

OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH

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Welcome!

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish welcomes you. Thank you for worshipping in our parish. If you are new here, please introduce yourself to any of the staff. We encourage you to register with us in the parish by calling the rectory. Our registry is a vital source of information we use to communicate and build community. We welcome and greatly appreciate your presence at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish.

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday • 4:30 pm Sunday • 7:30 & 10:30 am
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday • 9:00 am
Thursday Liturgy of the Word and
Distribution of the Eucharist • 9:00 am
Holy Days as announced.

Sacraments

We welcome those seeking the sacraments of the Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered Saturday from 3:45 pm to 4:15 pm, Wednesdays during Lent at 6:30 pm or by calling the rectory for an appointment. For information on celebrating the other sacraments, please contact the rectory.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday • 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. • The first Monday of the month ends with Evening Prayer and Benediction. All other Mondays end with a simple Reposition.

The Rosary

Friday • 10:00 am

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 rectory or send us an email. We want to hear from you.

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 rear 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.

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Scott A. Euvrard, Pastor

Rev. Mr. Michael Iwanowicz, Senior Deacon

Fabiola Aguilera, Volunteer & Social Coordinator

Jacqueline Baldino, Director of Faith Formation

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Parish Councils Chairpeople

Parish Pastoral Council: Rev. Scott A. Euvrard

Parish Finance Council: Jim Spoto



"But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and

bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him." - Lk 10:33-34

Readings for the Week of July 14, 2013

Today's Readings are on Page 1115.

You will find a card in the hymnal to assist you with the revised Mass changes. Other parts of the order of Mass can be found at #287 in the *RitualSong* (red) hymnal.

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37
Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Mt 10:34--11:1
Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Ex 11:10--12:14/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21
Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Intentions

Saturday 9:00 Ann Oliver

Prayers for the Deceased

Domenick Volpe, Robert Parilla

Prayers for the Sick

Elsie Barnor, Jody Thomas, Michelle Beausoleil, Maura O'Toole, Anthony Venti, Ed Walsh, Bill Kannegiser, Melina Diaz, Lorraine Thomas, Joe Mason, Maureen Irvine, Bryna Stock, Mark Kincaid, Phyllis Smalley, Ricardo Balarezo, Bob Naughton, Sue Hayna, Gonzalo Perez, Stacey Siegal, Ann Marie McGrath, Dale Van Meter, Lucille Blain Salhany, Raquel Balarezo, Jimmy Testa, Valarie Chiodo, Thelma Sirkin, Sandra Bolton-Mason, Don Friend, Bruce Smith, Mary Fitzgerald, Neil Cronin, Anne Friend, Ken Klotzbier, William Trainor, Carol Nagobads, George Brown, Atticus Venti, Noah Bartell, Pam Bailey, Dana Zadrozny, Sue Wall, Tom Cleveland, George Stevenson

Today's Music

Gathering Song: RS #707 Let All Things Now Living
Responsorial Psalm: S & S #56 Psalm 19 Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

Communion Song: S & S #157 Bread for the World
Sending Forth Song: S & S #205 This Little Light of Mine

Gospel Reflection

Today's gospel is such a familiar one and such an enduring image that the title for the hero has passed into everyday use to describe a stranger who does a good turn for another. Many countries even have what is known as a "Good Samaritan Law" that protects those who may hurt another person when they act in good faith to provide aid.

The parable is told in response to the question, "And who is my neighbor?" Anyone hearing Jesus tell the story would have recognized the familiar story structure—things happening in three with the most important element occurring on the third repetition. As three people came upon the injured man on the road, the audience would have known that the hero of the story would be the third one along. But, as Jesus often did with his parables, the pattern is suddenly disrupted. Rather than the hero being an upright, faithful Jewish person, it is none other than a Samaritan who is the one who shows mercy. Samaritans and Jews had a deep-seated mistrust and suspicion towards one another that went back generations. So strong was the ill-feeling between the two peoples that when Jesus finishes his story and asks the lawyer which man proved himself a neighbor, the lawyer cannot even say "the Samaritan"—he says "the one who took pity".

The story concludes with the instruction, "Go and do the same yourself." The commandment is to act with compassion towards others—even those you may not like. The priority of compassion over the Law is a major theme of the gospel of Luke. It is often described as the gospel of compassion. The Samaritan acts with compassion, rather than out of "patterned" behaviors and attitudes. Jesus challenges the lawyer—and us—to "Go and do the same."

Reflection/Discussion Questions for Adults

- Why was it important that Jesus used a Samaritan as the hero of the parable?
- In what ways has this parable been misunderstood or misinterpreted?
- How can familiarity with a parable like this get in the way of sound interpretation?
- Where is the question of "Who is my neighbor?" being ignored in the world today?
- Where are you challenged to show compassion?

Religious Education and Youth Ministry



Our Lady of Sorrows Summer Cookout Saturday July 27, from 5:30 to 9pm (rectory backyard)

(Rain date Sunday, July 28 at 4:30)

Come and meet families from our parish, and enjoy food with friends, old and new.

- **\$7, Children 5 and younger free**

- Please bring a side dish or a dessert that serves 8
- BYOB (bring your own beer and wine)
- Moonwalk
- Face painting, games and fun.

To register, please contact Fabiola Aguilera at faguilera@comcast.net or 781-806-5542. Let us know if you can volunteer to set-up, grill, clean-up, or serve.

Registrations received before July 23 will be entered into a drawing for a \$20 gift certificate from Crescent Ridge.



Barefoot Sunday: July 28

On Saturday, July 27, and Sunday, July 28, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish will join with houses of worship across the country for

Barefoot Sunday (& Saturday), an initiative of Soles4Souls. Come to church and take off and leave your shoes before the end of Mass to raise awareness for the individuals worldwide who do not own a single pair of

shoes. Whether or not you choose to leave church barefoot that weekend, all are welcome to bring your new or gently worn shoes to church to help put shoes on the feet on the 300 million children around the world who are barefoot. We are also seeking a financial contribution to help ship the shoes we collect. Please visit www.soles4souls.org for additional information on Soles4Souls and Barefoot Sunday.

Prayers and Best Wishes to 45 of our Parishioners

Forty-five of our parishioners will participate in 2 mission trips this summer. Thirty-three high school and college students and seven adults will join others from the Archdiocese of Boston and travel to Gulfport, MS, July 7-13 to help with on-going natural disaster relief efforts as part of

"Project Hope and Compassion", a ministry of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Lizana, MS. Five parishioners will join others in Springfield, MA, for a middle school Catholic service week entitled "Just 5 Days", July 15-19 to help people in need. We offer our prayers and best wishes to our parishioners as they willingly and lovingly go and serve others in Jesus' name. We look forward to hearing about their trips and seeing the many pictures that they will share with us when they return.

Vacation Bible School

This year, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish will partner with St. Mary Parish in East Walpole and Blessed Sacrament Parish in Walpole for Vacation Bible School (VBS). The theme is "Kingdom Rock." For those of you unfamiliar with VBS, the program is a great way for children to build community and do some super fun activities, all while learning about God.

Here are the details:

Who: Rising 1st graders – Rising 5th graders (although there is flexibility)

When: July 22 – July 26; 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Where: St. Mary Parish, 176 Washington St., East Walpole

Cost: \$45 per child, \$100 family cap (although no one will be turned away because of cost)

How do I sign Up? Registration forms can be found at the back of the church and will also be emailed to families. For more information, email Jackie at jacqueline.baldino@comcast.net.



Summer Mass Schedule Sustains the Full Community Experience

Understanding that many people in the parish take advantage of the summer months to vacation and travel, we will consolidate our Mass schedule for the months of July and August. Instead of our usual four Masses, the parish will offer three during these months. In this way everyone who participates in one of the three Masses on the temporary schedule will be able to enjoy the full community celebration of Eucharist.

Masses for the months of July and August will be at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and at 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sundays.



New Bulletin: Pilot Bulletins

After consulting with the Parish Staff, Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council, Our Lady of Sorrows Parish is taking a giant step forward to improve our bulletin's look, feel and content. We recently engaged the services of Pilot Bulletins & Pilot Printing of Braintree to undertake this task. Their signature product is their uniquely dynamic weekly parish bulletin service. Our new, full-color bulletin covers will change every week - depicting either the Gospel message of the week, images of our church or various forms of front page news.

The new bulletin, which will debut on July 21, will enable us to enhance the current method of informing parishioners about ministries and activities of interest to them and their families. Additionally, our new bulletin will better reflect the identity of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish and the faithful, who come here to worship and pray. Though you will notice an improvement to the quality of our program, please know that it is at no additional expense to the parish and may in fact be financially beneficial to the parish.

Traveling This Summer? Find a Catholic Church Anywhere in the World

If you are traveling this summer and won't be able to join us at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish each week, here's a helpful website to find a church near you. Go to www.masstimes.org and type in the zip code or country where you will be. A list of churches with their locations, contact information and Mass times will be provided. It's recommended to call the local church to confirm times. Safe travels and we look forward to seeing you at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish when you are in town.



Saint of the Week: Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, July 14

What heroic deeds cause us to remember Kateri Tekakwitha, who died at the age of 24, only seven years after she was baptized? Kateri was born in upstate New York in 1656. Her mother, a Christian Algonquin, and her father, a

Mohawk warrior, died of smallpox when Kateri was four. Kateri survived the epidemic but was left disfigured and partially blind. She grew up in the care of her uncle.

When Kateri was eleven, a group of Jesuit missionaries (Called "Blackrobes" by the native peoples) visited Kateri's village. Their stories touched her deeply. At the age of 17, she took the courageous step of being baptized. Her

decision to be baptized angered her relatives. They knew of so-called Christians who had burned villages and brought deadly diseases to the Native American peoples. Kateri also chose not to marry, which was unthinkable for a young girl in her culture.

The opposition of her relatives to her choices led Kateri to flee to a Christian settlement near Montreal. There she taught young children and cared for the sick and aged. She quickly became known for her remarkable acts of penance and prayer. But soon her health began to fail. She died in 1680 at the age of 24.

Because she followed the traditional Christian virtues of prayer, fasting and works of mercy to such an extraordinary degree, it was not long before word of her life spread far and wide. Kateri was beatified, a preliminary step for sainthood, in 1980. She was the first Native American and the first American lay person to receive this honor. We honor the "Lily of the Mohawks" each year on July 14.

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LIFT Worship Night

Join LIFT Ministries for an exciting monthly worship event which includes vibrant praise and worship music, dynamic and challenging Catholic speakers and Eucharistic Adoration. Their events are free to attend and open to all ages. Be with them on Tuesday, July 16 as they welcome Jimmy Mitchell as their guest speaker. The evening runs from 7 – 9:00 p.m. at Fontbonne Academy, 930 Brook Road, Milton, MA. Directions and a downloadable flyer, along with more information about LIFT, can be found on their website at www.liftedhigher.com. Come join in worship with hundreds of Catholics from around the Boston area. The event will also be live streamed at www.ustream.tv/channel/lift-worship-night!



Year of Faith
—2012-2013—
Archdiocese of Boston

Year of Faith: Growing in Knowledge

A beautiful and inspirational way to grow in knowledge of our Catholic faith during the Year of Faith is to view Fr. Robert Barron's *Catholicism* series. Fr. Barron gently and convincingly presents the Faith through the use of artwork, music, Catholic landmarks and moving narration. You can learn more about the 10-part series and purchase the Blu-Ray or DVDs at www.wordonfire.org. For the latest information on the Year of Faith visit www.yearoffaithboston.org.



Mass at the Lake, September 15, Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

Building on the success of last fall's first-ever Mass at Lake Massapoag, the Parish Staff is planning the second annual "Mass at the Lake" for Sunday, September 15 - the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows - at 10:30 a.m. If you would like to assist in planning the Mass at the Lake, please contact Fabiola Aguilera (faguilera@comcast.net or 781-806-5542).

Planning for a New Parish Pictorial Directory

Seven years ago, we published a parish pictorial directory as part of our centennial celebration. Since then, we have registered over 40 new families! After consulting with the Parish Pastoral Council on June 5, the Parish Staff has decided to partner with My Church Family Album (www.mychurchfamilyalbum.com) to publish a new parish pictorial directory to draw our parish family closer together, to create a tool for telling people about our ministries, and to celebrate our parish family. There is no cost to the parish and no sitting fee for you. You will receive a complimentary 8" X 10" portrait and a copy of the directory for your participation. Though you are not obligated to purchase portraits, you will have the option of ordering additional portraits. We hope everyone will participate. Our directory won't be complete without you! More information to come!

Spirituality of Stewardship

*Receiving God's Gifts gratefully;
Nurturing God's Gifts responsibly; Sharing God's
Gifts in love and justice; Returning God's Gifts generously.*

Collection – July 7

The average cost to run the parish is \$10,000 per week and our expectation is that 73% (\$7,350) will come from the weekly offertory. On July 7, the parishioners contributed 8,346.50.

Building on Last Year's Increased Offertory Campaign

Our Increased Offertory Campaign last fall was successful due to your prayerful and generous response. As a result of your response, we have been able to stabilize parish finances and fund the projects identified in the campaign – improved online presence including the launching and maintaining of a new parish web site (www.myolosparish.org) and two projects which will be undertaken soon, needed repairs to our church organ and improvements to the space outside of the main entrance of the church. Thank you.

Based on the recommendation of CCS, our Archdiocesan-funded consultant for last fall's Increased Offertory Campaign, and the recommended best practices for parish finances, the Parish Finance Council will hold an annual "Renewal of Commitments" process each fall. Though not as extensive as the Increased Offertory Campaign, this process will allow those who responded last fall to renew their commitment, others to consider an increased or regular commitment, and new parishioners who have joined the parish family since last fall to establish a regular commitment to the parish offertory. Our annual "Renewal of Commitments" will take place in October this year. Intent Forms will be mailed to all parishioners in September.



Our Lady of Sorrows Parish on Twitter

Our Lady of Sorrows parish is now on Twitter. Follow us: @OLOSParish. Tweet, tweet!

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