



St. Joseph Church Charlton, MA

MASSES CELEBRATED
Daily M-F 8:30 am
Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am &
5:00 pm

March 13, 2016

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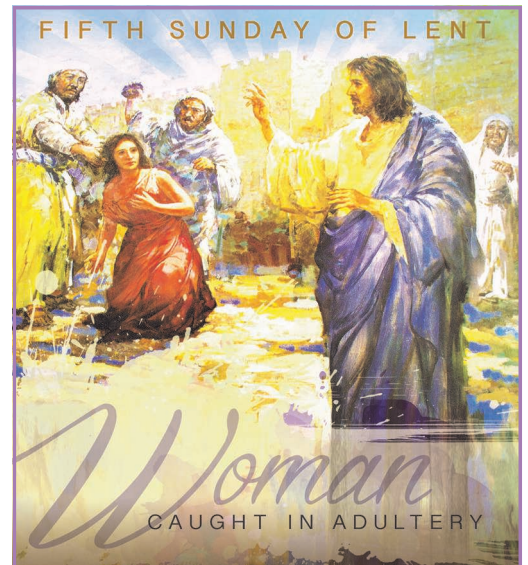
Website: www.stjosephscharlton.com

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 is April 9th at 5:30 pm. 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

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

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

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 10:00 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, our families, our neighbors, our nation and the world.

Saturday, March 12

4:30 pm William "Red" Gillespie by the Family

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 13

8:00 am Ann Chiusano by her Daughters & Family

10:00 am Bernie & Armand Gelineau by the Family

5:00 pm Thaedeus Gielo (26th Anniv) by the Perczak Family

Monday, March 14

8:30 am Mary Casey by the Family

Tuesday, March 15

8:30 am Kevin Walsh by the Parish Family

Wednesday, March 16

8:30 am Wilfred Perron (1st Anniv) by the Family

Thursday, March 17

8:30 am Special Intentions by a Sister in Christ

Friday, March 18

8:30 am Special Intention for Jeannine by a Friend

Saturday, March 19

4:30 pm George Garney by Brian and Jayne Garney

Sunday, March 20

8:00 am Edgar Turmelle by the Family

10:00 am Erik Breitenfeld by his Parents

5:00 pm Dolores Rabbitt by the Rabbitt Family



The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for Mark H. Morin by the Morin Family

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Dear Lord, may I receive you in this Communion with open arms, and a loving, contrite heart, so that I may be filled with Your grace, for my good and Your glory. Amen.



WITH GREAT JOY we welcome Suri Elizabeth Wilson and Hailey Lynn Wilson daughters of David and Carolyn along with Dylan Robert Daoust son of Patrick and Autumn who will be baptized in water and spirit this weekend.

2016 Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday -March 24

7:30 pm Lord's Supper Mass, washing of the feet and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 pm

Good Friday - March 25

3:00 pm Way of the Cross

7:30 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord, Communion and veneration of the Cross.

Easter Vigil-March 26

7:30 pm EASTER VIGIL-blessing of new fire, candles, water and renewal of our Baptismal Promises

Easter Sunday

Mass is Celebrated 8:00 & 10:00 am and *5:00 pm

*Correction: the afternoon Mass on Easter will be at 5:00 pm not 5:30 pm as previously indicated.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

MARY MARTHA GUILD

20 WEEK RAFFLE WINNER-WEEK 3

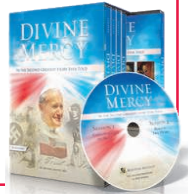
Linda Shedd \$50.00

MEAT RAFFLE Saturday, March 19th in the Church Hall beginning at 6:00 pm

Easter Flower Sale to benefit our Life Teen Program will take place the weekend of Palm Sunday, March 19th and 20th after all Masses. Pre-order forms are available in the Narthex. Contact Pat Lawrie for more information at 508-248-5050.



PARISH EVENT Engaging our parish this Jubilee Year of Mercy, we will present *Divine Mercy, The Second Greatest Story Ever Told*. This video series will run for 10 weeks beginning Wednesday April 6th at 10:00 am OR Saturday April 16th at 9:30 am. God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced. Please register with Cheryl Kingston at 508-864-3698 or cgkingston@yahoo.com. This event is free, however, if you wish, a guide book may be purchased for \$19.95.



Friday April 15 7:00-9:00 pm & April 16th 8:45 am-4:30 pm

Broadcast live from Canada to St. Joseph Church Charlton. Speakers for this event will include Sherry Weddell, Christopher West and Dr. Peter Kreeft. Tickets are \$50 and available at www.newevangelization.ca.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEACON?

Find out everything you wanted to know about the Diaconate Program. If you are a male college graduate and between the ages of 31-60 now is your opportunity. Spouses are urged to attend with you.

APRIL 2nd at 9:00 am

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 28 Mulberry Street, Worcester.

Coming soon PAINT NIGHT

Friday May 6th at 6:30 pm

SAVE THE DATE-More info to come



Cursillo angels3cma@gmail.com or 508-847-7005.

The next men's Cursillo weekend will be April 21-24th at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT.

Contact: Carolyn Galgano at

The Eucharist is not a reward for the good, but rather strength for the weak, for sinners. It is forgiveness, the viaticum that helps us on our way. -Pope Francis Homily Solemnity, 'Corpus Christi'



MEETING THE CHALLENGE

We are pleased to report that \$40,000 has been received thus far in the form of 102 gifts. Our challenge is to get another 234 families pledging a gift this year. Another appeal will be made during all Masses.

We are excited to share that 100% of the money we collect over our goal of \$77,500 comes back to our parish and will help pay down our parish debt.

A gift of \$300.00 makes one a member of the **Servant of God Dorothy Day Society**...we already have several parishioners who have done just this or more. Dorothy Day was an activist, a prophet, a journalist and a convert to our Church. In 1933 she founded The Catholic Worker Movement to care for the poor and promote peace. The Mustard Seed in Worcester as well as St. Therese St Francis House for Homeless was her inspiration. There are Houses of Hospitality that she inspired all over our country. She is on her way to becoming canonized. Her autobiography *The Long Loneliness* is well worth reading.

Thank you, especially during this Jubilee Year of Mercy, for your response to this Diocesan program which helps fund many needed charities and ministries.

UPDATE: Fr. Norm is walking very well now and receiving physical therapy for his shoulder. Many thanks for your cards, prayers and good wishes.



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

Easter Sunrise Service at OSV

Annual EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE at the Meetinghouse at Old Sturbridge Village Sunday, March 27th at 6:00 am. This is an ecumenical effort sponsored by local churches. Call Chris McTigue at 508-248-4726 for more information.



**24 Hour Adoration
Divine Mercy Sunday**

Starting 2:00 pm Saturday April 2nd opening with Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by 24 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adorers needed. Please sign up for a time in the Narthex.



Parish stewardship of treasure for the weekend of March 6th was \$13,220.00 in Parish Offerings, \$566.00 for the Building Fund and \$1044.00 for our Capital Campaign.

Thank you for making up your offerings when you have been away. We continue to encourage the use of offering envelopes as well as Mail and Electronic giving.

Please note that Pope Francis has asked that the Good Friday Collection go to supporting Christians in the Holy Land.

Ministry Showcase

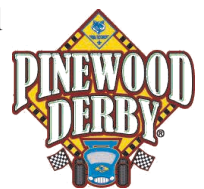
RCIC (Right of Christian Initiation of Children)
Sue Netsch, 508-248-6418, msnetsch@verizon.net
The RCIC is the children's version of the RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation of Adults). RCIC offers remedial religious education for the children of adults in the RCIA process and for the children of Catholic families who are getting a late start in their catechesis. During a 10 week course, the children learn about God, Mary, their prayers and are prepared to receive the age-appropriate Sacraments to "catch them up" to their peers. This year we have 4 children who are preparing for their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Please keep Victoria, Alberto, Patrick and Owen in your prayers.



The new Paschal Candle has been given in Memory of Al Merchant by his wife Claire and family. We are most grateful.

Also, thank you to the 32 women who attended the Mary Martha Guild Retreat last weekend and to Martha Tower for facilitating this retreat. It was a great success.

Cub Scout Pack #165 Annual Pinewood Derby on Saturday, March 19th from 9-2pm at the Overlook Performing Arts Center here in Charlton. All are welcome to come be our guest and experience this memorable tradition.



Trinity Catholic Academy presents a night of music and comedy, April 2nd @ 7:00 pm at LaSalle Center.

Featuring the band MINDRIFT with comedy from Rafael Gonzalez. Purchased tickets at the school or at the door for \$10pp. Proceeds help fund the 8th grade class trip to NYC. Adults only.



Thank you for your patience

UPDATE: The LED lights installed in the sanctuary have already begun to show benefits. Our bill was \$500 less this month. Bear with us as we are in the process of adjusting the occasional flickering.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS

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 March 13, 2016

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-6/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CURRENT OFFERINGS

- ⇒ **ST. JOSEPH BASILICA PARISH MISSION**, Webster with Fr. Jonathan. Join him starting with Mass at 7:00 pm March 14-18 at the basilica. The topic will be *Rediscovering God's Mercy*.
- ⇒ **ADULT FAITH SHARING**-Wednesdays 10:00 am or Saturdays at 9:30 am in the Cornerstone. **NO SATURDAY AFF MARCH 26, APRIL 2 or 9TH**
- ⇒ **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** with Sister Rose Clarisse on April 7th. Please sign up in the Narthex.
- ⇒ **FORMED.ORG** Catholic teaching online. Go to www.formed.org and click Parishioner Registration then enter code 7526f6 and begin exploring all the website has to offer. Contact cgkingston@yahoo.com.
- ⇒ **DIVINE MERCY VIDEO SERIES** Beginning Wednesday April 6 at 10:00 am and Saturday April 16 at 9:30 am. 10 week commitment. Contact Cheryl at cgkingston@yahoo.com to register.



DID YOU KNOW?

During the offertory part of the Mass the priest pours just a few drops of water into the chalice and then says: "By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled Himself to share in our humanity." This is done to symbolize the water and blood that flowed from the side of Christ on the Cross (John 19:33) after he was pierced with the soldier's lance. It calls our attention to the fact that what is human (our gifts of bread and wine) will become divine soon in the consecration.



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 contact Kyle Haggerty at (508)248-0982 or khagger@charter.net or speak with a member of the K of C.

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