participating in last month's meeting, which focused on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and giving us men the opportunity to make our Advent Confessions. We hope to see you on the 18th!

Faith Formation Coffee Hour

***Join Us for a Conversation with
Donna Doucette
about Being a Synodal Church***

Sunday, January 21

9:45-10:45 am

in O'Connell Hall



*Donna Doucette is the recently
retired Executive Director of
Voice of the Faithful, a lay
organization of faithful Catholics*



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Hello & Welcome



We will be holding a special coffee hour on

**January 28th, 9:45 - 11:00 am
in O'Connell Hall**

to welcome all the Catholic families
who have recently arrived in Sharon under
the state's Emergency Housing Program
to Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Most families speak Spanish or French. If you are familiar with one of
these languages, please help with introductions and greetings.



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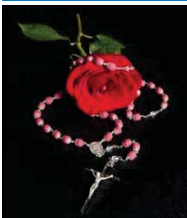
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