

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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SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

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



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

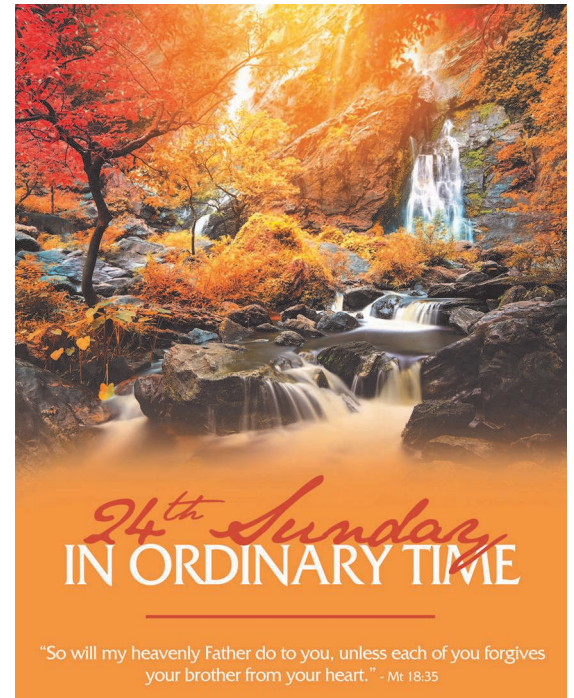
Next Baptismal Prep
October 7th @ 5:30 pm.
Pre-register please.

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

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
deaconbill@stjosephscharlton.com

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, September 16

4:30 pm Paul Ferree by Iris Jennings

Sunday, September 17

8:00 am Richard Carrington by his wife Carol

10:00 am Emily Dabrowski by Diane and Joe Dabrowski

5:00 pm Special Intention by a sister in Christ

Tuesday, September 19

8:30 am Adele Smith (1 yr. Anniv) by Matthew Smith

Friday, September 22

8:30 am Kevin McDonald by his Mom and Dad

Saturday, September 23

4:30 pm Earl Wright by his Wife and Daughter & Family

Sunday, September 24

8:00 am Jeanne Burlingame by the Family

10:00 am Gary Jennings (9 yr. Anniv) by Iris & Family

5:00 pm Cecelia F. Graham by Roland Malboeuf

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for Early Wright by his Wife, Daughter and Family



PRAYER BEFORE MASS-*Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve You as You deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to seek reward, except that of knowing that I do Your will. -Amen*

Rest in Peace

SANDY KILBOURNE and **JOSEPH BELAND** brother of Barbara and Linda Faford. Please keep them and their families in prayer.

With great joy we welcome **FRANCESCA LOUISE RANELONE**

daughter of Raymond and Stephanie, **TUCKER MICHAEL**

GIAQUINTO son of Justin and Jessica and **TAYLOR EGAN**

HAMILTON son of Brian and Jennifer who will be baptized in water and Spirit this weekend.



NEWS AND EVENTS

**GIANT MEAT
RAFFLE**

SPONSORED BY THE
MARY MARTHA GUILD



**SEPTEMBER 23RD AT 6:00 PM
IN THE CHURCH HALL**



CANTOR WORKSHOP

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

 **LIFE TEEN**

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.



EDGE KICK-OFF EVENT

takes place Sunday,
September 24th 3:30-5:00 pm
followed by Mass.

On October 14th after the 4:30 Mass, be transported to Louisville for the St. Joseph Church-Hill Downs NIGHT AT THE RACES. Only 275 tickets are available. Each \$12 ticket covers the cost of admission, meal and betting booths. Hors d'oeuvres are provided by Alex, Heidi and their crew. Meal is pasta w/ marinara, meatballs, sausage, chicken parmesan, salad, rolls, dessert, coffee/water. Cash bar. Also get your name listed in their ad book! Act Now! Ladies are encouraged to wear a flamboyant hat for the Kentucky Derby. A prize will be awarded to the winner.

**A Night
at the
Races**



WELCOME....we are happy to announce that we will be getting another permanent Deacon in our Parish to assist in Parochial Ministry, Deacon Steve Miller.

Deacon Steve is no stranger to us as he and his wife, Susan are long time members of our Parish. Together they have three daughters. His ministry among us will begin on October 1st.

Fr. Bob will be heading to Rome this week and the day he returns, Fr. Donato will be traveling to Rome to attend the Diaconate ordination of Allan Martineau of our Diocese.

FORMED

THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

Formed.org is an on-line Catholic resource for movies, books and video programs for adults and youth. If you haven't had a chance to check it out, now is the time. Log on by going to formed.org and enter our parish code 7526f6.

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.

"We all know the cringing, fearful way in which a dog shrinks away from our caresses if he has been previously ill-treated by others. One meets children whose arm goes up to ward off a blow as soon as anyone in authority approaches them. The same sort of attitude is often found with regard to God. He is thought of as a hard master, over exacting and meticulous, setting traps for His creatures, and almost only anxious to catch them in wrong-doing. No true love of God is possible with such a concept in one's mind. Yet such ideas can exist, and we must take care that we are not responsible for their formation. That is one reason why, if we must err in dealing with our neighbor, we ought to err on the side of mercy and kindness rather than of justice and rigor."

An excerpt from the classic book on spirituality by Fr. Eugen Boylan an Irish Trappist Monk called *This Tremendous Lover*.



live+the
faith

Pray Gratefully | Serve Responsibly | Give Generously

PARISH SUPPORT for the weekend of September 10th was \$13,145.00, \$25.00 for the Capital Campaign and \$594.00 for the Building Fund and \$7,006.00 was collected for Hurricane Relief. We are so very grateful for your continued support of this parish.

CAMP SUNSHINE...We received a letter from the Executive Director of Camp Sunshine (the retreat for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families) thanking us for the donation of \$4,760.00 which was given by our Parish to the Camp when Deacon Bill and several of our youth went there this summer. They are most grateful. He wrote: Dear St. Joseph Church, Thank-you for your very kind and generous support.

Mary Martha Guild is happy to announce they have a new slate of officers beginning September 17th as follows:

President: Elaine Tiberii

Vice President: Jean Peck

Secretary: Julia McDonough

Treasurer: Michele Letourneau

New Members Welcome. Come to the first Fall meeting on September 18th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the coffee room. We are a women's group that fosters community by fundraising and spending spiritual and social time together.

right to life

Massachusetts Citizens for Life, Inc.

Join us for the **MASSACHUSETTS MARCH FOR LIFE** Sunday, October 1st on the Boston Common. This is an opportunity to raise money for baby-saving pro-life groups across the state and to give witness to Life and remember the 1.5 million babies killed through legal abortion in the state. Join Cardinal Seán O'Malley and hundreds of pro-lifers as they March for Life. Questions? Call 617-242-4199 or www.masscitizensforlife.org/2017marchforlife

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY-10:00 am on 3rd Saturday each 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 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, Room #4. Call Sue Brunell 508-344-1564.

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

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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**
- ♥ **FIRST SATURDAY FAITH FORMATION TALKS**-resume October 7th at 9:15 am in the Cornerstone with Fr. Bob giving the talk entitled, *What was the Protestant Reformation?*

ASK THE PRIEST - *This weeks answer is proved by Fr. Jack Schrader of the Diocese of Fall River. He was seminary classmates with Fr. Donato and holds a licentiate in Biblical theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University.*

Question: A few weeks ago it was recommended to get good Catholic commentaries on the Bible. What are some examples?

Answer: Ignatius Catholic Study Bible Series. The volumes have good footnote information and articles about pertinent theological themes. Also there are study questions at the end of each Biblical book or section to motivate deeper scrutiny of the text. More scholarly examples include the Anchor Bible Series and the Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament, which is not Catholic, but good nonetheless. Some accessible overviews of salvation history and Biblical themes include Bible Basics for Catholics and New Testament Basics for Catholics both by John Bergsma and the Catholic Introduction to the Old Testament by John Bergsma and Brant Pitre.

If you have 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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