

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

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PERMANENT DEACONS:

Peter Faford, Bill Shea and Steve Miller



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Next baptismal prep
April 28th at
5:30 pm. Please
pre-register.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements begin
a year prior to the
anticipated date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at
3:45 pm and by
appointment.

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.
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.

MASS IS CELEBRATED

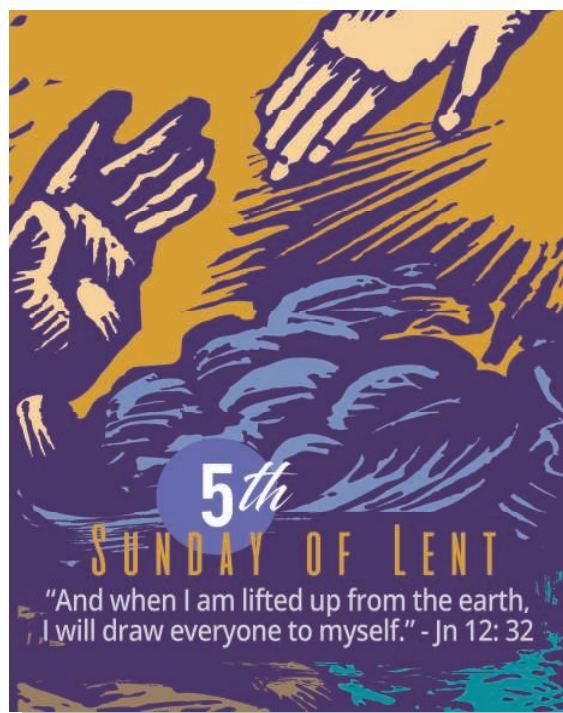
Monday ~ Friday at 8:30 am

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday

8:00 & 10:00 am & 5:00 pm

MARCH 18, 2018



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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 17

4:30 pm Paul Marchand by Bob & Dorothy Ginn

Sunday, March 18

8:00 am Josephine Nowicki by the Family

10:00 am Mary B. Duzak by Blake & Ellen Duzak

5:00 pm Marguerite Buron by her Daughter & Family

Monday, March 19

8:30 am Eileen Beaudry by Eugene Crevier

Tuesday, March 20

8:30 am Scott A. Gully, Sr. by David Dumais

Friday, March 23

8:30 am John Boulay, Jr. by his Sister

Saturday, March 24

4:30 pm Agnes Smolen by her Husband Ronald

Sunday, March 25

8:00 am John Boulay, Jr. by Melissa Carpenter

10:00 am Paul Ferree by his Wife

5:00 pm Jerry Bonner by the Bonner Family

PRAYER BEFORE MASS-Eternal God, source of hope and light, show Your abundant love to Your people. Guide us in the paths of righteousness and truth. May we walk in Your ways and come to the fullness of joy in Your presence. **AMEN**



It is with great joy that we welcome **ELLIE MAE GRAY** daughter of Joseph and Emily and **WILLIAM JOHN FOSTER V**, son of William IV and Katerina who will be baptized in water and Spirit this weekend.



Marriage Banns

I Joseph Gogan and
Joanna Cloutier



Please keep **DOMINICA VIGNEAULT** mother of Paulette and **JENNIFER O'NEILL** niece of Carolyn Wilson and their families in your prayers.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 7:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 pm

NEWS AND EVENTS

Mary Martha Guild
Raffle Winner Week 2
Helen Larson \$50.00

Monsignor Richard Collette's book, *Shepherds for my People*, will be for sale following all Masses this weekend. These 45 stories recall many memorable moments in his ministry as a parish priest. The \$15.00 cost of the book will be donated to the Priests' Retirement Fund.

A LENT TO REMEMBER VIDEO SERIES

Video #3 : *Embraced in Mercy: The Rite Explained*.
A guided teaching through the deeper meaning of every aspect of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Monday, March 19th 7:00 pm in the Cornerstone.



BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

Seven Last Words: An Invitation to Deeper Friendship with Christ, by Fr. James Martin. Thursday, March 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Cornerstone.

MEAT RAFFLE
Saturday, March
24th at 6:00 pm in
the Hall



LIFE TEEN EASTER FLOWER SALE

March 24th and 25th

following all Masses

All Proceeds will go to help our teens attend Life Teen events



BLESSING OF EASTER FOODS

will take place on Holy Saturday
March 31st at noon in the Narthex.

The celebration of holiday food is an old custom in the Church.

Save
the
Date

A Day of Reflection with Fr. Donato
Saturday, May 19th from 9:00-2:00 pm.
The theme will be *Come To The Well*.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE—ONE SACRED EVENT-3 DAYS

Holy Thursday – March 29

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper, with the washing of the feet and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 pm

Good Friday – March 30

9:00 am Cross Walk at the Federated Church

3:00 pm Way of the Cross

7:30 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord with Holy Communion and veneration of the Cross.

Easter Saturday, March 31

Noon Blessing of Food in the Church

7:30 pm the EASTER VIGIL with blessing of new fire, candles, water and Baptism of Catechumens and receiving of Candidates and renewal of our Baptismal promises.

Easter Sunday - April 1

Mass is celebrated at 8:00 & 10:00 am and 5:00 pm

PARISH SUPPORT

for the weekend of March 11th was \$13,316.00 with \$390.00 for the Capital Campaign and \$327.00 for the Building Fund. Also, we are most grateful to Mary Jane O'Neil's family for donating several Altar Server Albs and the New Presidential Chair Roman Missal.



KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE

The funding we receive in the Capital Campaign and Building Fund is used for extraordinary expenses such as the completion of the 2nd floor east wing (over \$182,00.00 has been spent to date with more bills left to pay).

In addition, your weekly gifts are used in the following way: weekly expenses include; salaries to 4 full and 11 part time staff at \$3,500, Parish debt \$4,200 and our Diocesan commitments which comprise the Cathedral (Diocesan tax which supports the Diocesan Chancery Office-Bishop, staff, maintenance etc.) averages \$2,100 for a total weekly expenditure of \$9,800 not including our monthly electric, maintenance, gas and administrative expenses.

We also seek to assist those in need, last week we gave out 12 food bags plus helped others with groceries, gas etc. in the amount of \$364. We are most appreciative to the Mary/Martha Guild and other parishioners for providing gift cards for those in need. This this week Sr. Agnes had occasion to give 6 cards for this purpose.

We are glad for your continued support and want you to know that whatever income we are blessed with is expended as needed to keep our Parish fiscally solvent. We trust that our Gospel economics help to build up God's Kingdom. Thank you, God's holy people, for making this possible.

Children's Stewardship



Christopher made his first penance and gave \$1.00, Madison played with her little sister and gave \$2.00, Sinead helped others when they could not get a puzzle and gave \$1.00 and Patrick did good deeds around the house and gave \$1.00.

DO YOU SUFFER WITH AN ADDICTION & NEED SUPPORT?

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

CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY Sunday, April 8th



MASS-regular Mass times
CONFESSION-11:30-12:30 pm, 2-4 pm and Saturday 3-4 pm.
ADORATION-6:30 am—4:00 pm
RECITATION OF THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET
6:30 am, 9:00 am & 3:00 pm
STATIONS OF THE CROSS-St. Faustina's Way of the Cross-12:00 pm
VENERATION OF THE DIVINE MERCY IMAGE



Partners in Charity supports the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and this is a great way for us to serve God by serving the poor. We are now at 76% of our goal for a total of \$58,971 received from 194 donors. Last year just over 300 gifts were received. There is still time to make your gift. Remember that any amount over our goal of \$77,500 will be applied toward our debt of \$2,294,314. If you have not yet made a pledge, consider making one today. Pledge envelopes can be found in the pews. We are most grateful to a Parish family whose Partners in Charity gift makes them members of the St. Paul Society (donors of \$5,000 and more). **THANK YOU!**

BRING THIS COUPON TO:



Until March 31st

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.

Adult Faith Formation

•**CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS**-Thursday, April 5th 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Cornerstone. Session 3: Obstacle "O" (pages 46-59).

- LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD's**-a new selection is available for a \$3 donation at the front door.
- FORMED.ORG**-an on-line resource for movies, books and video programs for adults and children. Check out the treasures of this resource. Log on w/parish code 7526f6.
- SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**-w/Sr. Barbara. Sign-up in the Narthex.
- CURSILLO**-for women on the weekend of May 3-6th. Call or email Ruthie Beringer for more information at 508-248-1954 or r_beringer@yahoo.com.
- BOOK CLUB**-our next book is *The Case for Jesus: The Biblical and Historical Evidence for Christ* by Brant Pitre with discussion on May 17th at 7:00 pm in the Cornerstone.

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. 4th Tuesday of the month at the Medical Office Bldg. Harrington Hosp. Basement, Rm 4. 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
- SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR THOSE WITH CANCER**- at St. Vincent Cancer & Wellness. 1st Thursday of month begins with Mass at 11:30 am followed by faith sharing. 1 Eaton Place, Worcester. Validated Parking 508-363-6246.



CONSIDERING A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD?

The Diocese of Worcester's Annual Discernment Retreat, for men high school age and older directed by Bishop McManus, will take place on March 23rd - 24th. Beginning 6:00 pm Friday and ending 6:00 pm Saturday. Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, CT. The retreat is free and transportation is provided if needed. For more information, see Fr. Bob, Fr. Donato or visit worcestervocations.com.



Stay Informed

Check out these ways to stay informed of what's happening here at St. Joseph's Church: www.stjosephscharlton.com or facebook.com/St-Josephs-Parish-Charlton will have up to the minute news, schedules, pictures and ministry information along with our weekly bulletins.

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