



St. Joseph Church Charlton, MA

February 21, 2016

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PASTOR: Reverend Robert Grattaroti

SENIOR PRIEST: Reverend Normand Tremblay

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Reverend Jonathan Slavinskis

PERMANENT DEACONS: Deacon Peter Faford & Deacon Bill Shea

MASSES CELEBRATED

Daily M-F 8:30 am

Saturday 4:30 pm

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

Second Sunday of Lent

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." — Lk 9:34-35



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Next prep class is April 9th after
4:30 Mass. Pre-registration is
required.**

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FIRST LIGHTS (grades k-5)

Sr. Agnes Patricia
sisteragnespatricia@yahoo.com
EDGE PROGRAM (grades 6-8)

Diane Cetin
diane55383@aol.com

LIFE TEEN PROGRAM (grades 9-12)

Deacon Bill Shea
bshea@dienesus.com

ADULT FAITH FORMTION

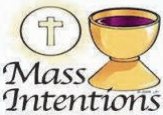
Cheryl Kingston
cgkingston@yahoo.com

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit material for consideration to
Cheryl Kingston at
cgkingston@yahoo.com by 9:00 am
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.

<u>Saturday, February 20</u>	
4:30 pm	Paul Laramie by his Wife and Family
<u>Sunday, February 21</u>	
8:00 am	Agnes Smolen by her Husband Ronald
10:00 am	Erik Breitenfeld by Penny and Kirk McCreary
5:00 pm	Peter Spinney by Frances Kelly
<u>Monday, February 22</u>	
8:30 am	Special Intention by Sister in Christ
<u>Wednesday, February 24</u>	
8:30 am	Irene Perzichino by the Family
<u>Saturday, February 27</u>	
4:30 pm	Irene Tully by the Family
<u>Sunday, February 28</u>	
8:00 am	Michael Morin by the Parish Family
10:00 am	Frank Gard by Rob & Carol Dergan & Family
5:00 pm	Fr. Freddie Brooks (2 nd Anniv) by the Perczak Family



PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Lord Jesus, You have told us that You hear our every word. Open our hearts so that we may hear Your every word and that we may live according to Your words. May we be free of distractions so that we may better understand the messages and lessons You want us to hear and to live by. AMEN



REST IN PEACE-MAUREEN HALLIHAN
mother of Tim and Brian and **PHYLLIS ROBERTS**
mother of Karen Musci. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Baptism With great joy we welcome **Victoria Rose LaBonte** daughter of Joseph and Jacqueline who will be baptized in water and spirit this weekend.

During this Year Of Mercy "the passion of Pope Francis is to again make merciful love the foundation, the center, the goal of Christianity. Love is not just the basis on which we build everything, but it's also the energy with which we proceed, and it's the final goal toward which we tend. Love has two lovely daughters, twins, called grace and mercy. Like identical twins, they are often indistinguishable: Grace is the inner freedom to be merciful. Mercy is grace in action. And both are children of love." R.Rohr

Do you suffer from an addiction? Do you need support? Do not lose hope. Fr. Bob or Fr. Jonathan are available to talk with in private. To arrange a meeting, call 508-248-7862.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Lenten Rice Bowls are available in the Narthex. Please take one and return it during Holy Week, Thank You.



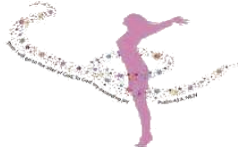
SCHEDULE FOR LENTEN MEALS
Friday, March 4th or March 11th at 6:00 pm in the Church Hall.
Stations of the Cross will follow the meal at 7:00 pm in the Church.

FRIDAY LENTEN SCHEDULE

6:00 pm Penitential Psalm and Vespers
6:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet in song
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
7:30-9:30 Year of Mercy Friday Adoration

Priesthood Discernment Retreat
The Diocese of Worcester will hold this annual retreat directed by Bishop McManus on March 18th & 19th. Beginning 6:00 pm Friday and ending 6:00 pm Saturday. For men of high school age and older. Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, CT. To sign up contact Fr. Jim Mazzone at jmazzone@charter.net.

WOMEN'S RETREAT sponsored by the Mary Martha Guild, Saturday, March 5th from 9-noon in the Cornerstone.
"Come and know who you were created to be". This is a free event. Contact Julia at jdmcdonough923@gmail.com or 508-248-3250.



St. Patrick's Day Dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus to benefit the McKenna Scholarship Fund takes place Saturday March 12th at 6:30 pm. There will be corned beef, music, entertainment and a silent auction. Tickets are \$15/pp and are on sale after Mass this weekend.

How about making a Cursillo weekend?
Cursillo (short course in Christianity) is an uplifting, educational experience. The weekend led by a team of laypeople and clergy deliver organized talks and discussions. The men's Cursillo will be April 21-24 at the *Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center* in Putnam, CT. The women's Cursillo will be June 23-26 at the *Prindle Pond Conference Center*, Charlton. Contact: Carolyn Galgano at angels3cma@gmail.com, 508-847-7005.





Partners in Charity is upon us. Again this year, we are grateful to Dan and Diane Cetin who are coordinating this effort for our Parish. The "in pew" appeal will be March 5th and 12th. A member of our Partners in Charity Committee will make a presentation at each Mass.

We encourage your support to this Diocesan endeavor as we seek to meet the challenge of reaching this year's goal of \$77,500.00.

With everyone 'pitching in' we are confident that this is quite attainable and we entrust all our efforts to the Lord, through the intercession of His Mother and ours, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thank You!

Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

Visit one (or all) of the churches designated by Bishop McManus, say prayers for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, along with going to Mass, receiving the Eucharist and absolution through Reconciliation at any of these churches and receive a *Plenary Indulgence. Prayers for our Holy Father include *The Our Father, Hail Mary and the Glory Be*. Go to www.worcesterdiocese.org/year-of-mercy.



*A Plenary Indulgence is the full remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven. (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1471)

PARISH-WIDE CONSECRATION TO DIVINE MERCY

Live the extraordinary "Jubilee Year of Mercy" to the fullest by consecrating to Divine Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3rd. Starting on March 1st join us on a 33-day journey with St. Therese of Lisieux and prepare yourself to make her consecration to Divine Mercy. Using Fr. Michael Gaitley's new book *33 Days to Merciful Love*, he will share the importance of a devotion to Divine Mercy for the Church and our world.



To order your book for as little as a \$1 donation (+\$5.25 shipping, 1 book per household please) call 800-462-7426 or go to www.marian.org/merciful/?em=mmdm.

We will have a limited supply of books for parishioners who do not have the means to order. For information contact Paulette Vigneault at 774-200-1983.

All are invited to participate in intercessory prayer for our youth. A basket in the Narthex contains prayer cards with the name of one of the more than 600 youth in our parish. Please take a card and support our youth with your prayer. Thank You!



Parish support for the weekend of February 14th was \$10,876.00 in Parish Offerings, \$723.00 for the Building Fund and \$257.00 toward our Capital Campaign. We are so grateful for your loving support of our Parish. Special thanks to several folks who have increased their weekly offerings.

A reminder: the Capital Campaign has officially come to an end. Remaining commitments may still be made. Having completed this campaign, please consider adding to your regular weekly offerings as your means permit. Thank you and God Bless.

Ministry Showcase

Funeral Ministry: Pat Lawrie, 248-5050

When a person dies and begins their "new life", Pat meets with the family to plan the funeral Mass.

This includes readings selection, who will do the readings, music choices, who will be bringing up the gifts, along with who they want to be part of the funeral Mass. A Mass booklet is then prepared for the family and funeral goers. Fr. Bob also meets with the family. Occasionally the church hall is used for a gathering after the funeral. We supply paper goods, tea, coffee etc. along with a variety of baked goods supplied by parishioners who have asked to be on our "bakers list." We take care of the set up and clean up. Bakers are always needed as well people to help with setup and clean up.

Please call if you wish to be involved.

This month's Shining Lights are Paul and Barbara Faford. Paul worked for the Knight of Columbus and is a Minister of Holy Eucharist. Both were very active in Religious Education. They taught at all levels and worked tirelessly in RCIA. Barbara also coordinates the prayer line and does many more things around the Church. Newly retired, Paul and Barbara spend their free time involved in family activities and vacationing.



When asked what advice they have for the parishioners of St Joseph's Church, they said "Love, pray and trust in God".

thank you

AJ Productions would like to thank Fr. Bob, Fr. Jonathan and all who supported them in their endeavor to make *JOSEPH'S DREAM* a reality. The show at Hanover Theatre last week was a huge success due in large part to your blessings and support, for that they are most grateful.

Second Sunday in Lent

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS

NEXT STEP-BEREAVED PARENTS GROUP-contact Sue Brunell at beadlady1113@yahoo.com or 508-344-1564. This group no longer meets at St. Joseph Church.

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY-10:00 am on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Contact Mary Stewart at 248-5851.

WIDOW/ER SUPPORT GROUP-widows on 2nd Saturday of the month & widows/widowers the 4th 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-Are you interested in sharing experiences caring for grandchildren and learning about resources? Call Ted or Dianne at 508-764-4553.

Readings for the Week of February 21, 2016

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

- ⇒ **ADULT FAITH SHARING**-Wednesdays 10:00 am or Saturdays at 9:30 am in the Cornerstone. Topic is Lent. Contact Cheryl Kingston at cgkingston@yahoo.com for more information.
- ⇒ **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** with Sister Rose Clarisse on Thursday, March 3rd. Sign up in the Narthex.
- ⇒ **CONSECRATE TO DIVINE MERCY**-Using Fr. Gaitley's new book *33 Days to Merciful Love* starting March 1st. Consecrate on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3rd. Contact Paulette at 774-200-1983 for information on book purchase.
- ⇒ **ANNUAL CATHOLIC MENS CONFERENCE**-Saturday, March 12th at Worcester DCU Center. www.firstmensconf.org
- ⇒ **BOOK CLUB**-Thursday March 10th at 7:00 pm in the Upstairs Conference Room. The book is *The Name of God is Mercy* by Pope Francis. Contact Lisa Diezel at lisadiezel@aol.com.
- ⇒ **WOMEN'S RETREAT**-Saturday, March 5th in the Cornerstone. Sponsored by Mary Martha Guild. Free Event. Contact Julia at jdmcdonough923@gmail.com or 508-248-3250.



- ◆ K of C Meetings are held monthly on the 1st Wednesday of the month in the Knight of Columbus Room. Recitation of the Rosary @ 6:30 pm, meeting comes to order at 7:00 pm.
- ◆ To become a member of the St. Joseph Church Knights of Columbus, please contact Kyle Haggerty at (508)248-0982 or khaggert@charter.net or speak with any member of the K of C.
- ◆ **St. Patrick's Day Dinner**, Saturday March 12th at 6:30 pm. Tickets \$15/pp and proceeds benefit the McKenna Scholarship Fund. There will be corned beef, music, entertainment and a silent auction. Tickets on sale after Mass or contact Kyle Haggerty or Ted Covill.

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