



St. Joseph Church Charlton, MA

MASS IS CELEBRATED

Monday ~ Friday at 8:30 am

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday

8:00 am, 10:00 am and 5:00 pm

First Saturday of the Month
at 9:00 am

MARCH 12, 2017

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Reverend Donato Infante III

PERMANENT DEACONS: Deacon Peter Faford & Deacon Bill Shea



SECOND
SUNDAY
OF LENT

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please pre-register for baptismal
prep by calling 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 12:00-6:00 pm, Wednesday
1:00-6:00, Friday 12:00-5:00 pm. First
Friday/First Saturday Devotion at
9:00 pm with Adoration till 9 am
when Mass is celebrated.

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](http://www.stjosephscharlton.com/order-franciscan-seculars)

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS
Submit material for consideration
to cgkingston@yahoo.com
by noon on Mondays.

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

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
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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, March 11, 2017

4:30 PM **Cindy Lee Vassar** by the Beringer Family

Sunday, March 12, 2017

8:00 AM **Josephine Nowicki** by the Family

10:00 AM **JoAnn Harwich** by the Harwich-Vaughan Family

5:00 PM **Fr. Jeddie Brooks** by the Perczak Family

Thursday, March 16, 2017

8:30 AM **Wilfred Perron (2nd Anniv)** by the Family

Saturday, March 18, 2017

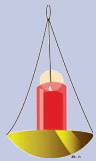
4:30 PM **Wilfred Perron** by the Family

Sunday, March 19, 2017

8:00 AM **Sister Rose Clarisse** by the Parish Family

10:00 AM **Special Intention** by a Sister in Christ

5:00 PM **Jason Falke (7th Anniv)** by the Duval and Znanierowski Families



SANCTUARY LAMP

burns this week for **Mark H. Morin** requested by the family.

WITH GREAT JOY WE WELCOME

LANDEN OWEN LAPIERRE,
son of Robert and Jessica

who will be baptized in Water and the Holy Spirit this weekend. May God continue to bless him and his family.



CHRISTOPHER DRAKE and **MARIE WINSKY** mother of Michael Winsky. Please keep them in your prayers.

THANK YOU

We are truly grateful to the **Charlton Elementary School** for its recent donation of **20 boxes** of food for our Food Pantry.

TRAINING FOR NEW COMMUNION MINISTERS

Saturday, April 8th from 9-noon
Contact Deacon Bill to register at bshea@dienesusa.com or call 508-248-7862.



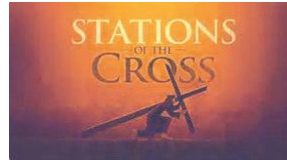
THE WHITE CROSS

in the field facing Masonic Rd. has been replaced. It was damaged due to winter storms. We are thankful to Nelson Sleeper, John and Joseph Seguin, Vincent Tiberii and Mike Mc Neaney. The Cross has been in place since we first acquired the land in 1997 for our new parish complex.

Lord by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free, You are the Savior of the World.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Lord our God, You gave us numerous examples of what it is to be a true disciple and to remain faithful to our yes in life. May we grow in our love for You and may we be strengthened with each new day to respond with a strong yes to following You and to bearing witness to Your name in this world. Amen.



will take place each **Friday evening during Lent** at 7:00 pm.



St. Patrick's Day is Friday March 17th during Lent. Our Bishop has given our Diocese a dispensation from abstaining from meat on that day! (((Perhaps Corned Beef and Cabbage??)))

RCA

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

takes place for over 30 wonderful people who are coming into our Church or who are completing their initiation. Lent is the time of immediate preparation for them. **PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

TEACHING MASSES

(An Explanation of Each Action of the Mass)

MARCH 12th at the 5:00 pm Mass
MARCH 19th at the 10:00 am Mass
MARCH 25th at the 4:30 pm Mass

PIZZA PROCEEDS-Bring

your flyer and eat at the Charlton House of Pizza on Sunday-Tuesdays in March and 10% of the proceeds are donated to support our **LIFETEEN** Immersion Trip. You must have your flyer with you.



ILLUMINATE WITH SPEAKER SR. MAXIMILIAN COTE
"THE RUNNING NUN"

on Sunday, April 2nd from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. There will also be praise & worship music and Eucharistic Adoration. **ALL ARE WELCOME**

PARISH MISSION with FR. SIMEON GALLAGHER

The theme is *I'M SPIRITUAL BUT NOT RELIGIOUS—Constructing Faith for the Modern Age*

- ◆ Monday, March 20th at 9:00 am or 7:00 pm – *A Community of Love*
- ◆ Tuesday, March 21st at 9:00 am or 7:00 pm – *A Manifestation of Love*
- ◆ Wednesday, March 22nd at 9:00 am or 7:00 pm – *The Undoing of Love*
- ◆ Thursday, March 23rd at 9:00 am or 7:00 pm is *An Abundance of Love*



Invite your friends, family and neighbors to be enriched in God's Love. Fr. Simeon will also be preaching at all Masses the weekend of March 18th & 19th.

Parish Giving

for the weekend of
March 5th was
\$16,079.00

with \$392.00 for the Capital Campaign, \$616.00 for the Building Fund, \$408.00 was received for Easter flowers and \$80.00 for Haiti. Thank you for your continued support. God Bless.

CORNER BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

Saturday, March 18th

at 6:00 pm in the Hall
sponsored by the Knights. Tickets are
\$15 each and for sale after Mass.



Bishop Robert Baron's PIVOTAL PLAYERS

video series is shown and discussed

Mondays in the Cornerstone at 7:00 pm. All are invited. Please note there will be no session on Monday, March 20th due to our Parish Mission.



VOLUNTEER SOUND TECHNICIANS



If you are interested, please
call Jan Mathieu at 774-641-2637.

No experience necessary.

Spiritual Direction

We are happy to announce that Presentation Sister Barbara Hobbs will offer Spiritual Direction on an individual basis beginning April 20th and will also be here May 18th. Sign up in the Narthex. The March gathering with Fr. Jim Coldarella has been postponed to June. (Sr. Barbara will not be here June-August) We are most grateful to our Lord and to Sr. Barbara for her willingness to serve us in this capacity.

Partners in Charity

This weekend is "in pew" Sunday. Pledges and gifts will be received from those who have not yet had the occasion to give. A representative will be present at Masses. We are most grateful to all who have already given. To date we have received \$31,450.00 with 96 gifts. Last year 330 gifts were made. We hope to surpass that number this year, God willing. Please make checks out to St. Joseph Church note Partners in Charity on the memo line. Thank You!



The winner of the LIFETEEN FIRE PIT RAFFLE is Kathleen Lemansky. We would like to thank the Tiberii family for donating the fire pit for the raffle.

MARY MARTH GUILD
20 WEEK RAFFLE WINNER
Congratulations
Week 2 Linda Shedd \$50.00



SHINING LIGHT

We salute Mrs. Sandy McDonald who serves our faith community in so many ways. Sandy is the wife of Richard and a Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother. She serves as a Communion Minister and is a member of the Secular Franciscans and is involved in the Mary Martha Guild and is ready to help anyone in need. The priests bless and praise her as the rectory cook and housekeeper. God Bless Our "Shining Light".

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY-10:00 am on 3rd Saturday of the month. Ellen Thibodeau at 508-248-9161.

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. Third Saturday of each month 9-10:00 am. Knights Rm. Call Linda at 508-736-2207.

Do you suffer with an addiction?

Do you need support?

Fr. Bob, Fr. Donato or our deacons are available to talk with in private. To arrange a meeting please call 508-248-7862.



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 will have up to the minute news, schedules, pictures and ministry information along with weekly bulletins.

BOOK CLUB – Book Club will meet on Thursday March 30th at 7:00 pm in the Cornerstone. All are welcome! Please join our discussion of *Walk in Her Sandals: Experiencing Christ's Passion through the Eyes of Women* by Kelly Wahlquist

FORMED.ORG-Catholic on-line resource for movies, books and video programs. Use parish code: 7526f6 to access.

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.



THE PASSION



A dramatic presentation on Saturday, April 1st at 6:30 pm and Sunday, April 2nd at 1:30 pm in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under 12. Includes performance and a buffet of hors d'oeuvres and desserts. There will be a cash bar offered.

How about making a Cursillo weekend?

Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. The Cursillo weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. What the presenters add to the talks is the witness of their own lives in Christ. The weekend is full of laughter, prayer, great music and wonderful meals. 2017 dates are: Women's - May 18-21 & October 12-15; Men's - June 22-25 at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. Contact Sue Leighton at 508-278-3155 or sleighton1958@gmail.com or Joan Laracy at 774-239-2474 or joanlaracy@yahoo.com for an application or more information.

ASK THE PRIEST

Please email your questions to cgkingston@yahoo.com.

QUESTION: How did Easter eggs become associated with the holiday?

ANSWER: (Fr. Donato) The tradition of dying eggs pre-dates Christianity. Christians continued this tradition and gave it new meaning. Eggs were originally only dyed red to symbolize the Blood of Christ. Eggs were seen as a fitting symbol of the resurrection, as the cracking of the egg was like the opening of the sealed tomb that Christ was in for three days. Further, there were a surplus of eggs around the time of Easter, as the Eastern Orthodox rules regarding fasting do not permit the eating of eggs for all of Lent. The tradition eventually spread to the West.

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