



St. Joseph Church Charlton, MA

MASSES CELEBRATED

Daily M-F 8:30 am

Saturday 4:30 pm

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

February 14, 2016

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The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve."
- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

PASTOR: Reverend Robert Grattaroti
SENIOR PRIEST: Reverend Normand Tremblay
ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Reverend Jonathan Slavinkas
PERMANENT DEACONS: Deacon Peter Faford & Deacon Bill Shea

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Next prep class is April 9th after
4:30 Mass. Pre-registration is
required.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please begin arrangements
a year prior to the
anticipated date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:45 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday & Wednesday noon-6:00 pm.
Friday noon-8:00 pm with Vespers at 6:00
pm and Divine Mercy Chaplet in song at
7:00 pm www.stjosephscharlton.com/adoration

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.
www.stjosephscharlton.com/submit-prayer-request

MARIAN MOVEMENT PRAYER CENACLE

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction of
the Blessed Sacrament takes place
Mondays at 7:00 pm in the church.

ST. JOSEPHS ORDER OF SECULAR FRANCISCANS

meet the
third Wednesday of each month at
6:30 pm in the coffee room.
www.stjosephscharlton.com/order-franciscan-seculars

ST. JOSEPH'S FOOD PANTRY

second and fourth Wednesdays
from 9-11 am. Donations are welcomed.
www.stjosephscharlton.com/food-pantry

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FIRST LIGHTS (grades k-5)

Sr. Agnes Patricia
sisteragnespatricia@yahoo.com
EDGE PROGRAM (grades 6-8)

Diane Cetin
diane55383@aol.com

LIFE TEEN PROGRAM (grades 9-12)

Deacon Bill Shea
bshea@dienesus.com

ADULT FAITH FORMTION

Cheryl Kingston
cgkingston@yahoo.com

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit material for consideration to
Cheryl Kingston at
cgkingston@yahoo.com by 9:00 am
on Tuesdays.

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, to our families, to our neighbors, to our nation and the world.

Saturday, February 13

4:00 pm Donald Mahan by Iris Jennings

Sunday, February 14

8:00 am Charles Adcock by the family

10:00 am Infant Michael Morin by the family

5:00 pm Michael Tarasiak by the family

Monday, February 15

8:30 am Ovide "Kookie" Cournoyer by wife and family

Tuesday, February 16

8:30 am Edmond St. Pierre and Charles Hokanson by Ron and Sheila Hokanson

Wednesday, February 17

8:30 am Rita Smith by the parish family

Thursday, February 18

8:30 am Mary and Andy Warner by the parish family

Saturday, February 20

4:30 pm Paul Laramée by his wife and family

Sunday, February 21

8:00 am Agnes Smolen by her Husband Ronald

10:00 am Erik Breitenfeld by Penny and Kirk McCreary

5:00 pm Peter Spinney by Frances Kelly



UP AND COMING EVENTS

Mary Martha Guild 20-week raffle tickets for sale after Mass. \$20 with 24 chances to win.

Lenten Rice Bowls are available in the Narthex. Please take one and return during Holy Week, Thank You.



LENTEN MEAL SCHEDULE

Friday, March 4th or March 11th at 6:00 pm in the Church Hall.

Stations of the Cross will follow the meal at 7:00 pm in the Church.

FRIDAY LENTEN SCHEDULE

- 6:00 pm Penitential Psalm and Vespers
 - 6:30 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet in song
 - 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
 - 7:30-9:30 Year of Mercy Friday Adoration
- Come for any or all as your time permits.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Oh my God, I place all my hope in Jesus, my loving Savior, truly present before me on the altar. He who on the cross offered to Thee the super abundant merits of His Divine Blood, shed for our sins. Do Thou graciously accept the offering, which I now make to Thee at the hands of Thy priest, of the holy Victim who has reconciled us to Thyself and being fully appeased by Him, grant to my soul the graces it needs in order to receive my Lord worthily. AMEN



Please keep the following people who have died recently in your prayers....Eileen Clifford, mother of Maureen and Phyllis Roberts.

With great joy we welcome Aubrey Ann Heersink, daughter of Chris and Heather who will be baptized this weekend in water and spirit.



Do you suffer from an addiction? Do you need support?

Do not lose hope. Fr. Bob or Fr. Jonathan are available to talk with in private. To arrange a meeting, call 508-248-7862.

Fr. Norm is slowly recovering from his recent fall and subsequent surgeries. If you would like to send him well wishes, please send cards and letters to the church and we will see that he receives them. At this time, he is not up for receiving visitors. Please respect his need for privacy while he begins this healing process.

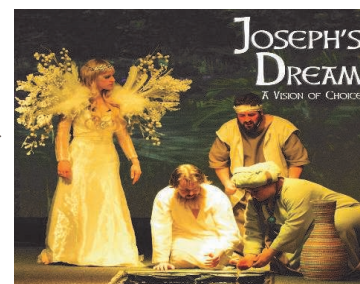


Priesthood Discernment Retreat

The Diocese of Worcester will hold this annual retreat directed by Bishop McManus on March 18th & 19th. Beginning 6:00 pm Friday and ending 6:00 pm Saturday. For men of high school age and older. Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, CT. To sign up contact Fr. Jim Mazzone at jmazzone@charter.net.

Well worth attending.

This week Joseph's Dream takes place at the Hanover Theatre February 17 & 18th. Good seats are still available. Call the Box Office 877-571-7469 or www.thehanovertheatre.org.



Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy

Visit one (or all) of the churches designated by Bishop McManus, say prayers for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, along with going to Mass, receiving the Eucharist and absolution through Reconciliation at any of these churches and receive a*Plenary Indulgence. Prayers for our Holy Father include The Our Father, Hail Mary and the Glory Be.

*A Plenary Indulgence is the full remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven. (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1471)





is upon us this Lent. From 236 gifts last year we received \$66,610.00 to assist in the Pastoral Ministerial and Administrative needs of our Diocese. Due to Partners in Charity, Sister Mary

Ann, Carmelite Sister of the Eucharist, is able to receive the funding she needs to assist the retired priests in our Diocese (including Fr Norm, as he recuperates from his fall a couple weeks ago).

Again this year, we are grateful to Dan and Diane Cetin who coordinate this effort for our Parish. Diane, along with Fr. Jonathan are members of the Partners in Charity Advisory Board.

We encourage your continued response to this Diocesan endeavor as we seek to meet the challenge of reaching this year's goal of \$77,500.00

With everyone 'pitching in' we are confident that this is quite attainable and we entrust all our efforts to the Lord, through the intercession of His Mother and ours, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thank You!



Congratulations to the above group of people who were confirmed at St. Paul's Cathedral February 7th. Thank you Fr. Jonathan for your commitment to their teaching.

WOMEN'S RETREAT
 Saturday, March 5
 9-noon
 Free event in the Cornerstone

Sponsored by:
 Mary Martha Guild
 Contact Julia at 508-248-3250 or
 jdmcdonough923@gmail.com

Come and "know who you were created to be".

PRAYING FOR THE YOUTH

All are invited to participate in intercessory prayer for our youth. A basket in the Narthex contains prayer cards with the name of one of the more than 600 youth in our parish family. Our goal is to have every youth prayed for by at least one parishioner throughout the year. Please take a card and support our youth with your prayer. Thank You!



Parish support for the weekend of February 7th was 14,866.00 in Parish Offerings, \$592.00 for the Building Fund and \$646.00 toward our Capital Campaign. \$510.00 came in for the Catholic Free Press subscriptions. We are so grateful for your conscientious and loving support of our Parish. Special thanks to several folks who have increased their weekly offerings.

Ministry Showcase

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Mary Stewart, 248-5851, Sr. Agnes, 248-7862

Hand knit prayer shawls are a beautiful way to give an ailing family member or friend your prayers (and ours). Our meetings begin and end in prayer. Our shawls are made with love and caring hands. Shawls are given in a gift bag with a prayer specific to that "prayer shawl". Each recipient is then wrapped in prayer each time he/she uses their shawl. During work hours call Sr. Agnes, after hours, contact Mary Stewart. We are dedicated to our ministry and our church. WE ARE ALWAYS HAPPY TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! We have been blessed to be able to donate over 160 shawls to parishioners and others. The Holy Spirit watches over us and our work! We meet at 10:00 am on the third Saturday of the month. There is no charge for a prayer shawl.

The Catholic Free Press

Subscriptions to our Diocesan Weekly Newspaper, **The Catholic Free Press**, are received and/or renewed this month. Your offering packets contain an envelope for this purpose. Please consider it.

A reminder: the Capital Campaign (begun in 2010 specifically for funding the required Fire Suppression System and assisting us with our Parish Debt) has officially come to an end. Remaining commitments may still be made. Having completed this campaign, please consider adding to your regular weekly offerings as your means permit. Thank you and God Bless.



A very grateful 'Tip of the Hat' to our snow plow folks...Don Holmes, Bill McNeaney and Tim Haran...and all their helpers. We are indebted to them for the great job they are doing. God Bless!



First Sunday in Lent

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS

BEREAVED PARENTS GROUP-If interested in this group, contact Sue Brunell at beadlady1113@yahoo.com or 508-344-1564.

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

WIDOW/ER SUPPORT GROUP-widows on 2nd Saturday of the month & widows/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 of Columbus Room.

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN-Are you interested in sharing experiences caring for grandchildren and learning about resources? Call Ted or Dianne at 508-764-4553.

Readings for the Week of February 14, 2016

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-15/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17--4:1 or 3:20--4:1/Lk 9:28b-36



⇒ **ADULT FAITH SHARING**-Wednesdays 10:00 am or Saturdays at 9:30 am in the Cornerstone. Contact Cheryl at cgkingston@yahoo.com.

⇒ **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** with Sister Rose Clarisse on Thursday, March 3rd. Sign up in the Narthex.

⇒ **MEN'S CURSILLO**-April 21-24th at Immaculate Conception Spiritual Center, Putnam, CT. Contact Carolyn Galgano at 508-847-7005 or angels3cma@gmail.com to learn more or to obtain an application.

⇒ **ANNUAL CATHOLIC MENS CONFERENCE**-Saturday, March 12th at Worcester DCU Center. Go to www.firstmensconf.org.

⇒ **BOOK CLUB**-The next book club is Thursday March 10th at 7:00 pm in the Upstairs Conference Room. The book to be discussed is *The Name of God is Mercy* by Pope Francis.



◆ K of C Meetings are held monthly on the 1st Wednesday of the month in the Knight of Columbus Room. Recitation of the Rosary @ 6:30 pm, meeting comes to order at 7:00 pm.

◆ To become a member of the St. Joseph Church Knights of Columbus, please contact Kyle Haggerty at (508)248-0982 or khagger@charter.net or speak with any member of the K of C.

◆ K of C **St. Patrick's Day Dinner**, Saturday March 12th at 6:30 pm. Tickets \$15/pp and proceeds benefit the McKenna Scholarship Fund. There will be corned beef, music, entertainment and a silent auction. Tickets on sale starting February 20th.



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