

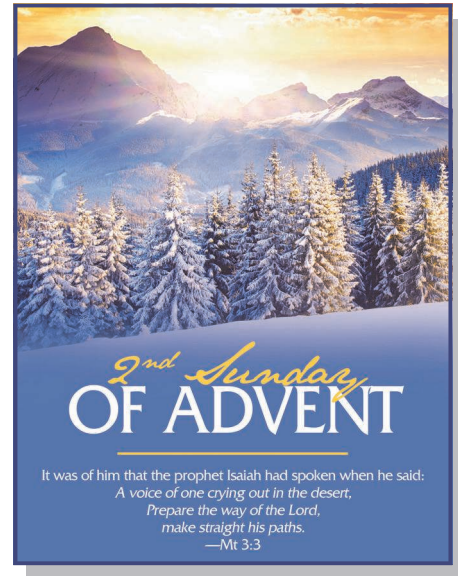


St. Joseph Church Charlton, MA

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

December 4, 2016

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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

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
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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit material for consideration to
Cheryl Kingston at
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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, 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

Monday, December 5

8:30 am Joseph Yvon Proulx by Tony & Helen Santilli

Tuesday, December 6

8:30 am Joseph Benoit by Sue & Mike Bilodeau

Thursday, December 8

8:30 am John Boulay, Jr. by his Sister

Saturday, December 10

4:30 pm Howard & Helen Oliver by the Family

Sunday, December 11

8:00 am Joseph Benoit by Claire Gouin

10:00 am Leo & Betty Corrigan by Jean Weston

5:00 pm Robert & Elizabeth Bonner by the Bonner Family

The sanctuary lamp burns this week for Gertrude Dupuis by Jackie.

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Mass is celebrated on Wednesday December 7th at 7:00 pm as well as on Thursday, December 8th at 8:30 am and 5:00 pm.

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



WILLIAM "BILL" KRUKOWSKI was tragically killed outside his home on the Friday after Thanksgiving. We express our deepest sympathies to his wife, Peggy and their entire family.

Bill was most prominent in the construction of our Church complex some 15 years ago. He served most generously as Clerk of the Works for the entire project and along with many other volunteers, he helped us to build this Church. We are indebted to Bill and pray for the peaceful repose of his soul.

Please keep our Confirmation students in prayer as they finish their retreat this weekend.



LIFETEEN Flower and Wreath Sale
THIS WEEKEND at all Masses.



Also, St Nicholas will make his yearly appearance at the 4:30 pm and the 10:00 am Masses this weekend .



THE GIVING TREE-on this year's tree 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. Please place your wrapped gift with tag attached under the tree. Thank you for your kindness in sharing.

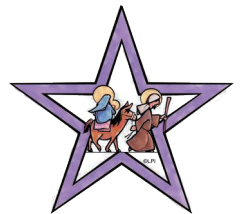
On the Feast of St. Nicholas, December 6th, at 8:00 pm the new, permanent outdoor nativity scene built by members of our parish will be blessed. Please join us for this special event. Hot chocolate will be served afterwards, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.



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 out, 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.



STEWARDSHIP



As we enter the Second Week of Advent, our thoughts should be turning more and more to the coming of Christ at Christmas. Our sense of expectation increases, as does our recognition of the fact that we are not prepared, not only for the first coming of Christ that we will celebrate in a few weeks, but for His Second Coming at the end of time.

2nd Sunday of Advent

Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. -Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?



Stewardship

Parish Support for the weekend of November 20th was \$11,870.00, \$620.00 for the Building Fund and \$125.00 for Capital Campaign. November 27th was \$11,354.00, \$571.00 for the Building Fund and \$155.00 for the Capital Campaign. Thank you.

This weekend is the collection for the RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS.

Also our *EDGE and First Lights* students have been utilizing their own Parish Envelopes. I have highlighted a few here to witness to the generosity of the young people of our parish.

Monica has stated she is "helping little kids/singing" and gave \$5.00. **Christopher's** envelope says "made my bed and picked up trash in the street" and he offered \$1.00 and **Cecilia** wrote on her envelope that she "cleaned the table after dinner, helped cook and clean my room" and she included \$1.00. Thank you to all our young stewards for their contribution to our faith community.

COMING SOON TO ST. JOSEPH'S

Light of the World Retreat



February 17, 18 & 19, 2017

Wrap up Monday evening Monday 2/20

See Deacon Bill for more information

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As indicated in an earlier bulletin, the long awaited completion of our 2nd floor is about to begin. We are indebted to Tim Haran and Thaddeus Szkoda for their invaluable help, as well as to Rich Cayer and his team of volunteer parishioners who have labored with much dedication and zeal to get this last phase of our church complex completed. We are in the process of acquiring the Building Permit and work should commence very soon.

Your donations to our Building Fund as well as to the Capital Campaign will serve to finance this project (which is estimated to cost us upwards of \$200,000.00). May I encourage you to consider adding to your financial sharing as best you can, so that our reserves will not be depleted. Thank you for your ongoing support and your dedication to our Parish and all that it represents. May God continue to bless us all.

-Fr. Bob

MINISTRY SHOWCASE

ANNOUNCING A NEW MINISTRY: WELCOME TABLE

A handsomely made table has been placed in the narthex, our "Welcome Table." The Welcome Table is a ministry of hospitality and the first point of contact for visitors to our parish. Staffed by two members of the parish at each Mass, the welcome table provides information about the parish and our activities. It also allows for new parishioners to register for our parish, assists visitors in locating useful facilities like the cry room, confessional or bathroom and assists non-Catholics in explaining our hymnals, provides a Mass response sheet and finding a welcoming parishioner or family who can sit with our visitors. If you are interested in helping at Mass one Sunday a month, please call Dayna Dumas at 508-248-9009.

We are most grateful to a parishioner (who asked to remain anonymous) for the beautiful hand crafted "Welcome Table" in the Narthex.



Thank you to Joyce Marcelonis, Sue Bond and the members of parish prayer groups and the members of the Mary Martha Guild who helped with the Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade Sale. Over \$2,200 worth of goods were sold to support the work of laborers in developing countries.

Also, thank you to all who purchased the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets last weekend.



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-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.
- ◆ Any Knight who can assist with Christmas tree sales, please contact Kyle or Allan.



Trinity Catholic Academy

11 Pine St., Southbridge, MA

will hold it's **ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE**

January 26, 2017 11:30-1:30 pm

Visitors will be able to speak with the principal and teachers, get a tour of the school directed by a member of the Student Council and enjoy refreshments with our Trinity family. We look forward to sharing our school with you.



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 CD's 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**-Thursday, January 5th at 7pm (note corrected date). Please join us in our discussion of Glenn Beck's *The Christmas Sweater*. All are welcome! Lisa Diezel 774-641-3737.
- * **FAITH SHARING**-There will no longer be Wednesday faith sharing. We will offer scheduled speakers beginning the new year on Saturday mornings following the first Saturday Masses.



2016 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24
4:00 pm Mass in the Main Church with Children's pageant

4:00 pm Mass downstairs in the Hall
10:30 pm Mass with Holy Family Tableau

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25
8:00 & 10:00 am Mass (no 5:00 pm Mass)

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve Saturday,
December 31
Mass at 4:30 pm

New Year's Day,
Sunday, January 1
Mass at 8:00 & 10:00 am and 5:00 pm

Christmas Schedule

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