



# 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

**March 6, 2016**

10 H. PUTNAM EXT, CHARLTON, MA

508-248-7862 FAX: 508-248-5832

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 338, Charlton City, MA 01508

Email: [stjoecharlton@aol.com](mailto:stjoecharlton@aol.com)

Website: [www.stjosephscharlton.com](http://www.stjosephscharlton.com)



"His son said to him, 'father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

**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 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.stjosephscharlton.com/food-pantry)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST LIGHTS (grades k-5)

Sr. Agnes Patricia

[sisteragnespatricia@yahoo.com](mailto:sisteragnespatricia@yahoo.com)

EDGE PROGRAM (grades 6-8)

Diane Cetin

[diane55383@aol.com](mailto:diane55383@aol.com)

LIFE TEEN PROGRAM (grades 9-12)

Deacon Bill Shea

[bshea@dienesus.com](mailto:bshea@dienesus.com)

ADULT FAITH FORMTION

Cheryl Kingston

[cgkingston@yahoo.com](mailto:cgkingston@yahoo.com)

## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit material for consideration to

Cheryl Kingston at

[cgkingston@yahoo.com](mailto:cgkingston@yahoo.com) by 10:00 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, our families, our neighbors, our nation and the world.**

Saturday, March 5

4:30 pm Marcel Langlois by Iris Jennings

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, March 7

8:30 am Anne Brodeur (3rd Anniv) by the Family

Tuesday, March 8

8:30 am Eileen Clifford Months Mind by Parish Family

Wednesday, March 9

8:30 am Edna Samson by Marcel Champagne

Thursday, March 10

8:30 am Shawn Coan by the Family

Saturday, March 12

4:30 pm William "Red" Gillespie by the Family

Sunday, March 13

8:00 am Ann Chiusano by her Daughters & Family  
10:00 am Bernie & Armand Gelineau by the Family  
5:00 pm Thaeus Gielo (26th Anniv) by the Perczak Family

### PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Dear Lord, may I receive you in this Communion with open arms, and a loving, contrite heart, so that I may be filled with Your grace, for my good and Your glory. Amen.



**FR. RICHARD CAREY**, retired Pastor of St. Joseph Church, North Brookfield and **MARION MORRIS**. Please keep them both in your prayers.

**WITH GREAT JOY** we welcome **Conner Robert Grady** son of **Daniel and Justine** who will be baptized in water and spirit this weekend.



Keep our CATECHUMENS Ella, Hannah, Jonathan, Crystal, Isaiah and CANDIDATES Joseph, Paula, Ricci, Kathleen and Lisa in your prayers. They are on their Preparatory Retreat at the Marie Joseph Spiritual Center in Biddeford, ME this weekend.

### 2016 Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday -March 24

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

Good Friday - March 25

3:00 pm Way of the Cross  
7:30 pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord, Communion and veneration of the Cross.

Easter Vigil-March 26

7:30 pm EASTER VIGIL with blessing of new fire, candles, water and renewal of our Baptismal Promises

Easter Sunday

Mass is Celebrated at 8:00 & 10:00 am and 5:30 pm

### UP AND COMING EVENTS



### 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

### MARY MARTHA GUILD

20 WEEK RAFFLE WINNER-WEEK 2

**Theresa Haggerty \$50.00**

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

**Easter Flower Sale** to benefit our Life Teen Program will take place the weekend of Palm Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> after all Masses. Pre-order forms will be available in the Narthex. Contact Pat Lawrie for more information at 508-248-5050.



Get your tickets for the **Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Day Dinner** to take place Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm to benefit the McKenna Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$15/pp and for sale after Mass or in the Parish Office.



Cursillo (short course in Christianity) is an uplifting, educational experience. The next men's Cursillo weekend will be April 21-24<sup>th</sup> at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. Contact: Carolyn Galgano at [angels3cma@gmail.com](mailto:angels3cma@gmail.com) or 508-847-7005.

### HAVE YOU THOUGHT OF A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD?

Come to the Priesthood Discernment Retreat directed by Bishop McManus March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:jmazzone@charter.net).



### A Message from Fr. Bob

Thank you for your gift to our appeal last year. Please consider making a gift this weekend on behalf of St. Joseph Church to our 2016 Partners in Charity appeal which helps empower the vital programs and services which our diocese provides to many people in need and keeps our Catholic faith alive and flourishing.

I'm pleased to share that 100% of the money we collect over our goal of \$77,500 this year comes back to our parish and will help pay down our parish debt.

I pray that the Holy Spirit will guide your heart to make a gift to the 2016 appeal as an expression of your love for the Lord and His people.

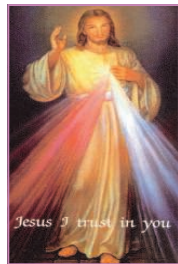
Please indicate your gift this weekend using the pledge card located in the pews. If you have already mailed your gift in, thank you! May God richly bless you for your continued generosity.

### JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Thank you to the 150+ people choosing to participate in the parish wide consecration to the Divine Mercy on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> using the book *33 Days to Merciful Love*. Due to the overwhelming response, we have purchased additional books which are available on a first come, first serve basis. If interested contact Susan Montville 508-735-3269 or Paulette Vigneault 774-200-1983. If you ordered a book online but have not yet received it, the first 7 days are available at <http://www.marian.org/news/33-Days-Lets-Make-the-Time-and-Consecrate-Together-6666>. Also, the first 7 days have been printed out and available in the Narthex.



80 years ago, Jesus appeared to St. Faustina and directed her to "paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: *Jesus, I trust in You*" (Diary of St. Faustina, 47-48). He attached many promises to those who venerate this image. We've come to know this as the **Image of The Divine Mercy**.



Want to know more about the Jubilee Year of Mercy? Check out the St. Joseph's website [stjosephscharlton.com](http://stjosephscharlton.com) for a great video explanation of the Year of Mercy. Then keep checking back in the coming weeks for more on how St. Joseph's Life Teen Program and our Adult Faith Formation Ministry will be looking to engage our parish community!



Parish stewardship of treasure for the weekend of February 28<sup>th</sup> was \$12,194 in Parish Offerings, \$517 for the Building Fund and \$637 for our Capital Campaign.

Thank you for making up your offerings when you have been away. We continue to encourage the use of offering envelopes as well as Electronic and Mail offerings.

**DON'T FORGET TO MENTION** St. Joseph Church in your will and estate planning.

### Ministry Showcase

#### My Beautiful Lilies Prayer Cenacle:

John McNeaney 248-7140 & Nelson Sleeper 248-5414  
Pray! Pray! Pray! We meet on Monday nights in the Worship Area immediately following Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. The Divine Mercy begins at 7:00 pm, followed by a Rosary at 7:30pm (we have rosaries for those who want one) then Cenacle Prayer at 8:00pm. We have a priest with us once a month and also are blessed to be able to have a Healing Service on different occasions. ALL ARE WELCOME! Please pray for us as we pray for all of you.

On behalf of St. Joseph Church Pro-Life Committee, thank you to all who donated to Problem Pregnancy during our "Have a Heart" Baby Shower.



Trinity Catholic Academy **TRIVIA NIGHT**, Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> with social hour 6-7 pm and Trivia Contest 7-9 pm. Teams are 6-8 people/ \$10.00 pp. Cash bar and light snacks. Feel free

to bring your own snacks. Raffle and Door Prizes too. Proceeds benefit TCA Scholarship Fund. Download registration form at the TCA website, pick one up in the school office or email [maronson@tca11.com](mailto:maronson@tca11.com).

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION LOCAL PILGRIMAGE

Join St. Anthony Church in Dudley on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> as they travel to Temple Emanuel Sinai in Worcester to learn more about Jesus' faith and the Old Testament. Meet in St. Anthony parking lot at 8:15 am to ride share or meet them at the Temple at 9:00 am. Please contact Linda Brink of St. Anthony's so she can get a head count. 508 949-0335 or [stanthonydudleyreled@gmail.com](mailto:stanthonydudleyreled@gmail.com).

**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.**

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

### ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS

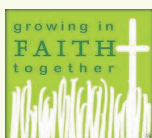
**ST. JOSEPH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**-10:00 am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. Contact Mary Stewart at 248-5851.  
**WIDOW/ER SUPPORT GROUP**-widows on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month & widows/widowers the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month from 11:00-noon. Contact Pat Lawrie at 508-248-5050.  
**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 March 6, 2016

**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  
**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Jn 4:43-54  
**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16  
**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30  
**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47  
**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-21, 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9-12/Jn 7:40-53  
**Next Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

### 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 April 7<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up in the Narthex.
- ⇒ **BOOK CLUB**-Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup> 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 [lisdiezel@aol.com](mailto:lisdiezel@aol.com).
- ⇒ **FORMED.ORG** Catholic teaching videos, audio talks, eBooks and movies. We are subscribers to this amazing on-line resource. Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) and follow these simple steps. Click on Parishioner Registration and enter code 7526f6 and complete the registration then start exploring all this website has to offer. If you need further assistance, contact Cheryl at [cgkingston@yahoo.com](mailto:cgkingston@yahoo.com).



### DID YOU KNOW?

**Is Purgatory in the Bible?** Purgatory is not anywhere in the Bible and the word did not come into parlance until the 12<sup>th</sup> century. However, the concept of a process whereby souls are purified before they enter heaven was evident in early Christianity. Going back even further, there is a Jewish tradition that praying for the dead furthers the purification of a soul. Although sometimes Purgatory is imagined as a physical place, the Catholic teaching is that Purgatory is the "final purification of the elect." *All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.* (CCC 1030)



- ◆ 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:khagger@charter.net) or speak with a member of the K of C.

### ACKNOWLEDGING WITH GRATITUDE OUR NEWSLETTER/BULLETIN SPONSORS

A+ Reading Tutor, Mary Antocci (P) ..... (508) 450-9072  
 Alliance Realty, Diane Dabrowski (P)..... (508) 248-6966  
 Allworth Realty (George P. Goulas, Realtor)..... (508) 434-5871  
 David Barbale Remodeling (P)..... (508) 248-6709  
 Boucher's Good Books & Gifts..... (508) 755-4516  
 BT Copy & Printing Center (P).....(508) 248-3377  
 Camosse Masonry Supply (P).....(508) 248-4044  
 CatholicMatch.com/MA.....(888) 605-3977  
 Catholic Relief Services..... 1-877-help CRS  
 CCCPA.....www.charltonchildcareproviders.com  
 Charlton Fence Co. (P)..... (508) 248-3221  
 Charlton Furniture..... (508) 248-5566  
 Charlton Manor Rest Home..... (508) 248-5136  
 Charlton Oil Company..... (508) 248-9797  
 Charlton Optical..... (508) 248-1188  
 Charlton Storage..... (508) 248-5557  
 Charlton Funeral Home..... (508) 248-4200  
 Cormiers Jewelers.....(508) 764-7415  
 Coonan Insurance Agency (P).....(508) 987-7122  
 Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home..... (508) 764-7922  
 Dewey J. Tiberii, DMD Orthodontist..... (508) 765-0687  
 (P) Represents Parishioners of St. Joseph Church

Elliot Burlingame & Sons, Inc. (P)..... (508) 248-5076  
 Fairway N.E. Mortgage - William Murphy (P).....(508) 407-8300  
 Francis B. Fennessey (P).....(508) 248-6467  
 Globe Transmissions & Auto Repair.....(508) 764-9400  
 Guild of St. Agnes Family Child Care.....(508) 755-2238  
 Heritage Country Club..... (508) 248-5111  
 Jalbert Engineering, Inc..... (508) 347-5136  
 Jon Norrman, Realtor - Coldwell Banker (P)..... (508) 248-9623  
 LaMountain's Service Station (P)..... (508) 248-7448  
 Little Flower Gift Shop (Carmelite Sisters) (P)..... (508) 248-2936  
 O'Malley's Truck & Auto Body (P)..... (508) 248-5829  
 Overlook (Masonic Health System of MA).....1-866-657-7000  
 Quinsigamond Community College.....(508) 853-2300  
 Radius Health Care Center..... (508) 765-9133  
 RPM Heating & Air..... (508) 248-4474  
 Sansoucy Funeral Home..... (508) 764-2567  
 Senior Link America..... 1-877-801-7772  
 Steve's Collision Center.....(774) 452-9943  
 Storage Space (P)..... (508) 248-6461  
 Susan David's Realty, Susan Tittle (P)..... (508) 248-5555  
 Vienna Restaurant & Historic Inn..... (508) 764-0700