



# St. Joseph Church

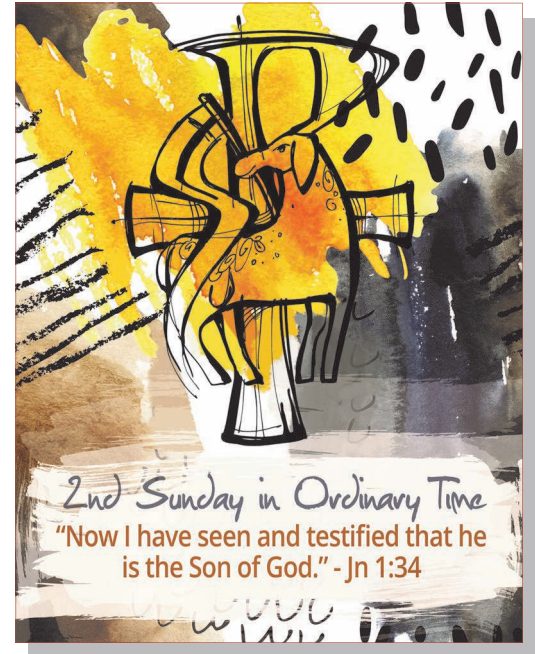
## Charlton, MA



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

### JANUARY 15, 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

#### 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

#### 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).  
[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)

#### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit material for consideration  
to [cgkingston@yahoo.com](mailto:cgkingston@yahoo.com)  
by noon on Tuesdays.

**ST. JOSEPH'S FOOD PANTRY**  
second and fourth Wednesdays  
from 9-11 am. Donations welcomed.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST LIGHTS (grades k-5)  
Sr. Agnes Patricia  
[sisteragnespatricia@yahoo.com](mailto:sisteragnespatricia@yahoo.com)  
EDGE YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 6-8)  
Diane Cetin  
[diane55382@aol.com](mailto:diane55382@aol.com)  
LIFE TEEN MINISTRY (grades 9-12)  
Deacon Bill Shea  
[bshea@dienesusa.com](mailto:bshea@dienesusa.com)  
ADULT FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY  
Cheryl Kingston  
[cgkingston@yahoo.com](mailto: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, 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 Jadwiga Perczak by the Perczak Family

Monday, January 16  
 8:30 am Harold White (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv) by the Family

Saturday, January 21  
 4:30 pm Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus & their families by the Knights

Sunday, January 22  
 8:00 am Michael Stanton by Neil and Arlene  
 10:00 am Sr. Rita Francis SSJ by Madeline Tiberii  
 5:00 pm James and Ellen Walsh by Anne and Tim Haran

PRAYER BEFORE MASS: DEAR LORD, MAY I RECEIVE YOU IN THIS COMMUNION WITH OPEN ARMS, AND A LOVING, CONTRITE HEART, SO THAT I MAY BE FILLED WITH YOUR GRACE, FOR MY GOOD AND YOUR GLORY! AMEN.



**EDWARAD CAIN**, brother in law of Diane and Dan Cetin and **EMILY DABROWSKI** daughter of Diane. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.



With Great Joy We Welcome **SAWYER JOHN THEBODO** son of Kelly and Scott who was baptized in water and Spirit this weekend.



**THE POWER OF ONE  
 MARCH FOR LIFE  
 2017**

Our **LIFE TEEN** youth will participate in the **March for Life in Washington, DC** on **Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**. Please remember to keep them in your prayers.

**UP & COMING EVENTS**

**FRANCISCAN MOVIE NIGHT WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> 6-8:00 PM IN THE CORNERSTONE, FREE. ALL INVITED!**

**RECTORY  
 OPEN  
 HOUSE**

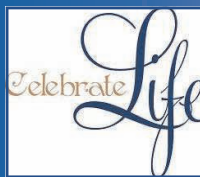
Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup> following the 8:00 and 10:00 am Mass.

**ILLUMINATE** Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00 pm. All welcome!



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

All are invited to attend the Pro-Life Mass with Bishop McManus on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. Join us as we remember the 44<sup>th</sup> tragic anniversary of Roe v. Wade and pray for an end to abortion and the conversion of our nation.



Teens interested in an **April Vacation Mission Trip** in Boston to learn about the particular challenges the urban poor face and work in various ministries that assist them, should speak to Fr. Donato regarding the spots available. We are collecting change in a container in the Narthex for this trip. If you would like to make a larger donation, see Fr. Donato or leave a check at the parish office made payable to St. Joseph Church.



## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

**UNITY.** What does "unity" mean? For those of us who claim Christ as our model of living and savior of humanity, it means we are one. This year the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has as its theme the Scripture citation 2 Corinthians 5:14-20. The first line contains our mission statement... "For the love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore all have died." If that is not a mandate for unity, then there is none. We are one in the death of Christ and therefore live in unity with all other Christians.

This weekend we welcome Rev. Jim Chase of the Federated Church who preaches here while next weekend we exchange pulpit with them.

**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!




**STEWARDSHIP**  
*A Way of Life*

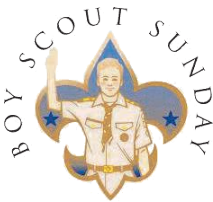

**Parish Support** for the weekend of January 8<sup>th</sup> was \$13,769.00 with \$368 for the Capital Campaign and \$125 for the Building Fund. Thank you for your continued generosity.

**MINISTRY SHOWCASE**


**Communion for Homebound**  
 Judy Stevens, 508-248-5638  
 judystevens690@gmail.com

Do you have an hour or two of free time? Are you looking for a meaningful way to minister in your parish? We are laymen and women who have been trained as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. We visit the homebound, pray with them, bring them Eucharist and help to keep them connected to the parish family. If you would like to become part of this ministry, please call Judy at 508-248-5638. If you would like to receive Eucharist, please call the parish office at 508-248-7862.

**FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**Adult Confirmation:** The annual diocesan celebration of Confirmation for adults will be held at the Cathedral of St. Paul on Sunday, February 12 at 3:00 p.m. This celebration is intended for catechized Catholic adults (age 18+), who have not been confirmed. The Office of Religious Education will offer a retreat for those preparing to be confirmed at the diocesan celebration. The retreat will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center, Putnam, CT on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 to 8:00 pm. Contact Barbara Ramian at 508-929-4308 or bramian@worcesterdiocese.org.



**Join the National Novena for Life**

*9 Days for Life* is a focused period of prayer, penance and pilgrimage set aside to mark the tragic anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion during all 9 months of pregnancy. The nationwide novena is from January 21<sup>st</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup>.

Visit [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com) to learn more.

**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.



- 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.

**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.



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 Thursday, February 16 at 7pm. Please join us in our discussion of Matthew Kelly's Resisting Happiness. All are welcome! 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.

**St. Joseph Church**  
**Light of the World Retreat**  
February 17, 18 & 19, 2017  
with conclusion on Monday evening

Register with Deacon Bill at [bshea@dienesusa.com](mailto:bshea@dienesusa.com) or call 508-248-7862



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