

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

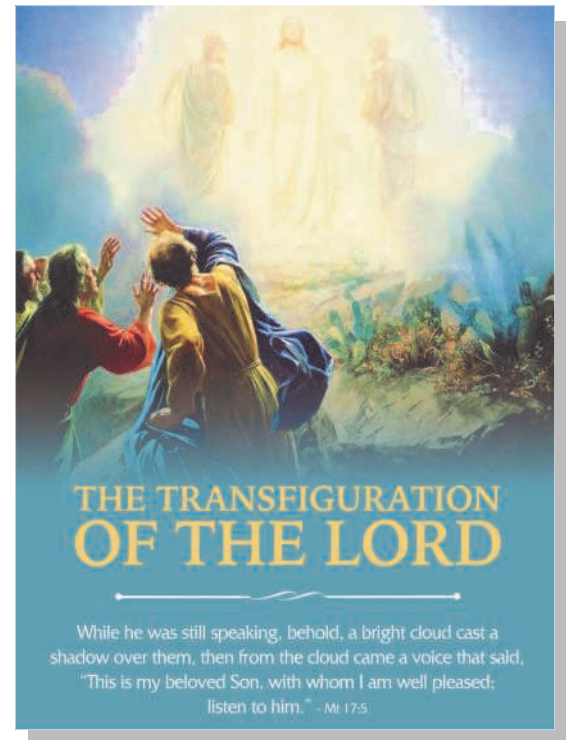
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PERMANENT DEACONS: Deacons Peter Faford & Bill Shea



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM	SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Next Baptismal Prep August 26 @ 5:30 pm. Pre-register please.	Arrangements begin a year prior to the anticipated date	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

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

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY
Cheryl Kingston
cgkingston@yahoo.com

ST. JOSEPH'S FOOD PANTRY
2nd and 4th Wednesday 9-11 am.
Donations welcomed.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 5

4:30 pm Amedee Hebert by the Family

Sunday, August 6

8:00 am Katie Kevorkian by the McTigue Family

10:00 am Shirley Harris by the Mahan Family

5:00 pm John Bubon by his Daughter & Family

Friday, August 11

8:30 am Joseph & Effie Benoit by Claire Gouin

Saturday, August 12

4:30 pm Stuart L. Tully by the Family

Sunday, August 13

8:00 am Ella Fortier (7th Anniv) by her daughter, Carol

10:00 am Torin Nye by the Mueller Family

5:00 pm Special Intention by a Sister in Christ

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



With great joy we welcome **SHEA EDWARD JOHNSON** son of Joshua and Meghan, **RAEGAN LEORA SPENCER** daughter of Jonathan and Christina and **MAEVE ELIZABETH OUTLER** daughter of Anthony and Kristen who will be baptized in water and Spirit this weekend.

Congratulations to Mark DiLegge and Alyona Rymareva who will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage this weekend. May God bless them and their union today and always.



RENE ROBERT, JOHN "MEMMO" SIMONE father of Paul, **RICHARD LINEHAN** husband of Patricia and **RUSSELL ANDERSON** brother of Robert. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Please keep our Life Teen youth along with Fr. Donato and their chaperones in prayer as they are on a Mission Trip to Haiti this week.



NEWS AND EVENTS



THE BOOK CLUB- WILL MEET ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 10TH AT 7:00 PM IN THE CORNERSTONE. WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THE CLOUD OF UNKNOWING BY ANONYMOUS (TRANSLATED AND EDITED BY WILLIAM JOHNSTON).

THE BLESSING OF BACKPACKS WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEKEND AT THE 10:00 A.M. MASS.



NEEDS YOU!
Our Middle School Religious Ed. Ministry is in need of core team members. EDGE meets on Tuesday evenings during the school year. If you think you can assist, please contact Diane Cetin at 774-230-1139 or diane55382@aol.com.



Please consider donating your bottles and cans to help a family attend Camp Sunshine. Receptacles are located at the back entry of the church hall. If you wish to make a donation, contact Deacon Bill at bshea@dienesusa.com.

YOUNG ADULTS

A FOLLOW UP MEETING to the young adult survey will be held in the Cornerstone on August 21st at 7:00 pm for young adults aged 25-35. Pizza and salad will be served. Whether you filled out the survey or not, you are invited to come brainstorm about expanding our young adult ministry here in the parish.

In addition, in an effort to better serve the young adults of our diocese, a **YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY SUMMIT** will be held on Thursday, August 31st at 6:30 pm at St. George Parish Worcester. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the needs of young adults and brainstorm ways in which these needs can be met on both a local and diocesan level. If you plan on attending, RSVP by Thursday, August 24th so we can get an accurate head count. Neworchester.org.



A NOTE OF THANKS FROM SEMINARIAN
BRIAN ASHMANKAS

Dear members of St. Joseph's Parish:
Please accept my deepest appreciation
for your kind and constant welcome of

me during my summer assignment here. I have grown in admiration for the gracious hospitality and welcome I have received, and I am confident that it will serve me well as I begin my Studies in Theology this August. You have been a blessing to me and I hope that my presence here has in some way also benefited you. Beginning August 22 I will be at Theological College 401 Michigan Ave. NE, Washington, DC 20017. I can also be reached at 774-276-1281 or brianashmankas86@gmail.com.



PARISH SUPPORT for the weekend of July 30th was \$11,106.00, \$125.00 for the Capital Campaign and \$1,045.00 for the Building Fund. Our bills and commitments continue through the summer months so we greatly appreciate your making up your offerings when away. We recommend online or electronic giving. Go to stjosephscharlton.com to sign up.

**Do you suffer with an addiction?
Do you need support?**

Fr. Bob, Fr. Donato or our deacons are available to talk with in private. Call to arrange a meeting at 508-248-7862.



This retreat with Fr. Michael Gaitley is selling out all over the country. If you plan on attending the retreat here at St. Joseph Church, consider registering now at 413-944-8500 x10 or Events.MarianMissionaries.org. Limited seating.

MINISTRY SHOWCASE

WELCOMING COMMITTEE: Rich and Cathy Cayer (508)248-1543, richcathc@aol.com
The goal of this ministry is to bring the Church community to newcomers of Charlton and give them a sense of family, friendship and information about our parish. We call new members of our Parish, welcome them to St. Joseph's and talk with them about what is available at St. Joseph Church (i.e. ministries, religious education, etc.). We host a Newcomer Mass celebrated twice a year (once in the Spring and once in the Fall) along with a continental breakfast open to the entire parish where we visit with our new parishioners, share a cup of coffee, introduce them to other parishioners and answer any questions they might have about St. Joseph's. You might even make a new friend yourself!

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD is the culminating point of His public life, as His Baptism is its starting



point, and His Ascension its end. This glorious event has been related in detail in all 3 Synoptic Gospels (Matt 17:1-8; Mk 9:2-9; Lk 9:28-36) and place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of his passion and death. Jesus took Peter, James and John and led them to a high mountain apart, where He was transfigured before their ravished eyes. The Synoptics explain, "his face did shine as the sun: and his garments became white as snow". False Judaism had rejected Jesus as the Messiah, and now true Judaism, represented by Moses and Elias, the Law and the Prophets, recognized and adored Him, while for the second time God the Father proclaimed Him His only-begotten Son. By this glorious manifestation the Divine Master, strengthened the faith of His three friends and prepared them for the terrible struggle.

Peter, James and John had a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts and certainly Jesus warned them that His glory and His suffering were to be inextricably connected—a theme John highlights throughout his Gospel. Tradition names Mt. Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the fourth century was dedicated on August 6.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS

PRAYERSHAWL MINISTRY-10:00 am on 3rd Sat. of the month. Ellen Thibodeau 508-248-9161
DIVORCE SUPPORT MINISTRY-the 2nd and 4th Mon. of month, 7:00-9:00 pm in the K of C Rm.
GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN Sharing experiences caring and learning about resources. Ted or Dianne at 508-764-4553.
NEXT STEP BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: For parents who have lost a child. Meets 4th Tuesday of the month at the Medical Office Bldg of Harrington Hospital. Basement level, Rm #4. Call Sue Brunell 508-344-1564.
CALIX SOCIETY-meeting for those concerned with alcoholism or drug dependency. 3rd Sat. each month 9-10:00 am. K of C Room. Contact Paul 774-696-7543 or Linda 508-736-2207.



Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month in the Knight's Room. Starts with Rosary at 6:30 pm, meeting comes to order at 7:00 pm.



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 508-248-4718 or tcovill@charter.net

God is Love.



A Catholic Conference
Saturday, September 30th
 at Lowell Memorial Auditorium focused on renewing the vital gift of Hope. A powerful day of grace with 5 extraordinary speakers, music, Mass, Confessions and Adoration. Ticket price \$30 go to www.hopeconferences.com.



We are continuing construction in the Narthex to provide a direct access to the elevator and to the additional meeting rooms on the second level. Please pardon any inconvenience this may cause you.

We hope to be completed soon.

SOLAR ARRAY! We are awaiting the easement from National Grid to facilitate the electricity distribution from the panels. It may be the end of this summer before we have full operation of the system.



♥ **LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD's**-new disk selection available for a \$3 donation at the front entry door.
 ♥ **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**-Sr. Barbara Hobbs will resume on August 31st. Sign-up sheet is in the 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.
 ♥ **MERCY & MARY RETREAT WEEKEND**-with Fr. Michael Gaitley, November 10 & 11. 413-944-8500 Ext 10 or go to events.marionmissionaries.org to register today.

ASK THE PRIEST

QUESTION: Why can't we overcome an addiction immediately, but slowly?
ANSWER: Addiction, like all sin, is a form of habit. Habits take time to change because they are ingrained patterns of behavior. Virtues are also ingrained patterns of behavior. While God can by his grace infuse virtues that change our habits instantly, this rarely takes effect. For example, very often we are still attached to our sins and are not fully open to such a grace or are open to it but are not prepared to receive it.

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