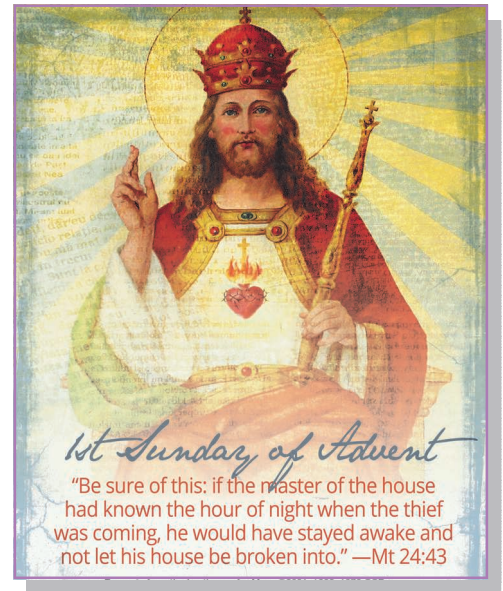




St. Joseph Church Charlton, MA

MASSES CELEBRATED
 Daily M-F 8:30 am
 Saturday 4:30 pm
 Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am & 5:00 pm

November 27, 2016



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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal Prep December 17th
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 at 7:00 pm
www.stjosephscharlton.com/adoration.
 First Friday/First Saturday Devotions begin at 9:00 pm with 24 hr. Adoration

ROSARY

Daily at 8:00 am
 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

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 Cheryl Kingston
cgkingston@yahoo.com

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit material for consideration to Cheryl Kingston at cgkingston@yahoo.com by noon 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, November 26

4:30 pm Kenneth Rivemider by the Family

Sunday, November 27

8:00 am Daniel Staples (birthday) by his mother

10:00 am Matthew Iagatta by Josh Corrigan

5:00 pm Jack Hession by the Kingston Family

Wednesday, November 30

8:30 am Nellie and Chet Galonek by Donna & John Galonek

Saturday, December 3

4:30 pm The deceased members of the Dufault Family by Theresa Lukowski

Sunday, December 4

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

10:00 am Emily Gardner by the Kingston Family

5:00 pm Jerry Bonner by the Beringer Family

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE Monday, November 28th for all our dearly departed.

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION December 8th

Masses are 8:30 am and 7:00 pm

The BLESSING OF OUR OUTDOOR CRÈCHE takes place on Tuesday, December 6th at 8:00 p.m.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS: Lord Jesus, I come to adore You. As the new year begins, I renew my hope in You and ask You to be the Lord of my life. Forgive my sins, my faults and failures and help me also to be forgiving. Grant that I may worthily commune with You as I receive Your precious Eucharistic food. Bless me, my friends and my enemies now and always. -AMEN

*For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.
-Matthew 24:42*

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.

Please pray for our CONFIRMATION students, their sponsors and teachers while on retreat this weekend.



ULTREYA Mass Friday, December 2nd 7:00 pm
All are welcome.

Miss your chance to participate in the Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade Sale last weekend? All remaining goods will be for sale after all Masses



Join us for our series of movies about the life of St. Francis from 6-8 pm in the Cornerstone. Next movie:

November 30 Movie-Francesco

LIFETEEN Flower and Wreath Sale

December 4th at all Masses



St. Nicholas will make his yearly appearance at the 4:30 pm and the 10:00 am Masses the weekend of December 3rd and 4th.



The Giving Tree is up in the Narthex. This year you will find tags for the Refugee Apostolate, the Homeless, Local Families and Seminarians. Please consider taking a tag to purchase a gift for someone in need.

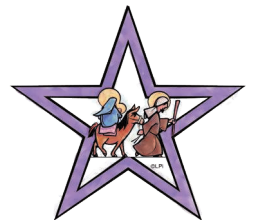


THE MARY MARTHA GUILD will hold it's Annual Cookie sale after Masses the weekend of December 10th. There is always a risk of them selling, so come early to get yours.

POSADA & TREE LIGHTING

December 10th after the 4:30 Mass

Face painting, music, food, hot cocoa, a piñata and a beautiful presentation of the Holy Family's journey to the Manger. Fun for the whole family. We will start outdoors then proceed indoors. Dress Accordingly.



The Knights of Columbus will be selling Christmas magnets after Mass starting this weekend.

As always, they will be selling Christmas trees beginning in December.





The Advent wreath is blessed this weekend and the first candle is lit for Hope. Also, the "O" Antiphons hang on the walls in the Church. The hymn sung during Advent, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" contains the titles of the coming Redeemer represented in these antiphons.



Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP

Parish Support for the weekend of November 20th could not be reported this week due to early submission of the bulletin for the Thanksgiving holiday. We will report all next weekend. Thank you.

The weekend of December 4th is the collection for the RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS.

ATTENTION: Doctors are being urged to talk with patients about end of life care. Your doctor may give you a pink MOLST form (Massachusetts Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment), which you are not required to sign. If you have questions about what this form means in regards to treatment and our Catholic faith, please connect with us. Call Joyce Dubuque at 508.791.5421.



JOSEPH'S CLOSET IN NEED-The Missionaries of Mercy have received a request by a young couple who are expecting a baby girl. They are struggling financially and are in need of a crib/mattress. If you can help, please contact Tom Creamer at (774) 696-0903 or trc@charter.net.

SOLAR FIELD UPDATE: The upper lot will be used as Solar Panel in an effort to help us save in our energy bills. They will be installed in the near future. Our Bishop signed the contract for the lease of the land, and we will receive monthly income of upwards of \$2,000.00 as well as the substantial lowering of our Electric bill. A \$50,000.00 deposit has been given to the Diocese as a security deposit and our parish has already received over \$1,300.00 in the past month (and the Panels have not yet been fully installed).

Mr. Gove, whose company is installing the panels says the next step in our construction process is to build a dirt berm approximately 3 ft. tall along the edge of the property that follows H. Putnam Ext. Due to the high visibility impact from the roadway and the fact that we won't be able to plant trees until Spring, we are considering the option of installing a portion of fence alongside the road with privacy slats to block the view from the road until trees can be planted. God bless you for your patience, support and continued good will.

MINISTRY SHOWCASE

ALTAR SERVERS/ADULT ACOLYTES, Jenn and Dick Vaughn, 774-230-7458, jharwich@gmail.com A special opportunity to serve God and our community. Members must have made their 1st Communion. Altar servers are trained to serve at the Liturgical Celebrations then paired with a "veteran server" for their first few Mass assignment and scheduled according their availability. Boys and girls, men and women are welcome to join and we are ALWAYS in need OF SERVERS. Many of our altar servers continue through high school and transition to the Adult Acolyte Ministry. Acolytes may serve at any Mass, but especially on occasions such as the Triduum, Christmas Eve, Confirmations, funerals, and other such Masses.

The organizers of last weekend's Closing of the **Jubilee Year of Mercy** would like to thank our Lord Jesus for His Blessings and Mercy over the last year. We also acknowledge all those involved in planning and executing this Celebration with special thanks to the planning committee, Mary Martha Guild, our Music Ministries, our custodians Billy, Don and Sherry. A/V support from Kyle Sullivan and Alex Diaz. A special thank you to Bouchers Bookstore, Sr. Igne, Fr. Oulette, Fr. Charland and Fr. Cadin and the Marion Missionaries of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge especially Fr. Michael Gaitley for inspiring us to boldly spread the message of His Merciful Love!



With gratitude we acknowledge all involved in serving last weekend's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Over 200 people enjoyed the meal. Thank you to all who generously donated to our food pantry, we provided over 40 Thanksgiving Baskets with turkeys to families in need last week.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY-10:00 am on 3rd Saturday of the month. Mary Stewart at 508-248-5851.

WIDOW/ER SUPPORT GROUP-cancelled until further notice. If you need to talk, please call, Pat Lawrie at 508-248-5050.

DIVORCE SUPPORT MINISTRY-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. Ted or Dianne at 508-764-4553.

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.

CALIX SOCIETY-a meeting for anyone concerned with alcoholism or drug dependency. First Saturday of each month 9-10:00 am. Knights Room. Paul 774-696-7543.

Do you suffer with an addiction?
Do you need support? Fr. Bob, Fr. Donato or one of our deacons is available to talk with in private. Call to arrange a meeting 508-248-7862.

◆ If you would like to join the Knights of Columbus, contact Allan at 508-248-7154 or Kyle (508)248-0982 or khagger@charter.net.
 ◆ Meetings held monthly on the 1st Wednesday in the Knight's Room. Recitation of the Rosary at 6:30 pm, the meeting comes to order at 7:00 pm.



Women Of Faith Morning of Prayer
Keep Your Lamp Trimmed and Burning
 Saturday December 10th 9:30-1:00 pm
 St. Anne Convent, 720 Boston Post Road East, Marlborough.
 Presenter: Barbara A. Mullen, CSJ, is On-Going Formation Director for her Province, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambéry. A fee of \$10.00 collected at the door. Pre-registration required by December 5th. Please contact Sr. Yvette Bellerose @ 774-239-3372 or yvettebellerose@gmail.com or Ann Williams at annw63@gmail.com, 508-481-8176.

Check out these ways to keep informed of what's happening here at St. Joseph's: our website www.stjosephscharlton.com and/or [facebook.com/St-Josephs-Parish-Charlton-813677288656864](https://www.facebook.com/St-Josephs-Parish-Charlton-813677288656864). Look for up to the minute news, schedules and pictures.

Welcome to Saint Joseph Parish: If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself after Mass. We want to know and serve you. We hope you will favor your Parish with your prayers, weekly presence, talents and financial assistance according to your means.



- * **LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD RACK**-CDs are available for a \$3.00 donation. We encourage you to return the CDs to the box in the reception office for others to use.
- * **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**-with Sr. Rose Clarisse-sign up in the Narthex.
- * **FORMED.ORG**-Catholic on-line resource for movies, books and video programs. Use code: 7526f6 to get started using this resource.
- * **BOOK CLUB**-Check back here for our next book selection and date. Lisa Diezel at 774-641-3737.
- * **FAITH SHARING**-There will no longer be Wednesday faith sharing. We will offer scheduled speakers beginning the first of the year on Saturday mornings following the first Saturday Masses.



FREE ADVENT CONCERT
 Sunday, December 4th 2-4 pm
 featuring music ministries from around the Worcester Diocese celebrating the Advent season with an afternoon of singing and fellowship. Sacred Heart - Saint Catherine of Sweden, 596 Cambridge Street, Worcester. Refreshments will be served in the Hall following the concert.



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