



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 28, 2016

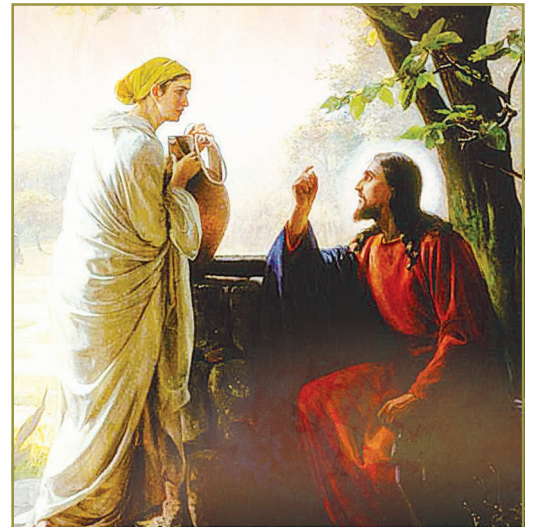
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The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" - In 4:28-29

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 27

4:30 pm Irene Tully by the Family

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 28

8:00 am Michael Morin by the Parish Family

10:00 am Frank Gard by Rob & Carol Dergan & Family

5:00 pm Fr. Freddie Brooks (2nd Anniv) by the Perczak Family

Wednesday, March 2

8:30 am Victoria Carroll by the Family

Thursday, March 3

8:30 am Eileen Clifford by Ron and Sheila Hokanson

Saturday, March 5

4:30 pm Marcel Langlois by Iris Jennings

Sunday, March 6

8:00 am Josephine Nowicki by the Family

10:00 am John and Joan Flynn and John Wherlan by the Family

5:00 pm Brian J. Cristo by the 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.



ANN CHIUSANO, mother of Cindy McDonnell. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Please keep in your prayers our **CATECHUMENS** Ella, Hannah, Jonathan, Crystal, Isaiah and **CANDIDATES** Joseph, Paula, Ricci, Kathleen and Lisa.

The first of the Three Scrutinies for our Catechumens takes place this weekend at the 10:00 am Mass. At the Scrutinies, the Scriptures from Cycle A are used.

The Gospel this weekend is from John about the Woman at the Well. Due to the RCIA

Preparatory Retreat taking place the weekend of March 4-6th at the Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in Biddeford, ME the second scrutiny will take place Monday March 7th.



With great joy we welcome **Avery Lorraine-Lynn**

Outler daughter of Anthony and Kristen who will be baptized in water and spirit this weekend.



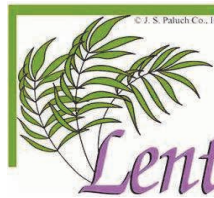
Fr. Norm Update...Fr. Norm is now ready to receive visitors on a limited basis. Please check in with receptionist at the Rehab Center at the Overlook. He is most grateful for the cards, prayers and good wishes. Visits at this time should be brief...thank you for understanding.

UP AND COMING EVENTS

SCHEDULE FOR LENTEN MEALS

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
7:30-9:30pm Year of Mercy Friday Adoration (except when an Ultreya is scheduled)

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Monday February 29th 8:30 am

ULTREYA Friday, March 4th 7:30 pm.

MARY MARTHA GUILD

20 WEEK RAFFLE WINNER-WEEK 1 Derek Peck \$50

MEAT RAFFLE Saturday, March 19th in the Church Hall beginning at 6:00 pm

St. Patrick's Day Dinner hosted by the Knights of Columbus Saturday March 12th at 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$15/pp and for sale after Mass or in the Parish Office.



WOMEN'S RETREAT hosted by Mary Martha Guild, Saturday, March 5th from 9-noon in the Cornerstone. FREE! Contact Julia at jdmcdonough923@gmail.com or 508-248-3250.



Cursillo (short course in Christianity) is an uplifting, educational experience. The weekend led by a team of lay people and clergy deliver organized talks and discussions. The men's

Cursillo weekend will be April 21-24th at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. Contact: Carolyn Galgano at angels3cma@gmail.com or 508-847-7005.



Priesthood Discernment Retreat

directed by Bishop McManus March 18th & 19th. Beginning 6:00 pm Friday and ending 6:00 pm Saturday. Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, CT. To sign up contact Fr. Jim Mazzone at jmazzone@charter.net.



Last year 236 families gave \$66,100. Our goal this year is to increase our donors to 300 or better to reach our goal of \$77,500.00.

We are grateful to Dan and Diane Cetin who are coordinating this effort for our Parish. The "in pew" appeal will begin March 5th. A member of our Partners in Charity Committee will make a presentation at each Mass.

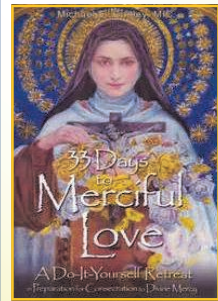
Any amount received over our goal will be applied to our Parish Debt, a permission given us by Bishop McManus for which we are most grateful.

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 attending Mass, receiving the Eucharist and absolution through Reconciliation at any church and receive a Plenary Indulgence. Prayers for our Holy Father include *The Our Father, Hail Mary and the Glory Be.*



Note fliers showing the image of the Holy Doors in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome....a representation of which is on our parish doors (Sanctuary Side).



Fr. Michael Gaitley's **NEWEST RELEASE HAS ARRIVED.** Get your copy in the Narthex today !!

His newest book, *33 Days to Merciful Love*, focuses on St. Therese of Lisieux's spiritual teachings regarding her "Little Way". Everything she did, no matter how small, was done for

Jesus! Let's do our small part in this Year of Mercy. Starting on March 1st, in the comfort of your own home, begin 33 days of easy, quick and inspiring readings. The journey concludes with a parish wide consecration to Divine Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 3, 2016. For more information, please contact Susan Montville 508-735-3269 or Paulette Vigneault 774-200-1983.



Registered Nurse...Catholic Charities Home Care Program is accepting resumes for the position of Register Nurse on a per diem basis. The position will supervise trained personal care aides working in private homes of elderly and disabled clients

in the Southbridge, Blackstone Valley and Milford areas. Must be able to accept scheduled hours during the Monday through Friday work week. Please contact Elaine or Karen at Catholic Charities Home Care at 1-800-649-4364.

Parish Support



for the weekend of February 21st was \$12,890 in Parish Offerings, \$584 for the Building Fund and \$244 toward our Capital Campaign.

Thank you for making up your offerings when you have been away. We encourage the use of offering envelopes as well as Electronic and Mail offerings...Also, please consider St. Joseph Church in your estate planning and the making of your wills.

CATHOLIC FREE PRESS subscriptions are received this month and next...please use envelope provided in Offering packet (\$30.00 per year) Additional envelopes available in the Narthex.

Ministry Showcase

Shining Lights: Pat Lawrie, 248-5050, We have a lot of unsung heroes in our wonderful parish. People who are dedicated to and responsible for many tasks done around the parish. The Shining Lights Committee meets and votes on a person or couple considered to be a "shining light". People are nominated by dropping a name into the collection basket with a brief summary of why you feel that person(s) should be considered. You can also leave an envelope in the parish office with Pat's name on it. If you have someone in mind right now, write his/her name down and drop it in the offertory basket. No service is too small!

Medjugorje 9 Day Pilgrimage

April 21st-29th with Faith Healer Richard Bingold. \$2295/pp includes lodging, meals and flight from Boston. Contact Richard Bingold at 802-796-4545 to make arrangements. Time is running out. Please plan soon.



A NEW PASCHAL CANDLE with an image of the Risen Christ on it is coming. The candle which is first lit at the Easter Vigil remains permanently lit and in the Sanctuary throughout the year. If someone would like to donate this candle in memory of a loved one, please see Fr. Bob or Fr. Jonathan. Candle donation is \$600.00. Thank You.

Third Sunday in Lent

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS

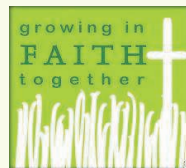
ST. JOSEPH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY-10:00 am on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Contact Mary Stewart at 248-5851.
WIDOW/ER SUPPORT GROUP-widows on 2nd Saturday of the month & widows/widowers the 4th Saturday of the month from 11:00-noon. Contact Pat Lawrie at 508-248-5050.
DIVORCE SUPPORT MINISTRY-meets 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 28, 2016

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-21/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CURRENT OFFERINGS

- ⇒ **ADULT FAITH SHARING**-Wednesdays 10:00 am or Saturdays at 9:30 am in the Cornerstone.
- ⇒ **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** with Sister Rose Clarisse on Thursday, March 3rd. Sign up in the Narthex.
- ⇒ **ANNUAL CATHOLIC MENS CONFERENCE**-Saturday, March 12th go to www.firstmensconf.org.
- ⇒ **BOOK CLUB**-Thursday March 10th at 7:00 pm in the Upstairs Conference Room. The book is *The Name of God is Mercy* by Pope Francis. Contact Lisa Diezel at lisadiezel@aol.com.
- ⇒ **WOMEN'S RETREAT**-Saturday, March 5th in the Cornerstone. Sponsored by Mary Martha Guild. Free Event. Contact Julia at jdmcdonough923@gmail.com or 508-248-3250.



DID YOU KNOW?

Catholics Don't Worship Mary And The Saints – Many Catholics are confused about the role of the Blessed Mother and the Saints. Should we pray to Mary and the Saints or should we go “right to the top” and pray to God? In a nutshell, the Catholic Faith teaches that we must worship God alone. Mary and the Saints are to be honored, not worshipped. However, their intercession can be extremely powerful and emulating their virtues can put us on the road to Heaven.



- ◆ 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 for sale after Mass or in the Parish Office.
- ◆ 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 contact Kyle Haggerty at (508)248-0982 or khagger@charter.net or speak with a member of the K of C.

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