



St. Joseph Church

Charlton, MA



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

JANUARY 1, 2017

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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 21st at 5:30 pm Pre-registration required

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements begin a year prior to the anticipated date

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:45 pm and by appointment

<p>ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Monday & Wednesday noon-6:00 pm. Friday noon-8:00 pm w/Vespers at 6:00 pm and Divine Mercy Chaplet at 7:00 pm. First Friday/First Saturday Devotion at 9:00 pm with 24 hr. Adoration</p> <p>ROSARY Daily at 8:00 am Saturdays at 3:45 pm</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>MARIAN MOVEMENT PRAYER CENACLE Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament takes place Mondays at 7:00 pm in the church.</p> <p>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</p> <p>BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS Submit material for consideration to cgkingston@yahoo.com by noon on Tuesdays.</p>	<p>ST. JOSEPH'S FOOD PANTRY second and fourth Wednesdays from 9-11 am. Donations welcomed.</p> <p>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FIRST LIGHTS (grades k-5) Sr. Agnes Patricia sisteragnespatricia@yahoo.com</p> <p>EDGE YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 6-8) Diane Cetin diane55382@aol.com</p> <p>LIFE TEEN MINISTRY (grades 9-12) Deacon Bill Shea bshea@dienesusa.com</p> <p>ADULT FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY Cheryl Kingston cgkingston@yahoo.com</p>
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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 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 (1stanniv) by his parents
 5:00 pm Intentions of Jim Boulay (seminarian) by a parishioner

Friday, January 6
 8:30 am Joseph & Effie Benoit by Claire Gouin

Saturday, January 7
 4:30 pm Viola McAteer by the Family

Sunday, January 8
 8:00 am Joseph Arsenault by Robert Beringer
 10:00 am Amard Richards by the Richards Family
 5:00 pm Rick Doucimo by his Family

PRAYER BEFORE MASS: Lord Jesus, You have told us that You hear our every word. Open our hearts so that we may hear Your every word and that we may live according to Your words. May we be free of distractions so that we may better understand the messages and lessons You want us to hear and to live by. AMEN



Our Priests, Deacons, Sister and Staff extend grateful thanks for the many expressions of love and gratitude shared by you during this Christmas Season. Prayers, blessings and every best wish to all in the New Year.




REST IN PEACE **BETTY LAHAIR**, mother of Cheryl. Please keep the family in prayer.

Several transitional deacons studying at the Pontifical North American College in Rome to be priests will be visiting the parish the first week of January. They will be preaching at the 8:30 am Masses Wednesday January 4th thru Friday January 6th and at the 9:00 am first Saturday Mass on January 7th.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES to Charlton Police Chief James Pervier who retires as of December 31st. Chief Pervier has served our Police Department for over 22 years and has been Chief for the past 17. We thank him for his many years of service and wish him every prayerful best

UP & COMING EVENTS

Discussion on Glenn Beck's *The Christmas Sweater* take place on Thursday, January 5th at 7:00 pm in the Cornerstone. All Invited.



Church History Talk
 Join Deacon Bill Shea after the First Saturday Mass on January 7th at 9:45 am in the Cornerstone to hear his talk.



Friday January 6th beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm.

THE LOVE OF CHRIST COMPELS US is the theme for this years Pulpit Exchange which takes place the weekend of January 15th, when Rev. Jim Chase of the Federated Church preaches here and we exchange pulpit the following weekend, January 22nd.



JOIN US....JANUARY 20TH AT 7:00 PM for 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. 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).



Fr. Donato and 3 chaperones will be leading a mission trip during April school vacation departing Monday, April 17th and returning Saturday, April 22nd. Teens interested should speak to Fr. Donato regarding the limited spots available. 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 of this trip, 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.



Circle of Love

Thank you so much for all your kind sharing through our Christmas Giving Tree. Several hundred folks from the Refugee Apostolate were able to receive gifts because of your generosity. Also, our Mary Martha Guild and individual parishioners made it possible for 40 local families to receive gifts and needed items for their children and families this Christmas. Even in the sharing of coats.....a person came in to the church and when asked by one of the priests: "where is your coat?" the reply was: "I don't have one." The priest was able to go to the "Coats for Sharing" bin and find one to fit that person. We are so happy that we have been able to give whenever there is a need, because you share so generously. **It's one great Circle of love.** Now we are able to give even more since we just received a cash gift of \$1,000 from a former parishioner who now lives out of state, stating they were sending the money to help those in need. We are most grateful for your continued support and generous giving. God Bless You in the New Year!

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.



Denis Byrne of LPi (our bulletin publisher) has been securing advertisers for our weekly bulletin and Newsletter. We would like to thank all the advertisers who have renewed their ads and also thank all the new advertisers who have generously committed for this year. If you're interested in sponsoring an ad for your business or favorite charity, please contact Denis at 603-479-6971 or dbyrne@4lpi.com.

We ask all parishioners to patronize our sponsors whenever possible. It is through their generosity that our weekly bulletin is provided at little or no cost to us. Let them know we truly appreciate their loyal support.



THANK YOU! Throughout the past year fruit and vegetables were made available once a week to our parishioners free of charge here at the church by Ted's. We want to thank Ted's for their generosity and hope you will take the opportunity to do the same.



Parish Support for the Christmas weekend was \$24,047.00 with \$770.00 for our Building Fund and \$125.00 for the Capital Campaign. Thank you for your loving support of our Parish.

MINISTRY SHOWCASE

CHOIR 10:00 mass

JAN MATHIEU 774-641-2637

We consist of 20 dedicated individuals with diverse and varying musical skills who gather every week to make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Our primary ministry is to lead and support the congregation in worshipping God in song during Mass. We also present 4-part choral pieces and meditative music to enhance the Liturgy and Word of God. New members are ALWAYS welcome (we are adding a set of risers in anticipation of this!) We rehearse one evening per week from 7:00-9:00 pm September through May.

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. 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.

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 our deacons are available to talk with in private. Arrange a meeting at 508-248-7862.

- Would you 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. Beginning with Rosary at 6:30 pm, meeting comes to order at 7:00 pm.
- We would like to thank everyone who supported our council by purchasing trees, magnets and crosses this Christmas season.



Taste of the Town

Saturday, January 28th from 6-9 pm

St. Joseph's Church Hall

\$15 per ticket allows guests to sample the wares of local food and beverage vendors participating in this annual community event. The evening will also include a silent auction, raffles, and door prizes. Proceeds from this event will supply needy senior citizens of Charlton with energy assistance.

Purchase Your Tickets at:
Charlton Senior Center
Southbridge Savings Bank Country Bank in Charlton



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.

⇒ **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.



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Log in today to formed.org and use the special parish code, 7526f6 then create your own log-in and start exploring NOW.

The Ecumenical Winter Coat Closet

sends its thanks to all who donated winter coats as well as mittens, scarfs and boots. They were able to help over 250 individuals stay warmer this winter and they did this with help from our community. "There is no better joy than seeing someone come in from this frigid cold with a thin sweatshirt on and go out with a warm coat and big smile"! They will be closed for the next few weeks and will reopen Saturday January 7th & 14th.

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