



# 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 23, 2017-DIVINE MERCY 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 June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 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](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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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*

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 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, 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv) by his Family

Saturday, April 29

4:30 pm Sr. Rose Clarisse by Mary Martha Guild

Sunday, April 30

8:00 am Carl R. Kasierski by the Beringer Family

10:00 am Rita and Ted May by Bill and Erin May and Family

5:00 pm Frank Gard by his sister Verna Miller

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for Nancy Hearnlaye & Linda Chouinard by their family



**PRAYER BEFORE MASS**-Lord, We give You thanks this day as we recall all the marvelous things You have done for us. We ask that You open our hearts to a better understanding of Your love for us and of Your kindness in our lives. AMEN

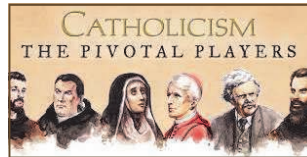
Please keep our First Communion students in your prayers as they prepare to receive our Lord for the first time on May 6<sup>th</sup>.



NOTE: Our next first Saturday Mass on May 6<sup>th</sup> will take place at 10:00 am as part of the First Communion celebration.

PLEASE WELCOME Richard O'Dour from South Sudan who will be ordained next year and is presently at Pope St. John XXIII Seminary in Weston. He will be here at our 4:30 Mass on Saturday along with several priests and deacons and friends from the seminary. We have assisted him in his priestly preparation and he is here to express his deepest thanks.

## News & EVENTS



Please note that the session on Michelangelo is being postponed from April 24th to May 1<sup>st</sup>.

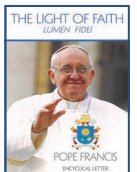
The new wall hangings in the Sanctuary are thanks to the shared talents and giftedness of Mrs. Sylvia Stepien.

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**THE LIGHT OF FAITH TALK**  
by Fr. Donato Infante

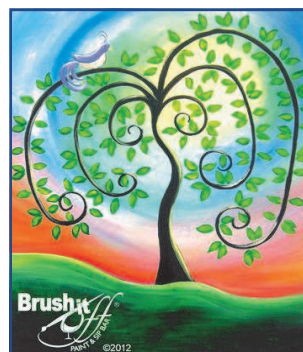
**DATE CHANGE** from Saturday morning May 6<sup>th</sup> to Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Cornerstone. ALL INVITED!



**Mary Martha Guild Woman's Retreat**  
Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00 to noon  
in the Cornerstone with Martha Tower presenting on Contemplative Prayer. Free to all women. Call Jean Peck 508-248-6069 to register as a continental breakfast will be offered.



**Mary Martha Guild**  
20 Week Raffle Winner  
Week 8-Jim Wajer \$50.00



**PAINT NIGHT** in the Church Hall  
This Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm  
\$35/pp (\$10 per tix goes to St. Joseph's)  
Free Will offering bar and snacks  
Sign up at [www.brushitoff.com](http://www.brushitoff.com) click on TRAVEL CALENDAR or call 774-241-3444.

## STEWARDSHIP

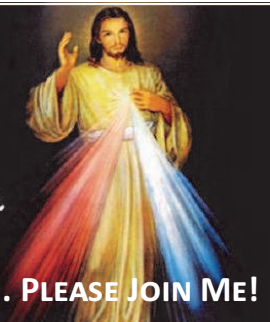


for the weekend of Easter was \$20,006.00 with \$145.00 for the Capital Campaign and \$235.00 for the Building Fund, Holy Thursday offerings \$919.00, Good Friday Offerings \$1,023.00 Thank you for your continued support.



We are pleased that we are currently at 98% of our goal. We have received 227 gifts to date bringing our total to \$76,060.00 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.

*Jesus,  
I Trust in You.*



**DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION. PLEASE JOIN ME!**

Jesus invites you to this much planned celebration. Come for any part of the day for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary and Meditation ending with Benediction and Praise/Worship with our Life Teen Band at 3:00 pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation hours:  
Sunday 11:00 – 12:00pm & 2:00 – 4:00pm



We are pleased that Seminarian Brian Ashmankas will be with us for 10 weeks this summer as he continues his studies for the Priesthood. Brian grew up in Millbury and attended North American Martyrs in Auburn. Prior to entering seminary, he worked in politics and was a selectman for 2 terms in his hometown. Completing his philosophy studies at St.

John's Seminary in Brighton, he will begin Theology Studies at Catholic Theological in Washington DC. His plan is to lead a Bible Study while he is here, as well as become more deeply involved in the life of the Parish. Having made a Cursillo several years ago, Brian looks forward to being with us this summer.

**2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR UPDATE**-Work is progressing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor east wing of our building. There will be 5 moderate sized meeting rooms and a conference room plus restrooms. Part of the construction will involve the reconfiguring of hallways (above the Narthex) to access the elevator from the east wing. This will involve the relocation of the Memorial Gift Trees and plaques. These accesses need to be made now that the second floor will be in use. Expected completion of the project is midsummer. As a reminder, funds for this project are from the Capital Campaign and our Building Fund. Funds for this project were not solicited. However, memorials may be made to honor donors. Contact Dick Vaughan for details 774-230-2163.

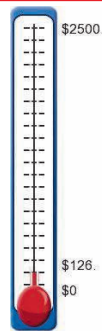
**Our Food Pantry is in GREAT NEED of donations. Our shelves are running bare. Needed are: canned meats, baked beans, juice, Chef Boyardee type products, soups, boxed potatoes, or rice, pasta, spaghetti sauce, cereals, jelly and peanut butter along with toilet paper, paper towels and toiletries. NO EXPIRED FOODS PLEASE. Please note: we are a donation-based food pantry. Your help is greatly appreciated!!**



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

**SUNSHINE**

Life Teen  
is off to a good  
start.  
Thank you  
for your help.



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



### MINISTRY SHOWCASE

#### *Ministers of the Eucharist*

Deacon Bill Shea, 508-248-7862,  
wshea@2667@aol.com

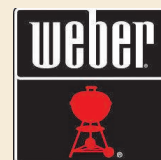
This beautiful ministry allows trained lay people to administer the Eucharist in both species (body & blood) at mass. This ministry also encompasses bringing communion to the home bound if desired. Training is done on an as needed basis and you are then scheduled according to your Mass preference. We always welcome new parishioners for this wonderful ministry.



### Summer Grill & Meat Raffle-1<sup>st</sup> prize

is a WEBER GENESIS GRILL along with meat products (listed below) and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is a microwave donated by Percy's. Tickets are \$5 for 1 or \$20 for 5. The winner will be named on May 28<sup>th</sup> after the 5:00 pm Mass. Meat products to be dispensed from Memorial Day—Labor Day. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

- 2-5 lb. boxes of Kayem hot dogs
- 2-10 lb. cases of 5 oz. burgers
- 1 case of baby back ribs
- 12 split chickens
- 2 boxes of sweet sausage
- 1 whole sirloin strip



**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS**

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**-10:00 am on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. Ellen Thibodeau 508-248-9161

**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.

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



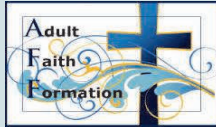
**Career Opportunity**

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. We welcome bi-lingual applicants. For information, contact Thomas Racine at 508-346-1303 or thomas.racine@kofc.org.

**Women's CURSILLO WEEKEND**

Women May 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> held at Immaculate Conception Center Putnam, CT Contact Sue at sleighton1958@gmail.com or Joan Laracy at 774-239-2474 or joanlaracy@yahoo.com.

♥ **BOOK CLUB**-Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month in the Cornerstone. **NOTE:** May 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday session will be held Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 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 **15 Things to Do in the Midst of Suffering**. Suffering is a mystery we all face in our lives. Speaker Jeff Cavins shares personal insights he gained through his own physical pain. He shows us how we can join our sufferings with those of Jesus on the cross, bringing renewed meaning to the suffering we experience in our lives.

♥ **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**-Free with Sr. Barbara Hobbs. Sign-up in Narthex.

**ASK THE PRIEST**

**Question:** Who were the Essenes? Was John the Baptist an Essene? Were they precursors to the ascetics that went into the desert, like Saint Anthony of the Desert?

**Answer:** The Essenes were a group of Jews living from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century BC to the first century AD. They lived a strictly ascetical life. They are mentioned in some ancient manuscripts, but they were brought to greater fame with the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in Qumran since the 1940s. I spoke to one Biblical scholar (since this is outside my field) and he said that the importance we give to the Essenes might be exaggerated. Imagine if 2,000 years from now people have no knowledge of what type books we read and no copies of Harry Potter were found but many copies of Goosebumps were. We would wrongly conclude that everyone was reading Goosebumps and have no knowledge of Harry Potter. The Essenes are interesting, but we still have much to learn. He also said that while some speculate that John the Baptist may have been an Essene, we cannot conclude that at this time. Lastly, he added that there is no known connection to desert Fathers like Saint Anthony of the Desert. Likely, the same spiritual motivation for asceticism may have inspired both movements separately.

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