



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
 1-800-MASSTIMES when traveling

July 17, 2016

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The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42

PASTOR: Reverend Robert Grattaroti
SENIOR PRIEST: Reverend Normand Tremblay
ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Reverend Donato Infante III
PERMANENT DEACONS: Deacon Peter Faford & Deacon Bill Shea

<p>SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM</p> <p>Baptismal Prep August 20th 5:30 pm pre-register 508-248-7862</p>	<p>SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY</p> <p>Arrangements begin a year prior to the anticipated date.</p>	<p>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</p> <p>Saturdays at 3:45 pm and by appointment</p>
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**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
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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 16
 4:30 pm Deborah Mann Lawrie (birthday) by her Family
Sunday, July 17
 8:00 am Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus and their family by the Knights of Columbus
 10:00 am Matilda Souza by Martha & Bob
 5:00 pm Richard & Joseph Sherbert by the Family
Tuesday, July 19
 8:30 am Frances Nugent by Parishioners & Friends
Wednesday, July 20
 8:30 am Eileen Clifford by Louise Damian
Thursday, July 21
 8:30 am For the intentions of Kate Staples (birthday) by her Mother
Saturday, July 23
 4:30 pm Roger & Claire Dion by the Family
Sunday, July 24
 8:00 am Armand Richards by David & Susan Tittle
 10:00 am Todd Sansoucy by the Brill Family
 5:00 pm Nana & Papa by a Sister in Christ

Prayer intentions may be indicated in the book in the Nathex. The book is presented at the altar at weekend Masses and during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Eternal God, Your son came into the world to be its light and to bring to faith in You all who would believe. Increase our faith and help us show forth the light of Your truth. May we believe in the One whom You have sent and may our faith lead us to eternal life in You. AMEN

REST IN PEACE **FRANCES "FRANKIE" NUGENT**, Director of the Office of Healing and Prevention for the Diocese of Worcester, **DOROTHY MCELLIOTT**, mother of Regina Aldahondo and **LORRAINE THIBEAULT**. Please remember them in your prayers.



I Wedding Banns

Thomas Haggerty and Ashley Stone

With great joy we welcome **CHRISTOPHER COLIN STANHOPE** son of Wesley & Sylvia and **KAYLEIGH CECILE MACGILLIVRAY** daughter of Ian & Crystal and **MADISON KATE CROCKER** daughter of Nicole & Jeremy who were baptized in the water and Spirit this weekend.



Our parish council of the Knights of Columbus installed it's new officers Saturday. Allan Turmelle was installed as the Grand Knight and Kyle Haggerty as Deputy Grand Knight. Please keep all the newly installed officers in your prayers.



UP AND COMING EVENTS & NEWS

CHRISTIAN CONCERT
For King & Country
 Saturday, September 24th at 6:15 pm
 Tickets are \$29.50
 Check this link to listen to one of their hits.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NM-Bf9gE0gw>
 If you'd like tickets contact cgkingston@yahoo.com by July 31st. Ride sharing will be available.

Please keep Fr. Donato, Deacon Bill & our LifeTeen youth in prayer as they attend Steubenville East this weekend.


NOW IS THE TIME -Sign up for CAVE QUEST ST. JOSEPH CHURCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Monday July 25th—Friday July 29th
 9:00 am – noon
 Registration forms are in the Narthex or on the website. Contact Sandra at sburon@charter.net. Donations accepted to help offset the cost.



PLEASE NOTE: The YARD SALE previously scheduled for August, 13th has been cancelled.

LOTTERY TREE Raffle tickets are now for sale. Tickets are \$15 and available after Mass. The drawing will be held at the Dinner Dance at Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center on October 1st.

LIFE TEEN SUMMER EVENTS
Teen Volleyball match vs. St. Mary's Jefferson-at St. Ann Church, N. Oxford, Monday, July 18th 6:45 pm.
GIRLS NIGHT IN For HS Juniors-College Girls on Wednesday, July 20th 6-9 pm in the Cornerstone. RSVP
BIBLE STUDY AND BONFIRE-for HS Seniors and College students. Bring a friend and your Bible. Thursday, July 21st at 7:00 pm at the Cornerstone.
 Contact Teresa Ryan at tmryan@amcats.edu



SAVE THESE DATES

August 21st **Outdoor Mass & Feast of Love**
 Volunteers needed. Please contact Alex at 774-200-3381 .

October 1st **Dinner Dance** at Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center to celebrate 15 years in our new parish complex.


STEWARDSHIP

Parish Support for the weekend of July 10th was 13,503.00 in offerings, \$676.00 for the Building Fund and \$225.00 for our Capital Campaign. As vacations come upon us, please continue in the support of your parish, either by mail, online or our parish website www.stjosephscharlton.com.



We are so grateful to Fr. Paul Clifford, Chaplain, MA Police Assn. and Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi, Braintree, MA for their tithe of \$1,500.00 to our Parish, acknowledging with gratitude that we, as a Parish, hosted the funeral of Officer Ronald Tarentino. In his letter to us he writes: "I can't tell you how many people have commented to me on how wonderful it was that St. Joseph's would open its doors to minister to the Tarentinos and the police community in Auburn, Leicester and indeed across the Commonwealth. Fr. Jonathan in particular was a model of Christian hospitality. The efforts show us at our best and, I'm sure, cost the parish quite a bit. The enclosed tithe can be applied toward expenses incurred over those days or to support any good works or need at St. Joseph's. Again, many thanks for your welcome." How blessed we are with such goodness flowing everywhere, even in the midst of bad situations. We will share \$500.00 with Fr. Jonathan for his new Parish. God bless St. Francis Parish in Braintree.



LifeTeen is raising funds for Camp Sunshine. Please bring all returnable bottles and cans to the marked bins behind the church. 

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

EDGE-Middle School Religious Education Ministry is in need of group leaders for the 2016-17 school year.

Contact Diane Cetin at diane55383@aol.com.

firstlights is in need of Monday 4th grade teachers.

Classes meet from 3:30-4:45 pm from September-April.

Please contact Sr. Agnes at 508-248-7862.

NOTICE: Plans are in the works to complete the 2nd floor of our East Wing. We are now accepting bids for the construction of these rooms. If you are a licensed and insured builder, please consider submitting your bid for this job. Contact Rich Cayer at 508-450-4785.

A THANK YOU FROM FR. BOB He shares his deep appreciation for the loving outpouring, kindness and support on the occasion of his birthday. Friends came from near and far to celebrate with him and our community. The following testimony, by one of his closest classmates was intended to be presented at the gathering last Sunday, but due to the wonderful tenor of the gathering, the speaking portion was eliminated. We add it here...

By Bernard McGinn, Professor Emeritus at the Univ. of Chicago

"Fr Bob and I first met in the Fall of 1959 when we were arriving seminarians ('new men' as we were called) at the North American College in Rome. Over the next four years we cemented our friendship, maybe as a kind of 'odd couple,' since he is so gregarious and I'm so much of the professor-type. In any case, here we are in 2016, still good friends, and I speak in all honesty when I say I have had no better friend than Bob over these many decades.

Of course, we have both changed a lot...It's a matter of more or less. Bob was one of the thinnest people of our Rome class...Nowadays he is, shall we say, more substantial!

On a more serious note, there is another aspect of Bob's increase that I want to note here, one that has grown and grown over many decades of his life as a priest and pastor. When we left Rome in 1963, we were much more naive than we imagined. The past fifty years has taught much about things we thought we knew, about things we discovered we didn't know, but also about what we realized was important for us to try to learn. With regard to the last of these, what I want to note about Bob is his growth in learning to be an effective priest and a superb pastor. No one is born with this; it's a skill learned only through living and working. I'm not sure how best to name this skill, but let me settle for 'pastoral wisdom.' Bob is a wise pastor, someone filled with loving knowledge and care for the people committed to him. Pat and I have visited Bob in all the pastoral assignments he has had over the years, especially these 27 years he has been at St. Joseph's. We have met and talked to many people in these parishes. Above all, as friends we have also had the opportunity to talk to him in a personal way about his life as a pastor and his concern for his people. His great experience, his natural kindness and openness to people, and his constant desire to be a pastor (a shepherd), not a judge or corrector, have made him, at least for me, a model of what a pastor is supposed to be. I speak as an old friend, of course. But I think his years here at St. Joseph's may also have convinced many of you that you have a rare treasure in Fr Bob. You have

MISSIONARIES OF MERCY UPDATE

"Those who accept His offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ, joy is constantly born anew" - an excerpt from Pope Francis's

EVANGELI GAUDIUM (Joy of the Gospel). Our parish Missionaries of Mercy have been at work doing just that by witnessing God's Love and bringing the joy of the Gospel to members of our local community. A total of 1,502 households have been visited to date. How can we, as Christians, allow ourselves to be anything but joyful in our hearts, regardless of the world around us? Please keep the Missionaries of Mercy team and the intentions of those they visit in your prayers.



LIVING STEWARDSHIP THROUGH SHARING

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY-WILL NOT MEET IN THE SUMMER MONTHS. We will resume the 3rd Saturday in September. Please contact Sr. Agnes in the office or Ellen Thibodeau (508-248-9161) if you know of someone in need of a prayer shawl.

WIDOW/ER SUPPORT GROUP-WILL NOT MEET IN THE SUMMER MONTHS. 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.

PARENT AND CHILD CONNECTION-WILL NOT MEET IN THE SUMMER. Amy Nelson 774-200-6989.

facebook.com/123parentchildconnectionatsaintjoes

NEXT STEP BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:

For parents who have lost a child. Meets 4th Tuesday of the month at the Medical Office Bldg. at Harrington Hospital. Basement level, Room #4. Contact Sue Brunell 508-344-1564 to join.

Readings for the Week of July 17, 2016

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-5/Col 1:24-28/
Lk 10:38-42

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16-17,
21, 23/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-8/Mt 12:46-
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Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/
Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-11/
Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10-13/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3-6, 8, 11/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-3, 6-8/
Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

**Do you suffer with
an addiction?**

Do you need support?

Do not lose hope.

**Fr. Bob is available
to talk with in
private. To arrange a
meeting, call
508-248-7862.**

Adult Faith Formation

- **NO SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** offered in July and August.
- **THE BIBLE AND MARY**-video Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 10:00 am OR Saturdays at 9:30 am in the Cornerstone. Please join us when you can.
NO MEETING WEDNESDAY JULY 27th.
- **FOOTPRINTS OF GOD**-The Story of Salvation History from Abraham to Augustine is a documentary film series. Come to the next film *Moses, Signs, Sacraments & Salvation* on Wednesday, August 17th at 6:15 pm in the Cornerstone. This is a free event and all are welcome.

Did you know? The crucifix (a cross with an image of the crucified Jesus) is important in our Catholic tradition. The Church requires that a crucifix be visible during the celebration of Mass to remind us of the sacrifice of Jesus on the altar of the cross, which is made present for us each time we celebrate the Holy Eucharist. A simple cross (as is custom in other Christian churches) doesn't have the same visual or spiritual impact. Many non-Catholics will state that "my Savior is risen" and that "having an image of the suffering Jesus on the cross takes away from the power of the Resurrection." Catholics also believe that our Lord is risen, but we also need to be reminded of what Christ had to endure before the Resurrection could take place, namely his Passion and Death on the cross.



- Meetings are held monthly on the 1st Wednesday in the Knight's room. Recitation of the Rosary 6:30 pm, then meeting comes to order at 7:00 pm.
- To become a member of the St Joseph K of C contact any knight or Kyle Haggerty at (508) 248-0982 or khagger@charter.net.

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