



St. Joseph Church

Charlton, MA

MASS CELEBRATED

Monday ~ Friday at 8:30 am

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday

8:00 am, 10:00 am and 5:00 pm

First Saturday of the Month 9:00 am

MARCH 26, 2017



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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

Next Baptismal Prep April 22nd @ 5:30 pm. Pre-registration required.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements begin a year prior to the anticipated date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays @ 3:45 pm and by appointment.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 1:00-6:00 pm, Wednesday noon-6:00 pm, Friday noon-5:00pm. First Friday/Saturday Devotion 9:00 pm until 9:00 am when Mass is celebrated (sign up in the Narthex)

ROSARY

Daily at 8:00 am
Saturdays at 3:45 pm

24 Hour PRAYER LINE

508-434-0106 or prayer@missionariesofmercy.net. 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 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the coffee room. www.stjosephscharlton.com/order-franciscan-seculars

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit material for consideration to cgkingston@yahoo.com by noon on Mondays.

ST. JOSEPH'S FOOD PANTRY

2nd and 4th Wednesday 9-11 am. Donations welcomed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST LIGHTS (grades k-5)
Sr. Agnes Patricia
sisteragnespatria@yahoo.com

EDGE YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 6-8)
Diane Cetin
diane55382@aol.com

LIFE TEEN MINISTRY (grades 9-12)
Deacon Bill Shea
bshea@dienesusa.com

ADULT FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY
Cheryl Kingston
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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, March 25

4:30 pm Ronald Bertrand by the Family

Sunday, March 26

8:00 am Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus & their families by the Knights

10:00 am Emily Dabrowski by Marie and Paul Ferree

5:00 pm Ricky Doucimo by the Family

Tuesday, March 28

8:30 am Intentions of Marion Janette by the Parish

Thursday, March 30

8:30 am Intentions of Fr. Donato by a Sister in Christ

Saturday, April 1

9:00 am Michael Thibodeau, Jr. by Ellen and Paul

4:30 pm Howard Oliver, Jr. by his wife Pat Oliver

Sunday, April 2

8:00 am Joseph and Effie Benoit by Claire Gouin

10:00 am Timothy Kelly by Armand and Irene Carpentier

5:00 pm Emily Dabrowski by Fellow Hatian

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE Monday, March 27th 8:30 am for all our dearly departed.



Stations of the Cross
Fridays at 7:00 pm
during Lent.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS- Loving God, your Son calls us to ever greater trust even as He fulfilled your will to secure our salvation. Help us to draw closer to you in faith, hope and love. AMEN

REST IN PEACE-CARL KASIERSKI father of parishioner Carl. Please keep him and his family in prayer.



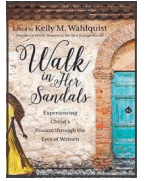
Kindly keep Fr. Norm in your prayers as he was involved in a car accident last Saturday and is now recovering.



Please pray for all our RCIC and RCIA candidates and catechumens. RCIA is on retreat this weekend.

UP & COMING EVENTS

BOOK CLUB-Thursday, March 30th at 7:00 pm in the Cornerstone. Book discussion: *Walk in Her Sandals* by Kelly Wahlquist.



SATURDAY ADULT FORMATION
April 1st at 9:45 am Fr. Donato will give a talk on *Pope Francis and The Light of Faith* in the Cornerstone.

ILLUMINATE Sunday April 2nd from 6:30-8:00 pm with Praise & Worship Music, Eucharistic Adoration and guest speaker Sr. Maximilian Cote "The Running Nun". All welcome!

Catholic Worker Bake Sale
Sunday, April 2nd

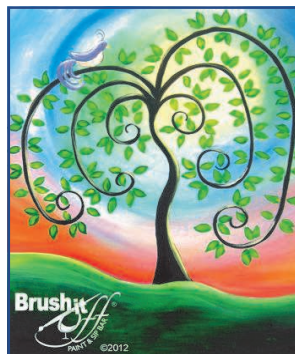
ULTREYA Friday April 7th at 7:30 pm

NEW COMMUNION MINSTER TRAINING
Saturday, April 8th 9:00 am-noon



Hosted by Mary Martha Guild Saturday, April 8th @ 6:00 pm in the hall. There will be 6 meat tables, 1 Ham Table and 1 Lobster Table. Arrive by 6:00 pm and receive 3 free tickets for a meat table.

LIFETEEN Easter Flower Sale
April 8 & 9. See Pat Lawrie if you wish to pre-order.



PAINT NIGHT in the Church Hall
Friday, April 28th @ 6:00 pm
\$35/pp (\$10 per tix goes to St. Joseph's)
Free Will offering bar and snacks
Sign up at www.brushitoff.com click on TRAVEL CALENDAR or call 774-241-3444.
Questions? call Renee at 508-864-3988.



Mary Martha Guild
 20 Week Raffle Winner
Richard Burlingame \$50.00
 Week 4



Parish Support for the weekend of March 19th was \$11328.00 with \$125.00 for the Capital Campaign and \$520.00 for the Building Fund. We are most grateful for your continued love and support. We are also grateful to our FIRST LIGHTS children for their Stewardship practices. Last week Zoey helped her sister and she along with Emma and Nicholas gave \$1.00 in the weekly collection. Thank you to all our young people for sharing their gifts.

TRINITY CATHOLIC ACADEMY NEWS

11 Pine Street, Southbridge
April 1-TRIVIA NIGHT at TCA with social hour at 6:00 pm and Trivia Contest to follow. Sign up individually or in teams at \$10.00/pp. Cash bar. Call 508-765-5991.



April 2-EASTER BREAKFAST at LaSalle Reception Center, Main St., Southbridge to benefit the 8th grade class trip. 8:00 am to 11:30 am. \$8 for adults; \$5 for seniors/children 4-10; under 3 free. Photo packages available by Village Photo.

May 20-TCA ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT @ Heritage Country Club in Charlton; 7:00 am start time; \$125.

We are also accepting applications for our 2017-18 enrollment. Call 508-765-5991 for further information.



OPEN HOUSE at St. Stephen School
 355 Grafton St., Worcester

Saturday, April 8th from 10:00 am-noon
 We look forward to welcoming students for grades Pre-K through grade 7 and their families.
 For more information, contact the school at 508-755-3209 or visit www.st-stephen.net.

The Passion

A dramatic presentation takes place Saturday, April 1st @ 6:50 pm and Sunday, April 2nd @ 1:50 pm in the Church Hall. Tickets are \$20/adult and \$10/child under 12 (includes performance, buffet of hors d'oeuvres and desserts).



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY planning has begun. The committee will meet today, March 26th @ 3:30 pm in the conference room upstairs. If you would like to be part of the planning and can not attend this meeting, contact Susan at 508-735-3269 or Paulette at 774-200-1983 to find out when the committee plans to meet next.



We are pleased that we are currently at 78% of our goal. We have received 165 gifts bringing our total to date to \$60,370.00 That is an average gift of \$366.00. Our parish goal is \$77,500.00. Remember, if we exceed our goal by \$10,000.00, all extra gifts will be applied to our parish debt. Gifts and pledges may still be made. A representative will be speaking at each Mass.

MINISTRY SHOWCASE

LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT

Alex Diaz alex Diaz.design@gmail.com and Heidi Renfrew 774-200-3381.

Our Liturgical Environment Committee is a team of active individuals who minister to our church by transforming the Worship Space into a place of beauty and transcendence in tandem with the Liturgical Year. This is especially true during the high holy seasons such as Easter and Christmas. Holy Week is our most intense season when the church is dressed and redressed throughout the week.




PIZZA PROCEEDS-Bring your flyer and eat at the Charlton House of Pizza on Sunday-Tuesday in March and 10% of the proceeds are donated to support our LIFETEEN IMMERSION TRIP. You must have the flyer with you.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY-10:00 am on 3rd Saturday of the month. Mary Stewart at 508-248-5851.
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-meeting for those concerned with alcoholism or drug dependency. 3rd Saturday each month 9-10:00 am. Knights Room. Contact Paul 774-696-7543 or Linda 508-736-2207.

- Would you like to join the Knights of Columbus? Contact Allan at 508-248-7154 or Kyle 508-248-0982 or khagger@charter.net.
- Meetings are held monthly on the 1st Wednesday in the Knight's Room. Beginning with Rosary at 6:30 pm, meeting comes to order at 7:00 pm.





Women's CURSILLO WEEKEND
 Women May 18th-21st held at Immaculate Conception Center Putnam, CT Contact Sue at sleighton1958@gmail.com or Joan Laracy at 774-239-2474 or joanlaracy@yahoo.com for application.




HIGHEST HEAVEN
Worcester Art Museum Exhibit Parish Day April 9th. Present bulletin for discounted admission for 4 people.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES HOMECARE AIDES needed. Duties include light housekeeping, shopping, laundry and personal care. Call 1-800-649-4364.



www.stjosephscharlton.com or facebook.com/St-Josephs-Parish-Charlton will have up to the minute news, schedules, pictures and ministry information.

Do you suffer with an addiction? Do you need support?
 Fr. Bob, Fr. Donato or our deacons are available to talk with in private. Arrange a meeting at 508-248-7862.

- ⇒ **PIVOTAL PLAYERS**-St. Catherine of Siena Video Monday March 27th in the Cornerstone @ 7:00 pm.
 - ⇒ **BOOK CLUB**-Thursday, March 30th at 7:00 pm in the Cornerstone.
 - ⇒ **Formed.org**-Catholic on-line resource for movies, books and video programs. Use parish code: 7526f6 to access all these resources.
 - ⇒ **SATURDAY FORMATION SESSIONS**-9:45 am on the 1st Saturday of each month in the Cornerstone. Join us.
 - ⇒ **LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD RACK**-CD's available for a \$3 donation at the front entry door. We encourage returns in the reception office for others to use.
 - ⇒ **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**-with Sr. Barbara Hobbs. Sign up in Narthex.
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- Faith Formation
cgkingston@yahoo.com

ASK THE PRIEST

Question: I've been going to daily Mass for years and I am fairly certain I have never heard readings from certain books, like Judith and Obadiah. Why is that, if over the course of 3 years we read the entire Bible?

Answer: It is actually a myth that we read the entire Bible during the course of the three year lectionary. I have never done the math myself, but I'm told that it would require reading over two pages of the Bible at every Mass if we were to do that. In fact, the only source I know who has actually calculated how much of the Bible we read is a Jesuit by the name of Felix the Just, who says that we only read 13.5% of the Old Testament and 71.5% of the new.

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