



# 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 28, 2016**

**10 H. PUTNAM EXT, CHARLTON, MA**

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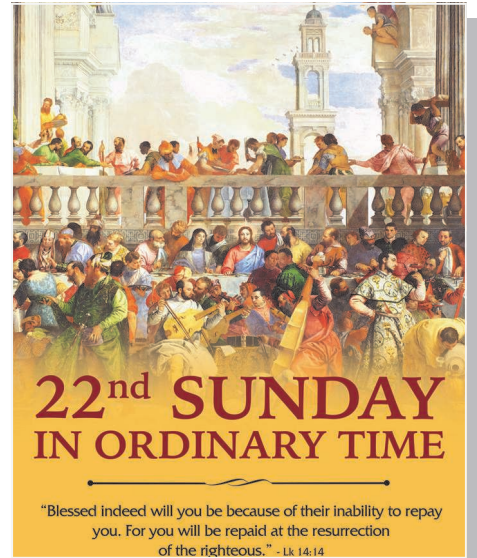
**Website: www.stjosephscharlton.com**

**PASTOR:** Reverend Robert Grattaroti

**SENIOR PRIEST:** Reverend Normand Tremblay

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** Reverend Donato Infante III

**PERMANENT DEACONS:** Deacon Peter Faford & Deacon Bill Shea



## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Baptismal Prep October 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:prayer@missionariesofmercy.net).  
website: [www.missionariesofmercy.net](http://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](http://www.stjosephscharlton.com/food-pantry)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST LIGHTS (grades k-5)  
Sr. Agnes Patricia  
[sisteragnespatria@yahoo.com](mailto:sisteragnespatria@yahoo.com)

EDGE PROGRAM (grades 6-8)  
Diane Cetin  
[diane55383@aol.com](mailto:diane55383@aol.com)

LIFE TEEN PROGRAM (grades 9-12)  
Deacon Bill Shea  
[bshea@dienesusa.com](mailto:bshea@dienesusa.com)

ADULT FAITH FORMTION  
Cheryl Kingston  
[cgkingston@yahoo.com](mailto:cgkingston@yahoo.com)

## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit material for consideration to  
Cheryl Kingston at  
[cgkingston@yahoo.com](mailto: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 27  
 4:30 pm Dale & Phyllis Roberto by the Family  
Sunday, August, 28  
 8:00 am Nancy Gauthier by Paul & Ellen Thibodeau  
 10:00 am Frank Gard by Alice Burkin Shaw  
 5:00 pm Joe Plant by the Family  
Tuesday, August 30  
 8:30 am Don Mahan by a Friend  
Friday, September 2  
 8:30 am Joseph Yvon Proulx by Tony & Helen Santilli  
Saturday, September 3  
 4:30 pm Ernest Duby by the Family  
Sunday, September 4  
 8:00 am Eugene Ide by the Family  
 10:00 am Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus & their families by the K of C.  
 5:00 pm Kevin Walsh by the Parish 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.*

**PRAYER BEFORE MASS** Lord Jesus, You have told us that You hear our every word. Open our hearts so that we may hear Your every word and that we may live according to Your words. May we be free of distractions so that we may better understand the messages and lessons You want us to hear and live by. -AMEN



AREDA OWENS. Please keep Areda in your prayers.

**MISSIONARIES OF MERCY NEWS**

Our Missionaries of Mercy continue to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our community. Another letter was been received regarding a recent visit they made:

*"DEAR MISSIONARIES OF MERCY:*

*I AM A POLICE SERGEANT AND OVERNIGHT SUPERVISOR WITH THE CHARLTON POLICE DEPARTMENT. I RECENTLY RECEIVED A CARE PACKAGE FROM YOUR ORGANIZATION THAT CONTAINED A LETTER, ROSARY, ST. MICHAEL PRAYER CARD AND CHARM. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND PRAYERS. IT'S NICE TO KNOW, THAT ESPECIALLY IN THESE TRYING TIMES, THAT THERE ARE THOSE OF YOU THAT CARE."*

We ask that you keep them all in prayer.



Please join us in wishing FR. DONATO a very Happy Birthday on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**UP AND COMING EVENTS & NEWS**

33 Days to Morning Glory



33 Days to Merciful Love

In preparation for the closing of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we invite everyone to consecrate to Jesus through Mary by completing the **33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY** and **33 DAYS TO MERCIFUL LOVE** respectively. The 33 Days to Morning Glory will begin September 1<sup>st</sup> and end October 6<sup>th</sup>. Sessions will be offered Thursdays 9:30-11:00 am or 6:30-8:00 pm. **REGISTRATION** for 33 Days to Morning Glory takes place after all Masses this weekend. If you have books for these retreats you are willing to donate, please leave them in the front office. Susan Montville at tsmontville@aol.com

**OLD HOME DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**



This is one of our largest fundraisers. Help is needed for parking lot coverage during the fireworks and to help set up on September 4<sup>th</sup> as well as in the Knight's booth on, September 5<sup>th</sup>. To help, call Alan Turmelle (508) 248-7154 or Kyle Haggerty (508) 248-0982.

*Mass of Remembrance for those we have loved and lost will be held on Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.*

**NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Open to anyone having received First Communion including high school or college student and adults.



Tickets for the **Parish Dinner Dance** on October 1<sup>st</sup> at Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center are now available. \$70 per couple or \$35 each. Check with the Church office or contact Dick or Jenn Vaughn at 774-230-7458 or 774-230-2163.

Boy Scout Troop 273 is now accepting donations for their September 17<sup>th</sup> yard sale. Drop off dates are August 27<sup>th</sup> and September 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to noon at Universal Tag in Dudley.



A new Devotion, **12 Hour Adoration**, will be starting in our parish beginning in October and ending in June.

The schedule is as follows; Adoration beginning at 9:00 pm on the first Fridays with Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy in Song at Midnight and 3:00 am, the Rosary at 6:00 am followed by Holy Mass at 9:00 am. It is our hope that each First Saturday Mass will be a Healing Mass - with anointing of the sick, Confessions and Prayer Teams available.

Please prayerfully consider being a part of the Prayer Teams, Kimberly Gordon at 774-262-0976 or cckblmgordon@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION for grades K-8 will take place after all Masses this weekend.

**FIRSTLIGHTS TEACHER MEETING**-today after the 10:00 Mass. We will be meeting in the classrooms behind the coffee room. The purpose of this meeting is to hand out the class lists, manuals and to go over the schedule for the year.



**PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS** in the Cornerstone. A parent need attend only one of the following meetings to register a child: Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm, Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm or Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SPONSORS FOR SACRAMENTS

Baptism and Confirmation sponsors assume a spiritual relationship to the person they sponsor and are sacramental representatives of the Church. As such, they should be Catholics who live and practice their faith to the best of their abilities which; generally means the ordinary worship of God at Mass and the reception of the Sacraments as well as their Marriage within the requirements of the Church. It can happen that parents may have a favorite relative or friend whom they would like as the Godparent or Sponsor who does not meet these requirements. In these cases, we will do what we can to help you meet these ecclesial standards.

**The Worcester Diocese Safe Environment** program helps promote awareness of sexual abuse, helps to prevent abuse and to encourage survivors of abuse to seek the healing they deserve. In keeping with the National Policy published by the USCCB, training about the signs and symptoms of child abuse is required at least once for all staff and volunteers. Contact Sr. Agnes for training and specifics at 508-248-7862.



We are updating everyone's contact information. This is a parish-wide project as we seek to align the parish software with that of the Diocese. Parishioners are encouraged to do this online at the following link.  
[www.stjosephscharlton.com/parishioner-updatesurvey](http://www.stjosephscharlton.com/parishioner-updatesurvey)



Parish Support for the weekend of August 21<sup>st</sup> was \$10,491.00 in offerings, \$567.00 for the Building Fund and \$125.00 for our Capital Campaign and \$451.00 for Assumption Day. Thanks to all who utilize mail-in, electronic or direct bank deposit offerings. Thank you to all who make up their weekly offerings when away. God bless you for your continued support of our parish and its works.

MANY THANKS *to all who participated in and assisted in making last Sunday's Feast of Love such a tremendous success. We are most grateful to Thomas Livingston, owner of ARBY'S IN AUBURN for donating the lunch. We have presented him with a plaque representing the Last Supper. Anyone wishing to thank Mr. Livingston personally may do so online at ArbysWeMakeltRight.com or 800-984-8289.*



Thank you! New PICNIC TABLES located in the back of the building were donated by the Knights of Columbus and Howlett Lumber and were stained by our Parish Maintenance staff and K of C members.

THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE! Best wishes to Michael Mahan, Deputy Fire Chief, on his upcoming retirement from the Charlton Fire Department.



**EDGE** youth ministry is in need of group leaders. Contact Diane Cetin at [diane55382@aol.com](mailto:diane55382@aol.com).

**firstlights** 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade religious education teachers are needed for Mondays. 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 one of our deacons is available to talk with in private. Call to arrange a meeting 508-248-7862.

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS**

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**-Resumes September 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 28**  
**Sunday:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14  
**Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97-102/Mk 6:17-29  
**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-14/Lk 4:31-37  
**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44  
**Thursday:** 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 5:1-11  
**Friday:** 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39  
**Saturday:** 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-21/Lk 6:1-5  
**Next Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-6, 12-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

**RCIA-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.



**CURRENT AFF OFFERINGS:**

- ⇒ **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.
- ⇒ **FR. DONATO'S JOURNEY TO THE PRIESTHOOD**-October 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am or October 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in the Cornerstone.
- ⇒ **LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD RACK**-located inside the main entry door. CDs are available for a donation. Karen Todd 508-248-6397.
- ⇒ **THE FOOTPRINTS OF GOD**-Movie *Peter, Keeper of the Keys* will be shown Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm in the Cornerstone. All Welcome. Free Event.
- ⇒ **33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY**-Beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>. Thursdays 9:30-11:00 am or 6:30-8:00 pm. Susan Montville tsmontville@aol.com.
- ⇒ **NO SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** with Sr. Rose Clarisse offered until September 8<sup>th</sup>.



**Did you know?** Each symbol on the front of our pulpit represents a different Gospel. The symbols are based on biblical imagery found in the Book of Revelation. The image of man represents the Gospel of Matthew and signifies Christ's human nature. The lion, the Gospel of Mark and is a symbol of royalty and donates Christ the King. The ox, the sacrificial victim represents St. Luke and highlights the priestly character of Christ's mission. The eagle stands for the Gospel of John "who soars to the heavens" because his theology is much more developed than the 3 synoptic Gospels. These symbols helped people to remember the different Gospels and the perspectives they took, especially at a time when most people could not read.



- Meetings are held monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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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