



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

April 3, 2016

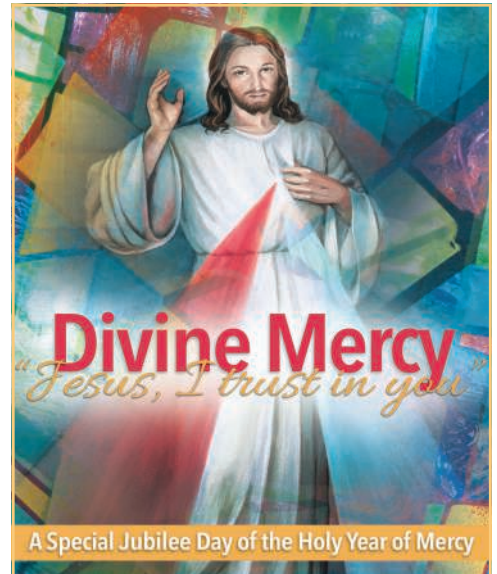
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SENIOR PRIEST: Reverend Normand Tremblay

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, April 2

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

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, April 4

8:30 am A Special Intention by a Sister in Christ

Tuesday, April 5

8:30 am Patrick Lovett by Mary Lovett

Wednesday, April 6

8:30 am Donald Mahan by his Family

Friday, April 8

8:30 am George Garney by Brian and Jayne Garney

Saturday, April 9

4:30 pm June Quinn by Iris Jennings

Sunday, April 10

8:00 am Wilfred Perron by the Family

10:00 am Chuck Woncewicz by Overlook Friends

5:00 pm Stan Lawrie (Birthday) by his Family

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

We acclaim the goodness and mercy of Your Son and place our total trust in Him. Stir up your love in our hearts that we may share the gifts you have given us with all those in need. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. AMEN

Today is **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY!** There is still



time to join in any of this weekend's parish wide celebration events! Our Lord spoke directly to St. Faustina of the great grace He wishes to bestow upon us. He told her, "On that day (Divine Mercy Sunday) the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of grace upon those souls who approach the font of My mercy...On that day, all the divine floodgates through which grace flows are open" (319)

We fittingly observe the Feast of Mercy in this Jubilee year by:

- ◆ Celebrating it on the Sunday after Easter
- ◆ Sincerely repenting of your sins
- ◆ Seeking Confession on or before Divine Mercy Sunday
- ◆ Placing complete trust in Jesus
- ◆ Venerating the Image of Divine Mercy
- ◆ Being merciful to others in deed, word and offering prayers on their behalf.



Please join us in celebrating His Mercy, especially during this Jubilee Year. Programs are available in the Narthex.

UP AND COMING EVENTS & NEWS

WITH GREAT JOY WE WELCOME **Savannah Amanda** Fournier daughter of Jason and Kristen and **Eva Elizabeth Racine** daughter of Daniel and Jessica who will be baptized in water and Spirit this weekend.



MARY MARTHA GUILD

20 WEEK RAFFLE WINNER-WEEK 6

Jodi Osowski

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

Members of **THE CATHOLIC WORKER** are here with their homemade baked goods. The sale of these items is the main source of income which supports their shelter for homeless men and women. Please give generously.



LIFE TEEN Cardboard City coming April 8th & 9th

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH OPEN PLAY DAY

Tuesday, April 19th

11:15 am to noon

For children up to age 10

\$5.00 per child

Register with Renee Jalbert at 508-864-3988



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 \$50 at www.newevangelization.ca.



Coming this Fall, a Dinner Dance at Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center celebrating 15 years in this "new" church complex. Watch for details in the coming months.

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



St. Joseph's Brush-it-Off Night



When: Friday May 6th 6:30

Where: St. Joseph's Hall

Cost: \$35, cash bar

Register: <http://brush-it-off.com>

Questions: Renee Jalbert 508-864-3988



CAN YOU HELP US MEET THE CHALLENGE?

We are excited to report that so far we have received \$86,950.00 (13% over our diocesan goal) for this year's Partners in Charity Appeal. We are still hoping to meet the challenge of having at least 300 families participate. We need 42 more pledges to reach this goal. Every little bit helps. Please look for the Partners in Charity envelope in the pews. Again, all monies received over our diocesan goal will come back to our parish and help pay down our parish debt.

Thank you, for your generous participation.



Again we welcome our newest members who were received into the fullness of the Faith at the Easter Vigil. They now enter the period of Mystagogia. An important time for the newly initiated who reflect on how to live the fullness of faith in Christ to which they have responded. Please continue to keep them in prayer.



CONGRATULATIONS to Mike Mahan who has been selected to receive the **Bronze Pelican Award** by the Worcester Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting at the Adult Scouting Award Dinner in May.

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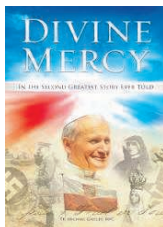
Andrew Foster and Bridget Dick



MISSIONARIES OF MERCY –is a newly restored Parish home visitation ministry whose focus is to share prayer. If interested, please contact Tom Creamer at trc@charter.net or 774-696-0903.

Starting Soon-The Second Greatest Story Ever Told*

An amazing new 10 week Adult Faith Formation video series beginning Wednesday April 6th at 10:00 am OR Saturday April 16th at 9:30 am (1 hr) in the Cornerstone. *God's work of mercy in the world unfolds as a story to be experienced.* Register with Cheryl at cgkingston@yahoo.com or 508-864-3698. This series is also available on line beginning April 3rd utilizing the formed.org website (enter code 7526f6). *This series is time sensitive and can only be viewed week to week.



CONSECRATION PRAYER TO THE LORD IN HIS DIVINE MERCY

Merciful Father, I _____ choose this day, with the help of your grace, to consecrate myself to your divine majesty in your loving mercy. I intend to fight discouragement, to do things with love and to be merciful to my neighbor in deed, word and prayer. I, therefore, offer myself, through the loving hands of our Blessed Mother, Mary, to you my God and Creator. May your mercy consume me to become complete in your love.

-AMEN



Parish support for Easter was \$18,002.00 in offerings, \$219.00 for the Building Fund and \$173.00 for our Capital Campaign. \$1042.00 was collected on Holy Thursday (for the poor) and \$1,029.00 was collected on Good Friday (for support of Christians in the Holy Land).



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 dvradio1@gmail.com. Thank You!

Please remember your parish while making your wills or estate plans.

Ministry Showcase

Ministers of the Eucharist: Deacon Bill Shea 508-248-7862 or wshea@2667@aol.com

This beautiful ministry allows trained lay people to administer the Eucharist in both species (body & blood) at Mass. This ministry also encompasses bringing communion to the home bound if they desire it. Training is done on an as needed basis and one is then scheduled according to one's Mass preference. We always welcome new parishioners for this wonderful ministry.

TRINITY CATHOLIC ACADEMY'S

21st Annual Golf Tournament will be held Saturday May 21st. Your participation will help support our school. For forms and information go to www.tcagolffclassic.com or contact our organizer Paula Toti at ptoti3@aol.com or call 508-847-1871.



Divine Mercy Sunday

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? Ted or Dianne at 508-764-4553.

Readings for the Week of April 3, 2016

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

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

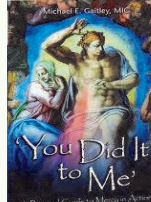
Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

**Emmanuel Catholic Radio
Spring Pledge Drive
April 6 -April 8.**

Emmanuel is a non-profit organization whose ministry is to proclaim the Gospel on Catholic radio. To donate call (508) 767-1230; www.123oradio.com; or Emmanuel Radio, P.O. Box 20027, Worcester, MA 01602. Tune into 1230AM or 970AM.

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 9th.** Divine Mercy Video Series begins April 6 or April 16. Register with Cheryl at cgkingston@yahoo.com.
- ◆ **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** with Sister Rose Clarisse on April 7th. Please sign up in the Narthex.
- ◆ **FORMED.ORG Check this out!** Catholic teaching online. Go to www.formed.org Parishioner Registration and enter code 7526f6. Begin exploring the website.
- ◆ **BOOK CLUB**-Thursday, April 21st 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.



DID YOU KNOW?

We are "exposed" to Scripture through Sunday readings from the Lectionary book. This book of passages from the Bible is set in the context of a liturgical season, such as Advent, Lent or ordinary time. There are 4 readings each Sunday: first reading (usually Old Testament), responsorial psalm, second reading (New Testament) and the Gospel. Every Catholic Church in the world has the exact same readings each Sunday. These selected readings relate to one another in a unique manner that is not present in the Bible itself. In close proximity to each other, these readings now have the opportunity to "converse" with each other. The homilist then connects the readings, zeroing in on what God has to say to us.



- Applications for the 2016 K of C McKenna Scholarship are available in the Narthex or from any Knight. This scholarship is available to any high school senior who is a close relative of a knight in the St. Joseph Council. The application deadline is April 20, 2016.
- 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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