



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
 1-800-MASSTIMES when traveling

July 24, 2016

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SENIOR PRIEST: Reverend Normand Tremblay
ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Reverend Donato Infante III
PERMANENT DEACONS: Deacon Peter Faford & Deacon Bill Shea



"I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." - Lk 11:8

<p>SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM</p> <p>Baptismal Prep August 20th 5:30 pm pre-register 508-248-7862</p>	<p>SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY</p> <p>Arrangements begin a year prior to the anticipated date.</p>	<p>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION</p> <p>Saturdays at 3:45 pm and by appointment</p>
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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

24 Hour PRAYER LINE:
 508-434-0106 or
prayer@missionariesofmercy.net
 website: www.missionariesofmercy.net
 You may also indicate your intentions in the Prayer Book in the Narthex.

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
sisteragnespatria@yahoo.com
EDGE PROGRAM (grades 6-8)
 Diane Cetin
diane55383@aol.com
LIFE TEEN PROGRAM (grades 9-12)
 Deacon Bill Shea
bshea@dienesusa.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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 23
 4:30 pm Roger & Claire Dion by the Family

Sunday, July 24
 8:00 am Armand Richards by David & Susan Tittle
 10:00 am Todd Sansoucy by the Brill Family
 5:00 pm Nana & Papa by a Sister in Christ

Monday, July 25
 8:30 am Bryce Petrunia by the Parish

Tuesday, July 26
 8:30 am Helen Frederick by the Parish Family

Thursday, July 28
 8:30 am Geraldine Lamothe by the Parish Family

Friday, July 29
 8:30 am Kevin Walsh by the Parish Family

Saturday, July 30
 4:30 pm Henry Pavenski by the Weber Family

Sunday, July 31
 8:00 am Joseph Proulx by his Wife & Daughter
 10:00 am St. Anthony a special favor by Marcel Champgne
 5:00 pm Robert Bonner Jr., by the Bonner Family

Prayer intentions may be indicated in the book in the Narthex. The book is presented at the altar at weekend Masses and during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

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.

REST IN PEACE **JOSEPH BENOIT** brother of Claire Gouin and Cathy Brochu and **NANCY "CHICKY" GAUTHIER** wife of Bernard and **JESSICA LIM DAILEY**. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.



I I Wedding Banns
Thomas Haggerty and
Ashley Stone

PLEASE NOTE: The Feast of the Assumption is not celebrated as an obligation this year, however, Mass will be celebrated on Monday morning August 15th at 8:30 am as usual.



UP AND COMING EVENTS & NEWS

firstlights and EDGE registrations were mailed out this week. If you have not received one and would like to register your child(ren) in grades 1-8 for religious education, please contact the office at 508-248-7862.



Parent information meetings for grades 9-11 are scheduled in the Cornerstone on the following days (a parent need only attend one of the these meetings): Tuesday, September 13th 7:00 pm, Thursday, September 15th 7:00 pm or Saturday September 17th 10:00 am. Parents, register your teen at any one of these meetings.

Mass of Remembrance, Monday July 25th at 8:30 am for all our dearly departed. All are welcome.




Have you considered becoming a Minister of Holy Communion? The next training day will be Saturday, September 10th from 9:00 am to noon. Please contact Deacon Bill prior to September if you feel called to serve in this ministry. 508-248-7862

LIFE TEEN SUMMER EVENTS

St. Joseph Teen Volleyball Team vs. St. Ann Church Team at St. Christopher Church, 950 West Boylston St., Worcester, MA Monday, July 25th 6:00 pm. Teresa Ryan at tmryan@amcats.edu



SAVE THESE DATES

- ♦ August 21st **Outdoor Mass & Feast of Love.** Meal generously donated by  Volunteers needed. Please contact Alex at 774-200-3381.
- ♦ October 1st **Dinner Dance** at Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center to celebrate 15 years in our new parish complex.



Beginning Noon Sunday, August 14th and concluding Monday, August 15th with Benediction at 7 p.m. We invite parishioners and members of our surrounding faith communities to come together to pray for peace, an increase in love and an end to the recent violence we have seen within our country and the world. Please join us for as long as you'd like. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

Why Go To Church. . . .

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. He wrote: *"I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I've heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."* This started a controversy in the Letters to the Editor column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until a man wrote this clincher, *"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I can't recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"*



For King & Country
 Christian Music Concert
 Saturday, September 24th at the
 Palladium in Worcester at 6:15 pm.
 \$29.50 per general admission ticket.
 Contact cgkingston@yahoo.com by
 July 31st.



Parish Support for the weekend of July 17th was \$10,001.00 in offerings, \$314.00 for the Building Fund and \$125.00 for our Capital Campaign.

As vacations come upon us, please continue in the support of your parish, either by mail, online or our parish website www.stjosephscharlton.com. Thank you and God Bless.

THE BENEDICTINE SISTERS OF MARY have Sacred Recordings available for purchase, proceeds help them build a needed Monastery. The order envelopes are in the Narthex.



LifeTeen is raising funds for Camp Sunshine. Please bring all returnable bottles and cans to the marked bins behind the church. Thank you for your donations.



Christmas in July tree for Project Espwa Orphanage in Haiti is still up, please consider taking a tag to donate and pray for the children in Haiti. Checks should be made to St. Joseph Church. All funds go to Espwa.

NOTICE: Plans are in the works to complete the 2nd floor of our East Wing. We are now accepting bids for the construction of these rooms. If you are a licensed and insured builder, please consider submitting your bid for this job. Contact Rich Cayer at 508-450-4785.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

EDGE-Middle School Religious Education Ministry is in need of group leaders for the 2016-17 school year. Contact Diane Cetin at diane55383@aol.com. *firstlights* is in need of Monday 3rd and 4th grade teachers. Classes meet from 3:30-4:45 pm from September-April. Contact Sr. Agnes at 508-248-7862.

Do you suffer with an addiction?

Do you need support?

Do not lose hope.

Fr. Bob is available to talk with in private. To arrange a meeting, call 508-248-7862.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY-WILL NOT MEET IN THE SUMMER MONTHS. We will resume the 3rd Saturday in September. Please contact Sr. Agnes in the office or Ellen Thibodeau (508-248-9161) if you know of someone in need of a prayer shawl.

WIDOW/ER SUPPORT GROUP-WILL NOT MEET IN THE SUMMER MONTHS. Pat Lawrie at 508-248-5050.

DIVORCE SUPPORT MINISTRY-meets the 2nd and 4th Monday each month 7:00-9:00 pm in the K of C Room.

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN-Interested in sharing experiences caring for grandchildren and learning about resources? Ted or Dianne at 508-764-4553.

PARENT AND CHILD CONNECTION-WILL NOT MEET IN THE SUMMER. Amy Nelson 774-200-6989.

facebook.com/123parentchildconnectionatsaintjoes

NEXT STEP BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:

For parents who have lost a child. Meets 4th Tuesday of the month at the Medical Office Bldg. at Harrington Hospital. Contact Sue Brunell 508-344-1564 to join.

Readings for the Week of July 24, 2016

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-3, 6-8/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1-6/Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8-11, 13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1-6/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

PRAYER DAY FOR WORCESTER COUNTY
 Saturday, August 27
 10 am until 1 pm
 Worcester City Hall
 455 Main Street
 Worcester, MA 01608
 Contact Information:
 508-308-2926
 508-835-2085 or
 woagrace@gmail.com

Adult Faith Formation

- **NO SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** offered in July and August.
- **THE BIBLE AND MARY**-video Bible Study meets Wednesdays at 10:00 am OR Saturdays at 9:30 am in the Cornerstone. Not meeting July 27th.
- **FOOTPRINTS OF GOD**-The Story of Salvation History from Abraham to Augustine is a documentary film series. Come to the next film *Moses, Signs, Sacraments & Salvation* on Wednesday, August 17th at 6:15 pm in the Cornerstone. This is a free event and all are welcome.
- **BOOK CLUB**-Tuesday August 25th at 7pm in the Cornerstone. We continue our Year of Mercy theme with a discussion of Matthew Kelly's *Beautiful Mercy*. Several copies are available; contact Lisa Diezel at lisadiezel@aol.com

Did you know? Christians often display a fish symbol on their cars to let others know they are believers in Jesus. Some believe the association of fish and Christianity began with the Greek word *ichthus*, translated twenty times in the New Testament as 'fish.' This association was likely encouraged by the fact that at least half of Jesus' 12 disciples were fishermen. It was Christ Himself who told Peter and Andrew that instead of catching fish He would train them to "catch" men (an allusion to the preaching of the gospel and the conversions it would bring). Some in the early church used the Ichthus as a secret reference for Jesus. This correlation apparently led to the creation of an easy-to-draw shape as a profession of faith.



- Meetings are held monthly on the 1st Wednesday in the Knight's room. Recitation of the Rosary 6:30 pm, then meeting comes to order at 7:00 pm.
- To become a member of the St Joseph K of C contact any knight or Kyle Haggerty at (508) 248-0982 or khagger@charter.net.

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