



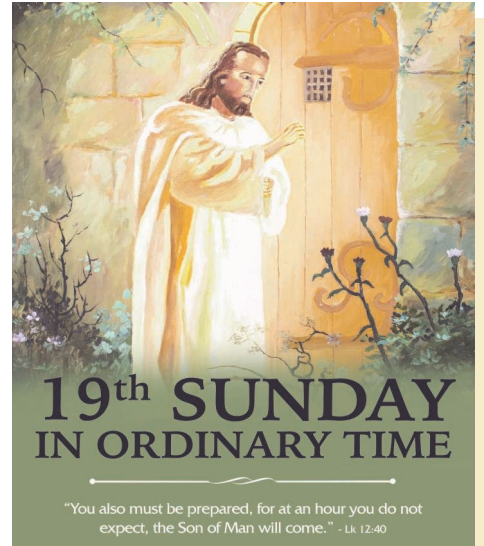
St. Joseph Church Charlton, MA

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

August 7, 2016

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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
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

Saturday, August 6

4:30 pm Ted and Jane Dada by the Family

Sunday, August 7

8:00 am Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus & their families by the Knights of Columbus

10:00 am Armand Richards by his Wife & Family

5:00 pm Special Intention by a Sister in Christ

Monday, August 8

8:30 am Mathew Milani by Kate Staples

Saturday, August 13

4:30 pm Stuart L. Tully by the Family

Sunday, August 14

8:00 am David Staples, Jr. (birthday) by his mother

10:00 am Jerilyn McDowell by Jan & Kathy

5:00 pm John Bubon by his Daughter & Family

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

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Loving God, your Son calls us to ever greater trust even as He fulfilled your will to secure our salvation. Help us to draw closer to you in faith, hope and love.

AMEN

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Thomas Haggerty and Ashley Stone who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage this weekend.



WITH GREAT JOY WE WELCOME

Ariana Marie Porcaro

daughter of Bryan and Caitlin

and **Benjamin Joseph Pelletier**

son of Evan and Amanda who

will be baptized in water and

Spirit this weekend.

REST IN PEACE-SUSAN INFANTE-

DESPO, sister of Fr. Donato Infante,

DARREN A. CONRAD, husband of

Christine and **ERIN WRIGHT**. Please keep

them and their families in your prayers.



Dear Parishioners/Friends: On behalf of my family, I offer our thanks to the entire parish for the many cards and expressions of sympathy sent these past few days on the passing of my sister, Susan. Death is never easy, but when surrounded by loving people, it helps ease the sorrow and pain. Thank you all for your love and compassion. I am truly blessed to be among you to serve you as your priest. -Fr. Donato

UP AND COMING EVENTS & NEWS

LIFE TEEN

Parent information meetings for grades 9-11 in the Cornerstone. A parent need only attend one of the following meetings: Tuesday, September 13th 7:00 pm or Thursday, September 15th 7:00 pm or Saturday September 17th 10:00 am.

You will register your teen at any one of these meetings.

**31
Hour**

**Eucharistic
Adoration**



Beginning noon Sunday, August 14th and concluding Monday, August 15th with Benediction at 7 pm. We invite parishioners and members of our surrounding faith communities to come together to pray for peace, an increase in love and an end to the recent violence we have seen within our country and the world. Please join us for as long as you'd like. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. All are welcome.

5:00 Mass ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

will be co-coordinated by Fr. Donato. If you are a server who would like to be scheduled at the 5:00 pm Mass, please call the office or email Fr. Donato to let him know. 508-248-7862 or donato.infante@gmail.com.



LOTTERY TREE RAFFLE

tickets are \$15 and available after Masses. The drawing will be held at the Dinner Dance at Southbridge Hotel on October 1st.

SAVE THESE DATES

- **Outdoor Mass & Feast of Love** August 21st Volunteers needed, contact Alex at 774-200-3381. We are grateful that Arby's will once again provide the meal for this event.
- **Dinner Dance** October 1st at Southbridge Hotel to celebrate 15 years in our new parish complex.
- **33 Days to Morning Glory** (a consecration to Jesus through Mary) is back this fall. Watch for details.





**YEAR OF MERCY
PILGRIMAGE
DIVINE MERCY SHRINE
STOCKBRIGE, MA
Friday, August 19th**

Bishop McManus will hold Mass in the Shrine's church at 11:00 am. The chaplet will be recited and confession will be available. Use your own transportation OR diocesan bus at a cost of \$10/seat. The bus will leave Immaculate Conception Church, 353 Grove Street, Worcester at 8:15 am and will return around 6:30 pm. Bring a bagged lunch. www.worcesterdiocese.org/year-of-mercy for a reservation form or contact Julie Schroeder at 508-929-4345 or jschroeder@worcesterdiocese.org.

COMMUNITY PRAYER SERVICE

Saturday August 13th beginning at noon in support of our Police men and women and First Responders. All are welcome, gather outside the Charlton Police Station.

Your help is needed!

EDGE our 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 religious education classes is in need of Monday 3rd and 4th grade teachers. Classes meet from 3:30-4:45 pm from September-April. Contact Sr. Agnes at 508-248-7862.

**Do you suffer with an addiction?
Do you need support?
Do not lose hope.**

Fr. Bob, Fr. Donato or our deacons are available to talk with in private. To arrange a meeting, call 508-248-7862.



Parish Support for the weekend of July 31st was \$12,555.00 in offerings, \$730.00 for the Building Fund and \$125.00 for our Capital Campaign.

Thanks to all who utilize mail-in, electronic or direct bank deposit offerings. God bless you for your continued support of our parish and its works.

YOUR GENEROSITY KNOWS NO BOUNDS

We are so grateful for the ongoing generosity of our loving people....Deacon Bill asked for \$5,000.00 to assist ill children and their families attend **Camp Sunshine**....He received that and more!

Ken Graff had a goal to bring \$10,000.00 to the Orphanage *Project Espwa* in Haiti, he received \$14,000.00. Not only that, the folks traveling to Haiti will bring with them 13 suitcases filled with medical supplies, food and clothing for the Orphanage, carrying their personal items in only their backpacks. Bravo!

In addition, we are most grateful to a parishioner whose donation of \$2,500.00 covers the expense of adjustments to the new church sound system, including microphones.

Also, because of the generosity of our wonderful parishioners, we are \$30,000.00 over our Parish Goal this year for **PARTNERS IN CHARITY**.

The yearly collection for the *Church in Eastern Europe* is taken up the weekend of August 14th. St. Joseph's send a tithe from our ordinary offerings. If you wish to make a direct gift, please use the white offering envelopes located in the pews and indicate Eastern Europe.

A grateful THANKS to Sandra Buron and her wonderful team for another successful Vacation Bible School (VBS) last week.

Thank You

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY-Will not meet in the summer. Resumes the 3rd Saturday in September. Contact Sr. Agnes 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. 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-Sharing experiences caring for grandchildren and learning about resources. Contact Ted or Dianne at 508-764-4553.

PARENT AND CHILD CONNECTION-Will not meet in the summer. Amy Nelson 774-200-6989. Check out facebook.com/123parentchildconnectionatsaintjoes.

NEXT STEP BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: For parents who have lost a child. Meets the 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 August 7, 2016

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Ez 2:8--3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/Jn 12:24-26

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21--19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2-4, 18/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

RCIA: ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- * Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- * Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- * Was baptized Catholic, but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer a small group setting to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, insights and faith story in an accepting setting. Contact Ted or Patty Covill at 508-248-4718 or tcovill@charter.net.

- ⇒ **NO SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** offered in August.
- ⇒ **THE BIBLE AND MARY**-this video Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 10:00 am OR Saturdays at 9:30 am in the Cornerstone. Please join us when you can.
- ⇒ **FOOTPRINTS OF GOD**-The Story of Salvation History from Abraham to Augustine is a documentary film series. Come to the next movie *Moses, Signs, Sacraments & Salvation* on Wednesday, August 17th at 6:15 pm in the Cornerstone. This is a free event and all are welcome.
- ⇒ **BOOK CLUB**-Thursday August 25th at 7:00 pm in the Cornerstone. We continue our Year of Mercy theme with a discussion of *Matthew Kelly's Beautiful Mercy*. Copies are available; contact Lisa Diezel at lisadiezel@aol.com



Did you know? Kneeling after communion is a sign of respect for the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist (called the Blessed Sacrament), and we are to remain kneeling until the Eucharist is stored safely in the tabernacle. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), the document that prescribes how a Mass is to be conducted, makes it clear that we are to kneel after receiving the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist. The GIRM does make exceptions for people with physical conditions, but those who are physically able to kneel should. We don't kneel until we are done praying, we kneel when the Blessed Sacrament is out of the tabernacle, and we may return to a sitting position once the Blessed Sacrament is no longer out and the tabernacle door has been closed, signaling the end of the communion rite.



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

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