



# 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  
*\*see back page for Christmas schedule*

**December 18, 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 January 28 at 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](http://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](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  
[sisteragnespaulicia@yahoo.com](mailto:sisteragnespaulicia@yahoo.com)

EDGE PROGRAM (grades 6-8)  
 Diane Cetin  
[diane55382@aol.com](mailto:diane55382@aol.com)

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

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

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit material for consideration to [cgkingston@yahoo.com](mailto:cgkingston@yahoo.com) by noon on Tuesdays, contact Cheryl for holiday submission schedule

**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 17

4:30 pm Stephen Latino by the Family

Sunday, December 18

8:00 am Mariette Stanton by Arlene & Neil

10:00 am Kay & Gerry Weidman by the Metras Family

5:00 pm Ovide Cournoyer birthday wishes from his Family

Thursday, December 22

8:30 am Mary Jane McDermott by a Friend

Saturday, December 24

Upstairs

4:00 pm Jack Kingston by Arlene & Neil

10:00 pm Residents & Staff of Charlton Manor by Michael Turpin

Downstairs

4:00 pm Stuart M. Tully by the Family

Sunday, December 25

8:00 am Al Merchant by his wife Claire & Family

10:00 am Frank Gard by Alice Burkinshaw

**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**



Let Every Heart Prepare  
Monday evening at 7:00 pm  
with Fr. Conrad Pecevich

WITH GREAT JOY WE WELCOME **Ayla Lynn Digioia** daughter of Gino and Sara who was baptized in water and Spirit this weekend.



**Rectory Open House in January. Look for date in next weekend's bulletin.**



Catholic Calendars are here. We are grateful to the UPS Store and to Ted's for their sponsorship.

Also get your Oplatek Christmas Wafers to share with your family.

Altar Server Mia Falcone will be presented with a Service Award from the Knights of Columbus during the month of December. Congratulations to her for her service to the Altar of the Lord.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE  
AFTER ALL MASSES, \$27**

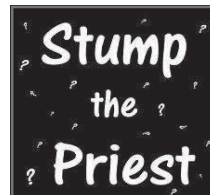


Thank you for taking a tag from our Giving Tree. Please return your wrapped gift with tag attached under the tree. Thank you for your kindness in sharing.

**ALTAR SERVER PIZZA PARTY...in the Cornerstone Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. New and past servers are invited.**



**FEEDING THE BIRDS FOR SAINT FRANCIS**  
Packets of seeds will be handed out after all Masses this weekend, a gift from St. Joseph's Order of Franciscans. Children we need your help to feed the birds. Saint Francis loved all animals and wanted all creation to celebrate Jesus' birthday. It was his desire that seeds be scattered on the pathways on Christmas to feed our friends the birds, that they might have food to eat.



Join us for **STUMP THE PRIEST NIGHT** A free, fun and enlightening evening when you can ask a panel of 3 priests your toughest theology

questions and see if they can be stumped. Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the church hall. Cash bar offered. Guest Moderator, Fr. Nick Desimone. Questions may be submitted in advance to [cgkington@yahoo.com](mailto:cgkington@yahoo.com) or the night of the event (priests will not see the questions in advance).

**SAVE THESE DATES**

- Light of the World Retreat, February 17,18 & 19 see Deacon Bill.
- Men's Cursillo-February 9-12<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Conception Center, Putnam, CT. Contact Carolyn at [angels3cma@gmail.com](mailto:angels3cma@gmail.com) or 508-847-7005.



Today is the second of the O Antiphons, O Adonai (O Almighty God). As Moses approached the burning bush, so we approach the divine Savior in the form of a child in the crib, or in the form of the consecrated host, and falling down we adore Him. "Put off the shoes from thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground . . . I am who am." "Come with an outstretched arm to redeem us." This is the cry of the Church for the second coming of Christ on the last day. The return of the Savior brings us plentiful redemption.



**Parish Support** for the weekend of December 11<sup>th</sup> was \$11,159.00, \$350.00 for the Building Fund and \$125.00 for the Capital Campaign. \$2,394.00 was received on the Feast of Immaculate Conception and we collected \$2,405.00 for the Retired Religious. We are most grateful for an anonymous donation of \$1,000.00 in cash received in a plain white envelope. God Bless you...one and all!



**HAITIAN ORPHAN'S INSPIRATIONAL STORY**


Kens Buteau is a young man who grew up in the orphanage in Haiti that St. Joseph's Church has so generously supported for many years. Currently he's living with a host family in South Carolina and attending college. He will be visiting St. Joseph's Church and speaking at Masses this weekend. Kens will tell his personal story after the 5:00 pm Mass on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> in the worship area, **ALL ARE INVITED** to join us to hear his inspirational story.

**MINISTRY SHOWCASE**

**BOOK CLUB: LISA DIEZEL, 774-641-3737,**

St. Joseph's Book Club is one of our many Adult Faith Formation offerings. The group meets every six weeks (currently from 7-8:30 pm on a scheduled Thursday evening) to discuss our latest book selection. We have read a variety of books; from fiction to non-fiction, classics to contemporary. Our informal discussions are facilitated by group members. The date and selection for our next discussion is always available in the weekly bulletin and on the parish website. All are welcome to join in the discussion! We currently have about 20 individuals that follow our selections with 6-8 joining in our monthly discussion and a few more always reading along with us in spirit. Contact Lisa to be added to our email list.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend**  
**Miramar Retreat Center in Duxbury**  
**January 20-22**



A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is a positive, renewing experience for couples that have a good marriage and want to make it even better! 800-710-wwme or wmema.org

We are most grateful to the latest group of 14 Lectors who have joined us; as well as our new "Bell Ringers" to our Bell Choir. Our Adult Choir is looking for more voices, especially men! We could use more basses and baritones. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings in the Church at 7:00 p.m. Contact Jann Mathieu 774-641-2637. Thank You.



Our **FIRST LIGHTS** Advent tree is hanging in the Narthex. It goes along with an Advent Calendar every child brought home. Each brings his/her calendar back to class with a parent signature stating they completed an Advent activity and then they get an ornament to write their name on and hang on the felt tree. By Christmas, our tree should be full of ornaments.



A donation of \$100 helps us purchase new albs for our altar ministers.

**CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA**

A great way to honor a loved one. A tag with your special message will be placed inside the alb. Thank you for the amazing response. A few uncommitted albs remain. Dick Vaughn at 774-230-2163 or dvradio1@gmail.com.

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS**

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**-10:00 am on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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. Ted or Dianne at 508-764-4553.

**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.

**CALIX SOCIETY**-for anyone concerned with alcoholism or drug dependency. Second Saturday of each month 9-10:00 am. Knights Rm. 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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in the Knight's Room. Recitation of the Rosary at 6:30 pm, the meeting comes to order at 7:00 pm.



**Light of Simplicity Retreat**

Discover how simplicity can shine a light on what is essential and important in our lives.

Women's Retreat: March 3-5  
Men's Retreat: call for information

Retreat includes meals, liturgy, uplifting music, free time and workshops. Begins at 6:00 pm Friday evening and concludes Sunday brunch at noon.

www.holyfamilyretreat.org,  
860-760-9705 or Monica Blouin at 508-248-6414

**WELCOME**  
We're glad you're here!  
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.

- ⇒ **FORMED.ORG**-On-line resource for Catholic movies, books and video programs and so much more. Use code: 7526f6 and get started using this resource today.
- ⇒ **LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD RACK**- Catholic 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**-Sr. Rose Clarisse-sign up in the Narthex.
- ⇒ **BOOK CLUB**-Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Please join us in our discussion of Glenn Beck's *The Christmas Sweater*. All are invited! Lisa Diezel 774-641-3737.



**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



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