



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

September 11, 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



"I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents." - Lk 15:10

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

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
diane55382@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, September 10

4:30 pm Robert J. Graham by the Family

Sunday, September 11

8:00 am Robert Weimer (1st Anniv) by Ruth and Jim Couture

10:00 am Richard Shea by the Family

5:00 pm Patrick Lovett by Mary Lovett

Monday, September 12

8:30 am Armand Richards by Annette Rapo

Wednesday, September 14

8:30 am Foster Munroe by a Friend

Thursday, September 15

8:30 am Intentions of Fr. Donato by a Parishioner

Saturday, September 17

4:30 pm Gerard "Gerry" Staves by the Family

Sunday, September 18

8:00 am Joseph Proulx by Friends & Family

10:00 am Frank Gard by Carol & Bob Dergan Family

5:00 pm Christine Cierpich by Marge & Ed Jalbert



The Sanctuary Lamp
burns this week for
Earl Wright

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

Dear Lord, may I receive you in this Communion with open arms, and a loving, contrite heart, so that I may be filled with Your grace, for my good and Your glory. Amen.



BAPTISMS-With great joy we welcome **GRAHAM BENJAMIN ALEXION** son of James & Ashley and **JACOB JOSEPH MOORE** son of Luke & Kathleen who will be baptized in water and Spirit this weekend.

Rest in Peace

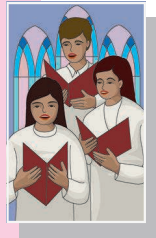
PATRICIA NETSCH, mother of Mark and BARBARA REIDY, mother of Fr. Richard Reidy, Vicar General of our Diocese. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

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.

UP AND COMING EVENTS & NEWS

OUR CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL BEGIN REHEARSALS ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH FROM 6:00-7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH. CHILDREN AGES 7-13 ARE INVITED TO JOIN. PLEASE CONTACT ANDREA HUMPHRIES AT 508-930-5280.



On Sunday, September 18th we will welcome harpist Ritajayne Rivera who will be playing at the 10:00 Mass.



LIFE TEEN

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

NEW ALTAR SERVER

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

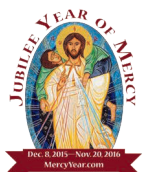


Get your Dinner Dance tickets now

15th Anniversary Dinner Dance October 1st, 6:00 pm at the Southbridge Hotel. Tickets are \$70 per couple or \$35 each. Contact Dick or Jenn Vaughn at 774-230-7458 or 774-230-2163 or purchase after Masses in the Narthex. AND don't forget to get your lottery tree raffle ticket \$15 each, drawing to be held at this event. Come celebrate 15 years in our "new" parish complex.



Planning Meeting for Closing of Jubilee Year of Mercy! ALL are welcome. Saturday, September 10th @ 11:30 am. We will meet in a classroom off of the coffee room.



The outdoor Christmas Creche is coming along and should be completed soon. Many thanks to Nelson Sleeper and all his helpers.



God so much violence, so much pain, so much heartache.
 May our memories of this day remind us of the horrors of war.
 As we grieve with those who still mourn,
 And share memories with those who cannot forget,
 May we be stirred by your love and compassion for all.
 As we remember those who bravely responded,
 And gave their lives to save others,
 May we draw strength from their selfless sacrifice.
 As we stand with strangers who became neighbors that day,
 Sharing and caring for people they did not know,
 We give thanks for their generosity and hospitality.
 May it remind us of the call to be good Samaritans,
 Reaching out across race and culture to victims of violence.
 Too many in our world have lost loved ones to terrorism and war,
 May their plight fill us with a longing for peace.
 Let us seek for understanding and reconciling,
 And not turn from your kingdom ways.
 Above all God may we remember your
 faithfulness,
 And learn to trust in your unfailing love. -AMEN



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 update form under eCommunity).

All Night Adoration

First Friday/First Saturday Devotions

Beginning September 30th and October 1st there will be a 9 Month Novena in Honor of The Sacred Heart of Jesus and The Immaculate Heart of Mary

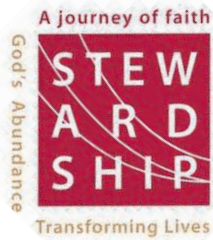


Bring a pillow and a blanket and come rest and pray in the presence of Jesus.

Adoration begins at 9:00 pm on Friday September 30th
 Stations of the Cross at 9:15 pm
 Divine Mercy Chaplet in Song at Midnight and 3:00 am
 Holy Rosary at 6:00 am

Holy Mass at 9:00 am, Saturday, October 1st
 Anointing of the Sick and prayer teams available following Mass.

Kimberly Gordon 774-262-0976 ckblmgordon@gmail.com



Parish Support for the weekend of September 4th was \$13,430.00 in offerings, \$705.00 for the Building Fund and \$592.00 for our Capital Campaign.

Thanks to all who utilize mail in, electronic or direct bank deposit offerings. Also, thanks to all who make up their weekly offerings when away. Please consider remembering our Church in your wills and Estate plans. God Bless.

TO WATCH A QUICK 1 MINUTE VIDEO FROM BISHOP MCMANUS EXPRESSING HIS GRATITUDE TOWARD PARISHIONERS FOR THEIR RESPONSE TO PARTNERS IN CHARITY, PLEASE GO TO www.vimeo.com/181214783

HELPING THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST!

Last week we sent \$300.00 to Catholic Charities in Southbridge to assist those who were displaced by the recent fire. Also on the weekend of September 18th we will send a tithe to Louisiana to assist those who suffered from the recent floods. Your goodness often goes beyond our Parish boundaries especially as evidenced by your most generous response to Partners in Charity. May God bless you.

"Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others."



Seminar-Saturday, October 22nd from 10:00-4:00 pm at Assumption College. You will walk away with information about the new MA law and how to protect yourself from medical care that is contrary to our Catholic values. Cost is \$15.00 and includes a box lunch. Register online at www.witnessforlife.com/register2016 or send a check to: Witness for Life Forum, 16 Robertson Rd, Worcester MA 01602. Made payable to Witness for Life.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY-Resumes September 17th. 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 September 11
Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10
Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1, 6-8, 15/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10-14/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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.



- ⇒ **THE BIBLE AND MARY** video Bible Study continues Wednesdays at 10:00 am OR Saturdays at 9:30 am in the Cornerstone. NO MEETING SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH.
- ⇒ **FR. DONATO'S JOURNEY TO THE PRIESTHOOD**-October 12th at 10:00 am or October 15th 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.
- ⇒ **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** with Sr. Rose Clarisse sign up in the Narthex.
- ⇒ **Formed.org**-Catholic on-line resource for movies, books and video programs. Use parish code: 7526f6 to access all the programs.
- ⇒ **BOOK CLUB**-*An Invisible Thread* by Laura Schroff. We will Meet in the 1st floor conference room off the coffee room to discuss the book on Thursday, October 6th at 7:00 pm.



Did you know? Most of the books of the Bible were written in Hebrew or Greek. In the Old Testament, 39 of the 46 books were originally written in Hebrew (with some portions written in Aramaic). 7 other books, called the deuterocanonicals (Tobit, Judith, Wisdom, Sirach, Baruch, and First and Second Maccabees) were written in Greek. All 27 books of the New Testament were originally written in Greek.



- 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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