



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 14, 2016

10 H. PUTNAM EXT, CHARLTON, MA

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PASTOR: Reverend Robert Grattaroti

SENIOR PRIEST: Reverend Normand Tremblay

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Reverend Donato Infante III

PERMANENT DEACONS: Deacon Peter Faford & Deacon Bill Shea



**20th Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." Lk 12:50-52

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Baptismal Prep October 15th 5:30 pm
pre-register 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](http://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](http://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 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

Monday, August 15

8:30 am In thanksgiving by Sam

Tuesday, August 16

8:30 am Special Intention by a Parishioner

Wednesday, August 17

8:30 am Susan Infante-Despo by the Bertrand Family

Saturday, August 20

4:30 pm Kathy Jones by the Family

Sunday, August 21

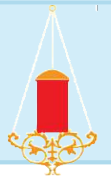
8:00 am Joseph Proulx by his Wife & Daughter

10:00 am William Reil (28th Anniv) by his Wife & Family

5:00 pm Aalina Gielo by the Terczak Family

Prayer intentions may also 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.

Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for Ann Chiusand by her daughter Cindy.



PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Sometimes I need direction, Lord Jesus. Nudge me, push me, shove me in the right direction, for You know all! I recommit myself to You with all my heart. Lord Jesus I trust in You. **AMEN**



MISSIONARIES OF MERCY-Please continue to pray for our Missionaries of Mercy as they carry on their visits to our local community. An email was recently received from a family in a local neighborhood in regards to one such visit, I am including it here.

"Hello, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for coming by Lambs Pond Circle in Charlton yesterday. Not everyday a local church comes to a home and shares the love of the Lord. God Bless you and your ministry."

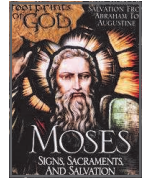
UP AND COMING EVENTS & NEWS



THIS WEEKEND-31 Hour Adoration

Beginning today at noon and concludes Monday with Benediction at 7 pm. Please join us for as long as you'd like. All Welcome.

FOOTPRINTS OF GOD-Come watch the movie, *Moses, Signs, Sacraments & Salvation* this Wednesday, August 17th at 6:15 pm in the Cornerstone.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

for grades K-8 will take place after all Masses the weekend of August 27-28th.

OUTDOOR MASS & FEAST OF LOVE

Beginning with 10:00 Mass on August 21st followed by lunch. Tickets for the Arby's boxed lunches are 2 for \$5.00 or \$3.00 each and for sale NOW! All volunteers please meet Alex Saturday, August 20th at noon in the church hall, thank you!

LIFE TEEN

Parent information meetings in the Cornerstone. A parent need only attend one of the following meetings to register a child: Tuesday, September 13th 7:00 pm, Thursday, September 15th 7:00 pm or Saturday September 17th 10:00 am.

Mark your calendar, Wednesday October 12th 10:00 am or Saturday, October 15th 9:30 am, Fr. Donato will share HIS JOURNEY TO THE PRIESTHOOD in the Cornerstone. All are invited.

SAVE THESE DATES

- **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 here this October. Watch for details.
- **Cursillo**-The next Men's Cursillo will be Feb. 9th-12th at the Immaculate Conception Church, Putnam, CT.



Congratulations to Jerry & Kelly Bonner who were named STEWARDS OF THE YEAR. Pictured: Jerry, Kelly, Fr. Bob and Carl Kasierski (co-chair of the Stewardship Committee along with his wife, Tricia).



Parish Support for the weekend of August 7th was \$13,938.00 in offerings, \$400.00 for the Building Fund and \$767.00 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.

The yearly collection for the *Church in Eastern Europe* is taken up this weekend. St. Joseph's will 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.



Deacon Bill wishes to thank all the people of St. Joseph's for their incredible generosity and support for Camp Sunshine.

We will end the can drive on Monday, August 15th and forward the money to the Camp.

Through your support and generosity we were able to send two families to camp this summer.

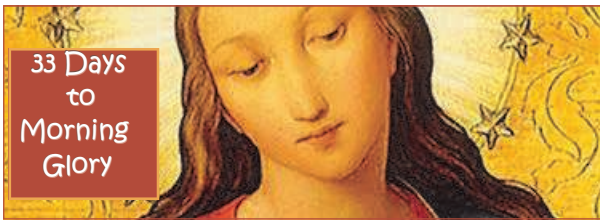


DON'T FORGET THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL used clothing box located in the back of the church.

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 teachers are needed for 3rd and 4th grade on Mondays. Classes meet from 3:30-4:45 pm from September to April. Contact Sr. Agnes at 508-248-7862.



A 6-week preparation to entrust ourselves to Our Blessed Mother just as Christ willed for us at the foot of the cross. We will learn about consecration to Jesus through Mary from 4 of our great saints. Our goal is to consecrate as many people as possible before the end of this Year of Mercy.

St. John Paul II Parish Ministry Center Southbridge Orientation/1st Session, Saturday, August 27 @ 10:30 am
Weekly sessions follow on either Thursdays: 6:30pm-8:30pm ~OR~ Sundays: 6:30pm-8:30pm \$30.00 pp.
Contact Sylvia Gaumond (508) 764-6170

ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS CHURCH & SHRINE, 35 Dion Drive, Harrisville, RI

23rd Annual Shrine Feast Day Celebration
August 21st 10:00—4:30 pm
Contact 401-568-0575 for more information.



The Serra Club whose mission is to foster and affirm vocations to the priesthood and vowed religious life, is sponsoring a Chicken Dinner Fundraiser at the Publick House on Monday August 22nd. \$14 for adults and \$5 for children. Contact Barbara Avery 508-943-1489 for tickets.

**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. Call to arrange a meeting 508-248-7862.

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 14

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

Monday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35-36/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-6/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7a/Ps 85:9-14/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1-2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

ARE YOU 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?

Our RCIA Ministry offers 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. Sessions resume on September 8th. If you need to speak with her, contact her at 508-485-3791.
- ⇒ **THE BIBLE AND MARY** video Bible Study continues Wednesdays at 10:00 am OR Saturdays at 9:30 am in the Cornerstone. Please join us when you can.
- ⇒ **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
- ⇒ **FR. DONATO'S JOURNEY TO THE PRIESTHOOD**-October 12th at 10:00 am or October 15th at 9:30 am in the Cornerstone. All invited.



Did you know? *Catholic Bytes Podcast* offers short, dynamic talks about the faith. The goal of Catholic Bytes is to offer catechesis for people on the move. Most people do not have time to sit down and study the faith, so these episodes offer an opportunity to learn more about Catholicism or to grow in your relationship with the Lord, in short 5-10 minute sessions. Episodes offer listeners a variety of themes from faith fundamentals, Scripture, morals, spirituality, saints, and Church history. **Check out the Podcast on the Communion of Saints featuring Fr. Donato at, <http://catholicbytespodcast.com/podcast/the-communion-of-saints-militant-suffering-triumphant>.**



- 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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