

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.



St. Joseph Church

MASS CELEBRATED

Monday ~ Friday at 8:30 am

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday

8:00 & 10:00 am & 5:00 pm

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PASTOR: Reverend Robert Grattaroti

SENIOR PRIEST: Reverend Normand Tremblay

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Reverend Donato Infante III

PERMANENT DEACONS: Deacons Peter Faford & Bill Shea

SUMMER SEMINARIAN INTERN: Brian Ashmankas



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

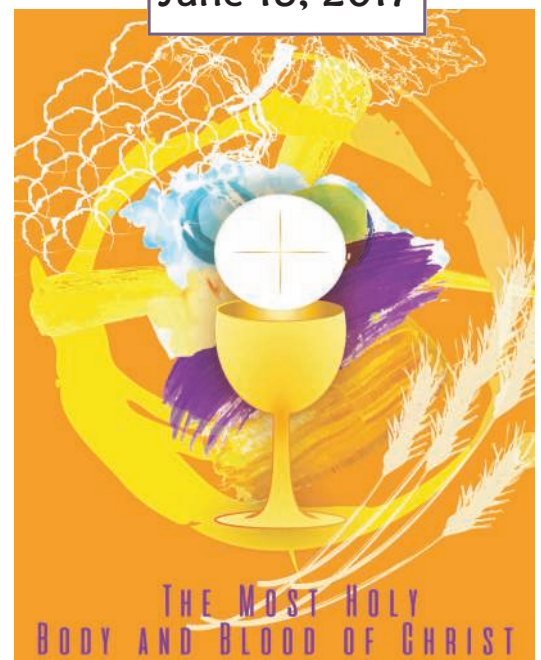
Next Baptismal Prep
July 8 @ 5:30 pm.
Pre-register please.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements begin
a year prior
to the anticipated date

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays @ 3:45 pm
and by appointment.
508-248-7862



June 18, 2017

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday 1:00-6:00 pm
Wed. noon-6:00 pm
Friday noon-5:00 pm

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
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](http://www.stjosephscharlton.com/order-franciscan-seculars)

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS
Submit information for consideration
to cgkingston@yahoo.com by noon
on Mondays.

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
cgkingston@yahoo.com

ST. JOSEPH'S FOOD PANTRY
2nd and 4th Wednesday 9-11 am.
Donations welcomed.

WELCOME: If you are alienated or upset, we welcome you lovingly. If you are in need of forgiveness, Jesus forgives you completely with unconditional love. If you have been hurt by the Church, we are truly sorry. If you are angry, Jesus offers you peace. If life has become burdensome, we are here to support you. We are happy you are here and we want you to stay. Come join us each week so we can worship together.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 17

4:30 pm Lawrence & Mary Nevalsky by the Family

Sunday, June 18

8:00 am Wilfred Fortier (55 yr. Anniv) by his daughter, Carol

10:00 am Deceased members of the Knights Columbus & their families by the K of C

5:00 pm Ovide Cournoyer (51 yr. Anniv) by his wife

Tuesday, June 20

8:30 am For the intentions of Fr. Donato on the 2nd anniversary of his ordination

Thursday, June 22

8:30 am Louise Beaudry by a Friend

Friday, June 23

8:30 am Paul Ferree by Tanya and Fred

Saturday, June 24

4:30 pm Deceased members of the Elliott Family by M/M Michael Elliott

Sunday, June 25

8:00 am Florence Grubert by Cynthia Rigatti

10:00 am Armand Dumas by M/M Russ Cournoyer

5:00 pm Cecelia F. Graham by John Hickey



Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for John Seguin by the Family

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

O God, almighty and merciful, grant us through this Holy Sacrifice, joy and peace, a holier life, time to do penance, grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit and perseverance in good works. **AMEN**



We welcome with great joy COLIN MICHAEL ROWDEN son of Adam and Audra and JOHN ANDREW GLENN FOSTER son of Andrew and Bridget who were baptized in water and Spirit this weekend.

REST IN PEACE **GERTRUDE OUELLETTE**-Please keep her and her family in your prayers.



Please pray for the candidates, Rector Jim Kelly and the team who will be on the Men's Cursillo the weekend of June 22nd to June 25th.



Your words are spirit and life,
O Lord: richer than gold,
stronger than death. Your words are spirit and life, O Lord; life everlasting.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Mary Martha Guild

20 Week Raffle Winner

Week 16-Jan & Ray Jezrach \$50.00

BOOK CLUB meets Thursday, June 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Cornerstone to discuss *The Discernment of Spirits: An Ignatian Guide for Everyday Living*, by Timothy Gallagher

Come out and cheer on our St. Joseph Volleyball team vs. St. Bernadette of Northboro on Monday, June 19th at 7:30 pm at 950 West Boylston St., Worcester.



BIBLE STUDY with Brian Ashmankas continues Tuesdays at 7:00 pm or Wednesdays at 9:15 am in first floor Meeting Room. This week's session will be; Kings and Prophets: The Two Great Authorities in Ancient Israel.

EDGE PIZZA & MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, June 23rd 6:30-8:15 pm

**School's Out Soon...
Let's Party**

FOR ALL EDGE STUDENTS. Will you be entering 6th grade in this Fall? Come join us and check out EDGE. diane55382@aol.com

90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

Join us as we rejoice with Fr. Norm and his family and friends and celebrate his 90th birthday on Sunday, July 9th beginning with Mass at 10:00 am, followed by a luncheon in the Church Hall.

**VBS K-5th grade
July 24th- July 28th
Registration forms are in
the Narthex.**



FEAST OF LOVE & OUTDOOR MASS August 6th at 1000 am

Our goal this year is to seat 400 people at the same table sharing a meal! Last year we had 275. To volunteer: Alex at 774-200-3381

Mercy & Mary
Weekend Retreat
November 10 & 11
With Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC
2 day event here. Reserve now, tickets are selling fast.
413-944-8500 X10



THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI has been celebrated since the 12th century. The celebration affords us the occasion to reflect on the meaning of the Eucharist, which is our Lord sacramentally present under the appearances of bread and wine. After the consecratory prayer, as the sequence hymn of the day says, "Beneath these signs here are hidden, priceless things." Our senses do not see but our faith does that Christ's words are true: "This is my body." This means that the gift of Holy Communion we receive should be treated with the highest respect and adoration.

Whether one receives on the tongue or in the hand, preparing a throne in one's hands and heart for our Lord, Holy Communion should always be consumed either directly in front of the one distributing or after taking a step to the side, before returning to one's seat. This allows for the priest or deacon to ensure that the Host is properly consumed. Sometimes, guests do not know what we believe about the Eucharist, which is why the ones distributing are looking to ensure that Communion is reverently consumed. Sadly, sometimes for whatever reason, consecrated Hosts end up on the floor back in the pews or inside hymnals, which is no place for the most sacred gift God has given us. If you find a Host in your pew, please let a priest or deacon know so that it may be reverently placed in the ablution cup. Thank you for your continued love of God and care for our Lord present in the Eucharist.

PARISH SUPPORT for the weekend of June 11th was \$11,516.00, \$25.00 for the Capital Campaign and \$213.00 for the Building Fund. Sisters of Notre Dame Missions \$1,602.00. If you are away in the summer months, please consider mailing in your weekly parish support or signing up for on-line giving. Go to our website stjosephscharlton.com to do so.

Faith in Action is LOVE  We have received 300 Partners in Charity gifts, we are trying to surpass last years total donors of 339. **WE NEED 40 MORE GIFTS TO DO SO.** Have you made your gift to Partners in Charity yet? If not, envelopes are in the pews. Thank you to those who have already been so generous to the Partners in Charity appeal.




God, Bless all the fathers today. We ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. AMEN

The Knights of Columbus Council 11379 held elections for officers for the 2017-2018 Fraternal Year. Elected positions are:

- Grand Knight: Kyle Haggerty
- Chancellor: Denis LeBoeuf
- Treasurer: Robert Thompson
- Advocate: Tom Wilk
- Recorder: Allan Turmelle
- Warden: Ernest Lavalley
- 3 Year Trustee: Mark Kackley
- 2 Year Trustee: Edward Covill
- 1 Year Trustee: Paul Faford
- Inside Guard: Joseph Perron
- Outside Guard: Brian Amedy

The following positions are not elected but appointed:

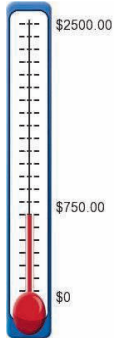
- Chaplin: Fr. Robert Grattaroti
- Financial Secretary: Brian Garney
- Lecturer: David Barbale



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Time ♦ Talent ♦ Treasure



Life Teen
Thanks you for your generous support.



PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING YOUR BOTTLES AND CANS TO HELP SUPPORT A FAMILY ATTEND CAMP SUNSHINE.



MINISTRY SHOWCASE

Religious Education Board: David Smolski
508-250-2091, davidjsmolski@gmail

The Religious Education Board is a group of 15 dedicated parish members who meet on the first Monday of each month to discuss all aspects of Religious Education from First Lights, to Edge, to Life Teen, to Young Adults and Adult Faith Formation. The purpose of this board is to ensure that the highest quality religious educational opportunities are offered to all of the youth and adults of our parish. Parishioners who are interested in joining the board are encouraged to watch the bulletin in April, when an announcement is made that new members may apply.

NEW PARISH MINISTRY
A group of parishioners will be cleaning the albs worn by our servers and Communion ministers on a regular basis. If you are interested in assisting with this important ministry, please contact Karen Norrman at knorrman@charter.net or at (508)-839-4250.

ST. FRANCIS EARTH MINISTRY is a revived ministry here at St. Joseph Church. We are seeking volunteers as our ministry is an ongoing one. We can always use equipment and supplies. If you wish to donate or help, please call Kathy Nelson at 508-847-0975.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS

- PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**-10:00 am on 3rd Sat. of the month. Ellen Thibodeau 508-248-9161
- DIVORCE SUPPORT MINISTRY**-the 2nd and 4th Mon. of month, 7:00-9:00 pm in the K of C Rm.
- GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN** Sharing experiences caring and learning about resources. Ted or Dianne at 508-764-4553.
- NEXT STEP BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** For parents who have lost a child. Meets 4th Tuesday of the month at the Medical Office Bldg of Harrington Hospital. Basement level, Rm #4. Call Sue Brunell 508-344-1564 to join.
- CALIX SOCIETY**-meeting for those concerned with alcoholism or drug dependency. 3rd Sat. each month 9-10:00 am. K of C Room. Contact Paul 774-696-7543 or Linda 508-736-2207.

- ♦ Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month in the Knight's Room. Starts with Rosary at 6:30 pm, meeting comes to order at 7:00 pm.
- ♦ **BLOOD DRIVE**-Wednesday, June 28th 1:00-6:00 pm. All donors will receive a ticket to the Big E.
- ♦ Save the date: **NIGHT AT THE RACES** on October 14th following 4:30 Mass with dinner, bar and raffle prizes.



RCIA Are you someone who has expressed interest in becoming a Catholic? Have a child over the age of 7 who has not been baptized or was baptized, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist? For more information, contact Ted or Patty Covill at 508-248-4718 or tcovill@charter.net

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.

TEACH KIDS TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AT HOME

We consider our homes to be safe places for our children. But being home alone can pose risks for them. Here are a few tips to teach kids that will help keep them safe when you are not with them at home: Never answer the door if alone. Do not invite anyone in the house without the permission of a parent or babysitter. Don't tell anyone on the phone that your parents are not home. Instead tell them that your parents can't come to the phone. For more tips, please visit www.kidsafe.com. For particular help you may call the Diocesan Office for Healing and Prevention at 508-929-4363.



- ♥ **INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE**-with Seminarian Brian Ashmankas Tuesdays at 7:00 pm or Wednesdays at 9:15 am in first floor Meeting Room. Bring a Bible.
- ♥ **LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD RACK** CD's available for a \$3 donation at the front entry door.
- ♥ **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**-Sr. Barbara Hobbs. Sign-up in Narthex.
- ♥ **FORMED.ORG**-An on-line resource for movies, books, videos and programs for adults and youth. Look and discover the treasures of this resource. Log on using parish code 7526f6.
- ♥ **MERCY & MARY RETREAT**-A day event here with Fr. Michael Gaitley, November 10 & 11. This retreat sells out nationally. Please consider reserving your ticket today. Go to 413-944-8500 Ext. 10 or Events.MarianMissionaries.org to register.



Question: What is the origin of a priest offering his ordination for a particular intention?
Answer: This question was one of the first Ask the Priest questions submitted and after extensive research, I have been unable to find its origin. I spoke with three very learned priests with advanced degrees in theology, and no one knew the origin. The theology behind it, however, is something I can explain. When we make sacrifices, like taking time to pray or offering the Mass, we can offer a sacrifice for a particular intention. In the same way, a priest is sacrificing his whole life to God, and therefore, he can offer it for a particular intention.

LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY-remember St Joseph Church in your estate planning. A bequest is a wonderful way to express gratitude to God for a lifetime of Blessings! The gift you give establishes a legacy of love for others by helping the Church to continue it's many Catholic ministries.

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