



# 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 27, 2016**

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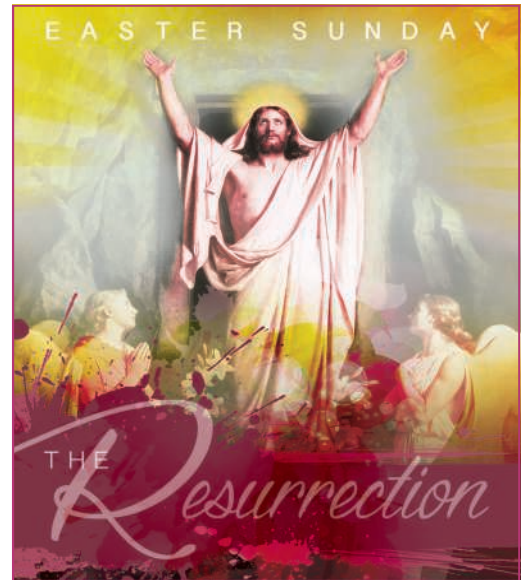
Website: [www.stjosephscharlton.com](http://www.stjosephscharlton.com)

**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  
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**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 26

7:30 pm For the People of St. Joseph Parish

Mass Intentions

Easter Sunday, March 27

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

Monday, March 28

8:30 am Mass of Remembrance

Saturday, April 2

4:30 pm For the Unborn by the Knights of Columbus

Sunday, April 3

8:00 am Eleanor & Anthony Souza & Shirley by Martha and Bob  
10:00 am For Prayers Answered by the Blessed Mother by J.Y.G.  
5:00 pm Elizabeth Bonner by the Bonner Family

### PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Lord Jesus, on this Easter Day, I thank You for Your love in saving me. When I think of what You endured, I am filled with awe and gratitude. Help me to remember that I am indeed Your precious child, saved in Your Holy Blood. As I praise and bless Your Holy Name, I ask for the grace to be gentle, merciful and forgiving. May I reflect Your love to all I meet. AMEN



Rest in Peace

CLAIRE DESROSIERS, mother of Sue Curran, who died last week at the age of 104 and HELEN V. STOKOWSKI. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

### UP AND COMING EVENTS & NEWS

#### ST. JOSEPH CHURCH OPEN PLAY DAY at Kid Power Gymnastics

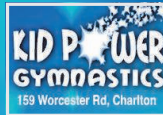
Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

11:15 am to noon

For children up to age 10

\$5.00 per child

Register with Renee Jalbert at 508-864-3988



**MISSIONARIES OF MERCY** –A Parish visitation ministry restored in our Parish will commence after Easter. Contact Tom Creamer at [trc@charter.net](mailto:trc@charter.net) or 774-696-0903.

#### MARY MARTHA GUILD 20 WEEK RAFFLE WINNER-WEEK 5 Michelle Beaulieu

SAVE THE DATE: Community Supper at The Publick House Restaurant on August 1, 2016.

#### SAVE THE DATE—PAINT NIGHT Friday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm



**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.



Takes place following the 10:00 am Mass today.



#### MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am

ULTREYA Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>  
at 7:00 pm. All Welcome.

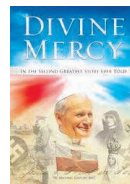


THE CATHOLIC WORKER SPONSORED BAKE SALE  
AFTER MASSES NEXT WEEKEND, APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup>

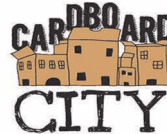
**Men's Cursillo** weekend April 21-24<sup>th</sup> at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. Contact: Carolyn Galgano at [angels3cma@gmail.com](mailto:angels3cma@gmail.com) or 508-847-7005.



#### Divine Mercy, The Second Greatest Story Ever Told.



10 week series beginning Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am OR Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:cgkingston@yahoo.com) or 508-864-3698.



LIFE TEEN Cardboard City coming April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>  
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 16<sup>th</sup>  
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 \$50 and available [www.newevangelization.ca](http://www.newevangelization.ca).

A benefit for **FREE the KIDS** (Haitian orphanage) will take place Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> featuring The Island Castaways Band (containing St. Joseph's parishioners) at the Cannery Music Hall, Southbridge. Doors open at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 and available at [www.islandcastawaysband.com](http://www.islandcastawaysband.com)





# Welcome everyone and Happy Easter



**CONGRATULATIONS**-It is with great joy that we embrace in love the newest members of our family of faith who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

**CONFIRMED (SPONSOR):** Lisa Chiafullo (Sally Irvine), Ella Favreau (Bernie Donaldson), Hannah Gallant (Kirstie Miller), Jonathan Katz (Edward Bergeron), Crystal Miller (Jennifer Miller), Isaiah Parent (Deborah Wadkins), Paula Hall (Lorraine Paradise), Ricci Hall Jr. (Robert Knittle), Kathleen Korenda (Brian Korenda)

**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

**BAPTIZED (SPONSOR):** Ella Favreau, Hannah Gallant, Jonathan Katz, Crystal Miller, Isaiah Parent and Alberto Ingram (Ronald & Shelia Hokanson)

## OUR PRAYERFUL BEST WISHES TO THEM ALL



Dear Parishioners and Friends of our Parish ,  
From all of us at St. Joseph Parish, Priests, Deacons, Sisters and entire staff, we pray you and your families and loved ones have a blessed hope filled Easter. With heartfelt gratitude, I also thank the veritable "holy army" of musicians, ushers, greeters, decorators, acolytes and altar servers, religious educators and the entire staff of workers for their dedicated and loving service to our parish. We are indeed blessed with such selfless and loving followers of Christ! It is at this joyous time that we would also like to report that Fr. Norm is recuperating very well and he thanks everyone for their prayers, cards and support. Easter brings so many promises of God to us; life is stronger than death, love can overcome hate, goodness ultimately triumphs over evil and eternity and glory with God in Heaven are our destiny. I pray that Jesus may live in all our hearts, that we may always embrace Him with love and gratitude. May His love and His peace fill our hearts, our lives and our families. God bless each and every one of you. Peace, Love and Joy- Fr. Bob

### **NEXT SUNDAY IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

The message of mercy is that God loves us, all of us, no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust.

### **Join us for a 2 Day Divine Mercy Celebration April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Starting with 24 hr. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:00 pm April 2<sup>nd</sup> (adorers needed, sign up in Narthex). During this two day event, there will be scheduled times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Rosary, Mass and for those participating in the 33 Days to Merciful Love, the consecration to the Divine Mercy at all Masses and via live stream from the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge at noon Sunday along with EWTN live stream activities and talks from Stockbridge 11 am-4 pm all culminating with ILLUMINATE on Sunday at 6:30 pm.



### **CAN YOU HELP WITH THIS CHALLENGE?**

We are happy to report that thus far we have received \$79,805.00 from 213 families for this year's Partners in Charity Appeal. Our goal is to get at least 300 families participating this year. Therefore, the challenge remains. We need to have 87 more families participate in this year's appeal. Please help us reach this goal. Complete the Partners in Charity envelope located in the pews. Every bit helps. Remember, all monies received over our diocesan goal will come back to our parish and help pay down our parish debt.



Thank you, for your response to this Diocesan program which helps fund many needed charities and ministries.



Parish support for the weekend of March 20th was \$12,569.00 in Parish Offerings, \$875.00 for the Building Fund and \$650.00 for our Capital Campaign along with \$335.00 for Easter Flowers.

**THE MEMORIAL TREES** located in the Narthex include the names of those who have given \$2,500.00 or more to the building of this church facility. There are several "leaves" still available. If you would like to make an extra offering of \$2,500.00 or more for a leaf you may do so. Let us know if you would like the donation to go toward a pew in honor of a loved one. Dick Vaughan at 774-230-2163 or [dvradiol@gmail.com](mailto:dvradiol@gmail.com).

### **Ministry Showcase**

*RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):*

Ted and Patty Covill, 508-248-4718, [tcovill@charter.net](mailto:tcovill@charter.net), or Fr. Bob or Fr. Jonathan, 508-248-7862

The RCIA process is for adults looking to join the Catholic Church. Both unbaptized and baptized persons from other Christian denominations are invited to begin their Christian life in the teachings of the Catholic Church. Candidates and Catechumens, those needing one or all of the sacraments, meet on a regular basis with the RCIA team studying the teachings of the church and Holy Scripture in preparation for reception of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

# Easter Sunday

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS

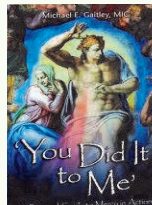
**ST. JOSEPH PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**-10:00 am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. Mary Stewart at 508-248-5851.  
**WIDOW/ER SUPPORT GROUP**-widows on 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month & widows/widowers the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month from 11:00-noon. Pat Lawrie at 508-248-5050.  
**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 27, 2016

**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  
**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15  
**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Jn 20:11-18  
**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Lk 24:13-35  
**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5-9/Lk 24:35-48  
**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27/Jn 21:1-14  
**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-21/Mk 16:9-15  
**Next Sunday:** Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION CURRENT OFFERINGS

- ◆ **ADULT FAITH SHARING**-Wednesdays 10:00 am or Saturdays at 9:30 am in the Cornerstone. **No Saturday AFF April 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>.** Divine Mercy Video Series begins April 6 or April 16. Register with Cheryl at [cgkingston@yahoo.com](mailto:cgkingston@yahoo.com).
- ◆ **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** with Sister Rose Clarisse on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up in the Narthex.
- ◆ **FORMED.ORG Check this out!** Catholic teaching online. Go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) Parishioner Registration and enter code 7526f6. Begin exploring the website. [cgkingston@yahoo.com](mailto:cgkingston@yahoo.com)
- ◆ **BOOK CLUB**-Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Cornerstone. The discussion will be on Fr. Michael Gaitley's book *You Did it to Me*. Contact Lisa Diezel at [lisadiezel@aol.com](mailto:lisadiezel@aol.com).



## DID YOU KNOW?

During the Communion Rite after the breaking of the bread, the priest breaks off a particle of the host and drops it in the chalice? It is called "commingling". In the early Church, there was only one Eucharistic celebration in each city and all gathered and the bishop celebrated the Eucharist. As the Church grew it became physically impossible to gather for one liturgy and Mass was celebrated throughout the area. A priest was appointed by the bishop and a small portion of the host consecrated by the bishop was taken to each of the Eucharistic celebrations over which the priest was presiding. This fraction was mingled into the chalice. The commingling symbolizes the Lord's resurrection. In death, body and blood are often separated, but in life they are united.



- 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.
- Applications for the 2016 K of C McKenna Scholarship are available in the Narthex or from any Knight. The application deadline is April 20, 2016.
- The K of C MA Council is offering five \$1,000 scholarships to students attending a Catholic college. The application can be found at [massachusettsstatekofc.org](http://massachusettsstatekofc.org). The application deadline is April 1, 2016.

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