



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 16, 2017-EASTER SUNDAY

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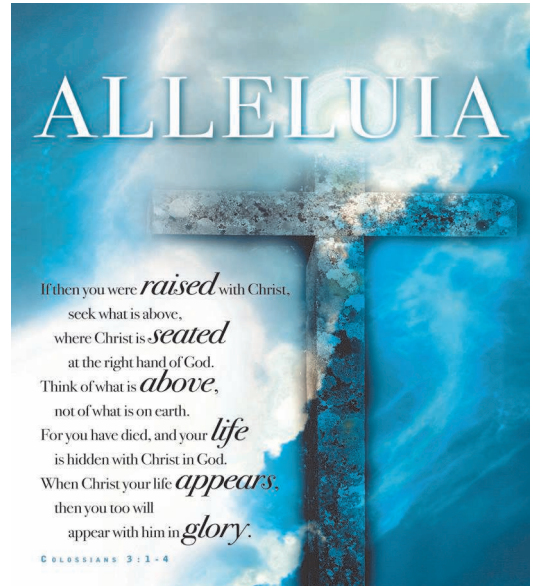


PASTOR: Reverend Robert Grattaroti

SENIOR PRIEST: Reverend Normand Tremblay

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Reverend Donato Infante III

PERMANENT DEACONS: Deacon Peter Faford & Deacon Bill



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
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
cgkingston@yahoo.com

We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song. -St. John Paul II

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Saturday, April 22

4:30 pm Florence Graham by the Family

Sunday, April 23

8:00 am Michael Thibodeau by Paul and Ellen Thibodeau

10:00 am Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus and their families by the KofC.

5:00 pm Ovide Cournoyer (2nd Anniv) by his Family

LIVING STEWARDSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

PRAYER BEFORE MASS-God, to whom every heart is open, every desire known and from whom no secrets are hidden; purify the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise Your holy name. **AMEN**

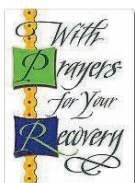


REST IN PEACE-FRANCES JACQUES and JANET LASKOWSKI. Please keep them in your prayers.

Rest In Peace

The deepest sympathies of our faith community to the good people of Egypt, members of the Coptic Church, who were brutally attacked while in church during Palm Sunday Services. We keep you all in our prayers. May we always trust in the Lord Jesus in good times and bad. Blessed Easter in spite of all the hurt and harm.

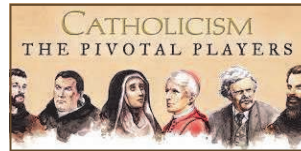
Please keep Fr. Donato, Life Teen youth and their chaperones in your prayers as they spend the week in Boston on their Immersion Trip.



UPDATE ON FR. NORM

He is recovering nicely at home from his recent auto accident. He expresses his deepest thanks for your prayers and good wishes. Please continue to pray for him.

UP & COMING EVENTS



**NO VIDEO MONDAY, APRIL 17TH.
RESUMES MONDAY APRIL 24TH AT
7:00 PM WITH MICHELANGELO VIDEO**



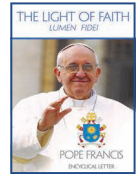
FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME eat at Charlton House of Pizza Sunday-Tuesdays during April and 10% of the proceeds will be donated to support our Life Teen Immersion Trip. Remember your flyer.



THE LIGHT OF FAITH TALK

by Fr. Donato Infante

DATE CHANGE to Monday, May 8th at 7:00 pm in the Cornerstone. **ALL INVITED!**



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Mary Martha Guild

20 Week Raffle Winner

Week 7-Heather Bousquet
\$50.00



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEACON?

Find out about the Worcester Diocese Diaconate Program. Male college graduates (or equivalent) between 31 and 60 now is your opportunity to get answers to your questions. Spouses are encouraged to attend with you.

Saturday, April 22-St. Anne Shrewsbury 10:00 am
Contact: 508-929-4335

Vacation Bible School
July 24th—July 28th



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.



HAPPY EASTER AND WELCOME

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

It is with great joy that we greet you and express our prayer filled best wishes for a Happy and Blessed Easter. Jesus tells us *there is no greater love than to give one's life for a friend*. We thank our gracious God that His Son, Jesus, gave His life for ALL. Thank you for your prayers and good wishes during this season. Please be assured of our prayers for all of you and your families. Easter greetings in the name of Fr. Donato, Fr. Norm, Deacons Bill and Peter and myself.

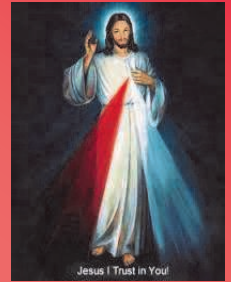
-Fr. Bob Grattaroti



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY-the climax of Easter

We celebrate this feast at the request of our Lord Jesus and He promises:

On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are opened. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy....On that day, all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened.



The Divine Mercy Messengers of St Joseph's want to encourage each person to tap into those graces and make Jesus' message of mercy known!

We encourage all to join in the 9 day journey to the Divine Mercy Celebration on April 23rd by continuing praying the Novena Prayer. Confession times for the feast are Saturday 3:00-4:30 pm and Sunday 11:00-noon and 2:00-4:00 pm.

Easter Blessings



WELCOME ONE AND ALL THIS EASTER AND ALWAYS CONGRATULATIONS AND BLESSINGS! With great joy, we embrace in love the members of our faith family who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation during the Easter Vigil.

CATECHUMENS: Nicole Crocker, Barbara Cross, Alison Miller, Amanda Donham, Dominique Fountain, Opal Cronin-Loggie and Hailee Cronin-Loggie will receive all the Sacraments of Initiation this Easter.

CONFIRMATION: William Arsenault, William Brown, William Cressey, Krystal, Sean and Jeremy Crocker, Judi Marment, Aaron Powell, Alyson Romaneli, Mariusz Dworak, Ginny Crosse, Caitlin Rogers, Jasmine McNeany, Anthony John Mitchell 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 Romaneli, Ginny Crosse, Caitlyn Rogers and Elizabeth Bonilla

BAPTISM: Jarrod Borey, Eilena Colon, Jacob Falvo, Kyleigh & Mischa Ferguson, Shane Crocker, Andrew Tchassem and Matthew & Fatimah Robbins



The Knights of Columbus are happy to report that parish wide contributions to the Food for Families Campaign since July 1, 2017 is 9,258 lbs.



for the weekend of April 9th was \$15,114.00 with \$120.00 for the Capital Campaign and \$337.00 for the Building Fund and Easter Flowers \$1,228.00 Thank you for your continued support. **Please consider electronic giving.** Go to our website stjosesphscharlton.com to find out more. We are grateful to those who make up their gifts when they have been away.



We are pleased that we are currently at 96% of our goal. We have received 222 gifts to date bringing our total to \$74,460.00 That is an average gift of \$335.00. 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. Use the envelopes in pew to make your gift today.

MINISTRY SHOWCASE

MARY MARTHA WOMEN'S GUILD: Jean Peck
248-6069 or jeanpck@charter.net


We are a group of dedicated women serving the needs of our faith community. We foster community through meals, raffles, women's retreats and fundraisers. Each year we help four families at Christmas as well as provide \$200 in gift cards each month for those in need. The Mary Martha Guild is always looking for new members. Please consider joining us.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP THROUGH SHARING

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.

Women's CURSILLO WEEKEND
 Women May 18th-21st held at Immaculate Conception Center Putnam, CT Contact Sue at sleighton1958@gmail.com or Joan Laracy at 774-239-2474 or joanlaracy@yahoo.com.



- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Join us for the **5TH SUNDAY ROSARY** on April 30th after the 10:00 am Mass. Finger rosaries will be available.
- ♦ Look for tickets for our **Grill and Summer Meat Raffle**. Drawing will be on May 28th.
- ♦ **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** here at St. Joseph Church will be on June 28th from 1:00 to 6:00 pm.
- ♦ Save the date: **NIGHT AT THE RACES** on October 21st following 4:30 Mass with dinner, bar and raffle prizes.

INTERESTED IN A PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & MEDJUGORJE? June 16-23rd. All inclusive price \$3,800. Contact Fr Bob 508-248-7862 for information.

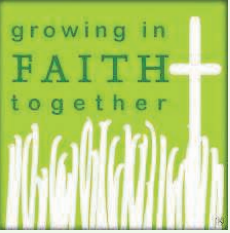
Do you suffer with an addiction? Do you need support?
 Fr. Bob, Fr. Donato or our deacons are available to talk with in private. Arrange a meeting at 508-248-7862.

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. Book discussion on *The Perfect Joy of Saint Francis* by Felix Timmermans.
- ♥ **SATURDAY FORMATION SESSIONS**-9:45 am on the 1st Saturday of each month in the Cornerstone. **NOTE:** May 5th Saturday session will be held Monday, May 8th at 7:00 pm instead, please join us.
- ♥ **LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD RACK**-CD's available for a \$3 donation at the front entry door. Check out the CD: **Freedom Through Forgiveness**-Struggling with confession? Catholic speaker Ken Yasinski through clever examples and insightful stories reveals how each of us can obtain freedom from the burden of our sins through the forgiveness that is readily available in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Plus many more.
- ♥ **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**-FREE with Sr. Barbara Hobbs. Sign-up in Narthex.

ASK THE PRIEST

Question: Why don't we believe in reincarnation?
Answer: There are many reasons that could be given as to why we do not believe in reincarnation. One of them was implied by the answer a few weeks ago, when it was asked if our souls pre-exist the creation of our bodies. I would encourage you to go re-read that answer in full on our the website, but basically, a pure spirit would have chosen for or against God in an irreversible way. This indicates that there was not a time that our soul was without (or in between, in the case of reincarnation) bodies. Scripture speaks against it as well. Hebrews 9:27 says, "People are destined to die once and then face judgment." Because of this, Christians since the earliest days, such as Tertullian and Saint Ireneaus, have argued against reincarnation.

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