



St. Joseph Church

Charlton, MA

MASS 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 9:00 am

APRIL 9, 2017

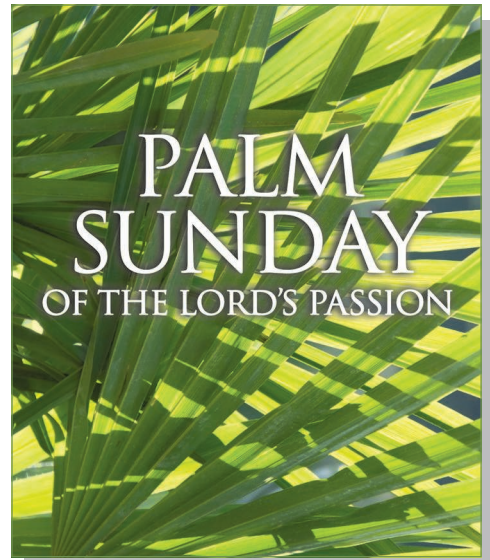
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SENIOR PRIEST: Reverend Normand Tremblay
ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Reverend Donato Infante III
PERMANENT DEACONS: Deacon Peter Faford & Deacon Bill Shea

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Next Baptismal Prep April 22nd @ 5:30 pm. Pre-registration required.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements begin a year prior to the anticipated date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays @ 3:45 pm and by appointment.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 1:00-6:00 pm, Wednesday noon-6:00 pm, Friday noon-5:00pm. First Friday/Saturday Devotion 9:00 pm until 9:00 am when Mass is celebrated (sign up in the Narthex)

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 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the coffee room. 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

2nd and 4th Wednesday 9-11 am.

Donations welcomed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST LIGHTS (grades k-5)
Sr. Agnes Patricia
sisteragnespatria@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
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, April 8

4:30 pm Kenny Morrow by the Bertrand Family

Sunday, April 9

8:00 am Ralph Charles Fennessey by the Family
 10:00 am Doris and Hermann Niehues by the Carpentier Family
 5:00 pm Jack Larson by his wife Helen

Tuesday, April 11

8:30 am Emily Dabrowski by the Jennings Family

Saturday, April 15

7:30 pm Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Sunday, April 16 Easter

8:00 am John Engel by Paul and Ellen Thibodeau
 10:00 am Emily Dabrowski by her grandparents Armand and Irene Carpentier
 5:00 pm Marguerite Bubon by her Daughter & Family

PRAYER BEFORE MASS- Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve You as You deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to seek reward, except that of knowing that I do Your will. **Amen**



WITH GREAT JOY WE WELCOME OLIVER RAYMOND HEERSINK son of Chris and Heather who was baptized in the water and Holy Spirit this weekend

JOHN WORK, uncle of Kelly Bonner. Please keep them in your prayers.



PALM SUNDAY MEDITATION: *As I carry home the blessed palms that celebrate Jesus' victory, how will I embrace and implement Jesus' gentle loving way of brining about God's Kingdom into my corner of the world?*

Hosanna!

UP & COMING EVENTS

JOIN US FOR: C.K. CHESTERTON VIDEO
 MONDAY APRIL 10TH @ 7:00 PM
 IN THE CORNERSTONE



Easter Flower Sale
 this weekend sponsored by Life Teen



FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME: Eat at Charlton House of Pizza Sunday-Tuesdays during April and 10% of the proceeds will be donated to support our Life Teen Immersion Trip. You must have the flyer with you.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (APRIL 23rd) IS THE CLIMAX OF OUR EASTER CELEBRATION

The Divine Mercy Messengers of St. Joseph's Church are providing information packets to all families with CCD children and will have information available to all on the Welcome Table in the Narthex.

On Good Friday, a Novena of Divine Mercy begins. Red pamphlets will be made available and we encourage all to begin the 9 day journey to the Divine Mercy Celebration on April 23rd.

For information or to be involved, contact Susan at 508-735-3269 or Paulette at 774-200-1983.



Mary Martha Guild
 20 Week Raffle Winner
 Week 6-Kris O'Connor \$50.00

PAINT NIGHT Friday, April 28th @ 6:00 pm
 \$35/pp (\$10 per tix goes to St. Joseph's)
 Sign up at www.brushitoff.com click on TRAVEL CALENDAR or call 774-241-3444. Questions? call Renee at 508-864-3988.

Save the date:
Vacation Bible School
 July 24th—July 28th

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- ◆ **MONDAY & TUESDAY**—Confessions from 6:00–7:00 pm
- ◆ **TUESDAY Holy Chrism Mass** 10:30 am at St. Paul's Cathedral all are invited. At this Mass Holy Oils are blessed for distribution to the parishes for use in the sacraments. Priests renew their commitment to serve the Church.



SACRED TRIDUUM The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord celebrated over 3 days



◆ **HOLY THURSDAY** 7:30 pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper** commemorating the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows with a procession leading to the Church Hall. Adoration takes place until 10:00 pm.

- ◆ **GOOD FRIDAY** Novena to Divine Mercy begins this day. Red booklets in the Narthex by Friday.
 - 9:00 am Ecumenical Cross walk starts at the Federated Church and concludes at the Masonic Home.
 - 3:00 pm Way of the Cross outside (weather permitting) at the Blessed Virgin Mary Shrine.
 - 7:30 pm Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion reading of the Passion, Veneration of the Cross, Communion.



- ◆ **HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL** 7:30 pm Night watch of the Resurrection. The sacred Vigil takes place in darkness with the blessing of the Easter Fire, giving thanks for the light, blessing the Paschal Candle and singing the Exsultet; proclaiming God's Word—the story of our creation and salvation, blessing of water, renewal of Baptismal promises as well as Sacraments of Initiation administered to our candidates and elect (those seeking all the Initiation Sacraments, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist).

ELECT: Nicole Crocker, Barbara Cross, Alison Miller, Amanda Donham, Dominique Fountain, Opal Cronin-Loggie and Hailee Cronin-Loggie.

CONFIRMATION: William Arsenault, William Brown, William Cressey, Krystal, Sean and Jeremy Crocker, Judi Marment, Aaron Powell, Alyson Romanelli, Mariusz Dworak, Ginny Crosse, Caitlin Rogers and Elizabeth Bonilla.

FIRST COMMUNION: Jarrod Borey, Eilena Colon, Mikayla Crocker, Jacob Falvo, Kyleigh and Mischa Ferguson, Ella Gosselin, Emily Lucena, Amiah Machado, Matthew & Fatimah Robbins & Elijah Anctil, William Cressey, Krystal Crocker, Judi Marment, Aaron Powell, Alyson Romanelli, Ginny Crosse, Caitlyn Rogers and Elizabeth Bonilla.

BAPTISM: Jarrod Borey, Eilena Colon, Jacob Falvo, Kyleigh & Mischa Ferguson, Matthew & Fatimah Robbins

- ◆ **EASTER SUNDAY** Mass will be celebrated at **8:00 & 10:00 am and 5:00 pm**

WONDERFUL, JUST WONDERFUL! We were so excited at the marvelous production of *The Passion* dramatically presented last weekend. Over 400 people were mesmerized by this presentation of our Lord's last days on earth. We are most grateful to Alex Diaz and his team of collaborators and AJ Productions for putting on such a fabulous display.

It was a timely production leading us into Holy Week. God Bless all the actors, musicians, technical crew, hospitality ministers and audience.

Thank You!



for the weekend of April 2nd was \$15,012.00 with \$442.00 for the Capital Campaign and \$455.00 for the Building Fund. Thank you for your continued support. We are most grateful to a parish family for their gift of \$1,000.00 as well as two anonymous \$100.00 gifts. Good Friday collection will be for the Shrines in the Holy Land. Rice Bowl Offerings may be returned this



We are pleased that we are currently at 89% of our goal. We have received 202 gifts bringing our total to date to \$69,040.00. That is an average gift of \$342.00. Our parish goal is \$77,500.00. If we exceed our goal by \$10,000 all extra gifts will be applied to our parish debt.

This week's MINISTRY SHOWCASE

Marriage Preparation

Ministry Head: Fr. Donato Infante, 508-248-7862 Ext. 5

Engaged couples meet with the clergy and lay couples, who have a wealth of marriage experience from which to draw, to prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. The purpose of this ministry is to help engaged couples develop the skills and attitudes necessary to transition successfully from engaged to married life, to begin marriage on a solid foundation in Christ and enjoy a long, happy and grace-filled marriage.

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-meeting for those concerned with alcoholism or drug dependency. 3rd Saturday each month 9-10:00 am. Knights Room. Contact Paul 774-696-7543 or Linda 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. 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 are 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.
- ♦ Please pray the Rosary with the Knights on April 30th after the 10:00 am Mass.
- ♦ Look for tickets for the Grill and Summer Meat Raffle to be drawn on May 28th.
- ♦ Red Cross Blood Drive here at St. Joseph Church will be on June 28th from 1:00 to 6:00 pm.



LIFE TEEN BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE

Please consider donating your bottles and cans to help support a family at Camp Sunshine this summer.



St Joseph Life Teen to volunteer at Camp Sunshine August 20-24th.

- ♥ **BOOK CLUB**-Thursday, May 11th at 7:00 pm in the Cornerstone. *The Perfect Joy of Saint Francis* by Felix Timmermans.
- ♥ **FORMED.ORG**-Catholic on-line resource for movies, books, videos and programs. Use parish code: 7526f6 to access all these great resources. K of C has joined formed.
- ♥ **SATURDAY FORMATION SESSIONS**-9:45 am on the 1st Saturday of each month in the Cornerstone. 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. Check out the CD: *Rising Above: From Tragedy to Triumph* At nine years old, John O'Leary was involved in a horrific incident and was given only a one percent change to survive. Today, nearly three decades later, he travels the world teaching others how to truly live. In this presentation, John draws on his *life's experience to intimately illustrate how God often uses our greatest challenges to positively transform our lives.*
- ♥ **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**-with Sr. Barbara Hobbs. Sign-up in Narthex.



ASK THE PRIEST
Question: Do animals go to heaven?
Answer: The great theologian Avery Cardinal Dulles once remarked that this question is based on a misunderstanding, that God has told us what Heaven is going to be like. In fact, he has not because we would not understand. He writes, "We know enough to desire everlasting life; and the rest need not concern us. Why should we not be willing to wait? We will find out when we get there, and that is soon enough."

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