May 18, 2025

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish 59 Cottage St., Sharon, MA

Mass Schedule Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 PM Sunday 7:30, 8:45 (Family Mass) and 11 AM

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday 7 AM Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9 AM

<u>Adoration</u> Friday after the 9 AM Mass Benediction at Noon HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE ASK FOR A RECEIVER

To Contact Us:

Parish: 781-784-2265 Website: www.olossharon.org TO VIEW THE LIVESTREAM SUNDAY 11 AM MASS GO TO THE PARISH WEBSITE HOME PAGE

> Parish Email: parish@olossharon.org

> Pastor: Rev. John Chen



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"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

John 13:34

Sacraments

We welcome those seeking the of the Church. For sacraments information on celebrating the sacraments, please contact the Parish Office.

<u>Baptism</u>

4th Sunday of Each Month <u>Reconciliation</u> 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.

Monica LaFond Pastoral Associate and Director of Faith Formation mlafond@olossharon.org

Tzipora Stessman Coordinator of PreK-5 Faith Formation and Service tstessman@olossharon.org

Lynn Jacobs, Office Manager ljacobs@olossharon.org

Parish Pastoral Council: Pastor

Parish Finance Council: Jim Spoto ~ Chair

WEEKEND READINGS # 1075

1st Reading

Acts 14:21-27

2nd Reading

Revelation 21:1-5a

Gospel

John 13:31-33a, 34-35

MUSIC

Gathering

Sing to the Mountains $\sim #519$

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145 "I will praise your name"

Offertory

No Greater Love ~ #701 11 am ~ Ubi Caritas

Communion

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling $\sim #641$

Sending Forth

Easter Alleluia ~ #537

Thank you for Donations

Thank you to Mark and Marilyn Hausammann who donated this year's Paschal Candle in loving memory of their son Nicholas Hausammann and to Rosemary Camps Lunney who has donated a case of perpetual candles in memory of her beloved husband, Dan.

For information about making similar donations, please contact Lynn in the parish office at 781-784-2265 or <u>ljacobs@olossharon.org</u>.



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

Sick:

Lauren Nagobabs, Michael Connelly, Silvia Dudziak, Michael Donatelle, Rosemary Madnick, Eden Glover, Renato Carlos, Jacinto Chong, Lily Lim, Aaron Michael, Fr. Frank Daly, Dan Arguimbau, Susanne Osberg, Pamela d'Arcy, Eileen Hamilton, Rick Woodward, Perry Stevens, Danny Catindig, Effie Mehdizadeh, Ruby Romero, Rick Curtis, Joe Xavier, Brian Conroy

Deceased:

Dan Lunney, Patrick Leehey, Federico Lampa, John J. Danca, Sr., Phyllis A. Gould, Owen Devlin, Julie Bemis, Jordan Carchi, Ashlin Costa, George-Levi Njuguna, Lilian Lim, Shirley Donovan, Jerry & Mary Ann Boulet, Mary G. (Lynch) Ramsbottom, Florence Bowlby, Eileen O'Shea, Charles Macalalag, Deacon Frank Tremblay, Michael Molyneux, Mike Methot, Jeanne Roulleau, Józef Gilek, Kathleen C. Payson, Alma Roche, Joseph L. Kurtzer, Sheila Connors -Grove, Margaret "Peggy" Fuchs, Braun Levi, Lynne Marie Euvrard

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 187th at 11 AM Daniel Lunney (deceased) Thursday, May 22nd at 9 AM Daniel Lunney (deceased) Sunday, May 25th at 11 AM Lynne Marie Euvrard (deceased)

JOB OPPORTUNITY: COORDINATOR OF FAITH FORMATION AND SERVICE

OLOS is in search of a new Coordinator of Faith Formation and Service. The Coordinator collaborates with the Pastor, the Pastoral Associate and Director of Faith Formation, the parish staff and the relevant parish commissions to design and implement the PreK-Middle School faith formation program and the parish's service activities. If you are interested in applying for this 30 hour/week, benefits-eligible position, see the job description at olossharon.org or contact Monica LaFond at <u>mlafond@olossharon.org</u> or 781-784 -2265.



Social Hour & Trivia Night Invitation

You are warmly invited to join us on Saturday, May 17th after the Mass in O'Connell Hall for our first annual (we hope!) Social Hour & Trivia Night Fundraiser.

We have 16 baskets (so far) for the silent auction which will begin at 3 pm in O'Connell Hall.

The Social Hour & Social begins at 5:40 pm. Bring your favorite adult beverage and an appetizer or snack to share.

The Trivia Game will begin at 7 pm, and it is not too late to form or join a team. Please contact Jack Yates at 508-468-8923 with questions or to sign-up.



5th Sunday of Easter

PARISH FINANCIAL NEWS



On average, it costs **\$9,600** per week to run the parish. There are two sources for this amount: the Grand Annual Campaign and the weekly offertory. Last week's offertory amount was \$3,979 and the six month average for electronic giving is \$3,000 per week. Thank you to all who contributed.

For those of you who are not contributing at this time but would like to begin and for those of you who are able to increase your amount, there are two easy ways to donate:

1. If you have online banking, you can set up Our Lady of Sorrows as a regular "payee." While this is not an electronic funds transfer (we still get a paper check directly from your bank), it does allow you to make regular gifts to the offertory on a weekly or a monthly basis.

2. You can also support OLOS on a regular basis by going to <u>www.weshare.com</u> and setting up an account for a regular automatic gift.

SAVE THE DATE FOR A MEMORIAL MASS AND LUNCHEON FOR DEACON MIKE IWANOWICZ ON SUNDAY, JUNE 1st

Mass at 11 AM, followed by a luncheon in O'Connell Hall

This June marks the five year anniversary of the passing of Deacon Mike Iwanowicz, who served the Our Lady of Sorrows community for nearly forty years. Please mark your calendar for a memorial Mass followed by a luncheon where we will gather with Deacon Mike's family and friends to remember Mike and his beloved wife Pat.

If you have a memory or photo of Deacon Mike to share, please contact Monica at 781-784-2265 or <u>mlafond@olossharon.org</u>.



Graduating from High School or College? We want to hear from you! We want to acknowledge and celebrate all our graduates this spring. Please email the names of parishioners who are graduating from high school or college to <u>mlafond@olossharon.org</u>. For seniors graduating from somewhere other than Sharon High, please include the name of the school and the date of graduation. For college graduates, please include the name of the school and degree awarded.

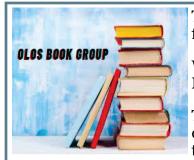
Saint Bernardine of Siena

1380-1444 | FEAST DAY --- MAY 20

This renowned Italian preacher was canonized only six years after he died. He was born near Siena and studied at the university there. He was ordained a Franciscan priest in 1404. From 1417 until his death 27 years later, he crisscrossed northern and central Italy as an itinerant preacher who drew enormous crowds by focusing on honest and penitential living and on reverence for the holy name of Jesus which led to the spread of this devotion. He also preached against gambling and materialism and turned down three requests to become a bishop.

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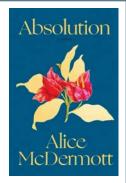




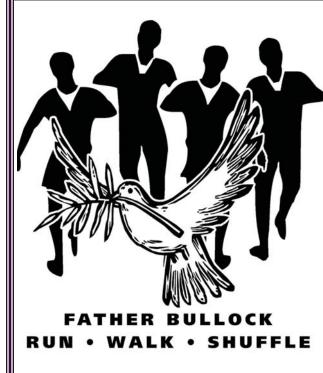
The next meeting of the OLOS Book Group is scheduled for Sunday, May 18th from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

We will meet via Zoom to discuss <u>Absolution</u> by Alice McDermott.

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



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



Please join us for the 19th Annual Father Bullock Run Walk Shuffle on Sunday, 6/1, at 5:45 pm, for a 5k run or a 2-mile walk. It starts in front of Cottage Street Elementary School and ends at OLOS. There will also be a free kids' run down Cottage St and back. Proceeds go towards the Alan Conway Memorial Scholarship, the Sharon Pluralism Network, and Facing History & Ourselves. Registration can be done online: www.fatherbullock5k.com or on the day of the race.

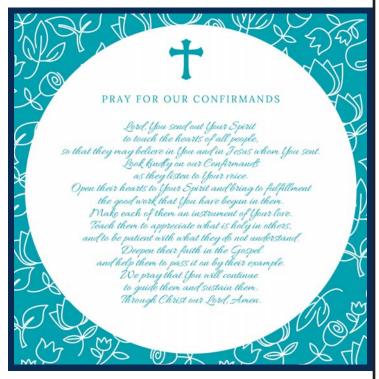
We also need volunteers! If you're interested in helping on the day of the race, please email **damsfd@comcast.net**.

Pentecost Readers Needed

Do you speak a language other than English? As part of our celebration of the feast of Pentecost, readers are needed to read a short Scripture passage aloud at the Masses at 4:30 pm on Saturday, June 7 and 10:30 am on Sunday, June 8th. To particip at e, contact Monica at mlafond@olossharon.org or 781-784-2265.



5th Sunday of Easter



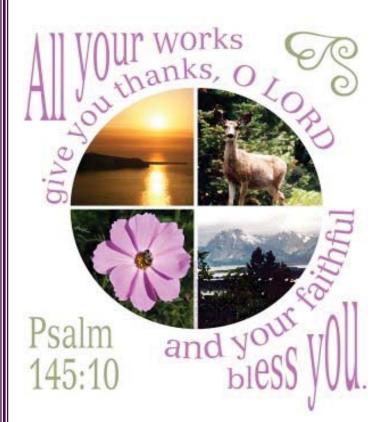
<u>Upcoming Christian Service</u> <u>Opportunities</u>

Christian Service Opportunities: Spring Cleaning Supplies Drive May 3-18 Special Olympics Sunday, May 18th Breakfast Brigade Tuesday, May 27 Lunch Brigade Saturday, June 14 Ongoing Community Service (donations bins located in the back of the church)

Ilse Marks Food Pantry Diaper Drive for My Brother's Keeper

See the announcements in this bulletin for more details about these service opportunities. Fifty young women and men are being confirmed at Our Lady of Sorrows during the month of May. Please join us in congratulating our Confirmands!

Michael Agnew, Joaquín Andrade, Lillian Bourgeois, Angela Bozzuto, Emma Bukhenik, Isabelle Bukhenik, Isaac Carpinella, Amalia Castro, Meah Cavallo, Juliana Chen, Michael Cohen, Ethan Comeau, Sean Cullen, Adam Cvecka, Grant Dolan, Aaron DuFrend, Chloe Dunn, Ava Finno, Arthur Ford, Paul Gopu, Vijay Harma, Julia Healea, Ella Jeskey, Ashlyn Kelleher, Edward ("Teddy") LaFond, Luke LoVuolo, Matteo Lozano Cucho, Connor Lydeard, Isabelle Jt Maguire, Leila Grace Martin, Tess McAuliffe, Maia Muzio, Grace Neault, Drew Nguyen, Noah Poyau, Mackenzie Rawding, Georgianna Rowe, Samantha Ricker, Josh Ronan, Maria Emilia Sanchez Verkkonen, Aaron Shaltis, Shane Silke, Cole Tammaro, Johanna Thomas, Evan Timothy, Matthew Vincent, Renee Vruho, Reagan Wray, Sophia Whitney, Nathan Woodward



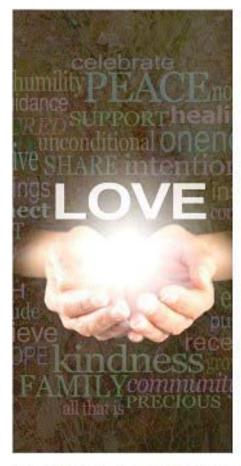


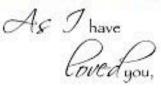
We are preparing bagged lunches and need your donations and your help! ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO HELP!

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. 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, June 12. Volunteers are also needed to assemble the lunches from 11:30am-12:30 pm on Saturday, June 14.

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

5th Sunday of Easter





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~JOHN 13:34





FAMILY LIFE:

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he local animal shelter was at a school assembly explaining to the students the various things they needed to do to take care of their pets. He explained that pets do not understand us when we tell them we love them. The only thing they understand is what we do. You must show them that you love them.

People are like that. Sometimes they do not understand us when we say we love them. We have to show them. It's all about our attitude, our conversation, our helpfulness, our willingness to listen, our ability to change and grow and to spend time together. When words don't adequately explain what we feel, or when those closest to us seem distant, we have to let our love and concern come through what we do. A gesture, a helping hand, a quiet conversation or our silent yet

supportive presence can be the most eloquent witness to the deepest treasures of our heart.

We can even show God our love. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do to me." Actions count and they mean something. Mercy, forgiveness and compassion are things we do, not ideas we debate. They only become real when we actually show mercy, when we are forgiving and when we are compassionate. Let a little love show in your life. People will get the message.

~James Gaffney.



ccording to a custom that is as old as the human race, a sign carried on the forehead is a sign of belonging-Slaves, especially, often had such a sign branded on their foreheads (or arms); it told others who their owner was. In the sacrament of baptism Jesus who suffered and died and conquered on the cross takes possession of the children whom their parents have brought to him. The children will belong to him not as slaves used to belong to their masters, but they will belong to Christ the

way lovers belong to each other.

~ Balthasav Fischer

In Word & Deed

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Instead of a bucket list, Christians should have a "Gospel List," things they need to do so they live what they believe. Some things may take time to do, but there should always be something on our list that's just waiting for some attention. Live the Beatitudes. Practice the Works of

Mercy. Pray daily, read the Scriptures, receive the sacraments. Don't wait until the last minute to try and live a lifetime of faith in a few moments. Use a big bucket! You'll find it is better filled with blessings than wishes!

~James Gaffney

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