

*January 21, 2024*

## *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 & 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](http://www.olossharon.org)*

*Parish Email:*

*[parish@olossharon.org](mailto:parish@olossharon.org)*

*Pastor: Rev. John Chen*

## **3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

*“As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”*

*(Mk 1: 16-17)*



## **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.

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**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:**

**Rev. John Chen, Pastor**

[frjohnchensj@olossharon.org](mailto:frjohnchensj@olossharon.org)

### **Associates**

**Rev. Francis X. Clooney, S.J.**

**Rev. Kevin Spicer, C.S.C.**

**Monica LaFond**

**Director of Faith Formation**

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**Tzipora Stessman**

**Coordinator of PreK-5 Faith Formation and Service**

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**Daesik Cha, Music Director**

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**Lynn Jacobs, Office Manager**

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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 \$6,947 for the week ending

**January 14, 2024.** Thank you.

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## Weekend Readings

### Weekly Readings ~ 1099

**1st Reading:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10

**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

**Gospel:** Mark 1:14-20

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### Mass Intentions

January 26th at 9 AM

David Cook

### Funeral Mass

February 2nd at 10 AM

Arthur St Germain

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### 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, Colleen Viscarro

Deceased:

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

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## Music

### Mass Parts

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

### Gathering ~ #613

Praise, My soul, the King of Heaven

### Responsorial Psalm~#39~Psalm 25

"Teach me your ways, O Lord."

### Offertory ~ #593

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

### Communion ~ #940

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

### Recessional ~ #614

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

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## 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 AM Mass this Sunday, January 21st**. Please join the Knights in congratulating our winners!

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## **Middle School Summer Service Trip**

An informational meeting will be held February 1 from 6:00pm - 7:00pm in the Bullock Center. Parents and children are welcome to attend and ask questions. We are looking for peer ministers as well! High Schoolers are encouraged to attend!



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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# YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

**Sunday, January 21st  
7-8:30 PM in O'Connell Hall**

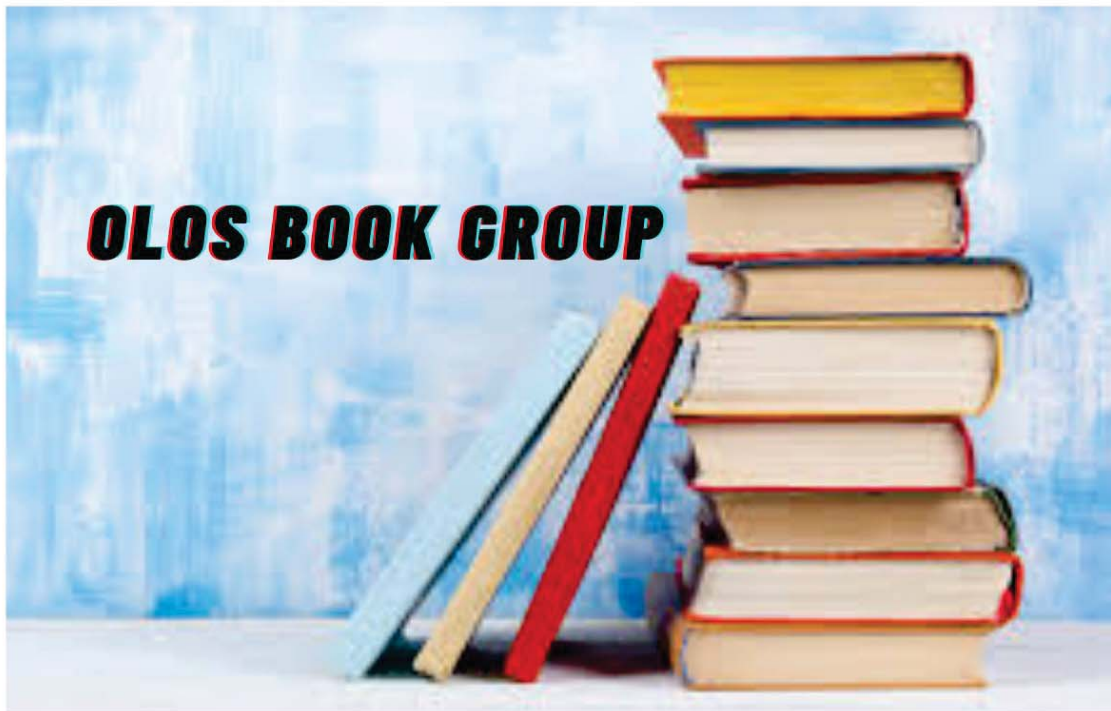
*Open to everyone in grades 9-12  
Non-OLOS friends welcome*

**Come play games and  
catch up with friends!**



January 21, 2024





***ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 28***

**the Our Lady of Sorrows Book Club is hosting  
a conversation with Fr. Kevin Spicer  
about Erna Becker-Kohen's memoir  
of life in Nazi Germany during World War II,  
*The Evil that Surrounds Us***

***ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE CONVERSATION***

**2-3:30 PM IN THE BULLOCK CENTER**

***for more information, contact Monica LaFond  
at [mlafond@olossaron.org](mailto:mlafond@olossaron.org) or 781-784-2265***

## Middle School Socials: Chaperones Needed!

**URGENT**

*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@olossharon.org](mailto:tstessman@olossharon.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.

### **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 ([olossharon.org](http://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](mailto:parish@olossharon.org). We welcome your participation!

### **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> OR use the QR code above.



# January Service Opportunity

**Our Lady of Sorrows will be collecting donations to create "Birthday in a Box" through Birthday Wishes.**



## **Birthday Wishes Mission**

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 have the opportunity to 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.**

**Sign up to donate or volunteer at [www.olossharon.org](http://www.olossharon.org)**

Any questions,  
please contact  
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For more information, contact Tzipora  
Stessman at [tstessman@olssharon.org](mailto:tstessman@olssharon.org)

# 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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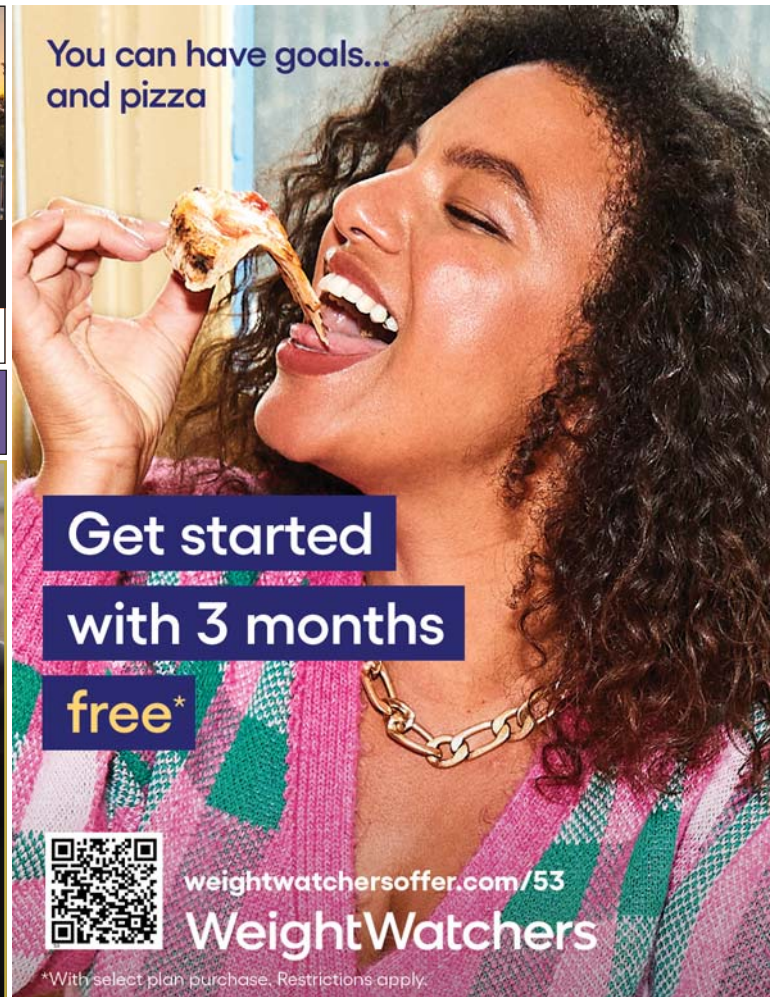
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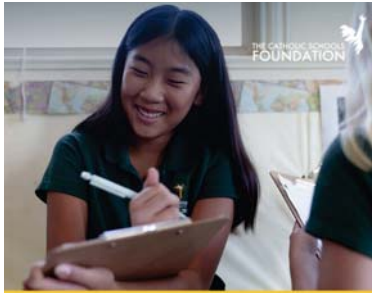
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