

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

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2017**

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**PASTOR:** Reverend Robert Grattaroti  
**ASSOCIATE PASTOR:** Reverend Donato Infante III  
**PERMANENT DEACONS:** Deacons Peter Faford & Bill Shea



### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

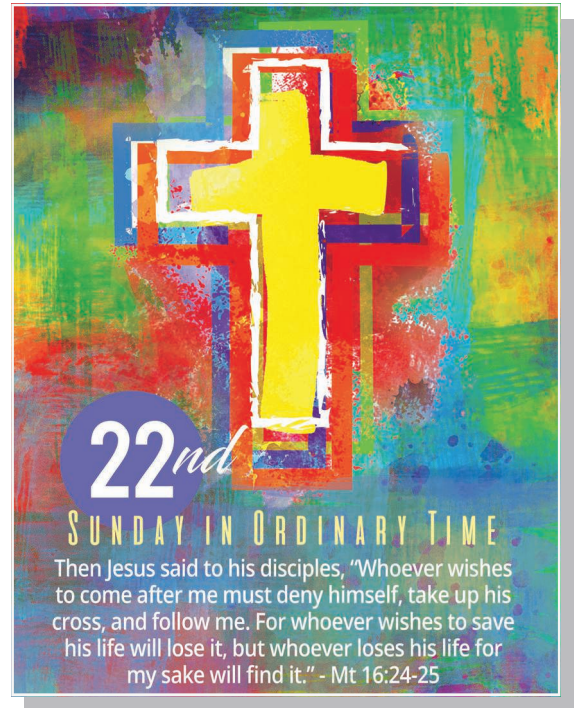
Next Baptismal Prep  
October 7<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm.  
Pre-register please.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup>  
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  
bshea@dienesusa

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY**  
Cheryl Kingston  
cgkingston@yahoo.com

**ST. JOSEPH'S FOOD PANTRY**  
2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 9-11 am.  
Donations welcomed.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 2

4:30 pm Paul Ferree by Mr. & Mrs. Michael O'Leary

Sunday, September 3

8:00 pm Eugene Ide by the Family

10:00 pm Armand Richards by his wife Lucille and the Family

5:00 pm Cecelia F. Graham by John Hickey

Friday, September 8

8:30 am Kevin McDonald by his Mom and Dad

Saturday, September 9

4:30 pm Robert J. Graham by the Family

Sunday, September 10

8:00 am Leon & Mary Maynard by the Family

10:00 am Richard Shea by the Family

5:00 pm Rita McEleney by Liz's Cursillo Prayer Group

*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*



**ROGER POIRIER**, father of Linda Seguin, **EUGENE MARTIN** step father of Renee Jalbert and **ROBERT FOUNTAIN**. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.



With great joy we welcome **COLE PATRICK EASTTY** son of Adam and Marlena, **BLAKE RAYMOND DUBOIS** son of Joel and Ashley and **SADIE IRENE DOWNING**, daughter of Dustin and Amanda who will be baptized in water and Spirit this weekend.

## ULTREYA

Friday September 8<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 pm

Join us for Mass  
followed by Ultreya.

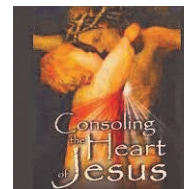
## NEWS AND EVENTS

### OLD HOME DAY



Visit the Knights of Columbus booth at the Charlton Old Home Day event on the Common this weekend. The knights will be serving apple crisp with whipped cream for \$4.00 per portion. Chances for a \$200 Lottery Tree Raffle are available. Drawing at 4:00 p.m.

**CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS**  
"retreat" based on Fr. Michael Gaitley's book of the same name begins the week of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are in the Narthex. Susan at 508-735-3269.



### Light of the World Parish Retreat

September 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>

A free retreat for adults here at our parish. Retreatants encounter the person of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit in a deeper way. Please contact Deacon Bill for registration at [bshea@dienesusa.com](mailto:bshea@dienesusa.com).



### CANTOR WORKSHOP

September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Pizza will be served. New cantors encouraged.



The latest **ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE** is now available in the Sacristy or online at [www.stjosephcharlton.com](http://www.stjosephcharlton.com).

### WORCESTER DIOCESE NIGHT AT WORCESTER RAILERS

The WORCESTER RAILERS HOCKEY inaugural game is October, 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$12 and seats are located in section 203. Visit [railers.isportstix.com/order/group/WorcesterDiocese](http://railers.isportstix.com/order/group/WorcesterDiocese). In the comment section specify the parish you are with so you can be placed accordingly! Deadline for tickets is September 22. Connor Haynes at 508-365-1752.



SAVE THE DATE-Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>  
following 4:30 Mass

Pot Luck Dinner and a showing of the movie  
*The Shack* followed by discussion.

## STEWARDS SHARING TIME AND TALENT

*We cordially invite you to participate in one of the following ministries:*

- ◆ **MUSIC MINISTRY**....join to sing in the choir, cantor or as instrumentalist (if you play an instrument we'd love to have you).
- ◆ **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**....International Catholic men's organization which seeks to help those in need and assist the parish financially.
- ◆ **MARY-MARTHA GUILD**...Church Woman's organization which seeks to assist those in need and assist the parish financially. Mary: the spiritual aspect provide days of reflection for the spiritual enrichment of it's members and the parish and Martha: the action aspect assisting with bereavement ministry; Meat Raffle and other church activities.
- ◆ **RCIA**—Right of Christian Initiation of Adults...a ministry which assists those who desire to become Catholic and also prepares adult Catholics for reception of Confirmation as needed.

These are just a few of the many ministries in our Faith Community which help to make it what it means to be....the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus to our families, our community, our nation and the world...Blessings and prayers as you think about where you might be able to share some of your God given gifts and talents.

**NEXT WEEKEND**....following Communion, representatives of these Ministries will make a brief presentation and give a personal invitation.

Sign up to become a part of these ministries after Mass next weekend.

### SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR THOSE WITH CANCER

A support group at St. Vincent Cancer & Wellness Center with monthly meetings the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month beginning at 11:30 am with Mass followed by faith sharing in the chapel located at 1 Eaton Place. Validated parking. Contact 508-363-6246.

**NOTRE DAME ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE** for prospective students will be Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2:00-4:00 pm. Girls in grades 5-8 are encouraged to attend. NDA's entrance exam will be held on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am. Pre-registration required at admissions@nda-worc.org or 508-757-6200 Ext. 229. NDA is central Massachusetts' only Catholic private college preparatory school for girls.



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Pray Gratefully | Serve Responsibly | Give Generously

**PARISH SUPPORT** for the weekend of August 27<sup>th</sup> was \$12,298.00, \$25.00 for the Capital Campaign and \$433.00 for the Building Fund. We are so very grateful for your continued support of this parish.

### ST. FRANCIS EARTH MINISTRY MEETING

There will be a meeting in the Cornerstone, Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm to coordinate preparations for Fall planting and the clean-up of the property, etc. We would also like to invite individuals who would like to donate perennials to attend the meeting to find out what you may have to incorporate into the grounds. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Nelson at 508-847-0975 or email at [kjnelmat@gmail.com](mailto:kjnelmat@gmail.com)

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** classes begin the week of September 24<sup>th</sup>. If you have not registered a child, please contact the office at 508-248-7862.

**LIFE TEEN** will conduct parent information sessions in the Cornerstone on Saturday and Sunday September 16 & 17 after all Masses. Registration forms can be picked up at one of these meetings. Parents only need attend one meeting.

### WHAT COMES AFTER LIFE TEEN?

If you are one of our high school seniors or college aged young adults and are wondering how to grow in your faith once you've been confirmed, join us for a new program, **THEOLOGY BY THE SLICE**. There will be time for prayer, conversation about how the faith relates to your life, pizza and socializing. In the Cornerstone Monday September 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00-9:00 pm. If you have questions see Fr. Donato.

### St. Joseph-St Pius of Leicester

#### Fall Family Festival

Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00-4:00pm at St Joseph Church, 759 Main St. Leicester with Chicken BBQ following their 4:00 pm Mass. All are invited.

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS**

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**-10:00 am on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each 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 and learning about resources. Ted or Dianne at 508-764-4553.

**NEXT STEP BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** For parents who have lost a child. Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Medical Office Bldg. of Harrington Hospital. Basement level, Room #4. Call Sue Brunell 508-344-1564.


**CALIX SOCIETY**-meeting for those concerned w/alcoholism or drug dependency. 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday 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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month in the Knight's Room. Starting with Rosary at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm.

• On October 14<sup>th</sup> after the 4:30 Mass, be transported to Louisville for the St. Joseph Church-Hill Downs **NIGHT AT THE RACES**. There will be 5 races; the last is the Kentucky Derby. Only 275 tickets are available at \$12. Decorations are developed and staged through the imagination of Alexander Diaz. Proceeds benefit the Knights Scholarship Fund and other charitable activities.



Are you someone INTEREST IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? Or have a child over the age of 7 who has not been baptized or was baptized, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? For more information, call Ted or Patty Covill at 508-248-4718 or tcovill@charter.net.



**Adult Faith Formation**

- ♥ **LIGHT HOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD's**-disk selection available for a \$3 donation at the front door. Returns accepted gratefully.
- ♥ **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**-with Sr. Barbara. Please sign-up in the Narthex.
- ♥ **FORMED.ORG**-An on-line resource for movies, books and video programs for adults and youth. Check out the treasures of this resource. Log on w/parish code 7526f6.
- ♥ **MERCY & MARY RETREAT**-with Fr. Michael Gaitley, November 10 & 11. **SOLD OUT**
- ♥ **CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS RETREAT**-begins the week of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms in the Narthex. Contact Susan Montville at 508-735-3269.
- ♥ **BOOK CLUB**-*Fatima for Today: The Urgent Marian Message of Hope* by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, C.F.R. Discussion will be Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Cornerstone. Book available on formed.org.
- ♥ **FIRST SATURDAY FAITH FORMATION TALKS**-resume October 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am in the Cornerstone with Fr. Bob giving the talk entitled, *What was the Protestant Reformation?*

**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 for a meeting at 508-248-7862.

**ASK THE PRIEST** - *This weeks answer is by Fr. Bob*

**QUESTION:** After receiving communion and one returns to their pew to pray to our Father, and reflection on the sacrament; what is the time period of kneeling? I know it's a personal preference. I myself have asked others in my prayer group; again individual responses are there is really no right/wrong amount of time to be in prayer.

**ANSWER:** After Communion one can enter more deeply into meditative prayer and thanksgiving to God for the Gift of Himself in the Eucharist, because we carry God within us. A good guide as to when to sit is when the Tabernacle is closed.

If you would like to submit a question for the "Ask the Priest" section of the bulletin, please submit your question to cgkingston@yahoo.com. Thank you!

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