

*January 28, 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*

**4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday**  
in Ordinary Time



On the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

*Mark 1:21-22*

## **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**

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### **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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**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 \$7,494 for the week ending

**January 21, 2024.** Thank you.

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## Weekend Readings

### Weekly Readings ~ 1102

**1st Reading:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20

**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

**Gospel:** Mark 1:21-28

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### Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 28th at 8:454 AM

Alice McLaughlin

Sunday, January 28th at 11 AM

Brittany Poesy

Friday, February 2nd at 9 AM

Bernard Moran

### Funeral Mass

Thursday, February 1st 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.

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



*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 ~ #848**

Gather Us In

**Responsorial Psalm~#66~Psalm 95**

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.""

**Offertory ~ #681**

We Remember

**Communion ~ #931**

Come to the Banquet

**Recessional ~ #596**

Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior

## 2nd Collection Church In Latin America

**This week's second collection supports various pastoral projects throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The Collection for the Church in Latin America funds the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis.**



# 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.



Congratulations to our Confirmation students who won awards in the essay contest  
sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 6063:

Gabrielle Roy - First Place  
Ethan Scarfo - Second Place  
Owen Cullen and Olivia Roy - Third Place

The students  
wrote essays on the  
topic "How can the  
Church evangelize in  
the digital age?"  
Gabrielle's essay will  
now move to the  
district level  
competition and  
possibly beyond.  
We are very proud of  
all of our award  
winners!



4th Sunday of Ordinary Time



# 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. **Donations still needed!**
- We will also need volunteers to help wrap and assemble the boxes. **Helpers Wanted!**

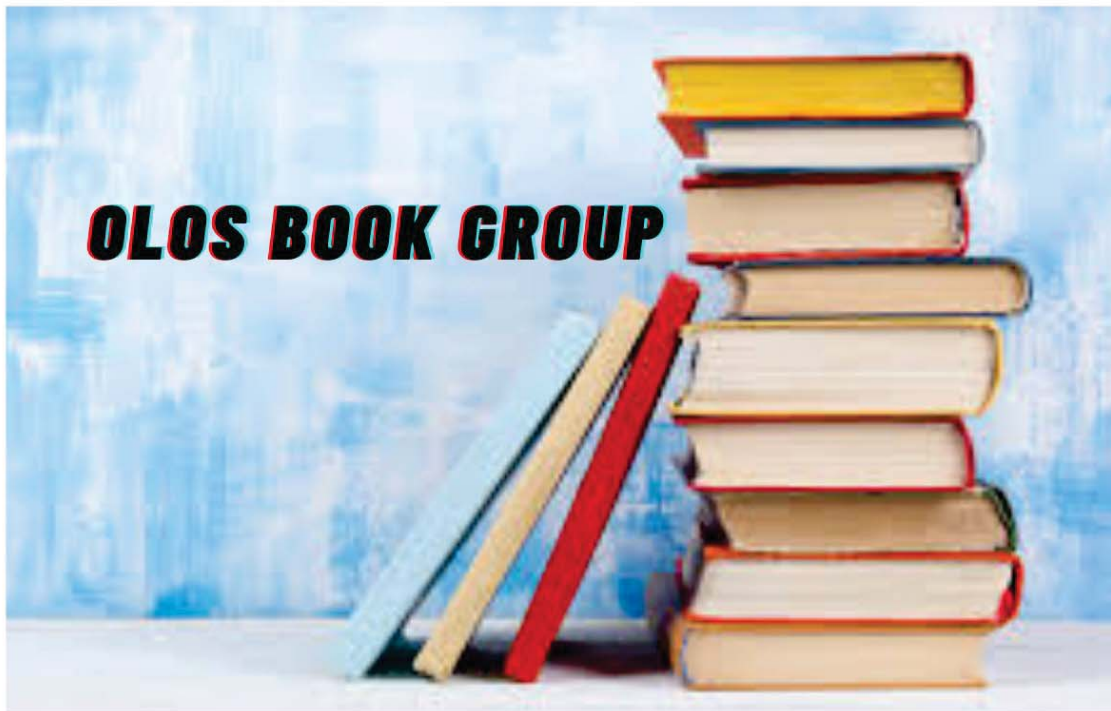
**We will be assembling the birthday boxes  
this Sunday January 28 from 2:00pm - 3:30pm  
in O'Connell Hall.**

**Any questions, please contact Tzipora Stessman at  
[tstessman@olssharon.org](mailto:tstessman@olssharon.org) or 781-784-2265**



January 28, 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@oloss Sharon.org](mailto:mlafond@oloss Sharon.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@oloss Sharon.org](mailto:tstessman@oloss Sharon.org)

Please join us for a conversation on **“Lenten Traditions in Family Life”** on Sunday, February 11, from 9:45 - 10:45am in the Cottage Street School cafeteria. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.



### 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.

### Holiday Cards for Seniors

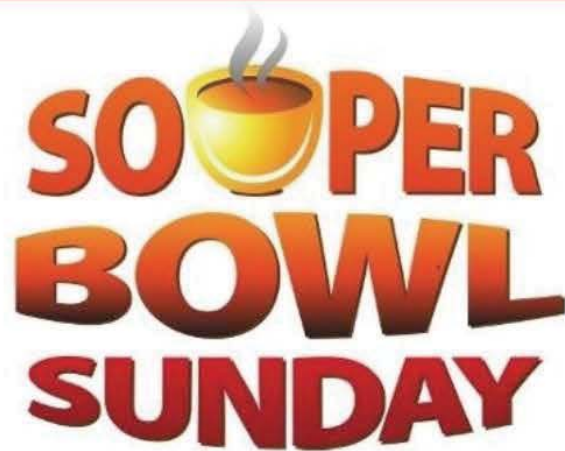
Help us let our senior neighbors know we are thinking of them! We are extending a simple cheerful message to those in our parish and surrounding communities during the Winter and Spring seasons. These cards will be colored during faith formation Sunday coffee hours in February and March. We will have 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. Please contact Tzipora Stessman (781-784-2265) for more information.

### Community Cares: Help for the Relocated Families

**There is an urgent need for volunteer drivers on Thursday, February 8 so that residents can attend a workshop about immigration law.**

**Driving shifts would happen between 9 and 10:20 am and again between 1 and 2:20 pm and would involve shuttling families from the hotel to the Unitarian Church (probably 3 round trips in the morning and again in the afternoon).**

**To volunteer, please send an email to Hana Burman at [rileyspt5@yahoo.com](mailto:rileyspt5@yahoo.com). Please state which shifts you can do and how many passengers will fit in your car. Please note, there will also be young children with car seats.**



# Soup Collection

for Ilse Marks Food Pantry in  
Stoughton serving Sharon &  
Stoughton

**Feb 10-11, 2024**

Drop **SOUP** off in the church alcove  
*OR* on the altar during the  
offertory at weekend Mass

*Thank you!*

The Christian Services Commission  
Questions? Contact Ginny Devlin  
[rnginny63@gmail.com](mailto:rnginny63@gmail.com)





### **Middle School Summer Service Trip**

An informational meeting will be held Thursday, 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! For more information, please contact Tzipora Stessman at [tstessman@olossharon.org](mailto:tstessman@olossharon.org).

**Congratulations to the children who are participating in the Sacramental Preparation Program. They took part in their First Reconciliation Service Saturday! Well done, everyone! We pray and support them as they continue their studies in preparation for First Communion.**

## **OLOS Tropical Middle School Social**

Friday, February 9, 2024  
7:00 pm - 9:00pm  
O'Connell Hall



**Middle school social nights are a safe place for young people to be with their friends and enjoy music, free pizza and snacks, games and activities.**

**Grades 6-8 invited!**

**Bring a friend, non OLOS members are welcome!**

**Let's pretend it's warm outside!**





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*Save the Dates  
for our Lenten  
Programming*

All services are at 7 p.m. unless  
otherwise noted. More  
information to come.



ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14  
Mass: 7 AM, 9 AM, and 7:30 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22  
The Older Brother  
in the Parable of the Prodigal Son  
A Lenten Talk with Joe Favazza

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29  
Catholic Relief Services Dinner (6 PM)  
and Prayer Walk (7:30 PM)

THURSDAY, MARCH 7  
Reconciliation Service

THURSDAY, MARCH 14  
Lenten Evening Prayer

THURSDAY, MARCH 21  
Synodality at the Parish  
A Lenten Talk with Fr. John Predmore



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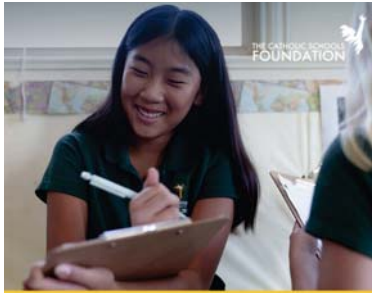
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