



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

May 8, 2016

10 H. PUTNAM EXT, CHARLTON, MA

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"I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one." - Jn 17:22-23a

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
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 Deacon Bill Shea
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 Cheryl Kingston
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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.

Website www.stjosephscharlton.com

Saturday, May 7

4:30 pm Phyllis Roberts
by Ron & Shelia
Hokanson



Sunday, May 8

8:00 am Intentions of Ben and Rachel
Carpenter by Mom and Dad
10:00 am Roger Franklin by Sandra Weisblatt
5:00 pm John McDonough by his Wife &
Family

Monday, May 9

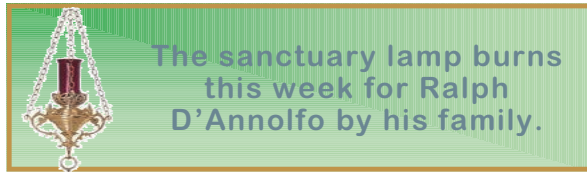
8:30 am John Seguin by Paul and Mariette
Bergeron

Saturday, May 14

4:30 pm Ralph D'Annolfo by his family

Sunday, May 15

8:00 am Tony Gillespie by his wife & family
(6 mos. Anniv)
10:00 am Donald Mahan by Tanya and Fred
5:00 pm Special Intention by a sister in Christ



PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Gracious God, your Son came to show us the way of faith and teach us the paths of love. Increase our faith that we may diligently search out the ways of your kingdom. Through our faith in you, may our prayers and actions lead us to the kingdom without end. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Wedding Banns II John Rice and Jessie Allen

Blessed is the Mother who lets the Lord be her guiding hand, whose faith brings her family courage, whose wisdom comes from God and whose children stand and honor her.



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

Mother's Day flowers will be given out this weekend.

UP AND COMING NEWS & EVENTS

MARY MARTHA GUILD
20 WEEK RAFFLE WINNER
WEEK 11 Richard Burlingame \$50

PILGRIMAGE TO THE DIVINE MERCY SHRINE STOCKBRIDGE, MA. Wednesday, June 15th

Ride sharing leaves St. Joseph Church portico at 10:45 am. FREE. Bring a bagged lunch, explore the shrine, visit the gift shop, attend Mass. We will return home after the 2:00 pm Mass. Cheryl Kingston 508-864-3698 or cgkingston@yahoo.com.



Next weekend is **PENTECOST**. We commemorate the day the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles and disciples gathered in the upper room. The Church was begun that day as the apostles fearlessly proclaimed the Good News of Jesus' love. Wear red in honor of the day.



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.



NEW-Parent and Child Connection
-For parents and child(ren) birth-K to get together to socialize, play and connect.

Thursdays 1:00 in the church hall.
Amy Nelson 774-200-6989 For more information, cancellations and changes go to [facebook.com/123parentchildconnectionatsaintjoes](https://www.facebook.com/123parentchildconnectionatsaintjoes)

SAVE THE DATE
St. Joseph Church VBS
Monday 7/25-Friday 8/1
Registration forms are in the Narthex or on our website www.stjosephscharlton.com
VBS Director: Sandra Buron sburon@charter.net



CONGRATULATIONS to our 47 young people who were confirmed by Bishop McManus on Wednesday. Juliana Anderson, Joseph Bailen, Alexandra (Lexi) Bombard, Grace Boutiette, Harrison Brewer, Kyle Burchstead, David Burgos, Kyle Burke, Connor Canty, Tyler Carlson, Luke Carpenter, Emily Cofsky, Joshua Corrigan, Emily Dabrowski, Zachary Dagnese, Zachary Davey, Morgan Doucimo, Jason Falcone, Anthony Galgano, Aaron Gamache, Victoria Gaudette, Joshua Gelb, Jessica Gelineau, Grace Gordon, Lucas Gordon, Michael Gordon, Megan Greenough, Andrew Haggerty, Nicholas Henry, Eric Himebaugh, Jarrod Kleya, Amber Labonte, Angelo Lameroux, Devin McCabe, Kelsey McCart, Jasmine McNeany, Michael Mielinski, Morgan O'Malley, Jerickson O'Neil, Brian Pecore, Matthew Pecore, Jessica Rousakos, Colin Stoddard, Victoria (Tory) Stoddard, Jennifer Wade, Abigail White and Marc Widing



THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR KIND GIFTS!

We had a total of 307 families giving PARTNERS IN CHARITY gifts of \$103,003.00. We are over our diocesan goal by \$25,503.00 which will be used to pay down our parish debt. That is amazing news. Thank you for making this a reality.



Parish Support for the weekend of May 1st was \$12,635.00 in offerings, \$516.00 for the Building Fund and \$721.00 for our Capital Campaign. Thank you for your continued sharing of your financial

We are grateful for all who make up their offerings when they have been away. Kindly remember your Church when preparing your estate plans and wills.

HOW DO I BECOME A ROMAN CATHOLIC?

Find out more about the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process by contacting Fr. Bob at 508-248-7862 or Ted and Patty Covill at 508-248-4718 to set up an informal meeting. If you choose to prepare for the Sacraments, catechesis is provided along with a mentor/companion who will help you on your journey.



MINISTRY SHOWCASE

Finance Committee: An advisory committee made up of parishioners who serve to give input on the financial well-being of the parish. Committee members may serve for a year at a time and their membership is renewable yearly. Contact Fr. Bob at 248-7862 for more information.

A free 9 film series of Abraham to Augustine. Meet the people and see the places that shaped Salvation and Church history. It's a fast-paced, entertaining biography, travel documentary, Bible study, apologetics course and Church history rolled into one. Each will be scheduled one Wednesday evening a month throughout year. Come to one or come to all.



The first film, ABRAHAM Father of Faith & Works **Wednesday, May 18th, 6-7:30 pm** in the Cornerstone. Contact Cheryl at cgkingston@yahoo.com.



to all our religious education teachers and core team members who gave tirelessly of their time this year.

Seventh 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 K of C 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. Go to facebook.com/123parentchildconnectionatsaintjoes

Readings for the Week of May 8, 2016

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 or Eph 1:17-23/Lk 24:46-53

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-7/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-36/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-8/Jn 15:9-17

Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34/Rom 8:8-17 or 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26 or Jn 20:19-23

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

- ◆ **ADULT FAITH SHARING** -Join us Wednesdays 10:00 am in the Cornerstone.
- ◆ **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**-with Sister Rose Clarisse on June 2nd. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex.
- ◆ **FORMED.ORG** -Check this out! Catholic videos and audio online. Go to www.formed.org & use code 7526f6.
- ◆ **FOOTPRINTS OF GOD**-The story of Abraham to Augustine. A 9 film series, shown one film a month on scheduled Wednesdays begins May 18th 6-7:30 pm in the Cornerstone. Film 1-*Abraham, Father of Faith and Works*. Free Event.
- ◆ **BOOK CLUB**-The next book discussion will be on *Where there is Love* by Mother Teresa, June 2nd at 7 pm in the Cornerstone. Contact Lisa Diezel at lisadiezel@aol.com.

DID YOU KNOW...we ring bells 3 times during the Eucharistic Prayer? The bells originally had a practical purpose. The Mass was in Latin. The bell was rung one time when the priest extended his hands over the chalice in blessing right before the Consecration. This was a signal to the congregation that the Consecration was about to take place. Then, when the words of Consecration had been spoken, the priest would genuflect, raise the Host to be visible to the people, and then genuflect again. The bell was rung at each of those steps - so the triple ring became common. Nowadays, with the Mass in the vernacular language the bells are rung in some parishes more as a continuity of tradition than as a practical matter.



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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