



Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

59 Cottage St., Sharon, MA

March 31, 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

Join Us After The 8:45 AM Mass in O'Connell Hall For Coffee Hour

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday

9 AM to 4 PM

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Today's Readings are on : 1027

Scripture for the week of March 31, 2019

Sunday, March 31st

Jos 5-9a, 10-12 / 2 Cor 5:17-21 / Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Monday, April 1st

Is 65:17-21 / Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, April 2nd

Ez 47:1-9,12 / Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, April 3rd

Is 49:8-15 / Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, April 4th

Ex 32:7-14 / Jn 5:31-47

Friday, April 5th

Wis 2:1a,12-22 / Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday, April 6th

Jer 11:18-20 / Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, April 7th

Is 43:16-21 / Phil 3:8-14 / J 8:1-11

Music

Mass Parts : #169, #343, #179, #181, #183, #185

Gathering

#852 – All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Responsorial Psalm #34

“Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.”

Gifts

Special Music

Communion

#946 – Let Us Be Bread

Sending Forth

#641 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Mass Intentions

March 30th at 4:30 PM:

Helen & Sherman Drake

April 3rd at 9:00 AM:

Mary Ann Michalak

April 4th at 9:00 AM:

William G. Doherty, Jr.

April 5th at 9:00 AM:

Halina Kalinowski

PASTOR'S DESK

RECONCILIATION

Lent is, of course, a penitential time, a time to contemplate how we might improve our spiritual life and thus our life. It is a time for self-examination and consideration if what we value and how we act is consistent with the example and teaching of Christ and the faith in him that we profess.

Humiliated as He was on the cross, in this season we humbly acknowledge our sins against him and against others. Sin alienates us and we seek to reconcile ourselves as we would do in any situation with those we love.

Years ago, there was a widely viewed movie called "Love Story" starring a beautiful couple, played by Ali McGraw and Ryan O'Neill. One of the memorable lines was "Love means never having to say you're sorry." But it does mean that. Whether by word or by gesture, saying I'm sorry, asking for forgiveness opens many doors in a relationship that may have been ajar or even closed.

In the sacrament of Reconciliation, we ask for forgiveness, express our sorrow so that we might be reconciled to the Lord and the community of Faith. It is an encounter of three, penitent, priest and the merciful God who has promised to be part of this sacramental face-to-face.

The final in our five services on Thursday nights in Lent will be a Parish Reconciliation Service at 7:30 pm on Thursday evening April 11. There will be readings, a homily, a communal examination of conscience and the opportunity for private confession with any of three priests. Please plan to join us.

Related to this, on Sunday, April 7 at coffee hour, after the 8:45 AM Mass Dr. Joe Favazza, a parishioner and neighbor will present on the subject of "Forgiveness and Reconciliation." Joe who holds a Ph.D. (Religious Studies) from the Catholic University of Louvain (Leuven) in Belgium has lectured and written widely on the topic.

Please plan to join us for this presentation. It will be a worthy consideration of an appropriate Lenten topic and perhaps even preparation for the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on April 11.

REMINDER

In the pews this weekend, you will find cards requesting your response to two questions about "Disciples in Mission." "Disciples in Mission" is the Archdiocesan program for revitalizing parishes by establishing collaboratives and promoting the creation of three year pastoral plans in all parishes. Many of you participated in this latter process through a survey and focus groups this past year. Based on that input our parish planning team has submitted a preliminary draft of the vision and goals of our plan and will be continuing to work to flesh it out with particular actions.

Please respond on the cards in the pew and place the completed ones in the basket or drop them at the basket in the back on the way out. Thank you.

~Fr. Frank



Weekly Collection Mar. 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 \$6,505 for the week ending March 24, 2019. Thank you.

Thursday Evenings During Lent

April 4th at 7:30 PM ~ CRS Solidarity Prayer

Walk: A self-guided meditation using photography and written reflection.

April 11th at 7:30 PM ~ Parish Reconciliation Service

Easter Basket Service Project

Please remember to return Easter Baskets for the Evelyn House homeless shelter by the weekend of April 6-7. Baskets may be left under the Giving Tree in the alcove. For questions, please contact Mary Ann LaHive at malahive@verizon.net. Thank you from the Christian Services Commission.

Disciples In Mission

Disciples in Mission is the name for the Archdiocesan New Evangelization Program. Revitalizing parishes through fostering collaboratives and pastoral planning are its major efforts.

Here at OLOS, we have been doing that pastoral planning and have prepared a first draft of the three year pastoral plan. Many of you gave us substantial input by participating in that process through a survey and focus group.

This weekend, March 30/31, the Archdiocese will ask you to fill out a simple survey card with your views on this process. Look for the cards in the pews. Thank you.

~ Fr. Frank

From Senior Deacon Mike

In the midst of Lent, for the fourth week, we celebrate the Gospel narrative of Luke entitled 'The prodigal Son'. As a reminder of God's mercy, consider the last paragraph of the story.

He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'

Prayers for the Sick

Anita DeGallo, Francis & Gert DiLoreto, Donna Prado, Ruth & Ralph Fretts, Judy Manuel, Susan Middlebrook, Terry, Jose Rosario, Ivan Cichmichael, Nadia Darwisch, Alissa Porcaro, Claire Solari, Barbara "Bonnie" Grady, Joan Nesse, Chris Delgallo, Harry Gilmore, Cynthia, Brandt Henderson, Chris Delgallo, Carlos Aguilera, Miriam Regan, Rich Bozzuto

Prayers for the Deceased

Adrienne Newell, Ramona Rosario, Paul Baro, George Russell, Lawrence Russell, Mary Mobilia, Nancy Bal-dasarre, Judy Grenier, Florence Shulenburg, Elaine Jaillet, Sean McCann, Raymond Jaillet, Consuela Brossard, Gertrude Sullivan, Michael Minerva, Michael Minerva Jr., Robert Parilla, Robert Parilla Jr., Marty Johnson, Mary Ellen Bonfiglio, Leonard Donovan, Kathleen Condon, Kathleen Minerva, Kathleen Earley, Jody Thomas, Paul Salemi, Frank Cuneo, Paul Nascenzi, Joan Tate, Haydee Hurtarte

Easter Flowers

There are envelopes in the back of the church to donate funds for the flowers to decorate the church at Easter. You can make your donation in honor or memory of a loved one. Their name(s) will appear in the bulletin on Easter weekend. Please be sure to write names clearly so that they will appear correctly in the bulletin. **Deadline is April 15th**

Spring Cleaning of the Church & O'Connell Hall



Saturday, April 6th from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Volunteers needed.

Lunch will be provided.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OLOS

Pray for Our High School Confirmation Candidates

Next Sunday, April 7th, OLOS's second-year Confirmation Candidates are on their second Confirmation retreat at Glastonbury Abbey. Please keep the candidates in your prayers as they embark on a day of prayer, reflection, and community building as preparation for their upcoming sacrament.

Please also keep our parish's Peer Ministers—twenty high school juniors and seniors who have served the Confirmation program and will help lead the retreat—in your prayers. We are grateful for the leadership and dedication of this talented and faithful group of teens.

Prepare and Serve a Meal at The Table:

On Saturday, April 6th, 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 2:30/2:45p.m. To sign-up visit www.olossharon.org/service-opportunities and click the sign up link where the Table opportunity is listed.

Talk Saves Lives: Free Community Suicide Prevention Event

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, in conjunction with Butler Hospital in Providence, is conducting a FREE suicide prevention education event for members of the community. Discussion will include common risk factors, warning signs, and what we can do to keep our loved ones safe. Please join us to learn how as a community we can fight this leading cause of death.

Thursday, April 11, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Ray Hall Conference Center, Butler Hospital Campus
345 Blackstone Boulevard, Providence, RI 02906

For more information, contact Diane Block, PhD, OT at (401) 455-6398 or dblock@butler.org.

Coffee Hour Presentation on April 7th ~ Dr. Joe Favazza on Reconciliation

Join us after the 8:45 AM Mass in O'Connell Hall.

At the heart of our Catholic tradition are the experiences of forgiveness and reconciliation. But these terms are not interchangeable. This presentation will explore the essential moments in the dual process of forgiveness and reconciliation. We will use a short, first person account of how one man learned to forgive to guide us as we explore the great challenge of Matthew 18:21-22: "Then Peter, approaching, asked Jesus, 'Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.'

Dr. Joseph Favazza moved to Sharon in July, 2005, and is the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Stonehill College. Joe holds a Ph.D. (Religious Studies) from the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium. He has published and presented widely on issues related to forgiveness and reconciliation.

OLOS Festival Children's Choir and Ensemble

The OLOS Festival Children's Choir will be back for Palm Sunday (4/14) and Easter (4/21) 8:45 Masses. This year, the OLOS Festival Ensemble will join us in the great Easter celebration. Children of all ages are welcome. If you want to sing in the children's choir, please come to these rehearsals:

April 3 (Wed) at 3:30 PM

April 7 (Sun) at 12 PM

April 13 (Sat) at 5:30 PM

If you are interested in playing in the festival ensemble, please contact **Elizabeth Catalano** (ecatalanomusic@gmail.com), or our music director **Daesik Cha** (dcha@olossharon.org).

Mark Your Calendars

Decorate the Church for Easter Vigil and Sunday Mass

Saturday, April 20th from 10 AM to 12PM.
Volunteers needed. Coffee and goodies provided.

Annual Bullock Lecture

Saturday, April 27th after the 4:30PM Mass (Rev. Frank Clooney, SJ will be the guest speaker)

Book Group

All are welcome to join the OLOS Book Group, which meets from 2-3:00 PM in the Bullock Center on the following Sundays. Please come ready to discuss the book each month.

April 28, 2019:

The World will be Saved by Beauty, Kate Hennessy

CRS Rice Bowls - Stories of Hope along Our Lenten Journey

How CRS Works:

CRS uses a holistic approach called integral human development to help people reach their full potential in an atmosphere of peace, social justice and human dignity. This long-term, dynamic process facilitates collaboration across civil society and the public and private sectors. CRS engages people at every level—individual, family, community, regional, national and international—to promote transformative and sustainable change.

Stories of Hope: Waisa and Kumba in Sierra Leone

When Waisa was young, no one thought girls should receive an education. Plus, there was work to do at her family's farm. Now, things have changed in Sinkunia, a town in the north of Sierra Leone. Waisa knows the importance of education—especially for girls. "If there's education, Sierra Leone will develop," she says. "Our students will make sure of it."

That's why Waisa insists that her 12-year-old granddaughter, Kumba, attends the nearby CRS-sponsored school. Kumba wants to be a nurse. A nurse, Kumba says, helps cure the sick, and if there were more nurses in Sinkunia, those who get sick wouldn't have to leave the town to get healthcare.

Waisa works hard to support her family. With no shade from the hot sun, Waisa cares for the family's garden, watering eggplants, tomatoes, onions and more to be harvested and sold through the streets of Sinkunia. Kumba helps her every day after school. "I'm happy if I can support my daughters and granddaughters, even through university," Waisa says. With a smile, she adds, "I know that educated girls help their parents and their communities."

Opportunity for you:

Prepare the meal Ground Nut Stew found in the Rice Bowls calendar and read more about Waisa and her granddaughter, Kumba, at <https://www.csricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-4>

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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 O'Connell Hall .
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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Web: www.olossharon.org

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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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John Glancy ~ Co-Chair

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: _____