

August 31, 2025

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

59 Cottage St., Sharon, MA

Mass Schedule

Summer Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 7:30 and 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday, Thursday
& Friday 9 AM

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To Contact Us:

Parish: 781-784-2265
Website: www.olossharon.org

Parish Email:
parish@olossharon.org
Pastor: Rev. John Chen

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
8 am to Noon
Tuesday & Friday
12:30 pm to 3:30 pm



For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,



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but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.

Luke 14:11

Sacraments

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

Baptism

4th Sunday of each month

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:45 pm or by appointment

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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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:

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Pastor

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Jim Spoto ~ Chair

WEEKEND READINGS #1157

1st Reading

Sirach 3:17-18, 20,28-29

2nd Reading

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Gospel

MUSIC

Mass Parts # 230, 231, 233, 236, 237, 238

Gathering ~ #765

The Church of Christ

Responsorial Psalm ~ 68

“God, in your goodness, you made a home for the poor.”

Offertory ~ #910

Shepherd of Souls

Communion ~#723

Shepherd of My Heart

Sending Forth ~ #736

The Kingdom of God

Gospel Verse : Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 30th at 4:30 PM

In Memory of Anne Elcock Sullivan

Wednesday, September 3rd at 9 AM

In Memory of Jennifer Boyle

Saturday, September 6th at 4:30 PM

In Memory of Daniel Sullivan

AT THE END OF
OUR LIFE,



WE SHALL ALL BE
JUDGED BY

charity

-ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS



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, Michael Donatelle, Rosemary Madnick, Eden Glover, Renato Carlos, Jacinto Chong, Lily Lim, Aaron Michael, Dan Arguimbau, Pamela d'Arcy, Eileen Hamilton, Rick Woodward, Perry Stevens, Danny Catindig, Effie Mehdizadeh, Sarah Glover, Rose Corteza, Weiss Libao, Ruby Romero, Rick Curtis, Claudette Erbe Stirewalt, Mary Tracey-Walsh, Alicia Bambrick, Sandy Baum, Jillian Walsh, Ralph Ciampa, Joseph Mason, Jean Sullivan, Denise Jacobsen, Ruben P. Velano, Homer Gotia, Lovina Malapas, Mike DeVoe, Joseph Jacobs

Deceased:

Dan Lunney, Patrick Leehey, Federico Lampa, Owen Devlin, George-Levi Njuguna, Lilian Lim, Jerry & Mary Ann Boulet, Mary G. (Lynch) Ramsbottom, Eileen O'Shea, Charles Macalalag, Mike Methot, Josef Gilek, Alexander Endaya Sanchez, Jeanne Roulleau, Kathleen C. Payson, Alma Roche, Joseph L. Kurtzer, Frances Siy Cong Bieng, Milagros Velayo Tecson, Margaret ("Peggy") Fuchs, Sheila Connors-Grove, Braun Levi, Nicholas Geragotelis, Michelle LaFond, Brunilda Delgado Padilla, Ruth Adjorlolo, Mary O'Dwyer, David Costa, Teresa Aclan Tigno, Claire M. Matthews, Doris Parasella, Susanne Osberg, Rina Bentejado, Rosita Caro Isidro, Lorenzo Sumulong, Jr., Teodora Jardio, Dr. James LaHive, Patricia Ann Zirglis Gesualdi

Upcoming Christian Service Opportunities

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Breakfast Brigade

Tuesday, September 30th

Ongoing Community Service

(donation bins located in the back of the church)

Evelyn House Towel & Washcloth Collection

September 1st-15th

Bethany House Ministries Clothes Collection

Ilse Marks Food Pantry

Diaper Drive for My Brother's Keeper

Serving Our Parish

Catechists are needed for the upcoming Faith Formation year!

See the announcements in this bulletin for more details about these service opportunities.

PARISH FINANCIAL NEWS

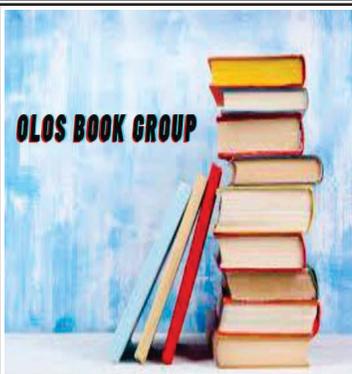


DONATE TO
OUR LADY OF SORROWS

On average, it costs **\$12,100** 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 **\$3,028** and the **six month average for electronic giving is \$4,000 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 www.weshare.com and setting up an account for a regular automatic gift.*

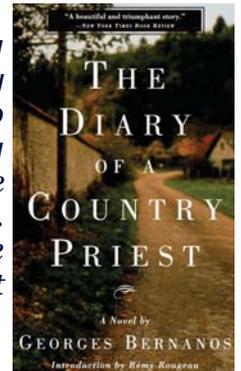


The next meeting of the OLOS Book Group is scheduled for Sunday, September 28th from 2:30-3:30 p.m. We will meet via Zoom to discuss *The Diary of a Country Priest* by Georges Bernanos.

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 mlafond@olosharon.org.

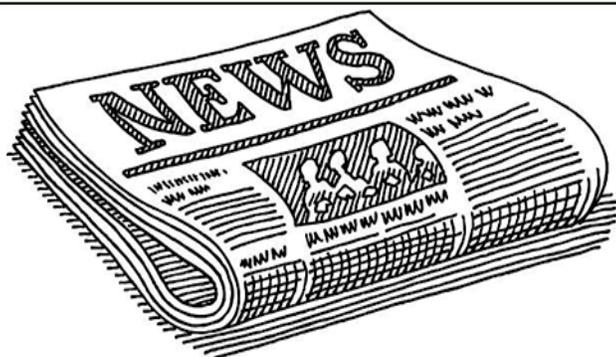
*Called the "Best Spiritual Book of the 20th Century" by USA Today, *The Diary of a Country Priest* "movingly recounts the life of a young French country priest who grows to understand his provincial parish while learning spiritual humility himself. Awarded the Grand Prix for Literature by the Academie Francaise, *The Diary of a Country Priest* was adapted into an acclaimed film by Robert Bresson. 'A book of the utmost sensitiveness and compassion...it is a work of deep, subtle and singularly encompassing art.' -- New York Times Book Review (front page)." (From the publisher)*



Our next reading selection is:

October 26, 2025 - *The Fourth Cup: Unveiling the Mystery of the Last Supper and the Cross* by Scott Hahn

We are now compiling a list of books to read during the upcoming year. Suggestions are welcome! Please email your ideas to mlafond@olosharon.org.



Old Magazines and Newspapers Needed

Do you have magazines and newspapers you no longer need? The Faith Formation classes will use them! Please leave them in the donation bin in the Bullock Center.

My Brother's Keeper

Diaper Drive

Please considering donating a pack of diapers for the youngest members in our community.

House brands/generic is fine.

Size 4, 5, and 6 are needed, but all sizes are accepted!



A donation bin is located in the back of the church

Live stream Technicians Needed!

We are looking for youth and adults (age 16 and up) to live stream the 11 am Sunday Mass as well as other special liturgies (including Holy Days and funeral Masses). Training is provided for this paid position. For more information, contact Lynn in the parish office (ljacobs@olssharon.org or 781-



CATHOLIC APPEAL ENDS



Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Appeal. Fr. John is very grateful to all of you who have contributed and for all of you who have prayed for the campaign's success. This is the last weekend we will ask you during Mass for your contribution to this year's Catholic Appeal with its goal of raising \$33,300. So far, 88 families have contributed a total of \$26,577 to the campaign. Fr. John is praying that a few more families will help us meet last year's numbers. Only 15 more families and \$6,423 would do it. Thank you and God bless you.

Ilse Marks Food Pantry

Please consider giving nonperishable food to the Ilse Marks Food Pantry. Donations are taken weekly.

Drop Off: Bins are located in the back of the church.

Thank you for your support!



Dear OLOS families,

The new PreK-Confirmation faith formation year is right around the corner! Here at Our Lady of Sorrows, the Office of Faith Formation has spent the summer months getting ready for an excellent year.

For those of you who have participated in our programs before, many elements of this year's faith formation offerings will be familiar. However, our Confirmation program is changing. Please see below for the details and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about any of our PreK-Confirmation program offerings.

Our program depends on parent volunteers, and we are in need of volunteer catechists, assistants and adult facilitators at all program levels. Training and resources are provided.

The first classes of the new faith formation year will take place on Sunday, September 28. Please register your children now using the link on the parish website (olossharon.org), and let us know if you can support your child's faith formation as a volunteer.

Blessings,

Monica LaFond, Middle School and Confirmation, mlafond@olossharon.org

Alex Polidori, PreK-Grade 5, apolidori@olossharon.org

Phone: 781-784-2265

PreK-5 Faith Formation

Classes for students in grades PreK-Grade 5 will take place in the Cottage Street Elementary School two to three Sundays a month, from 9:45-10:45 am. The first class is Sunday, September 28 at 9:45 am (with a parent orientation in the CSS cafeteria).

Middle School Faith Formation (Grades 6-7)

Classes for students in grades 6 and 7 will take place in O'Connell Hall one Sunday a month from 5-6:30 pm. The first class is Sunday, October 5 at 5 pm. Parents of registered students will receive orientation materials by email one week prior to the first class.

Preparation for Confirmation (Grades 8-12)

This year, the Confirmation class will meet in O'Connell Hall from 7-8:30 p.m. an average of two Sundays a month. In addition, there are occasional special required programs as listed on the Confirmation class calendar on the parish website (olossharon.org). An orientation for Confirmation students and their parents will be held on Sunday, September 28 from 7-8 pm in O'Connell Hall, and the first class will take place on Sunday, October 5 from 7-8:30 pm.

All students in grades 8-12 who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation are eligible to enroll in our Confirmation program.

In April 2024, Cardinal Seán O'Malley lowered the age for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Archdiocese of Boston from 15 or 16 years old (typically 10th or 11th grade) to 13 or 14 years old (8th grade). The Cardinal made this change after an extensive information-gathering and consultation process in which it was determined that 8th graders will benefit from receiving the grace of the sacrament at an earlier age, are less likely to have already moved away from a commitment to faith, have closer connections to their families, and have less to preoccupy them. Having Confirmation at an earlier age also allows the Church to explore new ways to evangelize high school students and accompany them on their journeys of discipleship.

Parishes were given three years to implement this change. Accordingly, starting with the 2024-25 faith formation year, OLOS began the process of changing its Confirmation program from its historical format (a two-year program offered to young people typically beginning their freshman year of high school) to a one-year program which will eventually take place in 8th grade for most students.

Faith Formation 2025–2026

Teachers and Facilitators Needed



“Teaching is an act of love and stewardship, nurturing the seeds of potential that God has planted within each student.” – 1 Peter 4:10

As we return to Faith Formation classes this fall, we are in need of adult teachers, facilitators, and substitutes for our PreK-Confirmation program.

PreK-Grade 5 Teachers, assistants, and substitutes are asked to serve two to three Sunday mornings a month from 9:45-10:45 am.

Middle School Facilitators assist the Middle School faith formation teacher and serve one Sunday a month from 5-6:30 pm.

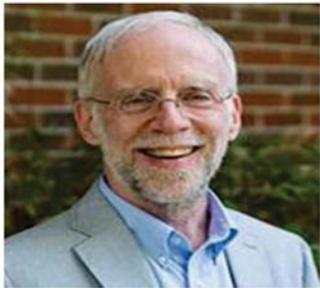
Confirmation Facilitators lead small group discussions and activities. The Confirmation class meets an average of two Sunday nights a month from 7-8:30 pm.

Catechists and Facilitators with children enrolled in our faith formation program receive a discount on their child's registration.

Substitutes and Sunday morning Hall Monitors are also needed! If you cannot commit to a class, but would be willing to substitute or serve as a Hall Monitor for the Sunday morning program, please let us know. Thank you for considering!

For more information about how you can share your talents with the youth of OLOS, please contact Alex Polidori (PreK-5) at apolidori@olossharon.org or Monica LaFond (Middle School and Confirmation) at mlafond@olossharon.org or 781-784-2265.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Begin the Conversation

with Fr. Frank Clooney and Marlene DeLeon

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
O'CONNELL HALL
9:45-10:45 AM

Join us over coffee for conversation about the Mass readings and the 11 am homily.

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Bethany House Ministries is seeking help with donations of new or gently worn men's clothing in the following sizes:



Pants ~ 34x34

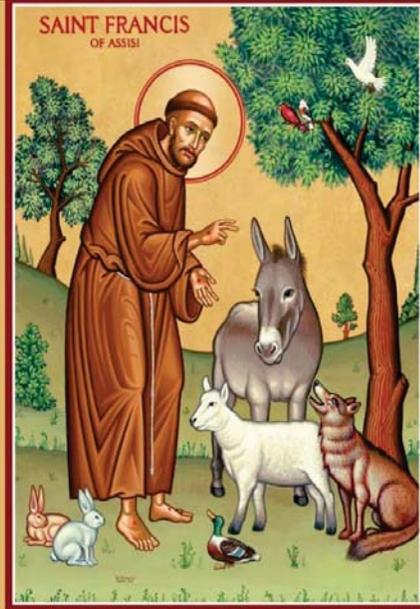


Shirts ~ Large



Shoes/sneakers ~ men's
9.5

If you are able to assist with this effort, donations may be dropped off in the labeled collection box at the rear of the church.



Pet Blessing

Celebrating the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi

Mark your calendar for a blessing of the pets in the OLOS parking lot on Saturday, October 4 at 2:30 pm to mark the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi.

All pets and their owners and friends are welcome!



ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS TAKE NOTE

Attending the Archdiocese of Boston's Safe Environment Training, Protecting God's Children (PGC), is a requirement for all volunteers age 18 and up. Volunteers need to attend only one training session.

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET TAKEN PGC, PLEASE REGISTER FOR AN UPCOMING SESSION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

As a convenience to our volunteers, we are offering PGC trainings in the Bullock Center on the following dates:
Thursday, September 25th from 6-9 PM
Saturday, October 25th from 1-4 PM
Sunday, November 9th from 2-5 PM

To register for a PGC training, go to virtusonline.org and click on "First Time Registrant"
"Begin the registration process"
Select "Boston, MA (Archdiocese)"
Sign up
Then click "Register for training" and
Select the date and time of the training you wish to attend

PROMISE TO PROTECT



PLEDGE TO HEAL

Welcome to Our Newly Baptized Children!

We gladly welcome the following children who were baptized last weekend into the family of God and into the faith community of Our Lady of Sorrows:

Ezekiel Antonio Charles
Theresa Joy Gearheart
Vera Diletta Giorgi

Please pray for them and for their families.



August 31, 2025

Mass at the Lake & Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 14th at 10:30 am

*All are welcome to join us as
we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows
with a Mass on the shores of Lake Massapoag,
near the Community Center.*

**Bring a chair or blanket and join us for a parish picnic after Mass.
OLOS will provide sandwiches, chips, and beverages.
Please bring a salad or dessert.
In case of rain, we will have Mass at the church and the picnic in
O'Connell Hall.**

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