



# 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

**MARCH 19, 2017**

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# Third Sunday of Lent

**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 April 22<sup>nd</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 noon-6:00 pm, Wednesday  
1:00-6:00 pm Friday noon-5:00pm.  
First Friday/First Saturday Devotion  
at 9:00 pm until 9:00 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](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 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  
[sisteragnespatria@yahoo.com](mailto:sisteragnespatria@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, March 18

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

Sunday, March 19

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** (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv) by the Duval and Znamierowski Families

Saturday, March 25

4:30 pm **Ronald Bertrand** by the Family

Sunday, March 26

8:00 am **Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus & their families** by the Knights.

10:00 am **Emily Dabrowski** by Marie and Paul Ferree

5:00 pm **Ricky Doucimo** by the Family

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



WITH GREAT JOY we welcome **JACKSON JOSEPH MEEHAN** son Dennis and Sarah who was baptized in water and Spirit this weekend.

**REST IN PEACE**-please keep **CAROLYN GRAVES**, mother of Debra Burlingame in your prayers.

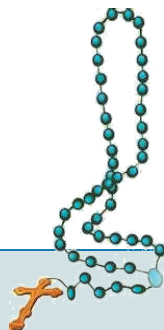


**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

TAKE PLACE EACH FRIDAY NIGHT DURING LENT AT 7:00 PM



Please pray for all our RCIA Candidates who will be away on retreat preparing for the Easter Vigil.



The Diocesan Vocation Retreat for men considering a priestly vocation will be April 7- 8<sup>th</sup> in Putnam, CT.

Please prayerfully consider attending. Speak to one of our priests if you are interested.

**UP & COMING EVENTS**

**TEACHING MASSES**

(An Explanation of Each Action of the Mass)

**MARCH 19<sup>th</sup>** at the 10:00 am Mass

**MARCH 25<sup>th</sup>** at the 4:30 pm Mass



Mary Martha Guild

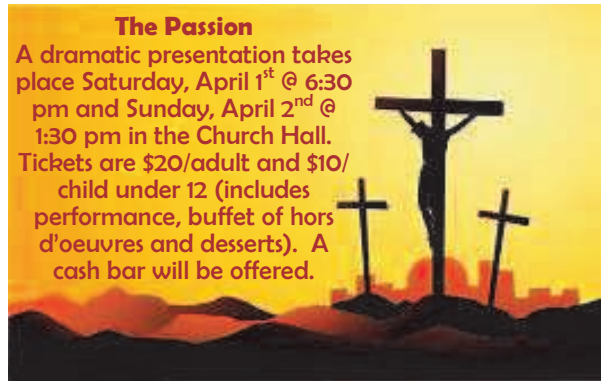
20 Week Raffle Winner  
Week 3-Susan Tittle \$50.00

**NO PIVOTAL PLAYERS** tomorrow, March 20<sup>th</sup> due to our PARISH MISSION with Fr. Simeon. Our next session will be March 27  
Topic-St. Catherine of Siena

**The Passion**

A dramatic presentation takes place Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 pm and Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 1:30 pm in the Church Hall.

Tickets are \$20/adult and \$10/child under 12 (includes performance, buffet of hors d'oeuvres and desserts). A cash bar will be offered.



**ILLUMINATE** Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm with Praise & Worship Music, Eucharistic Adoration and guest speaker Sr. Maximilian Cote "the running nun". All welcome!

**NEW Communion Ministers Training**

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am-noon

Register with Deacon Bill at 508-248-7862.



**CURSILLO WEEKENDS**

Women May 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> or October 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

Men-June 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>

Held at Immaculate Conception Center Putnam, CT Contact Sue at 508-278-3155, sleighton1958@gmail.com or Joan Laracy at 774-239-2474 or joanlaracy@yahoo.com for an application or more information.



**Save the Dates**

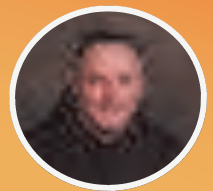
- April 28<sup>th</sup> Paint Night
- May 12<sup>th</sup> Beer Tasting Night
- July 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Vacation Bible School

**WELCOME FR. SIMEON GALLAGHER  
FOR OUR PARISH MISSION THIS WEEK!**

His Theme:

*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. Q90.1 will also be airing this event. Refreshments served in the coffee room following each evening session.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**  
with Presentation Sister Barbara Hobbs. Please sign up in the Narthex for April and May Dates.



We are pleased to announce that the next Light of the World retreat will be held Friday, September 8-Monday September 11. If you've made the retreat, please prayerfully consider who you might like to invite.

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference**

Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>– Assumption College

[www.firstmensconf.org](http://www.firstmensconf.org) for information/tickets.

NOTE: Our Solar Panels are not yet operational...there are technical and legal details to be completed by our Diocesan lawyers. Please pardon it's appearance! However, we have been receiving monthly payments for the benefit of the parish accruing from the Panels.



**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.

Parish Support for the weekend of March 5<sup>th</sup> was \$12,540.00 with \$125.00 for the Capital Campaign and \$413.00 for the Building Fund. We are most grateful for your continued love and support.



We are pleased that we are currently at 52% of our goal. We have received 127 gifts bringing our total to date to \$40,515.00. That is an average gift of \$319.00. Our parish goal is \$77,500.00. Remember, if we exceed our goal by \$10,000 all extra gifts will be applied to our parish debt. Gifts and pledges may still be made at any time. Use envelopes provided in the pews.

**MINISTRY SHOWCASE**  
**Knights of Columbus Council #11379**  
Allan Turmelle, Grand Knight-508-248-7154  
We are a fraternal benefit society true to the founding principles of charity, unity and fraternity. Our Council offers financial, spiritual and physical support to St. Joseph's parish as well as working with other Knights of Columbus councils throughout the State. We sell Christmas trees; fund the Steve McKenna Scholarship, sponsor guest speakers, support activities within St. Joseph's with volunteers for setup, breakdown and anything that is needed. We welcome men 18 years and up. Our meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm.

*thank you!*

Mary Martha and 3 Cursillo Prayer Groups for offering coffee & cookies each evening following Fr. Simeon's upcoming Lenten Mission.



**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**-meeting for those concerned with alcoholism or drug dependency. 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month 9-10:00 am. Knights Room. Contact Paul 774-696-7543 or Linda 508-736-2207.

- 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 are 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.



A Lenten Mission  
**THE COMPLETE GIFT OF SELF FEATURING CASTING NETS MINISTRIES**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017**  
 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
 Casting Nets, a lay apostolate dedicated to the New Evangelization will be at Saint Mary Church, Uxbridge and will bring a great deal of inspiration and information in a presentation that is humorous and entertaining. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to 508-278-2226 or stewardship@stmaryuxbridge.org. All are welcome free of charge.

www.stjosephscharlton.com or facebook.com/St-Josephs-Parish-Charlton will have up to the minute news, schedules, pictures and ministry information.



**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.

- ⇒ **PIVOTAL PLAYERS**-Mondays during Lent in the Cornerstone @ 7:00 pm. Discussions follow.
- ⇒ **BOOK CLUB**-Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Cornerstone. Join our discussion of *Walk in Her Sandals* by Kelly Wahlquist.
- ⇒ **Formed.org**-Catholic on-line resource for movies, books and video programs. Use parish code: 7526f6 to access all these resources.
- ⇒ **SATURDAY FORMATION SESSION**-9:45 am on April 1<sup>st</sup> in the Cornerstone, Fr. Donato will give a talk on *Pope Francis and The Light of Faith*. Open to everyone. Please join us.
- ⇒ **LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD RACK**-CD's available for a \$3 donation at the front entry door. We encourage returns in the reception office for others to use.
- ⇒ **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**-with Sr. Barbara Hobbs. Sign up in Narthex.



**Ask the Priest**  
**Q:** Is it possible that Jesus has come back multiple times already and we missed it because he was not recognized?  
**A:** Sometimes in the history of the Church, Jesus has appeared privately to people with messages for them. This is a different phenomenon and should not be confused with what we normally mean when we speak about his coming again, which, as we say in the Creed, is "to judge the living and the dead." Jesus speaks only of one Second Coming in Scripture, and He makes it clear that He will be coming as Judge. He says that there will be signs (see Luke 21:25-27) as He comes in glory. Since the Last Judgment accompanies this Second Coming, no one will miss it.

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