

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.

St. Joseph Church



MASS CELEBRATED

Monday ~ Friday at 8:30 am

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday

8:00 & 10:00 am
& 5:00 pm

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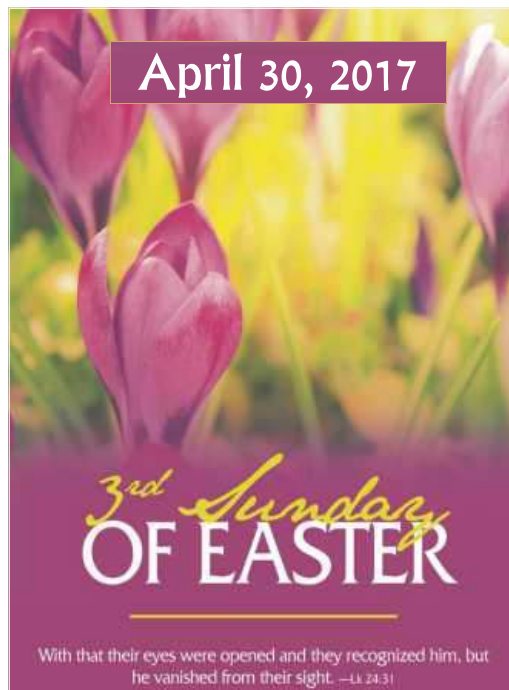
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PASTOR: Reverend Robert Grattaroti

SENIOR PRIEST: Reverend Normand Tremblay

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Reverend Donato Infante III

PERMANENT DEACONS: Deacon Peter Faford & Deacon Bill Shea



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Next Baptismal Prep
June 3rd @ 5:30 pm.
Pre-register please.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements begin a
year prior to the
anticipated date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays @ 3:45 pm
and by appointment.
508-248-7862

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
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

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

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit material for consideration
to cgkingston@yahoo.com

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Tuesday, May 2

8:30 am Increase in Vocations by a Parishioner

Wednesday, May 3

8:30 am Lorraine Gallaway by Husband and Family

Thursday, May 4

8:30 am Amedee Hebert by the Family

Saturday, May 6

4:30 pm Matthew Charette by the Jennings Family

Sunday, May 7

8:00 am Linda Chouinard by her Family

10:00 am Arthur Metras by the Metras Family

5:00 pm Special Intention by a Sister in Christ

LIVING STEWARDSHIP THROUGH PRAYER

PRAYER BEFORE MASS-Loving God, your Son calls us to ever greater trust even as He fulfilled Your will to secure our salvation. Help us to draw closer to you in faith, hope and love. AMEN

A CHANGE: First Saturday Mass on May 6th will take place at 10:00 am (not 9:00 am) as part of the First Communion celebration.



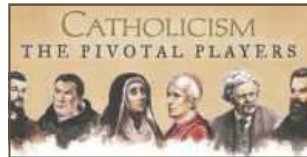
A **WELCOME MASS** for new parishioners Sunday, May 7th at 10:00 am with a continental breakfast to follow. Join us in welcoming the new members of our faith community.



WITH GREAT JOY WE WELCOME HADLEIGH SPLAINE who will be baptized in water and Spirit this weekend.

WE WELCOME Transitional Deacon Richard Odur of the Diocese of Torit, South Sudan to our Saturday 4:30 pm Mass. Our parish helped support his return to his parish in the Sudan for his ordination.

News & EVENTS



Pivotal Players session on Michelangelo is being shown on May 1st at 7:00 pm in the Cornerstone. Join us.

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them for **5TH SUNDAY ROSARY** today after the 10:00 am Mass. Finger rosaries will be available if you do not have your own.



THE LIGHT OF FAITH TALK
by Fr. Donato Infante

May 6th to Monday, May 8th at 7:00 pm in the Cornerstone.

ULTREYA— Friday, May 5th
7:00 pm



Mary Martha Guild
20 Week Raffle Winner
Week 9-Barbara FaFord \$50.00

NEW MEMBERS WANTED-Our Religious Ed. Board is seeking new members? Meetings are one evening a month. Those interested should see Sr. Agnes in the office or contact David Smolski at davidjmsolski@gmail.com.



FR. BOB HAS A RADIO PROGRAM
1230AM & 970AM Emmanuel Radio announced that Fr. Bob is on Catholic radio with a 1/2 hour show entitled, *Spread the Good News*. The show airs Tuesdays 8:00 pm; Fridays 2:30 pm and Saturdays 7:00 am. **TUNE IN!**



Save the Date
Beer Tasting Night
Saturday, June 10th
7-9 pm. \$15.00 pp.

Something to think about this week: 'Who have I pushed to the periphery of my life? How can I "call them by name" to be like Jesus, the Good Shepherd?'

STEWARDSHIP



Fr. Jonathan stopped by with some young members of his parish. They were in need of a grill and due to your Easter generosity, we were able to gift it to Our Lady of Providence Parish in Worcester. Isn't that awesome?

FANTASTIC NEWS, Fr. Michael Gaitley, Director of Formation for the Marian Missionaries of Divine Mercy and author of *33 Days to Morning Glory*, *33 Days to Merciful Love*, *Consoling the Heart of Jesus* and *One Thing is Three* is coming to St. Joseph Church November 11 & 12 for a TWO DAY REFLECTION. In preparation for his visit, AFF will be offering once again, "retreats" based on the above mentioned books for those who haven't had the opportunity to participate yet. Watch for dates in the upcoming weeks. GOD IS GOOD!



MEMORIALS OPPORTUNITIES

Our 2nd floor construction project is presenting parishioners with memorial opportunities. These include donations for/toward one of six meeting rooms, a conference room, a section called Pathway to Catholic Education and various furnishings among other things. Donations may be payable over a 5 year period. Memorial plaques will be offered. Call Dick Vaughan at 774-230-2163.

NOTE: our Memorial Trees will NOT be removed but rather relocated adjacent to the new hallways.

NOTICE: the shrubs near the Solar Panels will be replaced.

Summer Grill & Meat Raffle-1st prize is a WEBER GENESIS GRILL and meat products below, 2nd prize is a microwave donated by Percy's. Tickets are \$5 for 1 or \$20 for 5. The winner will be named on May 28th after the 5:00 pm Mass.

- 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



Sponsored by the K of C



Parish Support for the weekend of April 23rd was \$12,874.00 with \$125.00 for the Capital Campaign and \$807.00 for the Building Fund. Thank you for your continued support.

HELP US MEET THE CHALLENGE!



We're surging toward our goal! However, we're hoping to get \$10,000 over the goal, then every

dollar gifted over comes back to our parish to pay down our debt. We've received 241 gifts and are hoping to exceed last year's receipt of 330 gifts. Please consider a donation to Partner's in Charity today, any amount helps. Donations may be paid over a 10 month period. Envelopes are in the pews.

MINISTRY SHOWCASE

NEXT STEP BEREAVED PARENT SUPPORT

GROUP Sue Brunell 508-344-1564, beadlady1113@yahoo.com and Kathy Berube 508-892-4722, DJB@aol.com

Next Step is a support group for bereaved parents who want to learn new ways of coping and surviving the unimaginable; the death of their child. No matter what the age, the loss of a child is crippling and life altering for those who remain. Our group is a topic based discussion group created by bereaved parents for the purpose of supporting each other after the loss of a child. We meet at Harrington Hospital in Southbridge on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the office building directly in front of the ER. Parking is easier on the street side. Elevator down to the basement, we are in Conference room #4. Contact Sue to join.

BECAUSE YOU ARE ALWAYS SO GENEROUS:

Our Food Pantry is in GREAT NEED of donations. Needed items: 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.** Your help is greatly appreciated!!



Food Pantry Donations Needed

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS

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

- ♦ 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.
- ♦ **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



RCIA Are you someone who; has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Have a child over the age of 7 who has not been baptized? Or was baptized, but have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? Contact Ted or Patty Covill at tcovill@charter.net or 508-248-4718 for more information.

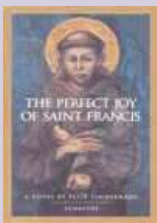
Do you suffer with an addiction? Do you need support?
Fr. Bob, Fr. Donato or our deacons are available to talk with in private. Arrange a meeting at 508-248-7862.

Career Opportunity-The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time position. One must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. Bi-lingual candidates encouraged. For information, contact Thomas Racine at 508-346-1303 or thomas.racine@kofc.org.

- ♥ **FAITH FORMATION** **♥ SATURDAY FORMATION SESSIONS**-9:45 am on the 1st Saturday of each month in the Cornerstone. May session will be held May 8th instead. **NOTE:** No Saturday sessions July, August & September.
- ♥ **LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD RACK**-CD's available for a \$3 donation at the front entry door.
- ♥ **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**-with Sr. Barbara Hobbs. Sign-up in Narthex.
- ♥ **FORMED.ORG**-An on-line resource for movies, books, videos and programs for adults and youth. We encourage all parishioners to discover the treasures of this resource. Log on and use parish code 7526f6 to access our parish subscription. We are 1 of only 2 parishes in the diocese who are offering this wonderful subscription free to you. Contact Cheryl at cgkingston@yahoo.com if you have questions.
- ♥ **BOOK CLUB**-Thursday, May 11th at 7:00 pm. Book discussion on *The Perfect Joy of Saint Francis* by Felix Timmermans. Cornerstone. Contact Lisa at lisadiezal@aol.com.



Wednesday, June 14th join us as we visit the Worcester Art Museum for their exhibit **HIGHEST HEAVENS**. Admission \$14 adult, \$12 for seniors. We will ride share from the church at 10:30am. Contact Cheryl at cgkingston@yahoo.com.



ASK THE PRIEST
Question: What is the difference between a cathedral and a basilica?
Answer: a cathedral, from the word cathedra for chair, is the principal church of a diocese, having within it the Bishop's chair. A basilica is an honorary title bestowed by the pope on a church of historical or cultural importance, often at the request of the bishop. Basilica originally referred to a style of church building based on a type of ancient Roman building--- "a church built in the basilica style," for example.

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