



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 20, 2016

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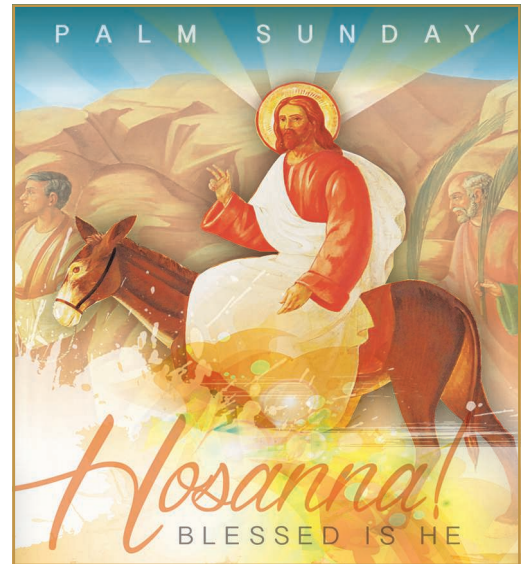
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PASTOR: Reverend Robert Grattaroti

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 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

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 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 19

4:30 pm George Garney by Brian and Jayne Garney

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 20

8:00 am Edgar Turmelle by the Family
10:00 am Erik Breitenfeld by his Parents
5:00 pm Dolores Rabbitt by the Rabbitt Family

Monday, March 21

8:30 am Raymond Bellerose by Tanya and Fred

Tuesday, March 22

8:30 am Florence Mierzejewski by the Family

Wednesday, March 23

8:30 am John Boulay, Jr. by the Family

Holy Thursday, March 24

7:30 pm Parish Priests by the Parish Family

Saturday, March 26

7:30 pm The People of St. Joseph Parish

Easter Sunday, March 27

8:00 am Robert Weimer by Jim and Ruth Couture
10:00 am Frank Gard by Rob and Carol Dergan & Family
5:00 pm Marguerite Bubon by her Daughter & Family

PRAYER BEFORE MASS God, to whom every heart is open, every desire known and from whom no secrets are hidden; purify the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily praise your holy name. *AMEN*



WITH GREAT JOY we welcome **Rory Elizabeth Hackenson** daughter of Todd and Maura who will be baptized in water and spirit this weekend.



JANE CUSSON. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

MARY MARTHA GUILD
20 WEEK RAFFLE WINNER-WEEK 4
Carolyn Wilson \$50.00

UP AND COMING EVENTS

Easter Flower Sale to benefit our Life Teen Program will take place after Masses today.



BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD BASKET

Join us noon March 26th for the Easter Food Basket Blessing. Swieconka (sh-vee-en-soon-kah) a beloved Polish tradition where baskets containing samplings of Easter foods are brought to the church to be blessed. Traditionally the basket is lined with white linen or lace napkin and decorated with sprigs of boxwood and ribbon.



Takes place following the 10:00 am Easter Mass

RECONCILIATION TIMES THIS WEEK

MONDAY: 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

TUESDAY: 7:15-8:15 AM AND 5:00-6:30 PM

WEDNESDAY 3:30 PM-4:30 PM

HOLY THURSDAY: 6:30 AM-8:00 AM

GOOD FRIDAY: 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY: 8:00 AM-9:00 AM



Also during the Divine Mercy event beginning April 2nd there will be many opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The schedule will be in the narthex.



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
Monday, March 28th 8:30 am for all our deceased loved ones.

ULTREYA Friday, April 1st at 7:00 pm. All Welcome.



PARISH EVENT *Divine Mercy, The Second Greatest Story Ever Told.* This video series will run for 10 weeks beginning Wednesday April 6th at 10:00 am OR Saturday April 16th at 9:30 am in the Cornerstone. God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced. Please register with Cheryl Kingston at cgkingston@yahoo.com or 508-864-3698 or This event is free, however a guide book may be purchased for \$19.95.



LIFE TEEN Cardboard City coming April 8th & 9th see Deacon Bill.

Also, if your high school student is interested in a **SERVICE TRIP** to Camp Sunshine, please see Deacon Bill.



Friday April 15 7:00-9:00 pm & April 16th 8:45 am-4:30 pm

Broadcast live from Canada to St. Joseph Church Charlton. Speakers for this event will include Sherry Weddell, Christopher West and Dr. Peter Kreeft. Tickets are \$50 and available at www.newevangelization.ca.



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

- **PALM SUNDAY** Blessing of the Palms. Many who cheered Jesus as He entered triumphantly into Jerusalem would jeer Him and ridicule Him in just a few days. Red Vestments symbolize Christ's Passion.
- **TUESDAY Holy Chrism Mass** 10:30 am at St. Paul's Cathedral all are invited. At this Mass Holy Oils are blessed for distribution to the parishes for use in the sacraments. Priests renew their commitment to serve the Church.



THE SACRED TRIDUUM The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord celebrated over 3 holy days.



- **HOLY THURSDAY** 7:30 pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper** commemorating the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Holy Orders. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows with a procession leading to the meeting room off the Coffee Room. Adoration takes place until 10:00 pm.

- **GOOD FRIDAY** Novena to Divine Mercy begins this day. Booklets available in the Narthex by Friday. 9:00 am **Ecumenical Cross Walk** starting at the Federated Church and concludes at the Masonic Home. 3:00 pm **Way of the Cross** outside (weather permitting) at the Blessed Virgin Mary Shrine.



- **HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL** 7:30 pm Night watch of the Resurrection. The sacred Vigil takes place in darkness with the blessing of the Easter Fire, giving thanks for the light, blessing the Paschal Candle and singing the Exsultet; proclaiming God's Word—the story of our creation and salvation, blessing of water, renewal of Baptismal promises as well as Sacraments of Initiation administered to our candidates and elect (those seeking all the initiation sacraments, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)

ELECT: Ella Favreau, Hannah Gallant, Jonathan Katz, Crystal Miller, Isaiah Parent and Alberto Ingram

CONFIRMATION: Lisa Chiafullo, Ella Favreau, Hannah Gallant, Jonathan Katz, Crystal Miller, Isaiah Parent, Paula Hall, Ricci Hall Jr., Kathleen Korenda and Alberto Ingram.

FIRST COMMUNION: Ella Favreau, Hannah Gallant, Jonathan Katz, Crystal Miller, Isaiah Parent, Paula Hall, Ricci Hall Jr., Kathleen Korenda, Alberto Ingram, Patrick Griffin, Owen Griffin and Victoria Roberts.

BAPTISM: Ella Favreau, Hannah Gallant, Jonathan Katz, Crystal Miller, Isaiah Parent and Alberto Ingram.

- **EASTER SUNDAY** Mass will be celebrated at **8:00 & 10:00 am and 5:00 pm**



BE PART OF OUR PARISH CHALLENGE



We are happy to report that \$62,095 has been received thus far in the form of 165 gifts (average of \$376 per family) toward our goal of \$77,500. Our challenge is to get another 171 families to pledge a gift.

Remember, 100% of the money we collect over our goal comes back to our parish and will help pay down our parish debt.

Thank you, especially during this Jubilee Year of Mercy, for your response to this Diocesan program which helps fund many needed charities and ministries.

2 Day Divine Mercy Celebration April 2nd & 3rd

Much is being planned for this event. Starting with 24 Hr. Adoration at 2:00 pm April 2nd (adorers needed, sign up in the Narthex) . During this two day event, there will be



scheduled times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Rosary, Mass and for those participating in the *33 Days to Merciful Love* the consecration to the Divine Mercy and all culminating with **ILLUMINATE** on Sunday April 3rd at 6:30 pm. Look for complete schedule in the Narthex in the coming week.



Parish stewardship of treasure for the weekend of March 13th was \$10,646.00 in Parish Offerings, \$416.00 for the Building Fund and \$252.00 for our Capital Campaign.

Holy Thursday Offerings are for the support of the Poor. Good Friday Offerings are for the support of Christians in the Holy Land.

Ministry Showcase

Ecumenism Ministry: Chris McTigue,
508-248-4726, cmct@verizon.net

We represent St Joseph Church at monthly meetings and encourage participation from our church at community ecumenical services and events. Some of the past year's opportunities were: The Winter Coat Closet, Christian Unity Sunday, Living Faith Lenten series, Easter Sunrise Service at Old Sturbridge Village and the National Day of Prayer. We would love to have more people join us to help spread the word. This year we are focusing more on common prayer, discussion and fellowship.

REMINDER:

Easter Sunrise Service at OSV
Annual Easter Sunrise Ecumenical Service at the Meetinghouse at Old Sturbridge Village Sunday, March 27th at 6:00 am.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY-10:00 am on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Mary Stewart at 508-248-5851.

WIDOW/ER SUPPORT GROUP-widows on 2nd Saturday of the month & widows/widowers the 4th Saturday of the month from 11:00-noon. 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 20, 2016

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1-6/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15--15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CURRENT OFFERINGS

- ⇒ **ADULT FAITH SHARING**-Wednesdays 10:00 am or Saturdays at 9:30 am in the Cornerstone. **No Saturday AFF March 26, April 2 or 9.**
- ⇒ **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** with Sister Rose Clarisse on April 7th. Please sign up in the Narthex.
- ⇒ **FORMED.ORG** Catholic teaching online. Go to www.formed.org and click Parishioner Registration then enter code 7526f6 and begin exploring all the website has to offer. cgkingston@yahoo.com.
- ⇒ **DIVINE MERCY VIDEO SERIES** Beginning Wednesday April 6 at 10:00 am and Saturday April 16 at 9:30 am. 10 week commitment. Contact Cheryl at cgkingston@yahoo.com to register.



DID YOU KNOW?

The message of Divine Mercy that St. Faustina received from the Lord was directed toward our personal growth in faith. With the command of our Lord to paint an image according to the pattern that she had seen, came also a request to have this image venerated throughout the world. The same is true with the revelations of the Chaplet. The Lord requested that the Divine Mercy Chaplet be said not only by St. Faustina, but by others: "Encourage souls to say the Chaplet that I have given you." Also, the Feast of Mercy. "The Feast of Mercy emerged from my very depths of tenderness. It is my desire that it solemnly be celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of My Mercy."



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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