



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 15, 2016

10 H. PUTNAM EXT, CHARLTON, MA

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SENIOR PRIEST: Reverend Normand Tremblay

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Reverend Jonathan Slavinkas

PERMANENT DEACONS: Deacon Peter Faford & Deacon Bill Shea



PENTECOST

Receive the Holy Spirit

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
sisteragnespatria@yahoo.com

EDGE PROGRAM (grades 6-8)
Diane Cetin
diane55383@aol.com

LIFE TEEN PROGRAM (grades 9-12)
Deacon Bill Shea
bshea@dienesusa.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.

UP AND COMING NEWS & EVENTS

MARY MARTHA GUILD
20 WEEK RAFFLE WINNER
WEEK 12 Sylvia Stephan \$50



YOU'VE GOT TO CHECK THIS OUT

Do you like to watch Catholic movies like *Padre Pio*, *Miracle Man* or *Mary of Nazareth*?

Get access to movies like this and other on-line resources **free** by following these easy steps.

- ⇒ Go to www.formed.org
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- ⇒ Complete the registration.
- ⇒ Start exploring.



Questions? Contact Cheryl at cgkingston@yahoo.com.

ST. JOSEPH LifeTeen VOLLEYBALL TEAM BEING FORMED

Teresa "Coach Smalls" Ryan, of LifeTeen, is calling all high school volleyball players (including recent grads)! NEWorchester, the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office, is sponsoring a Summer League and St. Joseph's LifeTeen would like to establish a team. The team will play Monday evenings beginning June 20th. If you are interested, see Deacon Bill Shea or contact him bshea@dienesusa.com.



While in Rome, Fr. Bob was

interviewed on the VOICE OF THE VATICAN PROGRAM. Check out what he had to say about St. Rosa Venerini on YOUTUBE. Search Voice of the Vatican May 7th edition at the 23:00 minute mark.

Our next Mass of Remembrance will be Monday, May 30th at 8:30 am for all those we have loved and passed to Eternal life. All are welcome.



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

Ride sharing leaves St. Joseph Church portico at 10:00 am (note new time). FREE! Bring a bagged lunch. We will return home after the 2:00 pm Mass. If you have questions, contact Cheryl at 508-864-3698 or cgkingston@yahoo.com.



For those who participated in the 33 Days to Morning Glory, please note the prayer cards located in the pews.

SAVE THE DATE-St. Joseph Church VBS CAVE QUEST-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



LIVING STEWARDSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

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

Monday, May 16

8:30 am Garrett Fuhs (birthday) by Kimberly Gordon and family

Thursday, May 19

8:30 am Norman Vigneault by the family

Saturday, May 21

4:00 pm Florence Graham by the family

Sunday, May 22

8:00 am Margaret Ciukaj by Laurie Denenberg

10:00 am Lucy Drisco by the family
5:00 pm Special Intention by a sister in Christ

The sanctuary lamp burns this week for Garrett Fuhs by the Gordon Family



PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Loving God, I praise You, I bless You, and I thank You. Help me to realize, O Lord, no matter how old or young I am, I am in fact, your child. You have claimed me for yourself in love, and I thank you. Help me, O Lord to respond to your love by opening my heart to Your divine inspirations by living in Your grace and by helping to reflect You in my daily living. -AMEN



I Benjamin Burnham and Taylor Graff

III John Rice and Jessie Allen

CONGRATULATIONS to Robert McClure and Sara LaPan who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage this weekend.



Rest in Peace **ARMAND RICHARDS** husband of Lucille. Please keep the family in your prayers.

With great joy we welcome **CHASE MALONE JOHNSON** son of Paul & Kristen, **ALAINA GRACE FERRIE** daughter of Todd & Brittani, **THOMAS JOHN RACINE** son of Thomas & Tiffany and **BURQUE MICHAEL SUTHERLAND** son of Michael & Laurie who will be baptized in water and spirit this weekend.



Dear Parishioners: How blessed are we? New and wonderful things are taking place here at St. Joseph Parish. Last weekend our newly established Children's Choir was introduced at the 10:00 am Mass with great joy. Our Adult Faith Formation Ministry is offering online subscription based learning resources which are being well received within our parish.

Also, we as a parish need to be aware that we have been getting a tremendous response to our Missionaries of Mercy home visits. Peoples hearts are being changed or softened after many years being away from the faith. 338 homes have been visited thus far and many people have requested our prayers for faith, family, health and their personal intentions.

A great interest is being shown in the wonderful things we do and offer here. This is a great opportunity for us all to participate in welcoming newcomers to our parish. Be aware of who is sitting near your at Mass, if you have not seen the person before, introduce yourself and start up a conversation. Be informed of the programs and offerings we have at the parish, so you can give newcomers guidance. And **Smile**. Just by smiling, you are being welcoming. A smile is God's Mercy in action.



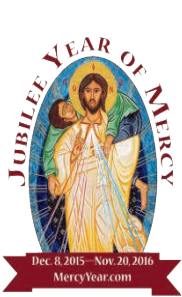
Parish Support for the weekend of May 8th was \$12,594.00 in offerings, \$386.00 for the Building Fund and \$275.00 for our Capital Campaign. Thank you for your continued sharing of your financial gifts in support of the works of our church.

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.

MINISTRY SHOWCASE

Altar Servers/Adult Acolytes
Jenn and Dick Vaughn 774-230-7458,
jharwich@gmail.com

A very special opportunity to serve God and our community. Members must have made their First Holy Communion. Altar servers are trained to serve at Liturgical Celebrations then paired with a "veteran server" for support for the first few Mass assignments. Servers are scheduled according their availability. Both boys and girls, men and women are always welcome to join and we are ALWAYS in need of servers. Many of our altar servers continue through high school and transition to the Adult Acolyte Ministry. Acolytes may serve at any Mass, but especially on occasions such as the Triduum, Christmas Eve, Confirmations, funerals, and other such Masses.



JUBILEE FOR DEACONS-As part of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis is having a major celebration in Rome for Deacons and their families. Our own Deacon Bill Shea, his wife Mimi along with their daughter Katie will be attending this celebration from Friday May 27 to Sunday May 29. Please keep them in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LONDON SOMMER, NICOLE MARTINEZ AND KYLIE VOORHIS WHO WILL MAKE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TODAY AT THE 10:00 AM MASS.

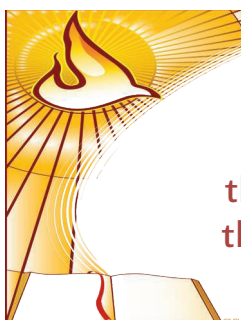


THE FOOTPRINTS OF GOD-A free 9 film series of Abraham to Augustine. Each film will be scheduled one Wednesday evening a month throughout the year. Come to one or come to all. The first film, *ABRAHAM Father of Faith & Works* will be shown Wednesday, May 18th, 6-7:30 pm in the Cornerstone. Please join us. Contact Cheryl at cgkingston@yahoo.com.



UPDATE...We had a total of 314 families giving PARTNERS IN CHARITY gifts of \$106,558.00. We are over our diocesan goal by \$29,058.00 which will be used to pay down our parish debt. Thank you for making this a reality.

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.



Pentecost Sunday celebrates the beginnings of the Church when the promised Holy Spirit came upon the disciples of the Lord to inspire them to proclaim the Good News to all the world. We are the heirs of this amazing legacy and so today we celebrate the birth of the Church.

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-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 15, 2016

Sunday: 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

Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-11, 23/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-11/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-20/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-3, 8/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-9/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

The Author of *Still Alice* will talk on Alzheimer's June 9th at 4:30 pm at Mechanics Hall. VIP tickets are \$150 and include a reception with the author, Lisa Genova, Phd. General session tickets are \$75. Proceeds benefit Notre Dame Health Care. Contact Liz Parker Gagne for tickets at 508-852-5800 ext. 2509. More information at notredamehealthcare.org.

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.
- **FOOTPRINTS OF GOD**-The story of Abraham to Augustine. A free 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*.
- **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 The Pontifical Swiss Guard are not just guards in fancy clothing? They are one of the oldest standing military units (and smallest) devoted to protecting the Pope. Founded January 22nd, 1506 by Pope Julius II, Swiss fighters were known to be some of the best anywhere, renowned for their ability to take on far larger armies and win. In the 1400s, Swiss mercenaries proved themselves in battle time and time again, sometimes while fighting for the Holy Roman Empire. In a way, their small footprint with big results was a precursor to today's elite special forces teams. Pope Francis just received 23 new Swiss Guards.



- The deadline for the McKenna Scholarship has been extended until May, 20, 2016. Applications for the 2016 K of C McKenna Scholarship are available in the Narthex or from any knight. This scholarship is available to any relative of a knight in the St Joseph Council.
- The Knights are currently selling Raffle tickets after all masses. Tickets are \$1.00 ea or \$15 per book. Grand prize is \$10,000 with \$20,000 in total prizes being drawn on 05/21 at the state convention in Hyannis, MA.
- Meetings are held monthly on the 1st Wednesday in the Knight's room. Recitation of the Rosary 6:30pm, meeting comes to order at 7:00pm.

ACKNOWLEDGING WITH GRATITUDE OUR NEWSLETTER/BULLETIN SPONSORS

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