

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

10 H. PUTNAM EXT, CHARLTON, MA
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Mailing: P.O. Box 338, Charlton City, MA 01508
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PASTOR: Reverend Robert Grattaroti
SENIOR PRIEST: Reverend Normand Tremblay
ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Reverend Donato Infante III
PERMANENT DEACONS: Deacons Peter Faford & Bill Shea
SUMMER SEMINARIAN INTERN: Brian Ashmankus



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
Wed. noon-6:00 pm
Friday noon-5:00 pm

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 information for consideration
to cgkingston@yahoo.com by noon
on Mondays.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 20

4:30 pm Bryce Petrunia by the Smith Family

Sunday, May 21

8:00 am Joseph Yvon Proulx by his wife and daughter

10:00 am Sylvio and Simonne Carpentier by Armand and Irene Carpentier

5:30 pm Cecelia F. Graham by John Hickey

Monday, May 22

8:30 am Special Intention by a sister in Christ

Tuesday, May 23

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory by a Parishioner

Thursday, May 25

8:30 am Connie Johnson by a Friend

Saturday, May 27

4:30 pm Neil and Gertrude Sullivan by the Family

Sunday, May 28

8:00 am Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus and their families by the K of C

10:00 am Lorraine Gallaway (2nd Anniv) by her Husband and Family

5:00 pm Special Intention by a sister in Christ

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE for all our dearly departed on Monday, May 29th at 8:30 am

PRAYER BEFORE MASS-Living God, through the power His resurrection Your Son brought life to those who dwelt in darkness. May His light shine on all baptized in His name. May our faith be strong and our love eternal. **-AMEN**

NOTICE: First Saturday Mass with Adoration will not take place in the months of June, July and August.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Ascension Thursday Mass is celebrated Wednesday, May 24th at 7:00 pm and Thursday May 25th at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm.



I Wedding Banns

*Travis Hunt and
Jennifer Merrill*

WITH GREAT JOY WE WELCOME JAMIE LYN ASHTON daughter of Jarrod and Jacquelyn and MICHAEL JAMES DUNIGAN son of Eric and Shannon who will be baptized in water and Spirit this weekend.



Rest in Peace †**RACHEL LOCKHART** and †**CAROL AITCHISON.**
Please keep them in your prayers.

NEWS AND EVENTS

And
the
Winner
is...

Mary Martha Guild

20 Week Raffle Winner
Week 12-Mary Stone \$50.00

Join us for:

UNDERSTANDING THE DOCUMENTS OF THE 2ND VATICAN COUNCIL

An Adult Faith Formation (AFF) talk given by Deacon Bill Shea on Saturday June 3rd at 9:30 am in the Cornerstone. Open to all.

THIS WILL BE OUR LAST SATURDAY MORNING TALK UNTIL OCTOBER.

SUMMER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE



If you are a current high school grad, in high school or will be an 8th grader in September, you are eligible to play. If interested, please contact Deacon Bill for information at 508-254-8512.



Sponsored by Life Teen

Help support a family at Camp Sunshine this summer by donating your bottles and cans.

Beer Tasting Night

Saturday June 10th

7:00-9:00 pm in the Church Hall

\$15/pp (21+). Tickets need to be purchased in advance by June 1st. There will be several beers to sample, as well as 2 full beers to consume plus snacks.

Tickets available in the parish office or online at www.eventbrite.com/e/st-josephs-beer-tasting-tickets-34410312170.



Save the Date!

November 5th
Diocesan High School
Youth Rally



STEWARDSHIP



Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure

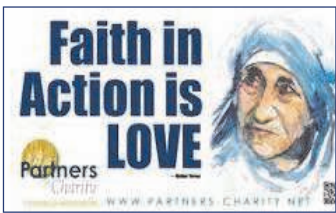
PARISH SUPPORT

for the weekend of May 14th was \$13,002.00 with

\$325.00 for the Capital Campaign and \$546.00 for the Building Fund. Remember St. Joseph Church in your estate planning. A bequest is a wonderful way to express gratitude to God for a lifetime of Blessings! The gift you give establishes a lasting legacy of love for others by helping the Church to continue it's Catholic heritage through our many ministries. Thank you and God Bless You.

SUMMER IS COMING: We encourage parishioners to make up their weekly offerings to the Lord when away to help us keep up with our monthly expenses.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL: We have received 269 Partners in Charity gifts thus far, however, we are



trying to surpass last years total donors of 339. Have you made your gift yet? Help us to achieve this goal.

WE NEED 71 MORE GIFTS.

Envelopes are in the pews.

ST. FRANCIS EARTH MINISTRY-remember to sign up this weekend to assist this ministry that is responsible for making our parish grounds look beautiful. Also, they are in need of shovels, rakes and gardening gloves. To donate see Kathy in the Narthex after Mass this weekend. Thank you!

MINISTRY SHOWCASE

PRAYER CENACLE

John McNeaney 508-248-7140 and Nelson Sleeper 508-248-5414

Pray! Pray! Pray! We meet on Monday nights in the Worship Area immediately following Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. The Divine Mercy begins at 7:00 pm, followed by a Rosary at 7:30pm then the Cenacle Prayer at 8:00pm. We have a priest with us once a month and also are blessed to be able to have a Healing Service on different occasions. ALL ARE WELCOME! Please pray for us as we pray for all of you.



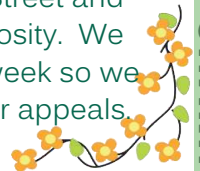
STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION: **MOST IMPRESSIVE!**

One young child who recently made First Communion here came to the church with bags of groceries for our Food Pantry and a bag of goodies for our priests. This was from the financial gifts this child received at First Communion. The child thought of others and wanted to share. We are grateful, proud and inspired by this child's goodness and generosity.

"For I was hungry and you gave me to eat"

Many thanks to the Charlton Post Office for their generous sharing of food for our Food Pantry.

Stop in to the Post Office on Main Street and thank the folks there for their generosity. We have many requests for food each week so we are grateful for their response to our appeals.



American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

SAVE LIVES, SUPPORT A PARISHIONER

Every 12 minutes someone in the US dies by suicide. Please help support parishioner Megan Sullivan in raising awareness of mental illness and suicide prevention while she walks her eighth 18 mile walk from dusk to dawn in Washington DC with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. You can help support by donating to www.theovernight.org/participant/DustyDanger. MeganKsullivan21@gmail.com or 774-364-4121 for more information.

EVANGELIZATION TRAINING WORKSHOP:

"The Christmas Carol Festival"

Saturday June 10th 9-3 pm

St. Mary Parish Uxbridge

Presented by John and Therese Boucher Evangelization Consultants.

Cost is *\$25.00 (bring your own lunch)

www.christmascarolfestival.com or 508-929-4303 for information a Christmas Carol Festival.

*ask about a discount for 4 or more from same parish


Congratulations



to our High School youth who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Thursday. May the Holy Spirit keep them ever in His love.

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.

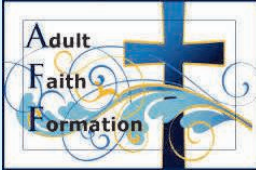


- ♦ Would you like to join the Knights of Columbus? Contact Allan at 508-248-7154 or Kyle 508-248-0982 or khagger@charter.net.
- ♦ Meetings are held monthly on the 1st Wednesday in the Knight's Room. Beginning with Rosary at 6:30 pm, meeting comes to order at 7:00 pm.
- ♦ **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** here 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 with dinner, bar and raffle prizes.



Are you someone who has expressed interest in becoming a 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? For more information, contact Ted or Patty Covill at tcovill@charter.net or 508-248-4718.

- ♥ **DAY TRIP TO WORCESTER ART MUSEUM**-Join AFF as they visit the museum to view the exhibit *HIGHEST HEAVENS* Wednesday, June 14th. Ride share from church at 10:30 am return by 2:30 pm (volunteer drivers necessary). \$12.00 admission. Bring a bag lunch. All welcome.
- ♥ **SATURDAY FORMATION SESSIONS**-9:45 am after First Saturday Mass. June 3rd session with Deacon Bill Shea. No sessions in July, August or 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. Look and discover the treasures of this resource. Log on using parish code 7526f6.



Contact Cheryl Kingston with questions regarding AFF events and programs at ckingston@yahoo.com

ASK THE PRIEST

Question: When Jesus performs a miracle, he often tells people not to tell anyone what has happened. They never obey. Why? Is it about controlling them or about temptation?

Answer: There might be numerous reasons, but here is one plausible interpretation. The Constitution on Divine Revelation from the Second Vatican Council says that "the plan of revelation is realized by deeds and words having an inner unity: the deeds wrought by God in the history of salvation manifest and confirm the teaching and realities signified by the words, while the words proclaim the deeds and clarify the mystery contained in them." That means that the miracles Christ worked were not just for their own end but also as teaching moments. However, the miracles were drawing crowds and sometimes this publicity could at times make going about his Father's business difficult. To allow for his own freedom to work, Christ would ask that his works not be made known. However, because the Good News cannot be contained and must be shared, people did not always comply.

**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.

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