



St. Joseph Church

CHARLTON, MA

MASSSES CELEBRATED

Daily M-F 8:30 am
Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00 am
& 5:00 pm

October 18, 2015

10 H. PUTNAM EXT, CHARLTON, MA

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29th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

"But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

- Mk 10:43-45

PASTOR: Reverend Robert Grattaroti

SENIOR PRIEST: Reverend Normand Tremblay

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Reverend Jonathan Slavinkas

PERMANENT DEACONS: Deacon Peter Faford & Deacon Bill Shea

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:45 pm

BAPTISM

First & Third Sunday
of the month, please register
for instruction at 508-248-7862.

MATRIMONY

Please begin arrangements a
year prior to anticipated date.
Call 508-248-7862.

ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT
Monday & Wednesday noon
until 6:00 pm. Friday noon until
8:00 pm with Divine Mercy
Chaplet in song at 7:00 pm

Rosary
Saturdays at 3:45 pm

PRAYER LINE: 508-248-7141 or
508-248-0064. 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 takes place
Mondays at 7:00 pm in the church.

ST. JOSEPH'S ORDER OF
SECULAR FRANCISCANS meet
the third Wednesday of each month at
6:30 pm in the coffee room.

ST. JOSEPH'S FOOD PANTRY
open the second and fourth Wednesdays
from 9-11 am. Donations are welcomed.

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, to our neighbors, our nation and the world.

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Saturday, October 17, 2015

4:30 pm Wanda Stepanski (1 yr Anniv) by Lenny & Olivia Jalbert

Sunday, October 18, 2015

8:00 am Bruce Hoffman by John & Cheryl Kingston

10:00 am Raymond Bellerose by Stanley & Beverly Soltys

5:00 pm Lucas Lacaire, Memere Loretta & Pepere Pete by Jean & Ken Wheeler

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

8:30 am Florence Boudreau by her daughter Jeanine

Saturday, October 24, 2015

4:30 pm Ralph D'Annolfo by The Family

Sunday, October 25, 2015

8:00 am Mary Casey by the Kingston Family

10:00 am Earl Helbig by the Parish Family

5:00 pm John F. Valentine, III by the Mahan Family

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Join us in thanking Deacon Bob Dio for his Diaconal Ministry among us these past 11 years. We love you and we miss you. Keep up the Lord's Good work. A Farewell reception will follow the 10:00 am Mass today in the hall.



BAPTISMAL PREP CLASSES for parents and sponsors begins Saturday, October 24th after the 4:30 Mass. Please call the church office at 508-248-7862 to register.



ALL SAINTS DAY PROCESSION



FIRST LIGHTS CHILDREN Grades K-5 will have a procession on November 1st at the 10:00 am Mass. Children should arrive by 9:45 am to line up for the Procession into the church.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Join us November 1st for the 10:00 am Mass followed by a welcome reception in the Hall. All are invited to join in.



PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Loving God, your Son calls us to ever greater trust even as He fulfilled your will to secure our salvation. Help us to draw closer to you in faith, hope and love. AMEN

Congratulations and best wishes to Dan Lapomado & Britney Clifford who celebrated the Sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, October 17th.



With great joy we welcome Aaron Gunnar Nelson, son of Larry & Amy, Mya Thalea Ann Genkos daughter of Evan & Kelli and Kaden Luke McCauley son of Dean & Katherine who will be baptized in Water and the Holy Spirit this weekend.



We Congratulate...Cheryl Amaral who was permanently professed on October 4th to the St. Joseph Church Secular Franciscan Order.



Nothing can diminish a person's God-given dignity or the worth of his or her life, only that others may fail to respect human dignity. Encountering another's suffering, while difficult, is an opportunity to embrace them with love, attention and prayer.

EVERY LIFE IS WORTH LIVING

Welcome to Saint Joseph Parish: If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself after Mass. We want to know and serve you. We hope you will favor your Parish with your prayers, weekly presence, talents and financial assistance according to your means.

Healing Mass, Sunday, November 8th at 5:00 p.m. Teams will be available after Mass for those who would like additional prayer.

Jesus asks in today's Gospel

"What do you wish me to do for you?"

Have you considered Jesus asking you this question?



Jesus invites you into a relationship. Treat yourself and feed your soul. If you feel God is calling you to strengthen or deepen your relationship with Him, register for this retreat, this time!

Light of the World Retreat

November 13, 14, & 15

Wrap up Monday evening Monday 9/16

Call Deacon Bill @ 508 254 8512 or E-mail deaconbill@stjosephscharlton.com for more information

A MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND takes place

December 17-20th at Prindle Pond Conference Center here in Charlton. Please contact Carolyn Galgano at 508-847-7005 or angels3cma@gmail.com for information or application.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S LITURGY (ages 3-7)

Sundays during the 10:00 am Mass



FIRST LIGHTS (GRADES K-5) Coordinator Sr. Agnes Patricia 508-248-7862 or sisteragnespatria@yahoo.com.

Did you know we have 460 young people in our Religious Ed Programs from grades K-11? 222 First Lights (K-5), 124 EDGE (6-8) and 114 Lifeteen (9-11). There are 71 dedicated Catechists and assistants who facilitate this Ministry. We are indeed blessed...Please keep them all in your prayers.

EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM (grades 6-8)

Coordinator: Diane Cetin 508-248-7862 or diane55383@aol.com.

LIFE TEEN (grades 9-12) Contact Deacon Bill Shea at bshea@dienesusa.com.

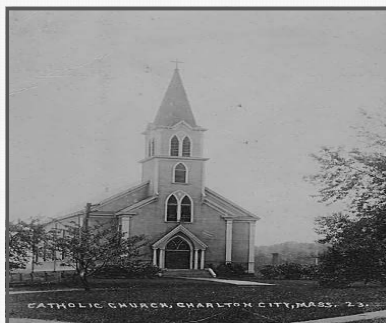


On Wednesday, October 28th 5:30-7:30 pm at Mechanics Hall in Worcester there will be a benefit event

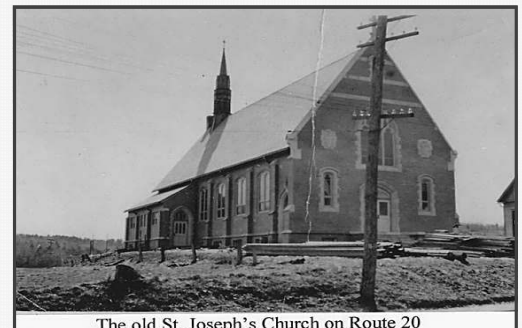
to recognize our diocesan priests and support the Priests Retirement Fund. REGISTER ONLINE to attend at www.worcesterdiocese.org.

Recalling 115 years of our foundation as a Parish. We begun as a mission from St. Mary's in Southbridge in 1887. Until 1895 a priest would visit from St. Mary's every two weeks to celebrate Mass in a small mission church opposite the Charlton Woolen Mill. In April 1900, the Parish was established as such with a permanent pastor, Father John Bell. On November 20, 1904, the first church was built but shortly after in 1923 was destroyed by fire. In 1925 a new church was built of brick. Following the area's population explosion of the 70's, 80's and 90's, the parish grew from 300 families to the over 1800 families we have today. A feasibility study was conducted and it was decided we needed to build a larger church in keeping with the liturgical changes prompted by the Second Vatican Council. On September 21, 2001 our new church complex, where we worship today, was blessed and dedicated by Bishop Daniel Reilly.

Our prayers and thanks to the Lord for His blessings upon us as we venture forth seeking always to build up the Kingdom of God in our midst. Our deepest thanks to all whose love and sacrifices have made and continue to make it all possible.



"Many hands make the burden light"



The old St. Joseph's Church on Route 20

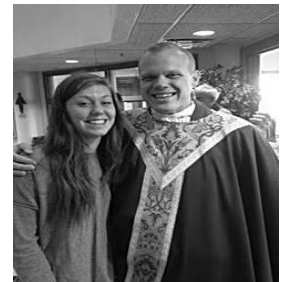
PARISH SUPPORT



Last Weekend's offerings were \$11,471.00 (264 weekend envelopes, 44 electronic gifts, 11 mail-in/direct deposit for a total of 319 gifts) with the average gift being \$34.45. We encourage the use of Offering Envelopes even if you give electronically. In addition, \$790.00 was received for our Building Fund, \$515.00 for our Capital Campaign, \$749.00 for fuel and \$158.00 to the Propagation of the Faith and a total of \$2312.00 was collected for the Parish Mission.

Thank you for your continued support. Remember, we pay upwards of \$15,000.00 a month toward our \$2,500,000.00 mortgage.

Congratulations Kate Woods who attends Husson University she is the \$50 Amazon gift card winner for last weekend. To be considered, please forward students picture to one of Fr. Jonathan's social media pages.



Saint John's Catholic Boys High School at 378 Main Street, Shrewsbury, MA Open Houses are scheduled for Sunday, October 18 or 25th at 1:00 p.m. Contact their Admissions Office at 508-842-8934 for more information.

BEREAVED PARENTS GROUP-meets the last Thursday of the month from 7-8:30 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room.

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY-join us at 10:00 am on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Contact Mary Stewart at 248-5851 for more information.

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN-grandparent and kinship caretakers interested in sharing their experiences caring for grandchildren and learning about resources should contact Ted or Dianne at 508-764-4553.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BOX-leave good used clothing and shoes in box located in the back of the church.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS-submit bulletin materials for consideration to Cheryl Kingston at cgkingston@yahoo.com. All information must be received by 9:00 am on Tuesdays.

Readings for the Week of October 18, 2015

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

VIBRA Meadows of Leicester would like to invite you to their Community Health Fair on Saturday, October 24th beginning at 10:00 am. Contact Nancy at 508-892-6815 for further information.



FAITH SHARING AND FORMATION

Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am and beginning Saturday mornings on November 21st at 9:30 am on a trial basis. Our topic will be Advent. We meet in the Cornerstone.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION with Sister Rose Clarisse Thursday, November 5th. Please sign up in the Narthax.

WIDOW/ER SUPPORT GROUP

For widows on 2nd Saturday of the month/widows and widowers the 4th Saturday of the month from 11:00-noon. Contact Pat Lawrie at 508-248-5050.

DIVORCE SUPPORT MINISTRY

Meets the 2nd and 4th Monday each month 7:00-9:00 pm in the Knights Room.

YOUNG ADULTS Lighthouse Catholic

Media presents *TRUTH BE TOLD*...An exciting faith-filled MP3 download every month with many of the biggest speakers in young adult ministry. Check out their website at www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/youngAdult.



BOOK CLUB

The next discussion will be Thursday, November 19th at 7:00 pm in the Cornerstone. We are reading C.S. Lewis' *Screwtape Letters*. All are welcome to the discussion.

R.C.I.A. (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Are you an adult who would like to be baptized? Were you baptized but not evangelized or completely initiated? If you are in need of further instruction or initiation, please contact Ted or Patty Covill at 508-248-4718 or Fr. Bob at 508-248-7862.

ACKNOWLEDGING WITH GRATITUDE OUR NEWSLETTER/BULLETIN SPONSORS

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