



# St. Joseph Church Charlton, MA

## MASSES CELEBRATED

Daily M-F 8:30 am

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00 am &  
5:00 pm

## December 27, 2015

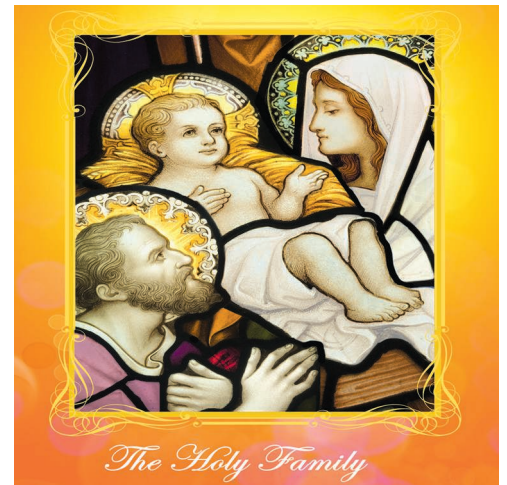
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**PASTOR:** Reverend Robert Grattaroti

**SENIOR PRIEST:** Reverend Normand Tremblay

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** Reverend Jonathan Slavinkas

**PERMANENT DEACONS:** Deacon Peter Faford & Deacon Bill Shea

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Next prep class, after 4:30 Mass.  
Pre-register for preparation.

### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please begin arrangements  
a year prior to the  
anticipated date.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:45 pm

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday & Wednesday noon-6:00 pm.  
Friday noon-8:00 pm with Vespers at 6:00  
pm and Divine Mercy Chaplet in song at  
7:00 pm [www.stjosephscharlton.com/adoration](http://www.stjosephscharlton.com/adoration)

### ROSARY

Saturdays at 3:45 pm

**PRAYER LINE:** 508-248-7141 or  
508-248-0064. You may also

indicate your intentions in the  
Prayer Book in the Narthex.

[www.stjosephscharlton.com/submit-prayer-request](http://www.stjosephscharlton.com/submit-prayer-request)

### MARIAN MOVEMENT PRAYER CENACLE

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction of  
the Blessed Sacrament takes place  
Mondays at 7:00 pm in the church.

### ST. JOSEPHS ORDER OF SECULAR FRANCISCANS

meet the  
third Wednesday of each month at  
6:30 pm in the coffee room.

[www.stjosephscharlton.com/order-franciscan-seculars](http://www.stjosephscharlton.com/order-franciscan-seculars)

### ST. JOSEPH'S FOOD PANTRY

second and fourth Wednesdays  
from 9-11 am. Donations are welcomed.  
[www.stjosephscharlton.com/food-pantry](http://www.stjosephscharlton.com/food-pantry)

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MINISTRY

508-248-7862

FIRST LIGHTS (grades k-5)

Sr. Agnes Patricia

[sisteragnespatria@yahoo.com](mailto:sisteragnespatria@yahoo.com)

EDGE PROGRAM (grades 6-8)

Diane Cetin

[diane55383@aol.com](mailto:diane55383@aol.com)

LIFE TEEN PROGRAM (grades 9-12)

Deacon Bill Shea

[bshea@dienesus.com](mailto:bshea@dienesus.com)

### BULLETIN MINISTRY

Submit materials for consideration to  
Cheryl at [cgkingston@yahoo.com](mailto:cgkingston@yahoo.com) by  
noon on Tuesdays.

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:** We are a Community of Faith, called by Jesus Christ to become His hands, His feet, His heart, reaching out in love to each other, to our families, to our neighbors, to our nation and the world.

Saturday, December 26

4:30 pm Stuart M. Tully by the Tully Family

Sunday, December 27

8:00 am Special Intention of Amy & James Whitmore

10:00 am Arthur & Delina Merchant by Claire Merchant

5:00 pm Special Intention for a brother & sister in Christ by a Friend

Tuesday, December 29

8:30 am Rita Gervasi by Maureen Clifford

Wednesday, December 30

8:30 am Ovide Cournoyer by his Family

Thursday, December 31

8:30 am Special Intention for Amanda by her Aunt

4:30 pm Michael Cruz by the Parish Family

Friday, January 1

10:00 am Gary Jennings by the Parish Family

Saturday, January 2

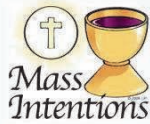
4:30 pm Bruce Hoffman by Arlene & Neil

Sunday, January 3

8:00 am Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus & their Families

10:00 am William & Louise Riopel by Claire Merchant

5:30 pm Norman Vigneault by the Montville Family



## UP AND COMING EVENTS

**CALENDARS** are available in the narthex. We are most grateful to our sponsors: Ted's Package & Variety and the UPS Store.



### MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

for those we have loved and have passed to Eternal life, takes place Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. All are welcome.

Rectory **OPEN HOUSE** next Sunday  
January 3<sup>rd</sup> following the 8:00 & 10:00 Masses. ALL WELCOME!



### ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Are you an adult in need of Confirmation or First Communion? Fr. Jonathan will be offering three sessions for preparation to receive these sacraments; January 9, 16 and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Adult Confirmation will take place at the Cathedral of St. Paul on February 7<sup>th</sup>. To sign up, please contact him at [jjslavinskas@gmail.com](mailto:jjslavinskas@gmail.com) or 508-248-7862.



Lord Jesus, I come to adore You. As the new year begins, I renew my hope in You and ask You to be the Lord of my life. Forgive my sins, my faults and failures and help me also to be forgiving. Grant that I may worthily commune with You as I receive Your precious Eucharistic food. Bless me, my friends and my enemies now and always. -AMEN

*REST IN PEACE...Evelyn Ventura, sister of Sylvia Murphy and Patricia Donohue, mother of Katie Bailen please keep them in your prayers.*



Altar Server Party January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:45 am in the Cornerstone. Please RSVP by December 31<sup>st</sup> to Jenn at 774-230-7458 or [jharwich@gmail.com](mailto:jharwich@gmail.com).

### DAY OF RENEWAL FOR MEN AND WOMEN

Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00-1:30 pm

"The Process of Conversion, a Catholic Perspective."

St. Ann Church, North Oxford MA

Call Mark Kackley at 508-463-7834 or [Markjayne05@gmail.com](mailto:Markjayne05@gmail.com)

### Do you suffer from an addiction?

**Do you need someone to confide in? Don't lose hope. Fr. Bob or Fr. Jonathan are available to talk with you in private. Please call 508-248-7862 to arrange a meeting.**

### EUCHARIST MINISTER TRAINING

Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am to noon  
Contact Deacon Bill at [bshea@dienesusa.com](mailto:bshea@dienesusa.com) or call the parish office at 508-248-7862.



### NEW CHOIR ROBES

We are using our new choir robes for the first time this Christmas season. They were made available from the proceeds of the production *Joseph's Dream* which was performed at our church Last Spring.



### New Year's Mass Schedule

4:30 pm New Year's Eve, Thursday  
10:00 am New Year's Day, Friday



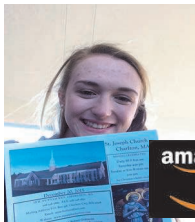


Parish Support for the weekend of December 20<sup>th</sup> was \$12,090 for Parish Offerings with \$148.00 for the Christmas offerings to date, Building Fund \$933.00 and \$202.00 for our Capital Campaign. Thank you for your continued support.

**Partner's in Charity:** Diane and Dan Cetin  
508-248-7862, Diane55382@aol.com

Partner's in Charity is a diocesan appeal that raises money to fund 29 local charities and ministries in the Diocese of Worcester. We coordinate the speakers for this appeal and track contributions. The appeal is conducted once a year in every parish in the diocese. The money collected in this appeal stays in this diocese and helps in our own communities. The funds help with religious education, charity and ministry work. You can also check out the Partners in Charity web site [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net).

Capital Campaign which originated in 2010 for the needed fire suppression system and added church debt reduction concludes this month of December. Those who have not yet fulfilled their original pledge may do so as their means allow by using the blue envelopes in offering packets indicating "Capital Campaign". To those of our community who have fulfilled their original pledge, we extend our deepest thanks. If you are moved to continue adding "extra", please put it into our Building Fund (we are looking toward completing the church hall and second floor east wing meeting rooms). You may also add it to your regular weekend offering as some have already done. Thank you for your continued support of our parish. God Bless you with every good gift.



This week's winner of the Amazon gift card is **Paige Degnan** who attends Roger Williams College. To be considered, college students should send a picture to one of Fr. Jonathan's social media pages.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

*"Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord"*

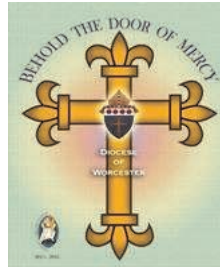
Pulpit Exchange in observance of the Annual Week of Prayer for Christian unity takes place with Fr. Bob preaching at the 10:30 am Worship Service at the Federated Church, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

**20+C+M+B+16**

**TRADITIONAL BLESSING OF HOME**



BLESSED CHALK...is used to mark the doorways. The numerals consecrate the New Year. The initials remind us of the legendary names of the Magi - Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar-and also stand for the Latin Motto "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" (May Christ bless this house). Blessed chalk is available after Mass this weekend in the Narthex.



**Prayer for Mercy**-Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like our heavenly Father, and have promised us that whoever sees you sees Him. Show us your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed all who sought forgiveness

from you. Let the Church be your visible face in the world. You willed that your ministers should manifest your compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with his anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of abundant grace. Relying on the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, we make our prayer to you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

**NEW LED LIGHTS** will be installed in the church in the coming weeks. They will considerably lower our electric light bill. The cost was over \$8,000 for the bulbs and installation. Funding for this project came from our Building Fund since this is a major improvement to our facility. Thank You for your support.

**SOLAR PANELS**-we are in the process of acquiring solar panels on the parish's upper lot this coming Spring. This will also greatly assist in lowering our electric costs (our current monthly average is \$3,000).

**NEW YEAR BLESSING**

Whether we're leaving behind a year of joy and blessing or trials and difficulties, we pause to give thanks. We are grateful to you for being with us every single day of every single year. Please remind us of Your presence in the year ahead, even when life is busy. We are so thankful that we serve a God who makes things new and gives us the grace of fresh starts and new beginnings. We are thankful for a most merciful God. Be glorified in our lives this year. In Jesus' name -AMEN



## The Holy Family

**BEREAVED PARENTS GROUP**-meets the last Thursday of the month from 7-8:30 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room.

**ST. JOSEPH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**-10:00 am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. Contact Mary Stewart at 248-5851 for more info.

**WIDOW/ER SUPPORT GROUP**-widows on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month & widows/widowers the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month from 11:00-noon. Contact Pat Lawrie at 508-248-5050.

**DIVORCE SUPPORT MINISTRY**-meets the 2nd and 4th Monday each month 7:00-9:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room.

**GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN**-grandparent and kinship caretakers interested in sharing their experiences caring for grandchildren and learning about resources should contact Ted or Dianne at 508-764-4553.

**Readings for the Week of December 27, 2015**

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52

**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124:2-5, 7-8/Mt 2:13-18

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-3, 5-6/Lk 2:22-35

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-10/Lk 2:36-40

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-13/Jn 1:1-18

**Friday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 1:19-28

**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION OFFERINGS

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** with Sister Rose Clarisse on Thursday January 7<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up in the Narthex.

**WEDNESDAY 10:30 AM AND SATURDAYS 9:30 AM**-Adult Faith Sharing, all welcome. Meets in the Cornerstone



**THE ONE THING IS THREE**-The third segment of the Fr. Michael Gaitley *Hearts A Fire* Program led by Kim Harmon will be offered here Thursdays from 6:30-8:15 pm beginning January 14<sup>th</sup>. This is a 10 week commitment and is recommended for those who have completed the first two retreats (33 Days to Morning Glory and Consoling the Heart of Jesus). Cost for the program is \$39.99. If you wish to register, call or text Susan Montville at 508-735-3269 before January 2<sup>nd</sup> so materials can be ordered.



- ◆ The Patriots tailgate party originally scheduled for 12/13 has been rescheduled to 1/13 12:00-5:00 pm in the Cornerstone.
- ◆ Meetings are held monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month in the Knight's Room. Recitation of the Rosary @ 6:30 pm, meeting comes to order at 7:00 pm.
- ◆ The Knights will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Joseph Church on January 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-6:00 pm. You may pre-register at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).
- ◆ To become a member of the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus, contact Kyle Haggerty at (508)248-0982 or [khagger@charter.net](mailto:khagger@charter.net) or speak with any member of the Knights of Columbus.

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