

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

59 Cottage St., Sharon, MA

December 15, 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

Christmas Mass Schedule

Tuesday, December 24th

5 PM in the Church & O'Connell Hall
7 PM & 9 PM

Wednesday, December 25th
7:30 AM & 10:30 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

Mass Intentions

December 15th at 7:30 AM

Imelda "Bunni" Parilla

December 15th at 8:45 AM

Kevin Keaney

December 18th at 9 AM

Antonio Layug

December 19th at 9 AM

Robert Jacobs (Sick)

Rejoice



Today's Readings are on : 997

Scripture for the week of December 15, 2019

Sunday, December 15th

Is 35:1-6a, 10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11

Monday, December 16th

Nm 24:2-7,15-17a / Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 17th

Gn 49: 2, 8-10 / Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday, December 18th

Jer 23:5-8 / Mt 1:18-25

Thursday, December 19th

Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25a / Lk 1:5-25

Friday, December 20th

Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, December 21st

Sg 2:8-14 / Lk 1:39-45

Sunday, December 22nd

Is 7:10-14 / Rom 1:1-7/ Mt 1:18-24

Music

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

Gathering

#420 ~ Creator of the Stars of Night

Responsorial Psalm 146

"Lord, cone and save us"

Gifts

#590 ~ Christ, Be Our Light

Communion

#937 ~ Now In This Banquet

Sending Forth

#409 ~ People Look East

Please Remember The Grand Annual Campaign

The Year of the Eucharist ~ April 2020 to June 2021

Friends,

A recent Pew Study entitled “What Americans Know About Religion” reported that only 31% of Catholics believe that the bread and the wine consecrated during the Mass actually become the body and blood of Jesus, and that only half of Catholics know of the Church’s teaching concerning the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

As Catholics, it is in the Eucharist that we learn our identity. At the table of the Lord, Jesus makes a gift of Himself to us because God loves us so much. Just as we discover our identity at the family table, it is in the Eucharist that we discover who we are, why we are here, and what is our mission as disciples of Christ.

At the Last Supper, Christ gave us the priesthood so He could be present everywhere in the world, not just in Jerusalem, in every time and age. Through the Eucharist, we have direct contact with the Lord at the celebration of Mass and in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. When we visit our churches at times other than the celebration of Mass, we can see the red glow of the sanctuary lamp and know that Jesus is there for us. He is always waiting silently and lovingly, ready to receive us and console us.

Recent times have been very difficult for the Church and her people. In the *Year of the Eucharist*, we all have the opportunity to renew and strengthen our Faith and our closeness to the Lord. If we center ourselves in the Real Presence of Jesus, in His friendship, then everything else will make sense. At the celebration of Mass, Jesus is there, waiting for us, inviting us to the table where He is making a gift of Himself to us so that we may have the strength to make a gift of ourselves to others. That is what human fulfillment is about. It is about love and giving of ourselves on behalf of others. That is the meaning of the Eucharist, it is love taken to the extreme. The more we understand that, the more we will want to be present to the Eucharist and the more the Eucharist will transform us.

The Eucharist is where we gather as Christ’s family, where we can witness our faith to one another and grow in our capacity to love. The Eucharist gives us the strength to carry out our mission to transform the world, to work for justice, to serve the poor, to bring healing and reconciliation. But we can’t do these things unless we have the strength that comes from the intimate contact with God’s love that is given to us in the Eucharist.

We don’t exist by accident. Our lives are a gift of God’s gratuitous love, and the Eucharist is the most profound symbol of His love for us. Jesus comes to us in humility, in littleness, so that no one need be afraid or unsure of His acceptance. He makes Himself present to us so that we can have the strength we need to live our mission in the Church as disciples of Christ.

God created us and entered into creation in Jesus Christ so we could be close to Him, hear Him, know and love Him. The sacraments not only touch our lives, they mold our very being, and the Eucharist is the center of our sacramental life. That is why I am a Catholic. That is why I am a priest. Without the Eucharist, I would ask myself, “Is it worth it?” I know it is worth it, because Christ really is present in the Eucharist. May God bless you all abundantly with this assurance that Jesus will be with us always, even to the end of time. That is Jesus’ promise and He keeps that promise in the gift of the Eucharist.

Sean Cardinal O’Malley, OFM Cap., Archbishop of Boston



Weekly Collection ~ Dec. 8, 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 \$7,245 for the week ending December 8, 2019. Thank you.

Prayers for the Sick

Fr. Frank Daly, Robert Miller, Chuck Ashley, Christopher Neault, Robert Jacobs, Sarah Glover, Albert Gerald Barro Jr

Prayers for the Deceased

Alissa Porcaro, Richard Lyman, Kathryn Driscoll, William Connors, Mary Fitzgerald, Carlos Aguilera, Kevin Keaney, Bunni Parilla, Robert Parilla, Robert Parilla Jr., 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,

Thank You Fr. Jerry

Please join us this Sunday, December 15th at the coffee hour to Thank Father Jerry for helping us during Fr. Frank's recovery and to hear about his Circus Ministry.

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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:

On the Third Sunday of Advent, we continue our preparation for the coming of our savior.

As John the Baptist reminds us of repentance, we hear in the 2nd reading today from the letter of James a similar theme.

"...You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord..."

**Fr. Jerry will be available for Confession
in the Church on the following days and times:**

Monday, December 16th from 5 to 6 PM

Tuesday, December 17th from 6 to 7 PM

Wednesday, December 18th from 9:30 to 10:30 AM

Friday, December 20th from 5 to 6 PM

Saturday, December 21st from 10 AM to Noon

Advent Evening Prayer

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

The Giving Tree

Gift cards from last week's giving tree tags are due this weekend. All gift cards should be placed in the box under the tree. If you forgot your gift this weekend, please drop it off in the parish office by Tuesday, December 17th. Gift cards support the Salmeron family of 6. Their ages range from 30 years of age to 3. Thank you for your support!

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.

Youth Commission Christmas Party

Mon., Dec. 16th, 7-8:30 PM in O'Connell Hall

Bring a "Secret Grinch" gift (a goofy gift that costs no more than \$5) for a silly swap and a bag of candy to share for a cookie decorating contest. All high school students are invited to this festive and fun event! Contact Teresa Coda (tcoda@olossharon.org) if you have any questions!

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 For Christmas

Please join us on **Tuesday, December 24th** at 9 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!!!!**

Caroling at Wingate

Please join our Music Director, Daesik Cha on Sunday, December 29th at 3 PM to bring some Holiday Cheer to the residents at Wingate. Please contact Daesik at dcha@olossharon.org or at 781-784-2265 if you are able to attend.

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*, Pete Buttigieg

March 22: *Do No Harm*, Henry Marsh

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

OLOS Youth Ministry Alumni Reunion

All college-aged students home for winter break are invited to a Youth Ministry Alumni Breakfast on Thursday, January 2nd at 10:30 a.m. in the Bullock Center. Come catch up with old friends and let us know how you're doing over bagels and coffee. Spread the word! Contact Teresa Coda (tcoda@olossharon.org) if you have any questions!

Bagged Lunch Brigade ~ DATE CHANGE

Please note that the Bagged Lunch Brigade planned for Sunday, December 29 is being rescheduled. The new date will be announced soon.

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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. Francis X. Clooney, S.J.

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: _____