



# St. Joseph Church

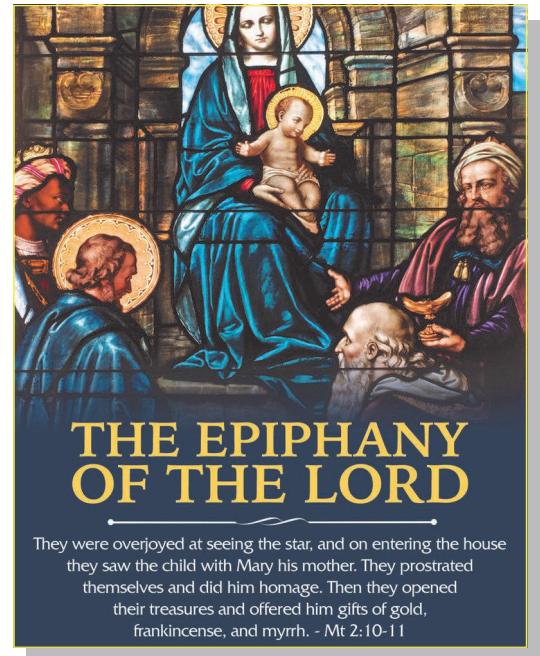
## Charlton, MA



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

**JANUARY 8, 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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><b>ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>  Monday &amp; 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><b>ROSARY</b>  Daily at 8:00 am  Saturdays at 3:45 pm</p> <p><b>24 Hour PRAYER LINE</b>  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><b>MARIAN MOVEMENT PRAYER CENACLE</b>  Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament takes place Mondays at 7:00 pm in the church.</p> <p><b>ST. JOSEPHS ORDER OF SECULAR FRANCISCANS</b> meet the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the coffee room.  www.stjosephscharlton.com/order-franciscan-seculars</p> <p><b>BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>  Submit material for consideration to cgkingston@yahoo.com by noon on Tuesdays.</p>	<p><b>ST. JOSEPH'S FOOD PANTRY</b>  second and fourth Wednesdays from 9-11 am. Donations welcomed.</p> <p><b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b>  <b>FIRST LIGHTS</b> (grades k-5)  Sr. Agnes Patricia  sisteragnespatria@yahoo.com  <b>EDGE YOUTH MINISTRY</b> (grades 6-8)  Diane Cetin  diane55382@aol.com  <b>LIFE TEEN MINISTRY</b> (grades 9-12)  Deacon Bill Shea  bshea@dienesusa.com  <b>ADULT FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY</b>  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, January 7

4:30 pm Viola McAteer by the Family

Sunday, January 8

8:00 am Joseph Arsenault by Robert Beringer

10:00 am Armand Richards by the Richards Family

5:00 pm Rick Doucimo by his Family

Wednesday, January 11

8:30 am Intentions of Michael Hession by his Aunt

Saturday, January 14

4:30 pm Deceased members of the Lukowski Family by Therese Lukowski

Sunday, January 15

8:00 am Norma Stolakis by Brittany Marment

10:00 am Priscilla Netsch by Edward & Deb Ciesluk

5:00 pm Jacwia Perczak by the Perczak Family



**PRAYER BEFORE MASS: ETERNAL GOD, SOURCE OF HOPE AND LIGHT, SHOW YOUR ABUNDANT LOVE TO YOUR PEOPLE. GUIDE US IN THE PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND TRUTH. MAY WE WALK IN YOUR WAYS AND COME TO THE FULLNESS OF YOU IN YOUR PRESENCE. AMEN.**



**ROBERT JOHNSON**, father of Keith, **MICHELLE (SHELLY) GRENIER** and **JOSHUA SPELLMAN** grandson of Marie and Paul Feree. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**MISSIONARIES OF Mercy UPDATE**-To date we have over 2,000 prayer requests. We have delivered \$500 in gift cards in the last month and distributed 18 "help" bags with socks, hand warmers, Chap sticks, ponchos, toothbrushes/paste and snacks to homeless people. We also collected items (clothes, toiletries) for the men at Jeremiah's Inn. We are grateful for a parishioner who recently sent \$100 dollars for a woman with 3 children whom we had previously collected dressers for. Please keep all in your prayers.

Fr. Bob will be away this week....Please leave your messages with Fr. Donato, Deacon Bill or Sr. Agnes NOT on his answering machine. Thank You!

**UP & COMING EVENTS**

**ILLUMINATE** Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00 pm. All welcome. Includes Praise & Worship Music, Eucharistic Adoration and inspirational speaker.

**RECTORY  
OPEN  
HOUSE**

Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> following the 8:00 and 10:00 am Mass.

*Stump the Priest Night*  
Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm

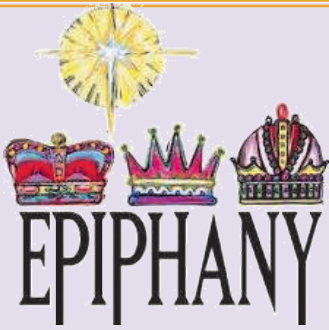
Come out for a free, fun evening with friends when you can ask a panel of 3 priests your toughest religion questions and see if they can be stumped. A cash wine bar will be offered. Guest moderator, Fr. Nick Desimone. Start thinking of your questions NOW!



SAVE THE DATE Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Wine Tasting open to all 21+ adults. More details to come.

Fr. Donato will be leading a teen mission trip during April vacation. Teens interested should speak to Fr. Donato regarding the limited spots available. To defer costs of this trip, we are collecting change in a container at the Welcome Table in the Narthex. If you would like to make a larger donation, 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. Thank you for your generosity.





The Magi were men of great faith. Their worldly position and power could have made them scoff at the sight of this humble infant. Their treasury of wealth could have blinded them to the true value of this child king. But instead these men placed themselves at the feet of Jesus in a gesture of complete submission. Then, as a sign of their devotion, they “opened their treasures” and offered this baby costly and precious gifts. Only a sincere faith could justify such a surprising scene.

Real faith often runs contrary to worldly wisdom. Without the firm belief that Jesus was the Messiah, it would seem absurd to travel all those miles and part with all that gold, much less to bow down in the presence of a poor child.

But the eyes of faith can see much more than the eyes of the world alone. The Magi understood that all the prestige and possessions of the earth are nothing in comparison to the Kingdom of Heaven. They wanted to use their worldly wealth to give glory to the King of Kings, rather than for their own glory.

Taking the Three Kings as models, we can examine our own lives. Are we willing to “travel” for our faith, leaving our comfort zone for the sake of the Gospel? Are we willing to share our “wealth” to glorify God? Are we willing to submit our desires and plans to the authority of Christ? As we begin the journey of this New Year, let us resolve to follow in the faithful footsteps of the Magi.


## 20+C+M+B+17

### TRADITIONAL BLESSING OF HOME

BLESSED CHALK...is used to mark the doorways. The numerals consecrate the New Year. The initials remind us of the legendary names of the Magi - Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar-and also stand for the Latin Motto “Christus Mansionem Benedicat” (May Christ bless this house). Blessed chalk is available after Mass this weekend in the Narthex.



Parish Support for the weekend of January 1<sup>st</sup> was \$11,343 with \$742 for the Capital Campaign and \$874 for the Building Fund. Thank you for your continued generosity.



**HELP**...when leaving your phone number on the church answering machine, please say your number **TWICE** as messages get garbled making returned calls impossible. Thank you for understanding.

### MINISTRY SHOWCASE

**COLLEGE CONNECTION:** Tina Coderre  
508-248-7277 [trcoderre@charter.net](mailto:trcoderre@charter.net)

We are a group of who gathers four times a year to put together packages of “treats” and other fun items along with a prayer to our college/military age youth. Addresses are given to us by parents, grandparents or anyone who wants their child to receive a package. These packages serve to remind our kids that they are never far away and they are always in our thoughts and prayers. This ministry is fun, easy and it does not require a lot of your time. We are always looking for new members.

**WELCOME** Mrs. Cathy Merrill long time parishioner who is our new organist at the 8:00 and 10:00 am Mass. Cathy took private piano lessons for 12 years, adding organ study during her last year of high school. She was an organist for St. Francis of Assisi Church in PA from 1976-79, and a pianist for St. Theresa the Little Flower Church in SC from 1986-89. Her interest was rekindled after raising 4 children and she is currently studying with William Ness. She has performed in Worcester and recently been guest organist at First Unitarian Church in Worcester.

The **Winter Coat Closet** located at Holy Trinity Church, 446 Hamilton Street, Southbridge will be open 2 more Saturdays, January 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> from 9-11:00 am. Anyone in need of a coat is welcome to come and browse through our racks. The limit is one coat per person and there is no charge. The Winter Coat Closet is an ecumenical project, supported by area churches. Call Chris McTigue 508-248-4726 for more information.



**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.

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

**Light of Simplicity Retreat**

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

**WOMEN'S RETREAT: March 3-5**

**MEN'S RETREAT: call for info**

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

[www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org)

860-760-9705 or Monica at 508-248-6414.



**Test Your Knowledge of Abuse Prevention**

**True or False?**

Is it common for both child and adult victims of sexual assault to wait some time before telling someone about the abuse? **True.** When the person was assaulted as a child, he she may wait years or decades before telling someone. The reasons for this are numerous: victims may want to deny the fact that someone they trusted could do this to them; they may believe the myth that they caused the assault by their behavior; or they may fear how other people will react to the truth. For help call the Diocese Office for Healing and Prevention at (508) 929-4363.



Check out these ways to stay informed of what's happening here at St. Joseph's Church: our website [www.stjosephscharlton.com](http://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**-Our next book selection will be posted soon, check back. Lisa Diezel 774-641-3737.
- ⇒ **Formed.org**-Catholic on-line resource for movies, books and video programs. Use parish code: 7526f6 to access all these resources.

**Winners of the 2016 Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest sponsored by St. Joseph Council 11379 are:**



Age 8-10 Division:

First Prize, \$25 and a KCIC Magnet: **JEWELS NORMANDIN**.  
Second Prize, there were no other entries in this Division.

Age 11-14 Division:

First Prize, \$25 and a KCIC Magnet: **SAMANTHA D'ARCANGELO**.  
Second Prize, a KCIC magnet: **EMERY MULLEN**.

All entrants will receive a participation certificate; winners will receive winners certificates. Prizes will be presented at the Edge meeting of January 10, 2017.

- Would you like to join the Knights of Columbus? Contact Allan at 508-248-7154 or Kyle (508)248-0982 or [khagger@charter.net](mailto:khagger@charter.net).
- Meetings held monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in the Knight's Room. Beginning with Rosary at 6:30 pm, meeting comes to order at 7:00 pm.

**ACKNOWLEDGING WITH GRATITUDE OUR NEWSLETTER/BULLETIN SPONSORS**

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