

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

59 Cottage St., Sharon, MA

December 1, 2019

Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses:

Saturday at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 7:30, 8:45 & 11 AM

Week Days:

**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
at 9:00 AM**

To Contact Us:

Parish: 781-784-2265

Website: www.olossharon.org

Parish Email:

parish@olossharon.org

Pastor:

Rev. Francis J. Daly

Administrator:

Rev. George "Jerry" Hogan



Today's Readings are on : 993

Scripture for the week of December 1, 2019

Sunday, December 1st

Is 2:1-5 / Rom 13:11-14 / Mt 24:37-44

Monday, December 2nd

Is 4:2-6 / Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 3rd

Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 4th

Is 25:6-10a / Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 5th

Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 6th

Is 29:17-24 / Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 7th

Is 30:19-21, 23-26 / Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 8th

Is 11:1-10 / Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12

Music

Mass Parts: #320, #333, #358, #359, #360, #389

Gathering

#421 ~ Savior Of The Nations, Come

Responsorial Psalm 122

"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord."

Gifts

Special Music ~ "Wachet Auf" by J.S.Bach

Communion

#929 ~ Joyous Cup

Sending Forth

#423 ~ Awake! Awake, And Greet The New
Morn

2019 Advent Schedule

December 5th

Evening Prayer ~ 7:30 PM

December 12th

Penance Service ~ 7:30 PM

December 19th

Evening Prayer ~ 7:30 PM

Mass Intentions

December 1st at 7:30 AM

Richard Cameron

December 1st at 8:45 AM

Brandt Henderson

Pastor's Desk

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Advent is a time in the church year when we pause to take stock of the year past and think about the time ahead. It is an ideal time to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

It's no secret that this sacrament has fallen into disuse in the lives of many. When I was growing up in a Catholic family and was first ordained, frequent, even weekly confession was a regular practice for many. Often, but not always, it felt rote and more driven by a legalistic and judgmental frame of mind. To be sure, we are sinners and being clear about our faults can lead to self-understanding. Asking forgiveness is a liberating thing to do even when the one offended could be not only our neighbor but also our savior.

In my own life, I look forward to regular visits to my spiritual director to seek God's mercy and forgiveness and get direction. This wonderful sacrament helps keep the life of the spirit fresh and lively; it renews the relationship so that I can be fully with you in prayer and lead worship in deep union with you and the Risen Christ.

It is not uncommon to see people leaving confession with a look of relief and even peace because they know that they have experienced unconditional mercy and friendship and a newness of life is possible. There is here not only a natural human reaction but since grace builds on nature, there is God's grace as well, a full sharing in his life. The human spirit is renewed but more than that it is enlivened by the grace of God, encouraged to never tire of new beginnings.

On Thursday evening, December 12 at 7:30 pm here at OLOS we will offer a service of the sacrament of Reconciliation which will include scripture readings and prayer and an opportunity for individual confession. There will be four priests available. We encourage you to join us.

Please plan to come and see the sacrament with new eyes if you will. It is not a tribunal. It is a chance to encounter the merciful Lord and renew with the risen Christ the friendship we all began with him at baptism and will endure with his promise until we share it forever in his presence.

~Fr. Frank



Weekly Collection ~ Nov. 24, 2019

The average cost to run the parish is \$9,800 per week. Our expectation is that 70% or \$6,860 will come from the weekly offertory. Parishioners contributed \$6,430 for the week ending November 24, 2019. Thank you.

Prayers for the Sick

Fr. Frank Daly, Robert Miller, Fr. Jerry Hogan, Chuck Ashley, Christopher Neault

Prayers for the Deceased

Alissa Porcaro, Richard Lyman, Kathryn Driscoll, William Connors, Mary Fitzgerald, Carlos Aguilera, Kevin Keaney, Bunni Parilla, Patricia Spaulding, Patricia Durgin, George Russell, Larry Russell, Paul Baro, Kathleen Minerva, Michael Minerva, Michael Minerva Jr., Margaret Farretta, Jeanne Kerzner, Ralph Generazzo, Anthony Garst, Cynthia Corrado, Donna Prado, Teofilo "Teo" Salema, Brandt Henderson, Patricia Glancy, Mary Ellen Bonfiglio

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Mass Music

We will celebrate Advent Masses with *Missa Emmanuel* based on the familiar tune "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." Our Advent Responsorial Psalms composed by Jeff Ostrowski are elaborations of the beautiful and contemplative chants from the Jogues Illuminated Missal.

Christmas Adult Choir

Adults are invited and welcome to sing with the Adult Choir at the 8:30 PM special concert and the 9 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. Those who would like to sing for this Mass are asked to participate in at least three rehearsals. If you are interested, please contact the music director, Daesik Cha (dcha@olossharon.org), if you have any questions or need additional information.

Christmas Youth Choir and Ensemble

We are looking for teen singers and musicians who can join the Teen Choir and Ensemble for the celebration of the 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass. If you are interested, please contact Daesik Cha (dcha@olossharon.org or 781-784-2265). We will accommodate individual schedules.

Pageant Children's Choir

All children and young people are invited and welcome to sing in the Christmas Pageant at the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass in the church. Those who would like to sing should plan on coming to the following rehearsals:

Sunday, December 8 at 12:00 pm
Sunday, December 15 at 12:00 pm
Sunday, December 22 at 12:00 pm
Saturday, December 24 at 4 pm

Please contact Daesik Cha (dcha@olossharon.org or 781-784-2265), Claire Sullivan (cmsullivan529@aol.com), or Carla Guenette (cguenette@ucpboston.org), if you have any questions or need additional information.

From Senior Deacon Mike:

Welcome to the season of Advent! The four gospels during the Advent liturgies represent a curious chronology. It is a bit like reading a book backwards. In the first Sunday in Advent, the Gospel excerpt reminds us of the 'last' days... The second and third Sundays describe the significance of John the Baptist baptizing at the river Jordan. The fourth and last Sunday of Advent introduces the announcement of the child Jesus to be born of the woman, Mary. Be alert!

Prepare and Serve a Meal at The Table

On Saturday, December 7, high school students and adults are invited to prepare and serve a meal for approximately 100+ people at The Table at Father Bill's & Mainspring House in Brockton. We will meet as a group in the Bullock Center at 9:15 a.m. and travel together to The Table. We will return to OLOS at approximately 2:30/2:45 PM. To sign-up visit

www.olossharon.org/service-opportunities and click the sign up link where the Table opportunity is listed.



Babysitting Movie Night Fundraiser

The OLOS Youth Commission is hosting a Babysitting night for children grades Pre-K thru 5 on Saturday, December 7th from 5:30 to 8:30 PM in O'Connell Hall. Dinner is provided. We'll be showing a Christmas movie and providing other games and activities as well. Suggested donation \$15 per child (maximum \$30 per family). Please RSVP Teresa Coda by email tcoda@olossharon.org or phone by 781-784-2265.

Shopping with Social Impact!

OLOS Catholic Relief Services' Ethical Trade Fair will "open the store" in O'Connell Hall one more time before Christmas. On December 8th at Coffee Hour (8:45-10:00 AM), check out our remaining unique items from all over the world. Your purchase secures fair wages and safe working conditions for rural artisans and farmers. Please consider stopping by.

Senior Luncheon & Discussion

Join us Wednesday, December 4th from 12:30 to 2 PM for a presentation by Gwenette Ische Kangis, "What's important and what's not at this phase of my Life?" Please RSVP by Monday, December 2nd with Teresa Coda by emailing tcoda@olossharon.org or calling 781-784-2265.

Advent Evening Prayer

Advent Evening Prayer will be held on December 5th and 19th at 7:30 PM. Come together to pray, listen and find quiet during this pre-Christmas season. On December 19th the prayer will be lead by a parish women's group. Please join us.

Penance Service

There will be a Penance Service Thursday, December 12th at 7:30 PM. All are welcome. The service will include scripture readings, time for reflection and there will be 4 priest available for individual confession. See Pastor's Desk.

Christmas in the City



Volunteers age 16 and older are needed for our annual trip to Christmas in the City on Sunday, December 22. Christmas in the City is the largest Christmas party in Massachusetts, serving approximately 3,000 homeless children. As “Santa’s Helpers” for the day, we will serve food, distribute Christmas gifts and care for children at “Winter Wonderland,” an event filled with fun activities. Each volunteer is asked to bring an unwrapped Christmas gift to donate. We will carpool from OLOS, departing at 8:40 am and returning at approximately 5 pm on December 22. To sign up, please visit <https://www.olossharon.org/service-opportunities> and click on the sign up link where Christmas in the City is listed.

Volunteers Needed For Coffee Hour

We need volunteers to run the coffee hours on December 22nd and 29th. The time commitment is from 8:15 AM to approximately 11:30 AM. Take this opportunity to meet your fellow parishioners and enjoy some Holiday cheer. For more information or to sign up please contact Lynn Jacobs in the Parish Office (ljacobs@olossharon.org or 781-784-2265).

Christmas Flower & Music Memorial Donations

We are accepting memorial donations for Christmas flowers and the music program for the Christmas season. Please use the envelopes at the back of the church. Names will be published in the bulletin on Dec. 22nd and 29th. **Deadline: December 16th.** Please write names legibly so they will be accurately spelled in the bulletin.

Help DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Please join us on Tuesday, December 24th at 10 AM to decorate the inside and outside of the church for the birth of Christ! For more information please contact Lynn Jacobs at the parish office (781-784-2265 or ljacobs@olossharon.org). MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!!!!

OLOS Book Group

All are welcome to join the OLOS Book Group, which will meet from 2-3 PM on the following Sundays in the Bullock Center. Come just once or twice, or come for every gathering! Please come ready to discuss the book each month.

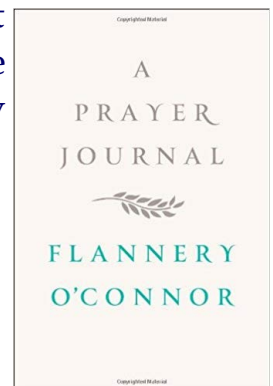
December 15: *A Prayer Journal*, Flannery O’Connor

January 19: *The Shack*, William P. Young

February 23: *Shortest Way Home*

March 22: *Do No Harm*, Henry Marsh

April 26: *An Infinity of Little Hours*, Nancy Klein Mcguire



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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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday ~ 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

The Rosary

Fridays after the 9 AM Mass

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.

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Rev. Kevin Spicer, C.S.C.

Parish Pastoral Council:

TBA

Parish Finance Council:

Jim Spoto ~ Chair

Welcome to Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. We encourage all our parishioners who worship with us to register. Our registry is a vital source of connection we use to communicate and build community. Please call the Parish office at 781-784-2265, or return this form to the Parish Office via the collection basket, mail, or in person. Thank you.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Town: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____