March 3, 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

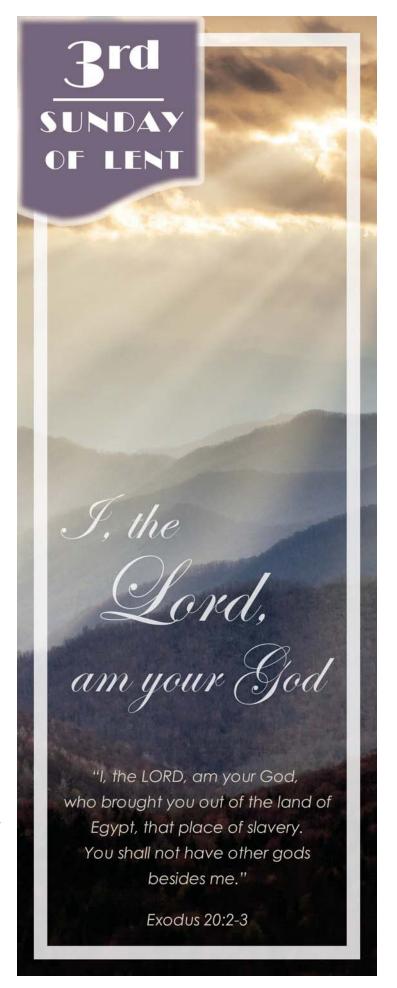
<u>Adoration</u> Friday after the 9 AM Mass Benediction at Noon

To Contact Us:

Parísh: 781-784-2265 Websíte: www.olossharon.org

Parísh Emaíl: parísh@olossharon.org

Pastor: Rev. John Chen



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: <u>www.olossharon.org</u> 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 frjohnchensj@olossharon.org

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 \$8,211 for the week ending

February 25, 2024. Thank you.

Weekend Readings ~ 1023

1st Reading: Exodus:1-17
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
Gospel: John 2:13-25

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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 2nd at 4:30 PM Joseph Lunny

Easter Flower Donations

There are envelopes in the back of the church to donate funds for the flowers to decorate the church at Easter. You can make your donation in honor or memory of a loved one. If you would like to donate by mail please include a list of the person(s) you wish to have included. All names will appear in the bulletin, website and emails on Easter weekend so the parish can pray for them. Please be sure to write names clearly so that they will appear correctly in bulletin and email. For more information please contact the parish office at 781-784-2265 or parish@olossharon.org.





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, Pamella D'Arcy, Marie D'Arcy, Joseph Swartz, Earlene Shannon, Colleen Viscarro, Michael Connelly, Patrick Leehey

Deceased:

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

Music

Mass Parts

Gospel Acclamation #343, Holy #179, Mystery #181, Amen #183, Lamb of God #185

Special Lenten Organ Prelude Series

12 Characteristic Pieces, Op 156, No 5 "Vision" by Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

Gathering ~ #724

I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 19~ #31

"Lord, you have the words of everlasting life."

Offertory

SPECIAL MUSIC

Communion ~ #836

Coming Together For Wine And For Bread

Recessional ~ **#769**Go make Of All Disciples

ALL ARE WELCOMA

Join us this Sunday, March 3 for a Faith Formation Coffee Hour

about the future of Our Lady of Sorrows

0,9:45-10:45 AM CONNELL HALL

COME TO HEAR ABOUT THE VISION FOR OLOS
SET FORTH IN OUR PARISH PLAN
AND LEARN HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart. Joel 2:12 Lenten Reconciliation Service 7 pm Thursday, March 7 Several priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation



Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Light is on for You

7-8 pm every Tuesday evening during Lent 3:30-4 pm every Saturday afternoon year round and by appointment

For more information, contact the parish office at 781-784-2265 or parish@olossharon.org

Teaching

With Fr. John Chen
and Deacon Matthew Harrington

OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH
5-6:30 pm, Sunday, March 10

At this teaching Mass, Fr. John will preside, with Deacon Matthew offering explanation and commentary at various points during the liturgy. All are welcome.

For more information, contact Monica LaFond at mlafond@olossharon.org or 781-784-2265

· JOIN US FOR THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY ·

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



FOLLOW THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS ON HIS WAY TO CALVARY.

Fridays during Lent in the church at 7:30 pm

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Bagged Lunch Brigade

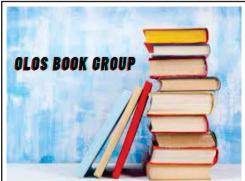
Saturday, March 16, 2024



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 meal times at the shelter. Items needed include: cases of small (8 oz) bottles of water, fruit (apples, bananas, and oranges), lunch meat, loaves of sandwich bread, and undecorated sugar cookies. All items should be labeled "Bagged Lunch Brigade" and brought to the Bullock Center by noon on Thursday, March 14. Volunteers are also needed to assemble the lunches from 11:30am-12:30 pm on Saturday, March 16.

To help, sign up at olossharon.org or contact Tzipora Stessman (781-784-2265 or tstessman@olossharon.org) for more information.



The next meeting of the OLOS Book Group is scheduled for Sunday, March 17 from 2-3 p.m. We will meet via Zoom to discuss Home Made: A Story of Grief, Groceries, Showing Up--and What We Make When We Make Dinner by Liz Hauck. The Book Group meets one Sunday afternoon a month to discuss books that broadly deal with spiritual or religious themes.

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For the Zoom link for the meeting, please contact Monica LaFond at mlafond@olossharon.org.

Upcoming books on our reading list include:

April 28, 2024 - <u>Dirtbag, Massachusetts: A Confessional</u> by Isaac Fitzgerald
May 19, 2024 - <u>Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality</u> by Ron Rolheiser
June 23, 2024 - <u>The Way of Trust and Love: A Retreat Guided by St Therese of Lisieux</u> by Fr. Jacques Philippe



CRS Rice Bowl Campaign at OLOS

This Lent, Our Lady of Sorrows is once again supporting Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl campaign. Join Catholics from across the U.S. in putting our faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Seventy-five percent of your rice bowl donation funds Catholic Relief Services' work throughout the world, while 25% of your donation stays in the Archdiocese of Boston for local efforts to relieve hunger and poverty.

To learn more about CRS, its work and the Rice Bowl campaign, <u>visit crsricebowl.org</u>. Also, be sure to join us at OLOS for a CRS Lenten meal and Prayer Walk on Thursday, February 29th. For more information about the meal and prayer walk, contact Monica LaFond at <u>mlafond@olossharon.org</u>.

There are three easy ways to donate to the CRS Rice Bowl campaign at OLOS:

- (1) Pick up a rice bowl from the baskets in the Church, O'Connell Hall, or the Bullock Center. Return your rice bowl to the baskets in the church during Holy Week.
- (2) Send a check payable to OLOS at 59 Cottage Street, Sharon, MA 02067 with "CRS Rice Bowl" in the memo line.
- (3) Donate via PayPal by scanning this QR code. Please be sure to include "CRS Rice Bowl" in the note section.



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 before Tuesday, March 26th at noon. Visit the parish website to sign up.



Make an Easter Basket

Looking for a fun Lenten service project?

OLOS and Christian Services Commission (CSC) invite you to make an **Easter Basket** for a child at Evelyn House, a temporary home for displaced families located in Stoughton and serving Sharon.

To sign up, scan the QR code with your phone camera or use this url: https://bit.ly/3uS4YY0 or call the contact people below.

Please return the basket to the side of the church (near the cross) **before March 20, 2024.**



Thank you!

Questions?

Contact Mary Ann Lahive, <u>malahive@verizon.net</u> 781-784-1394 or Michelle Davenport <u>mdavenport2121@gmail.com</u> (617) 962-5519



Interested in joining us?

Middle School Summer Service Trip Wednesday July 10 - Saturday, July 13.

"Let your life be a prayer in action, and your actions be a prayer in life." ~ Saint Francis of Assisi

This is a friendly reminder that a down payment of \$75.00 is due by February 26.

This trip is open to all middle school students. The cost is \$420. The mission will be based out of St. Elizabeth's Parish in Ludlow, MA.

For more information, contact Tzipora Stessman/tstessman@olossharon.org



FOOD BANK NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

The Sharon/Stoughton Food Pantry is in desperate need of increased food donations. Because of the storm a couple weeks ago, they did not receive their usual monthly shipment from the Greater Boston Food Pantry, leaving them with some bare shelves. Our annual Collection of soups was a huge help, but they still need any other canned goods, cereals (hot or cold) or any other foods you can contribute. Please just leave them in the usual bins at the back of the church. And God bless your generosity!

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 or email: tstessman@olossharon.org) for more information.

Easter Cards for Seminarians

As we enter Lent, OLOS is preparing to send Easter cards to the men studying to become priests at Saint John's Seminary and are looking for new and returning writers to send a card and/or note to one or more of the men. Writers of all ages are appreciated. If you are willing to help out, contact Tzipora Stessman at tstessman@olossharon.org and you will be provided with the name(s) of a seminarian in need of a card. Cards should be returned in an unsealed envelope to the Bullock Center by Sunday, March 17. Thank you for your help and support of the men who will one day serve in parishes This Lent take advantage of the early mass! Stop by on your way such as ours.



Thank you to everyone who cards to wrote seminarians for Thanksgiving. We received messages from some of the expressing how much they appreciated the words of encouragement. seminarian noted that he had the cards proudly on display in his room.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

We are collecting paper towels, plastic wrap, aluminum foil rolls (or similar items) for a faith formation craft project for Palm Sunday. Please keep your cardboard tubes and donate them to OLOS! Drop them off in the Bullock Center or in the back of the church. Thank you for your efforts! Any questions, contact Tzipora Stessman at tstessman@olossharon.org.

START YOUR DAY WITH GOD...

to work, school, or wherever else the day will take you!

Early Daily Mass

Wednesdays @ 7:00 am



We hope this time will provide additional members of the community an opportunity to attend a weekday mass.

PLEASE JOIN US



"Jesus Wept." John 11:35



Fr. Tom Nestor has served as pastor at the Collaborative Parishes of Resurrection and Saint Paul in Hingham for the past ten years, and previously served at St. Eulalia's in Winchester for 17 years. A Harvard graduate and native of West Roxbury, Fr. Nestor is known for fostering a sense of community wherever he goes.

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