



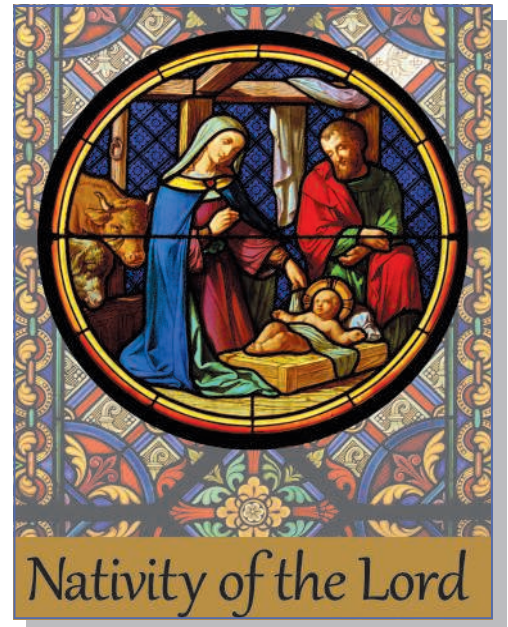
St. Joseph Church

Charlton, MA

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

December 25, 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

Next Baptismal Prep January 28th at 5:30 pm Pre-registration necessary

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.
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

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit material for consideration to cgkingston@yahoo.com by noon on Tuesdays.

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
sisteragnespaulina@yahoo.com
EDGE YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 6-8)
Diane Cetin
diane55382@aol.com
LIFE TEEN MINISTRY (grades 9-12)
Deacon Bill Shea
bshea@dienesusa.com
ADULT FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY
Cheryl Kingston
cgkingston@yahoo.com

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 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

Monday, December 26
 8:30 am Eugenie Marshall by Rosalie Grattaroti

Tuesday, December 27
 8:30 am Donald Mahan by the Family

Wednesday, December 28
 8:30 am Rita Gervasi and Pearl Bellerive by Maureen Clifford

Thursday, December 29
 8:30 am Connie Johnson by the Parish Family

Friday, December 30
 8:30 am Special Intention by a sister in Christ

Saturday, December 31
 4:30 pm Mary Imes Comara by Mr. & Mrs. Michael O'Leary

Sunday, January 1
 8:00 am Special Intention for Tom Creamer by Missionaries of Mercy team members
 10:00 am Erik Breitenfeld (1st anniv) by his parents
 5:00 pm Intentions of Jim Boulay (seminarian) by a parishioner

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for Donald Mahan by his Family.



A Special Mass of Remembrance for all our dearly departed takes place on Monday, December 26th at 8:30 am



Eternal God, Your Son came into the world to be its Light and to bring to faith in You all who would believe. Increase our faith and help us show forth the light of Your truth. May we believe in the One whom You have sent and may faith lead us to eternal life. AMEN

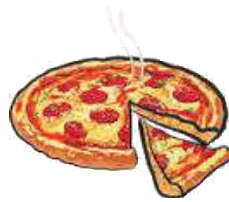
PLEASE WELCOME HOME for the Christmas Holiday, Fr. Ron Laframboise, OMI, brother of Sandra Bacon, who is visiting and will be assisting at Mass during this time.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



WELCOME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS AND EVERYDAY. If you are new to Saint Joseph Church we'd like the opportunity know and serve you. We hope you will favor your Parish with your prayers, weekly presence, talents and financial assistance according to your means. If you are visiting, we are happy to have you here, and hope you will join us again soon.

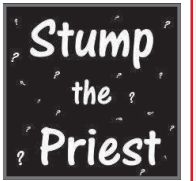
Our 2017 Calendars are here. We are grateful to the UPS Store and to Ted's for their sponsorship. Pick one up in the Narthex along with Oplatek Christmas wafers to share .



ALTAR SERVER PIZZA PARTY will take place on Tuesday December 27th at 1:00 pm.

Contact Jenn at 774-230-7458 or tjharwich@gmail.com to RSVP so they will have enough food. Thank you!

Join us for **STUMP THE PRIEST NIGHT**, a free, fun and enlightening evening when you can ask a panel of three priests your religion questions and see if they can be stumped. **Friday, January 20th 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 or the night of the event (priests will not know the questions until they are asked the night of the event).



During April school vacation, a group of 10 teens from our parish will be going on a service trip with the Center for Student Missions along with Fr. Donato and three chaperones. The group will stay in Boston to learn about the particular challenges the urban poor face and work in various ministries that assist them. To defer costs, we are collecting change. A jug at the Welcome Table in the narthex is provided. If you would like to make a larger donation to sponsor a teen, speak to Fr. Donato or leave a check at the parish office made payable to the St. Joseph Church with "CSM Trip" on the memo line. Additional funds raised will help support the Camp Sunshine mission trip in the summer. Thank you for your generosity.



*A note
From the pastor*

Dear Parishioners and
Friends of our Parish,

Christmas is that wonderful time of year when our hearts melt with love....Who of us is not moved at the sight of a new born child? Such was the love of God for us, that in the sending of His Son as a new born baby, born of Mary, He would appeal to all of our hearts, that we might return love for love.

We priests pray for you and your loved ones in a special way at this time....for this is the beginning of our salvation.

Your kind messages, greetings, gifts, cards and support are deeply touching and we are most appreciative. In the name of Fr. Donato and Fr. Norm, I want to wish you all a blessed and joy filled Christmas and a New Year filled with the choicest of God's Blessings.

Always be at home in His Holy presence here. Bring the love and the joy of the Lord wherever you go this season and remember always that God so deeply Loves. Read again the words in St. John's Gospel, chapter 3 verse 16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son so that everyone might have life." With deepest gratitude for all your many kindnesses. MERRY CHRISTMAS to all.

-Fr. Bob Grattaroti



**Light of the World Retreat
St. Joseph Church**

February 17, 18 & 19, 2017

Contact Deacon Bill at 508-248-7862

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.



Parish Support for the weekend of December 18th was \$12,568.00, \$271.00 for the Building Fund and \$125.00 for the Capital Campaign. Thank you for your continued generosity.

NOTICE: THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

MINISTRY SHOWCASE
CHILDREN'S LITURGY: KRIS RUSACK
 508-344-3867 Kris333@outlook.com
 Children from age 3 years up to and including 1st grade are dismissed from the 10:00 Mass every Sunday, except Easter, prior to the first reading with a teacher to hear the same Gospel as the rest of the congregation, only in simpler terms. Children return right before the offertory; usually with a coloring activity they have completed. Parent(s) are welcome to join their children until they feel comfortable. Teachers are scheduled on a rotating basis and are required to be CORI checked.

thank you!

We are most grateful for parishioner Ann Tremblay our organist/pianist for over 25 years. Ann is retiring at the end of this year. Thank you Ann for your dedication and generous service in Praise of God at Mass. You have our prayer filled best wishes.



CURSILLO an uplifting and educational experience! A Cursillo weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. Our next men's weekend is February 9-12th at the Immaculate Conception Center Putnam, CT. Parishioner Mike Dumas will be the rector for that weekend. Fathers Jonathan, Nick and Bob and several others will also be on hand. The next women's Cursillo will be May 18-21st. Contact Carolyn Galgano at 508-847-7005 or angels3cma@gmail.com for information or an application.



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.

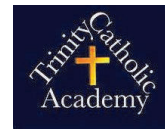
GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN- Sharing experiences caring for grandchildren and learning about resources. Ted or Dianne at 508-764-4553.

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. 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 1st Wednesday in the Knight's Room. Recitation of the Rosary at 6:30 pm, the meeting comes to order at 7:00 pm.



Trinity Catholic Academy
11 Pine St.,
Southbridge, MA

will hold it's **ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE** January 26th from 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.



Check out these ways to stay informed of what's happening here at St. Joseph's Church: our website www.stjosephscharlton.com or [facebook.com/St-Josephs-Parish-Charlton](https://www.facebook.com/St-Josephs-Parish-Charlton) will have up to the minute news, schedules, pictures and ministry information along with weekly bulletins.



⇒ **FAITH SHARING**-Saturday, January 7th 9:45 am (after 1st Saturday Mass at 9:00 am). Deacon Bill Shea to give talk in the Cornerstone.

- ⇒ **FORMED.ORG**-On-line resource for Catholic movies, books and learning video programs and so much more. Use code: 7526f6 and get started using this free, amazing resource.
- ⇒ **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 5th at 7pm. Please join us in our discussion of Glenn Beck's *The Christmas Sweater* in the Cornerstone. All are invited! Lisa Diezel 774-641-3737.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE



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

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

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