

**October 26, 2025**

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

**Mass Schedule**

**Fall/Winter Weekend Masses:**

Saturday 4:30 PM  
Sunday 7:30, 8:45 & 11 AM

**Weekday Masses:**

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
7 & 9 AM

***HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE  
ASK FOR A RECEIVER***

**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

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday  
8 AM to Noon  
Tuesday & Friday  
12:30 to 3:30 PM



**30<sup>TH</sup>  
SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

The one who serves God willingly is  
heard; his petition reaches the heavens.  
The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds.

Sirach 35:20



## **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

## **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:**

**Rev. John Chen, Pastor**

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## **Associates**

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**Parish Pastoral Council:**

**Pastor**

**Parish Finance Council:**

**Jim Spoto ~ Chair**

## WEEKEND READINGS #1181

1st Reading : Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

2nd Reading : 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel : Luke 18:9-14

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### MUSIC

Mass Parts ~ See Worship Aid

#### Gathering ~#848

Gather Us In

#### Gloria ~ #207

Mass of Joy & Peace

#### Responsorial Psalm #98

“The Lord hears the cry of the poor.”

#### Offertory ~ #930

Taste & See

#### Communion ~ #795

Take, O Take Me As I Am

#### Sending Forth

#644—Theres’ a Wideness in God’s Mercy  
(4:30 PM & 11 AM)

#590—Christ, Be Our Light (8:45 AM)

*Gospel Verse: God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, and entrusting to us the message of salvation.*

### Holy Father & Apostolic Works

During the weekend of October 5th & 6th over \$1,560 was collected for the Holy Father & Apostolic Works appeal. This collection provides support to The Catholic University of America that educates priests and lay people for ministry and supports the Inner-City Parishes of the Archdiocese of Boston.

Thank you for your generosity!

### Christian Service Opportunities

#### **Breakfast Brigade**

Tuesday, October 28th

#### **Ongoing Community Service**

(donation 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.*



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

#### **Sick:**

Jennie Platteis, Earlene Shannon, Homer Gotia, Ruben P. Velano, Jean Sullivan, Joseph Mason, Ralph Ciampa, Alicia Bambrick, Mary Tracey-Walsh, Claudette Erbe Stirewalt, Rick Curtis, Ruby Romero, Weiss Libao, Rose Corteza, Sarah Glover, Effie Mehdizadeh, Danny Catindig, Perry Stevens, Rick Woodward, Eileen Hamilton, Pamela d’Arcy, Dan Arguimbau, Aaron Michael, Lily Lim, Jacinto Chong, Renato Carlos, Eden Glover, Rosemary Madnick, Michael Connelly, Lauren Nagobabs

#### **Deceased:**

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

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **Saturday, October 25th at 4:30 PM**

In Memory of Nina Salvatore, Maria Ornella D’Arco, Giuseppe & Ophelia Scudieri

#### **Sunday, October 26th at 7:30 AM**

In Memory of Gus Spano

#### **Sunday, October 26th at 11 AM**

In Memory of Mary Clifford

#### **Sunday, November 2nd at 7:30 Am**

In Memory of Nancy Hovsepian

#### **Saturday, November 8th at 4:30 PM**

In Memory of Barbara & Arthur Taylor

## Pastor's Note

Dear Friends,

We Catholics not only take the Bible seriously as the Word of God but also diligently engage in both communal and personal prayers, the nourishment of our spiritual well-being. Catholic spirituality, which we seldom talk about, is in fact the visible expression of our faith in daily life, integrating our personal prayers, communal worship and acts of service. It is indeed a living relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

For all who have busy lives, I have one piece of advice to share which I have taken to heart for years: when you are in church on Sunday, ask yourself: “What Would Jesus Do (WWJD)?” Jesus is the ultimate fulfilment of God’s promises throughout the Bible. Jesus prayed ceaselessly.

For instance, what is Moses’ role in the battle between the Amalekites and Israelites we heard about last Sunday (the 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle C)? God commanded Moses to lead the Israelites to the Promised Land. His faith made Moses do everything possible to win the battles to move forward. The image of Moses on the hilltop makes us think of Jesus’ crucifixion on Calvary. Moses’ lifted hands symbolize the power of intercessory prayer and unity and support of others, as well as our dependence on God. Indeed, the last seven words from the open-armed Jesus on the cross reveal the fulfilment of all. Battles in the Bible serve as a metaphor for our spiritual warfare.

Friends, an image or an action speaks louder than words. We COME to church to SEE Jesus by participating in the celebration of the Eucharist—the heavenly banquet of God here on earth. We LEAVE church TAKING what Jesus said and did with us and we go forth to DO the same: going in peace to love and serve the Lord and one another.

I cannot thank God and you enough for all that you have done for God and for our parish of Our Lady of Sorrows. Thank you for your generosity. For the first time in many years, we not only reached our goal for the Catholic Appeal, but exceeded it and received a rebate check from the Archdiocese. Thank you as well for your stewardship. Many parishioners have volunteered to be good stewards and are contributing their time, talent and treasure to the projects we have undertaken: repair of the church ramp (which is undergoing); new liturgical books (done); new vestments (pledged); new carpeting in O’Connell Hall (in process of gathering bids); a new sound system for O’Connell Hall (announcing); new signs for our church buildings (waiting); repair of the stairs in front the rectory (pending), and probably, and a new side door on the ramp side of the church (a recently discovered need). Thank you to all those who are teaching children and are involved in various ministries. Thank you for being a member of this great parish. Talk to me if you are willing to be involved.

God bless,

Fr. John

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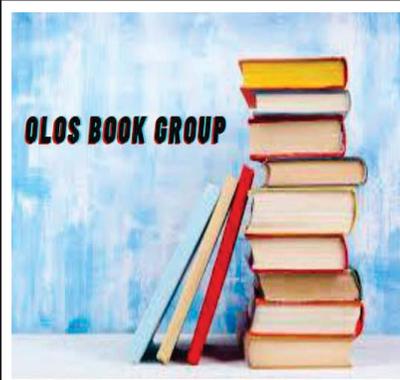
## PARISH FINANCIAL NEWS



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 **\$7,331**, inclusive of the average weekly electronic giving of \$4,000. We are pleased to report that over half of the weekly offertory is given electronically. 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:

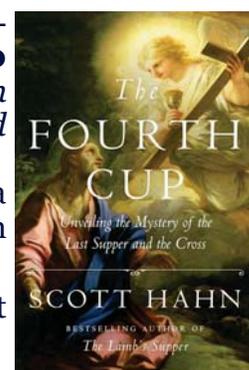
1. *If you have online banking, you can set up Our Lady of Sorrows as a regular "payee." While this is not an electronic funds transfer (we still get a paper check directly from your bank), it does allow you to make regular gifts to the offertory on a weekly or a monthly basis.*
2. *You can also support OLOS on a regular basis by going to [www.weshare.com](http://www.weshare.com) and setting up an account for a*



The next meeting of the OLOS Book Group is scheduled for **Sunday, October 26th from 2:30-3:30 p.m.** We will meet via Zoom to discuss *The Fourth Cup: Unveiling the Mystery of the Last Supper and the Cross* by Scott Hahn.

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@olossharon.org](mailto:mlafond@olossharon.org).



## Save the Date!

Please join us for a dinner in O'Connell Hall the evening of Saturday, November 8th to celebrate the 30th anniversary year of Fr. John's ordination to the priesthood. The dinner will begin immediately following the conclusion of the 4:30 pm Vigil Mass.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share. To sign up to help with set up or clean up, contact Lynn in the parish office at 781-784-2265 or [ljacobs@olossharon.org](mailto:ljacobs@olossharon.org).

## Upcoming Coffee Hours

Please join our parish commissions and faith formation parents as they host our upcoming coffee hours, 9:45 to 10:45 am in O'Connell Hall:



November 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd

December 7th, 14th and 21st

**Hello & Welcome**



OLOS' Welcome Ministry is hosting a special coffee hour on **Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** from **9:45-10:45 am** to welcome all newcomers to our parish in 2025

**All parishioners are encouraged to attend.**

*Are you new to Our Lady of Sorrows? Let us help you get to know our parish!*

*Are you a longtime community member? Come to welcome our newest parishioners and make some new friends!*





# OLOS YOUTH COMMISSION HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 26  
7-8:30pm

Games, Food, and  
More at O'Connell  
Hall

## Christian Service Opportunities:

Please consider donating *unwanted leftover Halloween candy* to include in the holiday candy gifts bags we provide for Evelyn House residents and staff during the Christmas Season.

Donations bins will be located in the Bullock Center and O'Connell Hall.



Donations will be received  
**Saturday, Nov 1 -**  
**Sunday, Nov 9**

## Seminarian Visit

On Sunday, October 19, the religious education classes enjoyed a visit from John-Vincent Barcinas, a seminarian studying for the Archdiocese of Boston at St. John's Seminary in Brighton. Vince spoke to the children in grades 3 - 5 about the Sacrament of Holy Orders, what it's like to be a seminarian, and how he learned about the program. He then spent some time visiting with the children in the Pre K - 1 classes.



Children and teachers in both groups had the opportunity to ask a variety of questions including: *Why do you wear all black?* (So that the emphasis is on God, not the person.) *Why do you want to be a priest?* (To help people.) *Who is your favorite Saint?* (He has three, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Vincent, and St. Lawrence.) The children learned that yes, since entering the seminary, Vince still plays soccer, watches movies, and plays video games and that the food at the seminary is many times better than school cafeteria food!

This year there are 49 men studying at St. John's to become diocesan priests to hopefully one day serve at parishes such as ours. We are still in need of additional parishioners to write an encouraging note or card to Vince and his classmates. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Alex Polidori at [apolidori@olossharon.org](mailto:apolidori@olossharon.org)



## Memorial Mass



## Our Lady of Sorrows' Annual Memorial Mass

Our Lady of Sorrow's Annual Memorial Mass will take place at 11 am on Sunday, November 2nd. Join us as we remember those who have died during the past year. If you would like to include the name of your loved one who has died within the past year and take part in the candle lighting during Mass, contact Lynn Jacobs in the parish office **before October 31st**. Lynn can be reached at 781-784-2265 or [ljacobs@olossharon.org](mailto:ljacobs@olossharon.org).

A special candle will be lit at the Memorial Mass for our loved ones who have gone to their rest more than a year ago. If you have a loved one who has died more than a year ago, you are invited to record your loved one's name in the Book of Remembrance kept in the alcove near the crucifix in the church.

## Letters for Seminarians



We are asking OLOS parishioners of all ages to write a letter or card of encouragement to a seminarian studying at St. John's Seminary in Brighton. We would like to recognize these men who are following the call to live out God's will in their lives by praying for them and sending a card or letter of encouragement to let them know that we are thinking about them.

**Let's support our future priests with words of encouragement, prayers, and a kind presence.**

There are currently 52 men studying for the priesthood at St. John's, many of them far from home. In order to ensure that everyone gets a card from an OLOS parishioner this Thanksgiving, please contact Alex Polidori ([apolidori@olosharon.org](mailto:apolidori@olosharon.org) or 781-784-2265).

Volunteers will be provided with the names of seminarians, a set of guidelines and some prayers you might choose to say during the month. Cards should be returned no later than November 9th.



The Foxboro-Sharon Knights of Columbus Council #6063 is sponsoring an essay contest for Confirmation students at Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Mary's in Foxboro. All OLOS Confirmation students are invited to submit an essay of 500-750 words on the topic "Out of the 267 popes that have led the Catholic Church, who are your three favorite popes and why?" Essays and entry forms are due Monday, December 1, 2025. Essays will be judged on content, grammar and style. Awards include \$150 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for third place, and the 8th and 9th grade essays will be judged separately. AI may not be used at all. For more information and the entry form, contact Monica LaFond at [mlafond@olosharon.org](mailto:mlafond@olosharon.org) or 781-784-2265.

## Card Crafting Fair

Join the fun to make Thanksgiving cards for OLOS homebound parishioners and residents at Foremost and CareOne senior care facilities.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Sunday  
Nov 9, 2025  
9:30am-12:30pm  
O'Connell Hall  
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*Panelists include our pastor, Fr. John Chen; former OLOS pastor Fr. Frank Daly; Fr. Matthew Harrington, the parochial vicar of St. Edward's in Medfield; parishioner Ann Marie Rosa; and OLOS' pastoral associate, Monica LaFond*

*Sponsored by the OLOS Faith Formation Commission*



# Altar Server Training

Do you or your child have an interest in joining the altar serving ministry?

Come check out the training session  
November 1<sup>st</sup>, 3:00-4:00PM in the church  
followed by an ice cream party in the Bullock Center.



Parishioners of all ages that have received the Sacrament of First Eucharist are encouraged to participate!

Please contact Alex Polidori (apolidori@olossharon.org) for more information.



# Needles for God's Work

*We are forming a new ministry to  
Knit and Crochet hats, scarves,  
shawls and lapghans for our  
community members in need.*

**Do you knit and/or crochet?  
Are you willing to coach others?  
Do you want to learn to knit and crochet?**

**Interested?**

Contact Paula St.Pierre  
paulastpierre@comcast.net

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## 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:  
Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 PM  
Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 PM

To register for a PGC training, go to [virtusonline.org](http://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



## Join the OLOS Family Choir Today!

Have you and your family been looking for a way to serve the parish community together?

The OLOS Family Choir welcomes new members!

This choir is open to singers of all ages and musical abilities and offers a unique opportunity for families to lead our community in song at the 8:45 am Sunday Mass.

- The Family Choir will begin singing at the 8:45 am Mass on Sunday, 9/21 (meeting at 8:10 am in the church to practice) and
- The first Tuesday rehearsal will take place on 9/30 at 5:30 pm in the church.

For more information, contact Dr. Krishan Oberoi, Director of Music, at [music@olossharon.org](mailto:music@olossharon.org) or 781-784-2265



No experience is necessary, just a love for singing praise to God.

School age children, their parents and grandparents are all welcome to sing together!

Children 4th grade and up can participate without a parent or grandparent.

Rehearsals take place in the church on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:20 pm and during the 35 minutes immediately prior to Mass.

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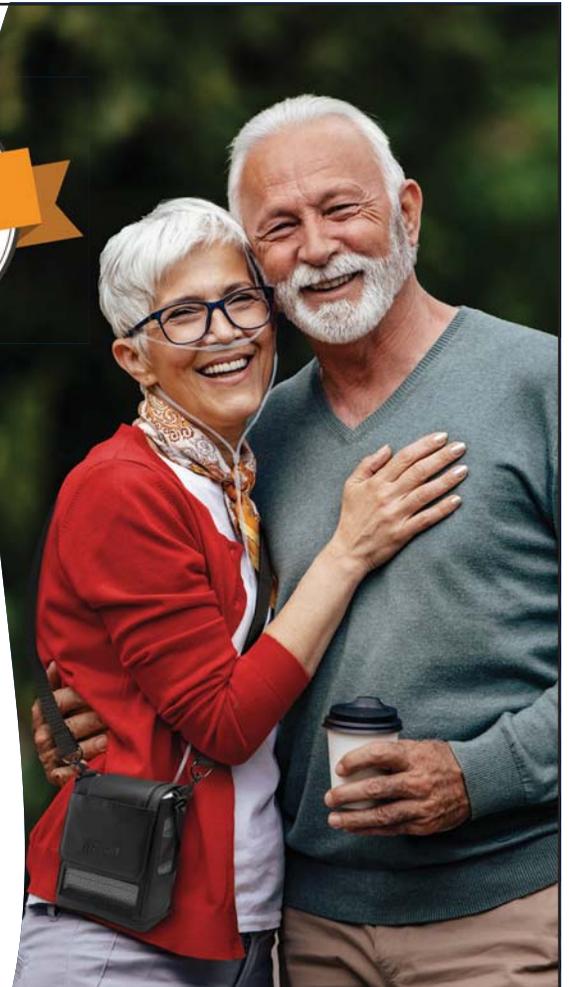


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