



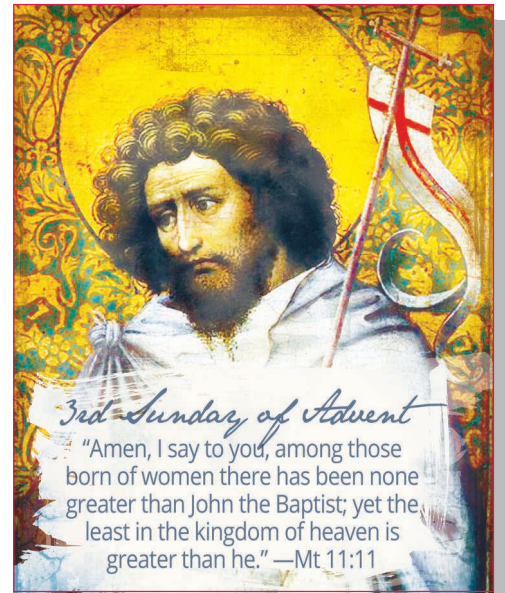
St. Joseph Church Charlton, MA

MASSES CELEBRATED
Daily M-F 8:30 am
Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am & 5:00 pm

December 11, 2016

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



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptismal Prep January 28 at 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, December 10

4:30 pm Howard & Helen Oliver by the Family

Sunday, December 11

8:00 am Joseph Benoit by Claire Gouin

10:00 am Leo & Betty Corrigan by Jean Weston

5:00 pm Robert & Elizabeth Bonner by the Bonner Family

Monday, December 12

8:30 am Matthew Phillips by Donna Pierangeli & Family

Tuesday, December 13

8:30 am Ron, Jane & Eric Wenniger by a Friend

Saturday, December 17

4:30 pm Stephen Latino by the Family

Sunday, December 18

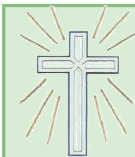
8:00 am Mariette Stanton by Arlene & Neil

10:00 am Kay & Gerry Weidman by the Metras Family

5:00 pm Ovide Cournoyer birthday wishes from his Family



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

Rest in Peace **PHILIP JOLIN** brother of Paul. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.




Catholic Calendars for 2017 are available. We are grateful to the UPS Store and to Ted's for their sponsorship.

Also get your Oplatek Christmas Wafers to share with your family.

Altar Servers Maegan Fredette, Matthew & Michael Gard, Anthony Martins and MacKenzie Woods will be presented Service Awards from the Knights of Columbus during the month of December. Congratulations to them for their service to the Altar of the Lord.



THE MARY MARTHA GUILD COOKIE SALE TAKES PLACE AFTER MASS TODAY



POSADA and Christmas Tree Lighting

A beautiful presentation of the Holy Family's journey to the Manger. Fun for the whole family outdoors after 4:30 Mass followed by indoor activities.



THE GIVING TREE-thank you for taking a tag from our Giving Tree. Please place your wrapped gift with tag attached under the tree by next weekend. Thank you for your kindness in sharing.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE AFTER ALL MASSES, \$27
Knights should contact either Kyle Haggerty or Brian Garney to volunteer their time.



Cursillo an uplifting and educational experience. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. Dates are: Men's February 9-12 & June 22-25; Women's May 18-21 & October 12-15. Held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Center Putnam, CT. Contact Carolyn Galgano at 508-847-7005, angels3cma@gmail.com.



STEWARDSHIP



Parish Support for the weekend of December 4th was \$15,387.00, \$925.00 for the Building Fund and \$492.00 for the Capital Campaign. Thank you.

We are so grateful for the generous response of our wonderful people in supporting the works of the Church both locally and universally. A grateful thanks to several who have increased their weekly offerings. As mentioned previously, our 2nd Floor Meeting Rooms completion will cost us close to \$200,000 which is being funded from the receipts of the Capital Campaign and Building Fund Offerings. We hope to not deplete our reserves and ask you for added gifts to assist us. We are most grateful for you ongoing support and fealty to our Parish Community.

Our *EDGE and First Lights* students have been utilizing their own Parish Envelopes. Highlighted here are a few to witness to the generosity of our young people. **Ted gave \$2.00 in his envelope, Hannah helped her mom clean and gave \$1.23 in her envelope.** Thank you to all our young stewards for their contribution to our community.

MINISTRY SHOWCASE


BAPTISMAL PREPARATION: FR. DONATO INFANTE, 508-248-7862 EXT 5, donato.infante@gmail.com
 This process consists of a single meeting with parents and godparents after the 4:30 Mass on a scheduled Saturday. Either Fr. Bob or I greet prospective parents with an introduction to the parish and review "paperwork." There is a presentation about the importance of raising children in the Catholic faith by married couples in the parish along with the importance of the role that the Godparents play. The signs and symbols of Baptism are explained so that the celebration is understood.

We are thankful to all who worked so lovingly to present this year's POSADA. Blessings on all who assisted, attended and participated.



"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated Veni ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

Today is known as Gaudete Sunday. The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice". Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.




MARCH FOR LIFE REGISTRATION INFORMATION
 Attend the annual **MARCH FOR LIFE** in DC! Buses will leave St. Paul's Cathedral on Thursday, January 26th following the Respect Life Mass at 7:30 pm and will travel to the Basilica of National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington in time for Friday morning Mass followed by the March for Life at noon. Buses return to Worcester following the March, arriving back at around 1:00 am. Cost is \$70 per seat for registrations postmarked by December 31st and \$85 thereafter. Registration accepted until all seats are full. For registration forms visit worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life, 508-929-4311 or aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org.



Need a great Christmas gift idea to memorialize or honor a loved one or as a special gift to your family? We are purchasing new albs for our Ministers who serve at all our Masses. For a donation of \$100 you can have an alb and a special label placed in the Alb with your message. Contact Dick Vaughan at 774-230-2163 or dvradio1@gmail.com.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

We are in need of religious education tutors to work one on one with some of our students. If you are interested in helping, please email Diane55382@aol.com or call 508-248-7862.



is in this week's bulletin as a flier. As the year comes to a close, we invite any family or person who would like to make an additional gift for Tax purposes to consider doing so...again many thanks.

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.

CALIX SOCIETY-for anyone concerned with alcoholism or drug dependency. Second Saturday of each month 9-10:00 am. Knights Rm. Paul 774-696-7543.

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.

- ◆ 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.



EMMANUEL RADIO-Do you have a favorite Christmas story, memory or testimony of faith you'd like to share on Emmanuel Catholic Radio's upcoming live broadcast, "Christmas Thankathon"? Then come into our Worcester studio or call Emmanuel Radio at (508) 767-1020 between 7am - 6pm on Thursday, December 15 and share how God and/or Emmanuel Radio have shown you the true meaning of Christmas. It's a day of thanks for our listeners and supporters!
www.1230radio.com,
cindy.dorsey@1230radio.com.
Emmanuel Radio, P.O. Box 20027
Worcester, MA 01602.



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 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**-Thursday, January 5th at 7pm. Please join us in our discussion of Glenn Beck's *The Christmas Sweater*. All are invited! Lisa Diezel 774-641-3737.



2016 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Saturday, December 24
4:00 pm Mass in the Main Church with Children's pageant
4:00 pm Mass downstairs in the Hall
10:30 pm Mass with Holy Family Tableau
Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25
8:00 & 10:00 am Mass (no 5:00 pm Mass)

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve Saturday, December 31
Mass at 4:30 pm
New Year's Day,
Sunday, January 1
Mass at 8:00 & 10:00 am and 5:00 pm



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