

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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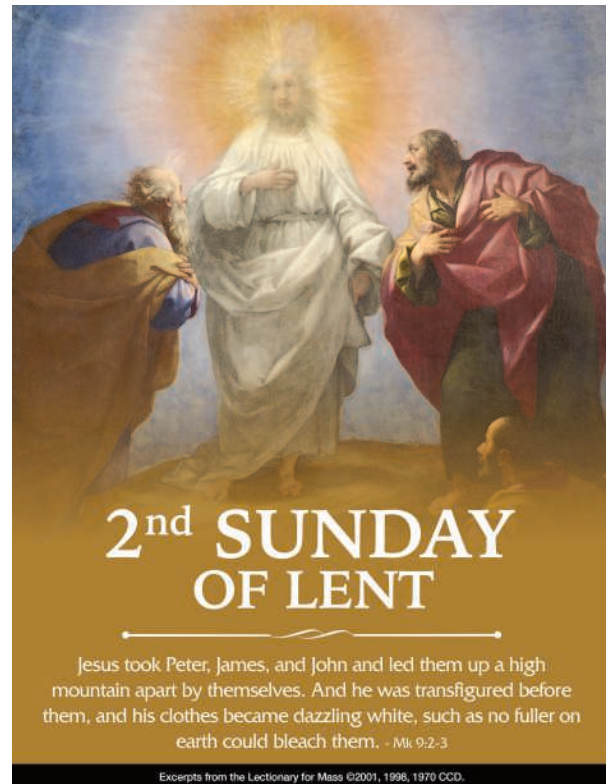
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## FEBRUARY 18, 2018



**PASTOR:** Reverend Robert Grattaroti  
**ASSOCIATE PRIEST:** Reverend Donato Infante III  
**PERMANENT DEACONS:**  
Peter Faford, Bill Shea and Steve Miller

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal prep  
March 10<sup>th</sup>  
at 5:30 pm. Please  
pre-register.

#### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements  
begin a year prior  
to the  
anticipated date.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays @ 3:45  
pm and by appt.

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday noon-7:00 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](mailto:prayer@missionariesofmercy.net)  
[www.missionariesofmercy.net](http://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](http://www.stjosephscharlton.com/order-Franciscan-seculars)

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
Submit information for consideration  
to [cgkingston@yahoo.com](mailto:cgkingston@yahoo.com) by  
noon on Mondays.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**FIRST LIGHTS** (grades k-5)  
Sr. Agnes Patricia  
[sisteragnespatricia@yahoo.com](mailto:sisteragnespatricia@yahoo.com)

**EDGE YOUTH MINISTRY** (grades 6-8)  
Diane Cetin  
[diane55382@aol.com](mailto:diane55382@aol.com)

**LIFE TEEN MINISTRY** (grades 9-12)  
Deacon Bill Shea  
[deaconbill@stjosephscharlton.com](mailto:deaconbill@stjosephscharlton.com)

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY**  
Cheryl Kingston  
[cgkingston@yahoo.com](mailto:cgkingston@yahoo.com)

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

Welcome to St. Joseph Church-A friendly reminder to silence your cell phones while at Mass, thank you.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 24, 2018

4:30 PM Paul Laramée (8<sup>th</sup> Anniv), by his Wife and Family

Sunday, February 25, 2018

8:00 AM Elizabeth Nowak, by her Daughter, Lola

10:00 AM Irene Tully, by the Tully Family

5:00 PM Cecelia F. Graham, by James Graham

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

8:30 AM Father Jeddi Brooks, by the Perczak Family

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

8:30 AM Eileen Beaudry, by David Dumais

Thursday, March 1, 2018

8:30 AM Doris Burlingame, by Dottie Farrel

Friday, March 2, 2018

8:30 AM Donald Peck, by his Wife and Children

Saturday, February March 3, 2018

4:30 PM Brian J. Cristo, by his Family

Sunday, March 4, 2018

8:00 AM Intentions of David Staples, Sr., by his Godmother

10:00 AM Daniel Shea, by the Family

5:00 PM Robert F. Graham, by his Family

## REST IN PEACE

In your prayers please remember

**PAT HARRISON AND ALPHONSE QUARELLA**

May they rest in the arms of the Lord and may their family find comfort in their faith.



## CURSILLO FOR MEN... takes place this week!

*Please keep the team and candidates in your prayers.*

The next women's Cursillo is May 3 - 6.

Call Ruth Beringer at 508-248-1954 for details.

## LAST YEAR'S PALMS

may be returned to the receptacles in the Narthex.

## ALL NIGHT ADORATION

Our Holy Father has asked Churches throughout the world to have adoration all night on March 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.

Our Church has been designated by our Bishop.

We will begin with Mass on Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM and confessions will be available. Adoration will conclude with Mass at 9:00 AM on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

## MARY MARTHA GUILD MEAT RAFFLE

**MARCH 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Hall**

## "SHEPHERDS FOR MY PEOPLE"

On the weekend of March 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>


Monsignor Richard E. Collette, a priest for 65 years, has written a book: "Shepherds for my People." which will be on sale following Mass.

The 45 stories in his book recall many memorable moments in Monsignor's Collette's ministry as a parish priest.

The \$15.00 cost of the book will be donated to the Priests' Retirement Fund.

Thank you for your support.

## A LENTEN REFLECTION



Which world do we live in... In God's world if you love your enemy, you are first  
In some of our worlds if you love your enemy you are last... and may even be persecuted  
In God's world it's what's on the inside that counts  
In some of our worlds it's what's on the outside that really matters  
In God's world love motivates  
In some of our worlds it is fear that motivates  
In God's world the value lies in the act  
In some of our worlds the value lies in the return for the action  
In God's world the value lies in goodness  
In some of our worlds an action is done for a reward  
In God's world the keynote is cooperation... to lift the other person up  
In some of our worlds the keynote is competition... to cut the other person out  
In God's world all are unique  
In some of our worlds all are the same  
In God's world all that is required is that you be you  
In some of our worlds you must work to become someone  
God's world educates (brings the best out of us)  
In this world we are indoctrinated (we are fed what to believe)  
In God's world we are called to serve the needs of all  
In this world the task is to survive and get ahead.  
In God's world the keynote is freedom ("the freedom of the children of God")  
In some of our worlds the keynote is slavery (to power, wealth, control)  
God's world is inclusive (everyone belongs)  
In some of our worlds the keynote is exclusivity (only if you fit in)  
The discipline of Lent is to get more and more into God's world...  
Fasting, prayer, mortification, good works, almsgiving, etc. are meant to assist us, with God's Grace, to do just that.

## CONSIDERING A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD?

The Diocese of Worcester's annual discernment retreat, directed by Bishop McManus, will be held on March 23 & 24. It begins at 6 pm Friday and ends 6 pm Saturday. It's for men high school age, college age, and older.

Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, Connecticut is only 30 minutes from Worcester.

The retreat is free and transportation is provided if needed. For more info Speak with Fr. Bob or Fr. Donato or visit [worcestervocations.com](http://worcestervocations.com).

## The Catholic Free Press

The Catholic Free Press is our Diocesan newspaper and it gives us news of parish and diocesan events, as well as news of Catholic interest from the U.S. and the world. Sign-up subscription month is February, at \$39 for a one-year subscription. Simply fill out the Catholic Free Press envelope from your envelope packet, include \$39, and return it in the collection basket.

Extra subscription envelopes are available in the narthex.



**PARTNERS IN CHARITY KICK OFF THIS WEEKEND**

in pew collection takes place at all Masses this weekend. Our goal is \$77,500 and again the parish will be able to apply all amount gifted over our goal to help pay down our debt. There will be a follow up collection next weekend.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Fridays at 7:00 PM during Lent

**CONFESSIONS**  
Tuesdays from  
6:00 to 7:00 PM

**WELCOME**

**ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL BANACH**  
Apostolic Nuncio to Senegal, Mauritania, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, who celebrates the 5:00 pm this Sunday and will give a Lenten reflection on the Call to Holiness this Monday night at 7:00 PM. All are welcome

**DID JESUS REALLY RISE FROM THE DEAD?**

Fr. Donato will show a video with discussion to follow on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM or Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM in the Cornerstone. All Are Invited to Attend

See the Lenten schedule at [stjosephscharlton.com](http://stjosephscharlton.com)

**PARISH SUPPORT**  
for the weekend of February 18<sup>th</sup> was \$10,157.00 with \$25.00 for the Capital Campaign and \$431.00 for the Building Fund  
Thank you for your continued support.

Please make up offerings if you have been away. Sometimes inclement weather prevents people from attendance. You might consider making an on-line offering by going to our website and click on "donations" or, bring you gift the next time to come to church. Again...thank you and God Bless you.

**VISITATION HOUSE** in Worcester sends deepest thanks for the Baby Bottle Drive which gave them \$2,252.00. Thank you to all who participated.



**SUNDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> 6:30-8:00 PM**

here at St. Joseph Church  
The Guest speaker is

**Danielle Hendricks**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME**



**FIRST LIGHTS BAKE SALE**

next weekend  
after all Masses.

Proceeds will go to the orphans in Haiti

In memory of Emily Dabrowski

**DIOCESAN MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY**

takes place Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter Marian High School in Worcester from 1 - 5 PM. If you would like to attend this event contact Diane Cetin at [diane55382@aol.com](mailto:diane55382@aol.com)

**CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS**

Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Cornerstone  
Registration forms are on the table in the Narthex.

Planning meetings for DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY will be ongoing on Sundays at 3:00 PM in the upstairs conference room. Please join us if you are interested or call Susan at 508-735-3269 for details.

**BOOK CLUB**

Join us as we read "Seven Last Words: An Invitation to Deeper Friendship with Christ", by Father James Martin SJ. We will meet to discuss on Thurs., March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Cornerstone. All are welcome!

**THIS WEEKEND LIFE TEEN THIS WEEKEND**  
**ISSUE NIGHT FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS**

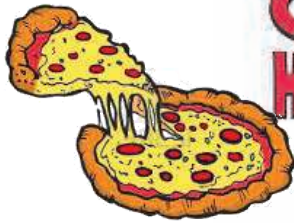
There will be 2 speakers coming to our parish **THIS SUNDAY** February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM from the Worcester District Attorney's Office to speak to our students AND parents about the awareness of drugs. The student presentation is titled: "This is "Not" About Drugs".  
Students will meet in the parish hall and Parents will meet in the Cornerstone.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING**  
Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 12.  
Speak with Deacon Bill to sign up

**DO YOU SUFFER WITH AN ADDICTION & NEED SUPPORT?** Fr. Bob, Fr. Donato or our deacons are available to talk to. Feel free to call 508-248-7862 to arrange a meeting.



# BRING THIS COUPON TO:



## CHARLTON HOUSE OF PIZZA & SEAFOOD

508-434-1666

Between February 15<sup>th</sup> & March 31<sup>st</sup>

10% of your purchase will come back to St. Joseph Church to fund the Lifeteen Mission Trip to Boston in April. Thank you for your support.

◆ MEETINGS-on the first Wednesday of each month in the Knight's Room. Starts with Rosary at 6:30 pm, followed by meeting at 7:00 pm. Become a Knight today.

◆ Applications for the STEPHEN J. MCKENNA SCHOLARSHIP are available at [www.stjosephscharlton.com](http://www.stjosephscharlton.com) or in the Narthex. This college scholarship is available to a son, daughter or grandchild of brother knights in our council. Submission deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>.

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](mailto:tcovill@charter.net).

### PARISH & LOCAL 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/drug or alcohol dependency. 3rd Saturday each month 9-10:00 am K of C Rm. Paul 774-696-7543 or Linda 508-736-2207.

HOMELESS SHELTER-St. Luke's Guesthouse Southbridge providing temporary shelter for homeless people in need. [www.stlukesguesthouse.wordpress.com](http://www.stlukesguesthouse.wordpress.com)

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR THOSE WITH CANCER- at St. Vincent Cancer & Wellness. 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month begins with Mass at 11:30 am followed by faith sharing. 1 Eaton Place, Worcester. Validated Parking 508-363-6246.

### LIVING WATERS MUSIC MINISTRY

invites you to an evening of Praise and Worship music, fellowship and light refreshments on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 11 Day Street, Webster, Ma. Doors open at 6:30 pm. People of all ages are welcome to this free event.

### FATIMA AND ROME PILGRIMAGE

September 21<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> pilgrimage led by Fr. Donato with Deacon Steve Kohut. If you are interested and wish to see the itinerary, go to [w.johnpaultours.com/sjcc](http://w.johnpaultours.com/sjcc)

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