



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

November 20, 2016

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



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal Prep December 17th
5:30 pm Pre-register 508-248-7862

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements begin a year prior to the anticipated date

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:45 pm and by appointment

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 at 7:00 pm
www.stjosephscharlton.com/adoration.
 First Friday/First Saturday Devotions begin at 9:00 pm with 24 hr. Adoration

ROSARY

Daily at 8:00 am
 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
diane55382@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 noon 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, November 19

4:30 pm Beatrice Tully by the Family

Sunday, November 20

8:00 am Robert Weimer by Ruth and Jim Couture

10:00 am Frank Gard by Carol and Bob Dergan & Family

5:00 pm Intentions of Pope Francis by Parish Family

Monday, November 21

8:30 am Thanksgiving to St. Anthony by a Parishioner

Tuesday, November 22

8:30 am Intentions of Fr. Donato by a Parishioner

Wednesday, November 23

8:30 am Matthew Nachajko by Donna & John Galonek

Thursday, November 24

8:30 am William O'Neil (25th Anniv) by the Family

Friday, November 25

8:30 am George Fabrizio by his Wife

Saturday, November 26

4:30 pm Kenneth Rivernider by the Family

Sunday, November 27

8:00 am Daniel Staples (birthday) by his mother

10:00 am Matthew Lagatta by Josh Corrigan

5:00 pm Jack Hession by the Kingston Family

NOTE: There is no Adoration scheduled for Friday, November 25th.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS: Lord Jesus, You have told us that You hear our every word. Open our hearts so that we may hear Your every word and that we may live according to Your words. May we be free of distractions so that we may better understand the messages and lessons You want us to hear and to live by. AMEN

ADVENT begins November 27th



Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:30 pm at the Federated Church, Reverend Taesung of the Methodist Church will minister.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 20th at 3:00 p.m. for the closing of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. We will solemnly close and seal the Holy Doors in the Cathedral.



CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO PAUL DYSINGER AND KARISSA NETSCH WHO CELEBRATED THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE THIS WEEKEND.



Free Thanksgiving Dinner

Following the 10:00 am Mass today. All Invited.

We are grateful to a Parish family who has subsidized the cost of this annual Thanksgiving dinner.

Ministry Renewal tables will offer opportunity to express shared gifts and talents.



Also, a Fair Trade Sale hosted by St. Joseph Church in partnership with Catholic Relief Services will take place in the Church Hall during the dinner. Purchase beautiful gifts that help change the lives of workers around the world by paying just wages for their hand made crafts.



DONATIONS OF TURKEYS are still being accepted for our Thanksgiving Baskets. We are grateful for a gift of \$300.00 toward Thanksgiving baskets given in memory of Adam Weisblatt.

If you are in need of a Thanksgiving Basket, contact Sr. Agnes at 508-248-7862. For those on the list, distribution will take place on Monday & Tuesday from 10:00-2:00 pm.



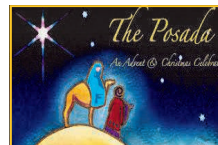
at ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL November 24th at noon in the downstairs hall of the Cathedral OR ELM STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Southbridge noon-2:00 pm. For a delivery contact 508-709-5976.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING Saturday, November 26th in the Cornerstone at 10:30 am. Contact Allan Turmelle at 508-248-7154.



LIFETEEN Flower and Wreath Sale
December 3rd at all Masses

The blessing of the outdoor crèche takes place on Tuesday, December 6th at 8:00 p.m.



POSADA & TREE LIGHTING
December 10th after the 4:30 Mass

With face painting, music, food, hot cocoa, a piñata and a beautiful presentation of the Holy Family's journey to the Manger. Fun for the whole family. We will start outside then proceed indoors.

STEWARDSHIP

This prayer from the Diary of St. Faustina (entry 1321) will be sung at each Mass this weekend in honor of the closing of the Jubilee Year of Mercy:

*Hail, most merciful heart of Jesus.
Hail, living fountain of all grace.
Our sole shelter, our only refuge,
The light of hope issued for our race.
Hail, open wound of Your sacred heart.
From which the rays of mercy come.
From which was given us to draw life
With the vessel of trust alone.
Hail, throne of Mercy, Lamb of God
Who gave your life, sacrificed for me.
Before whom my soul is humbled daily
Living in faith profound with Thee.*



Parish Support for the weekend of November 13th was \$12,393.00 in offerings, \$620.00 for the Building Fund, \$400.00 for our Capital Campaign. A gift of \$200.00 was received for Haiti from an out of town friend who wishes to remain anonymous.

Stewardship Renewal Month

This weekend's speakers are:
Dr./Mrs. Thomas Halpin Saturday & Sunday 8 & 10:00
Rev. James Chase Sunday, 5:00 pm

Dear Parishioners and Friends of our Parish:

Our telephone/communication system broke down last week and has been replaced at a cost of \$4,000.00. This was the lowest bid and the work has been accomplished by a former Parishioner with expertise in the field. We are so grateful to a Parish family, who, when they heard this, came forward with a donation to cover the cost. Our deepest thanks and prayers for God's special blessings on them and their family.

These past weeks we have sought to be reminded that we are all called to be Stewards of God's gifts. Your response has been inspiring. When we made an appeal for more Lectors to proclaim God's Word, 16 people came forward! Simply amazing. Thank you for your generous spirit of serving.

In the weeks ahead, we are expecting to begin completion of the 2nd floor of the east wing which will provide needed meeting rooms for Religious Ed and other parish groups. The estimated cost of this is \$195,000.00 which we have in reserve as a result of the 2010 Capital Campaign and funds received in the Building Fund. Rather than make a special appeal for this purpose, I invite you to consider responding by an added gift to the Parish Collection or the Building Fund. In this manner, we will be able to replenish the reserve which we will be using. Thank you so much for your consideration and may the Lord reward your loving return in faith to the good works of the Church. -Fr. Bob



The Jubilee Year of Mercy Closing

*This weekend ending with ILLUMINATE at 6:30 pm. A Eucharistic Art Gallery is available for viewing: Saturday 4-6pm and Sunday 10-6pm

*See schedule in the Narthex

Special Guests for the celebration:

- Sr. Igne, Lithuanian Sister of the Immaculate Conception will lead a Mercy Presentation Sunday 1:45 -2:30pm
- Fr. Eric Cadin, Archdiocese of Boston provides an inspirational talk Sunday during ILLUMINATE.

ALSO: a number of people have completed the Hearts Afire Retreat; *33 Days to Merciful Love* and are consecrating to the Divine Mercy of Jesus through the intercession of St. Therese of Lisieux. Please keep them in your prayers. Those who wish to re-consecrate this weekend during the Closing may do so, prayer cards will be made available at Masses. Look for the image of St. Therese on the them.

MISSIONARIES OF MERCY/JOSEPH'S CLOSET received this letter in response to your generosity:

Hi Tom, I just wanted to thank you and the parishioners at St. Joseph's for the dressers! And thank you as well for the CVS gift cards, they were a much needed surprise!!! As I mentioned earlier, my two youngest are sick and we actually ran out of meds and had no money to replace them, but because of your generosity we will be able to get them along with other necessities we've run out of. I had \$15 to my name and couldn't spend it because I needed it for gas to get to Boston Children's Hospital for post appointments for my youngest and oldest. You have no idea how much you have helped us!! Thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts!



The Giving Tree is up in the Narthex. Please consider taking a tag to purchase a gift for someone in need.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS

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

WIDOW/ER SUPPORT GROUP-cancelled until further notice. If you need to talk, please call, Pat Lawrie at 508-248-5050.

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

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

NEXT STEP BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP. For parents who have lost a child. Meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Medical Office Bldg. at Harrington Hospital. Basement level, Room #4. Contact Sue Brunell 508-344-1564 to join.

- ◆ If you would like to join the Knights of Columbus, contact Allan at 508-248-7154 or Kyle (508)248-0982 or khagger@charter.net.
- ◆ Meetings held monthly on the 1st Wednesday in the Knight's Room. Recitation of the Rosary at 6:30 pm, the meeting comes to order at 7:00 pm.



Do you suffer with an addiction?
Do you need support? Fr. Bob, Fr. Donato or one of our deacons is available to talk with in private. Call to arrange a meeting 508-248-7862.

 **The Calix Society**
substituting the cup that supplies with the one that sanctifies
 Calix Society's 1st meeting takes place Saturday December 3rd from 9-10 am in the Knights Room. Anyone concerned with alcoholism or drug dependency is welcomed. Meetings will continue the 1st Saturday of the every month. This is an open meeting and all are welcome. Kyle at 508-887-2225, Paul 774-696-7543 or Linda 508-736-2207.

PARISH EVANGELIZATION/RENEWAL PROGRAMS IN OUR DIOCESE
 November 29th 1:30 - 4:30 pm
 North American Martyrs, Auburn
 We often hear of new evangelization and renewal programs for our parishes. Some of these programs are taking place in our diocese. This seminar is an opportunity to listen and converse with those who have experience with these programs. There will be a 20 minute presentation for each program, followed by 10 minutes for questions and answers. RSVP by 11/25 to ffronfalco@gmail.com.

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.



- * **LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD RACK**-CDs are available for a \$3.00 donation. We encourage you to return the CD's to the box in the reception office for others to use.
- * **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**-with Sr. Rose Clarisse-sign up in the Narthex.
- * **FORMED.ORG**-Catholic on-line resource for movies, books and video programs . Use code: 7526f6 to get started using this resource.
- * **BOOK CLUB**-Check back here for our next book selection and date. Lisa Diezel at 774-641-3737.
- * **FAITH SHARING**-Wednesday faith sharing is cancelled. We will offer scheduled speakers beginning the first of the year on Saturday mornings following the first Saturday Masses.



Did you know? The Feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrates the saving work of God in preserving the Blessed Virgin Mary from the stain of original sin. Because of His foreknowledge that Mary would consent to bear Christ, God kept Mary free from original sin from the moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. Immaculate Conception falls on **Thursday, December 8**. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation.

ACKNOWLEDGING WITH GRATITUDE OUR NEWSLETTER/BULLETIN SPONSORS

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