



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

April 17, 2016

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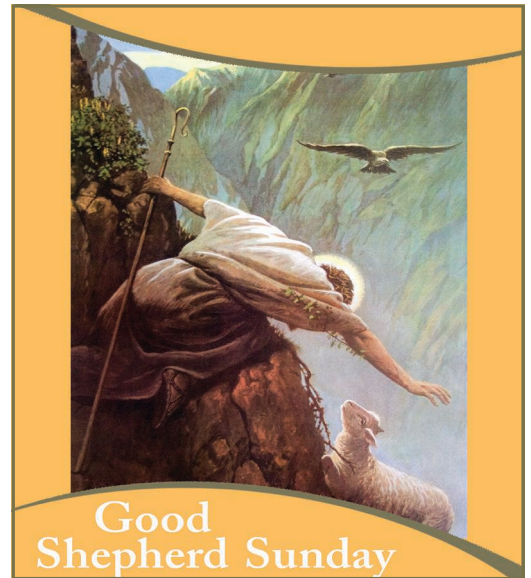
Website: www.stjosephscharlton.com

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

Baptismal Prep June 18 at 5:30 pm
 Pre-register at 508-248-7862

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements begin a
 year prior to the anticipated date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:45 pm
 and by appointment

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

24 Hour PRAYER LINE:

508-434-0106 or
prayer@missionariesofmercy.net.
 website: www.missionariesofmercy.net
 You may also
 indicate your intentions in the
 Prayer Book in the Narthex.

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.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, April 16

4:30 pm Raymond Bellerose by Wanda Bruneau

Sunday, April 17

8:00 am John "Mike" Flynn by Dan & Kandy Smith

10:00 am Sophia Wiggins (1st birthday living) by her Mom and Dad

5:00 pm Robert Graham by the Graham Family

Friday, April 22

8:30 am Chuck Koncewicz by Rosemary Gregoire

Saturday, April 23

4:30 pm Robert Elliott by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Elliott

Sunday, April 24

8:00 am Peter Spinney by Mrs. Florence Read

10:00 am Eileen Clifford by Tanya and Fred

5:00 pm Ovide Cournoyer by His Family (1st Anv)

Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for John "Mike" Flynn by Dan and Kandy Smith.



PRAYER BEFORE MASS

God, to whom every heart is open, every desire known and from whom no secrets are hidden; purify the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise Your holy name. AMEN

REST IN PEACE †DEANNA ANDERSON and †MARIE LAWRENCE, wife of Michael. Please keep them in your prayers.



III Wedding Bann
Andrew Foster and
Bridget Dick

CONFIRMATION

Please pray for our 47 students who will be confirmed by our Bishop at Saint John Paul II Parish in Southbridge on May 5th.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for all of our 65 young people who will be making their First Communion on April 30th.

UP AND COMING NEWS & EVENTS

MARY MARTHA GUILD

20 WEEK RAFFLE WINNER-WEEK 8

Linda Cournoyer \$50.00

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH OPEN PLAY DAY

at Kid Power Gymnastics.

Tuesday, April 19th

11:15 am to noon

For children up to age 10

\$5.00 per child

Register with Renee Jalbert at 508-864-3988

CURSILLO

YOUR TIME IS NOW. The next Men's Cursillo weekend is April 21-24th at Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. Contact Carolyn Galgano for information at angels3cma@gmail.com, 508-847-7005. Don't let the weekend go by without being a part of it.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR-coming soon for boys and girls between the ages of 7-13, a St. Joseph Church Children's Choir. If your child is interested in joining this choir, contact Andrea Humphries at 508-930-5280 for more information.



BRUSH IT OFF PAINT NIGHT

Friday, May 6th at 6:30 pm in the Church Hall. Come relax with your friends and learn to paint in an easy step by step instruction setting. The cost is \$35 with a cash bar. Please register at brush-it-off.com or 774-241-3444.



To all students and parish family, please join us May 8th after the 10:00 am Mass for the traditional devotion of crowning our Blessed Mother. First Communion children are encouraged to wear their first communion outfits to the crowning.

NEW MINISTRY HERE AT ST. JOSEPH'S MISSIONARIES OF MERCY

A newly restored parish home visitation ministry whose focus is to bring love and the mercy of God to all our brothers and sisters through the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy—one prayer at a time, one person at a time, one neighborhood at a time. Through prayer, personal interaction, neighborhood engagement and helping-hands for those in need, we seek to foster love, restore hope and enrich souls. We ask you to please pray for our Lord's Church, our Parish and our Ministry. We invite you to join us as we share the love and mercy of God. Visit us at missionariesofmercy.net or on Facebook at facebook.com/missionariesofmercycharlton
Contact Tom Creamer trc@charter.net or 774-696-0903

The commissioning of our new Missionaries of Mercy took place Saturday, April 16 at the 4:30 Mass.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

We are Looking for 10 people to help at the 5:00 pm Mass as greeters and collectors of the offertory. Your commitment would be once a month. All are encouraged to participate. This would be perfect for a LIFE TEEN youth. Contact Christine at caporth123@gmail.com.



PARENT AND CHILD CONNECTION



A group created for stay at home parents with children from birth to kindergarten, who wish to enjoy social time and cultivate a community with their children. If you are interested in joining or donating age appropriate toys for this ministry, please contact Amy Nelson at 774-200-6989 or amosracki@aol.com. The group will meet on Thursdays at 1:00 pm in the Church Hall beginning Thursday April 21st. Coffee, water and juice provided.

TRINITY CATHOLIC ACADEMY

11 Pine Street Southbridge 508-765-5991

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR PRESCHOOL TO GRADE 8

OPEN HOUSE Wednesday, April 27th 10am-2pm

www.trinitycatholicacademy.org
www.facebook.com/TrinityBobcats



Parish support for the weekend of April 17th was \$12,804.00 in offerings, \$416.00 for the Building Fund and \$1004.00 for our Capital Campaign. Thank you for your continued support.

Ministry Showcase

Baptismal Preparation: Deacon Peter Faford 508-248-7862, deaconpeter@stjosephscharlton.com and Ken & Heidi Graff at 508-248-4504

This process consists of a single meeting with parents and if possible, Godparents after the 4:30 Mass on a scheduled Saturday. Either Fr. Bob or Deacon Peter greet prospective parents with an introduction to the parish and necessary paperwork is reviewed. There is discussion about the importance of raising children in the Catholic faith along with the importance of the Godparent's role. We also review the signs and symbols of Baptism and what we Catholics believe. Refreshments are also served.



SEEKING A DONOR Would you like to donate the Holy Oils Set in honor of a loved one? Please see Fr. Bob. Offering is \$300.00.



With 273 pledges we have reached \$95,423.00! That's \$17,923.00 over our diocesan goal. All monies over our diocesan goal, come directly back to our parish. We still hope to reach our parish goal of 300 donors. Can you help us reach our goal? If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so now. Look for the Partners in Charity envelope in the pews. You can get us there. **Thank you and God Bless You!**



This year's last College Connection goodie box goes out on April 27th. If you haven't yet given us your student's college mailing address, please send it to tcoderre@charter.net so they can stay connected.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY-10:00 am on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Mary Stewart at 508-248-5851.

WIDOW/ER SUPPORT GROUP-widows on 2nd Saturday of the month & widows/widowers the 4th Saturday of the month from 11:00-noon. 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? Ted or Dianne at 508-764-4553.

NEW PARENT AND CHILD CONNECTION-For parents and child(ren) Birth-K. Socialize, Play & Connect. 1 pm Thursdays in Church Hall. Amy Nelson 774-200-6989.

Readings for the Week of April 17, 2016

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-3, 5/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1-7/Jn 10:22-25, 27/Jn 13:16-20

Wednesday: Acts 12:24--13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7

Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

PAM MASS CHALLENGE

Bob Martin of our parish is riding his 11th Pan Mass Challenge to benefit Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Jimmy Fund. You can support this cause by sending donations to Pan Mass Challenge c/o Bob Martin, 262 Oxford Road Charlton, MA 01507. Thank You!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CURRENT OFFERINGS

- ◆ **ADULT FAITH SHARING** Wednesdays 10:00 am or Saturdays at 9:30 am in the Cornerstone. cgkingston@yahoo.com.
- ◆ **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**-with Sister Rose Clarisse on May 5th. Please sign up in the Narthex.
- ◆ **FORMED.ORG** **Check this out!** Catholic teachings online. Go to www.formed.org, Parishioner Registration and then enter code 7526f6. Begin exploring this amazing website.
- ◆ **BOOK CLUB**-Thursday, April 21st at 7:00 pm in the 2nd floor Conference Room. The book is Fr. Michael Gaitley's *You Did it to Me*. Contact Lisa Diezel at lisadiezel@aol.com.



DID YOU KNOW?

A MAY CROWNING is a traditional devotion in which an image of the Blessed Mother is crowned, usually with a wreath of flowers. It may be done within the context of a Mass or in a paraliturgical setting outside the Mass in which there might be Scripture readings, singing, devotional prayers and/or a procession. This act of filial devotion is done during the month of May to recognize Mary as Queen of Heaven, Queen of Earth and Queen of Peace. The queen symbol is attributed to Mary because she was a perfect follower of Christ.



- Applications for the **McKenna Scholarship** are in the Narthex or from a Knight. The scholarship is available to a high school senior who is a close relative of a knight in the St. Joseph Council. The deadline is April 20th.
- 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 any member of the Knights of Columbus.

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