# July 13, 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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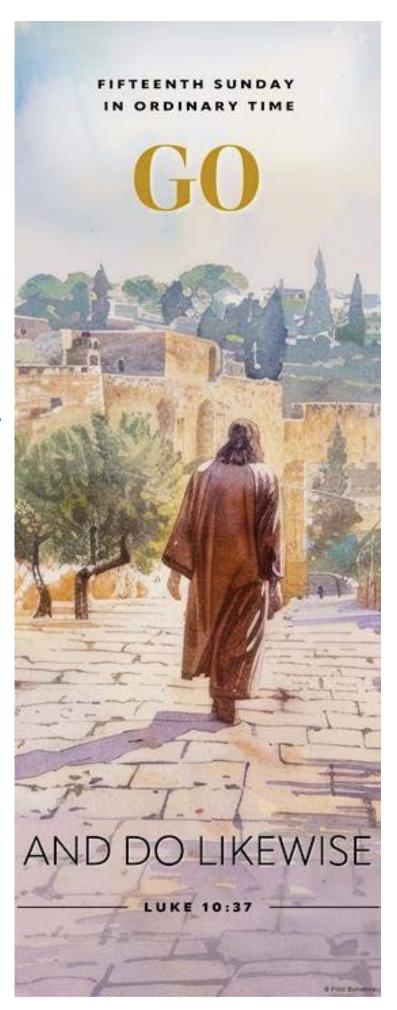
Parish: 781-784-2265 Website: www.olossharon.org

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





### **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:

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Parish Finance Council: Jim Spoto ~ Chair

### **WEEKEND READINGS #1136**

1st Reading

Deuteronomy 30:10-14 **2nd Reading** 

Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

# **MUSIC**

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

# **Gathering**

The Church's One Foundation ~ #742

# Responsorial Psalm ~34

"Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live."

# **Offertory**

The Servant Song ~ #751

### **Communion**

Ubi Caritas ∼ #969

# **Sending Forth**

In Christ There Is No East Or West ~ #832

Gospel Verse Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. 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, 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, Mike DeVoe, Claudette Erbe Stirewalt, Mary Tracey-Walsh, Lorenzo Sumulong Jr., Rina Bentejado

### Deceased:

Dan Lunney, Owen Devlin, Julie Bemis, Jordan Carchi, Ashlin Costa, George-Levi Njuguna, Lilian Lim, Shirley Donovan, Jerry & Mary Ann Boulet, Mary G. (Lynch) Ramsbottom, 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, Nicholas Geragotelis, Ruth Adjorlolo, Brunilda Delgado Padilla, Mary O'Dwyer, David Costa, Teresa Aclan Tigno, Michelle LaFond, Alberto Britto, Claire M. Matthews

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sunday, July 20th at 10:30 AM
Janet Carty (for healing)
Thursday, July 24th at 9 AM
Brinston D'Souza (deceased)





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 \$4,671 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.

# Our Lady of Sorrows on the Ignatian Way by Monica LaFond

From June 12th through the 22nd, thirteen members and friends of the Our Lady of Sorrows community traced St. Ignatius' 1522 journey from his family home in Loyola to Barcelona. Along the way, we stopped at Montserrat, the Benedictine monastery where Ignatius sheltered, and at Manresa, where Ignatius spent almost a year working in a cave on writings that would later become the *Spiritual Exercises*. Led by our Jesuit guide, Fr. Josep Lluis Iriberri, we attended Mass every day, visited historical sites associated with St. Ignatius and his companions, and learned about how a battlefield wound led to the conversion experience that transformed an impetuous young gallant and courtier named Iñigo de Loyola into St. Ignatius, the dedicated servant of God and founder of the Jesuit order.

Thanks to an air conditioned bus, clean accommodations, and delicious Spanish food, our pilgrimage was considerably more comfortable than St. Ignatius' original journey by donkey, but we still had plenty of opportunity for silent reflection (and copious sweating!) while walking under the hot Spanish sun. I like to think that as we worshipped in churches where Ignatius prayed and walked down streets that Ignatius and his companions knew well, we got some sense of what Ignatius experienced on his journey over five hundred years ago. Certainly, we all learned something about what it means to be pilgrims, striving like Ignatius to journey with God and toward God.

The most profound insight I experienced on the pilgrimage came at our very last stop, during our tour of the Basilica of the Sagrada Família in Barcelona. For ten days, I had been lugging my ridiculously big suitcase on and off our bus and in and out of the various lodgings where we stayed each night. It had long since occurred to me that I had egregiously overpacked for the trip, bringing outfits and books and shoes (way too many shoes!) that were not only unnecessary for a walking pilgrimage, but also were actively weighing me down. Our guide, Fr. Josep, was far too diplomatic to comment on my evident overattachment to worldly possessions, but when he described how the pilgrim Iñigo prepared to dedicate himself to God alone by shedding his nobleman's clothing and his soldier's sword, I could not fail to notice that I had prepared for my pilgrimage in exactly the opposite fashion.

Still, it wasn't until we were wrapping up our trip with the visit to Sagrada Família that I finally got it. The central doors of the as-yet-unfinished Glory façade of this magnificent church are inscribed with the Lord's Prayer in Catalan and the phrase "Give us this day our daily bread" over and over again, in fifty different languages. As I stood before those massive, gorgeous doors, I realized that in the prayer Jesus taught his disciples, Jesus models for us what it means to be a pilgrim. In the Lord's Prayer, we don't ask God for what we might need next week or even tomorrow. Instead, when we pray as Jesus taught, we ask God only for what we need to sustain us today, trusting God to provide what we need. Ignatius understood this even at the beginning of his journey, when he gave up the comforts and security of his family home and the trappings of his noble status and took to the road, not knowing at the beginning of each day where he would find food and shelter for the night, but trusting that God would provide.

I'm sure that my fellow pilgrims are also thinking about what they learned during our time on the Ignatian Camino and what insights they hope to carry with them as we all move forward on our individual paths. For myself, I hope and pray that I will always remember those awe-inspiring doors at Sagrada Família and that moment standing before them where I felt and appreciated on a visceral level the beautiful freedom that comes with following the example of Jesus who trusts His Father completely. In doing so, I hope and pray for God's grace to let go of the unnecessary things I so often carry with me— not only the big suitcase full of books and shoes but also my worries and my plans for the future and everything else that weighs me down as I make my way through life. In that way, I hope to be a pilgrim like St. Ignatius, walking through life with God and toward God.

### SEE PICTURES ON NEXT PAGE

# **OLOS' Ignatian Camino** Scrapbook



Our pilgrimage began at Ignatius' family home in Loyola



The doors of Sagrada Familia



The food was delicious, and the company even better!



Our guide Fr. Josep giving the keys to the Loyola family castle to a delighted Fr. John!



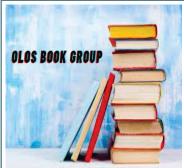
This one is for Fr. Clooney: OLOS parishioners posing for a photo on the ramparts of St. Francis Xavier's family castle. That's a mural of St. Francis Xavier in the distance!



St. Ignatius' route from Loyola to Montserrat and Manresa



Morning hike in Montserrat



The next meeting of the OLOS Book Group is scheduled for Sunday, July 27th from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

We will meet via Zoom to discuss *Rumi's Little Book of Life: The Garden of the Soul, the Heart, and the Spirit* by Rumi (translated by Maryam Mafi and Azima Melita Kolin).

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>.



# Fr. John's Summer Schedule

From Thursday, June 12th through Thursday, July 24th, Fr. John will be away from Our Lady of Sorrows on a pilgrimage with OLOS parishioners along the Ignatian Way in Spain and on a visit to China to see his family.

While Fr. John is traveling, Fr. Clooney, Fr. Spicer, and members of Fr. Spicer's Holy Cross community will cover OLOS' liturgical and sacramental needs. Should you require the assistance of a priest during this time, please contact Lynn at 781-784-2265 or ljacobs@olossharon.org.

Please note that, in Fr. John's absence, Friday Adoration will not take place. Adoration will resume on Friday, July 25th from 9:30 am to 12 pm.

As part of Our Lady of Sorrows' continuing commitment to welcoming the stranger in our midst, the Catholic Social Teaching team has placed red cards in the bookshelf behind the last pews, near the glass doors leading into the church. In several different languages, these cards provide information about the constitutional rights of all people on American soil, regardless of immigration status. Please feel free to take some cards for yourself or to give to others.

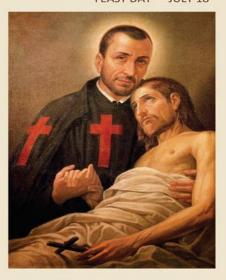
# Saint Camillus de Lellis

his tall Italian was prone to aggression and gambling in his youth. The son of an army officer, he served for three years as a Venetian soldier. During one military engagement, he received a leg wound that would continue to plague him. At age 24, his regiment disbanded, and he gambled away all his property. Destitute, he found work as a hospital servant in Rome to pay for treatment of his ulcerated leg, but he was dismissed for quarrelsomeness. This brought him to become a laborer at the Manfredonia Capuchin monastery, where he experienced a pivotal religious conversion.

In 1575, he tried to join the Capuchins but was denied admission because his leg wound had returned. He went to the hospital in Rome for treatment, and while there, decided to devote his life to caring for the sick. He took a hospital job where he oversaw administration and introduced reforms to patient treatment. This time, he became known for his piety and prudence.

On the advice of friends and his spiritual director, St. Philip Neri, he decided to become a priest. Camillus was ordained in 1584, at age 34, and founded the Order of the Servants of the Sick, more generally known as the Camillians. The order is visibly distinguished by the large red cross they wear. He was canonized in 1746, the "founder of a new school of charity." He is a patron of the sick, of hospitals, doctors, and nurses.

1550-1614 FEAST DAY — JULY 18



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

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



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# Ilse Marks Food Pantry

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

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Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) New England is interviewing applicants now for fall openings. IVC Service Corps Members combine direct service opportunities at local non-profits serving those in need in our communities with monthly spiritual reflection in the Jesuit tradition. Volunteers, 50 years of age and better, serve one or two full days/week from September through June. For more information and an application, contact IVC New England Director Dave Hinche **New England** dhinchen@ivcusa.org. Check out our website at www.ivcusa.org/newengland.



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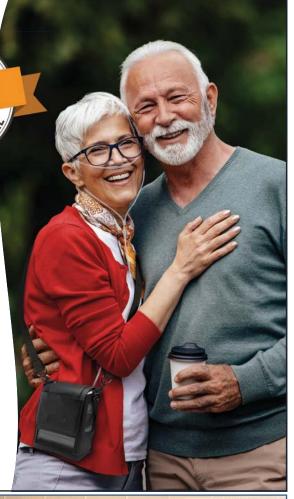
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