

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

AUGUST 13, 2017

10 H. PUTNAM EXT, CHARLTON, MA
508-248-7862 FAX: 508-248-5832
Mailing: P.O. Box 338, Charlton City, MA 01508
Email: stjocharlton@aol.com
Website: www.stjosephscharlton.com

PASTOR: Reverend Robert Grattaroti
ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Reverend Donato Infante III
PERMANENT DEACONS: Deacons Peter Faford & Bill Shea



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

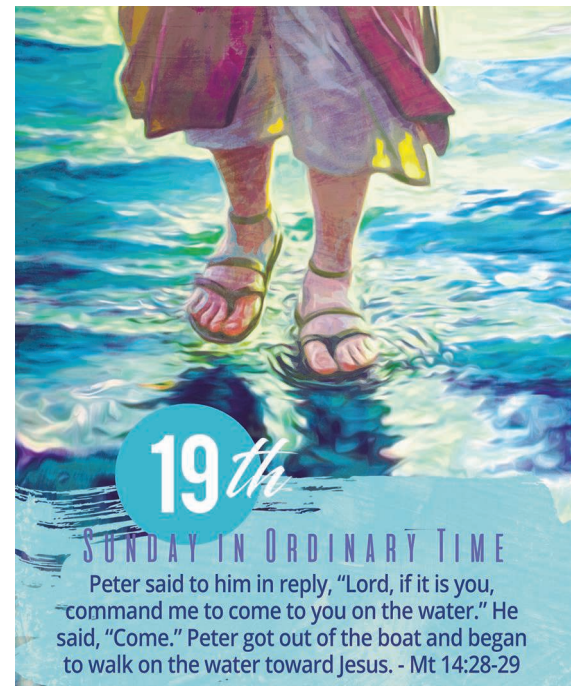
Next Baptismal Prep
August 26 @ 5:30 pm.
Pre-register please.

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



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

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY
Cheryl Kingston
cgkingston@yahoo.com

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 12

4:30 pm Stuart L. Tully by the Family

Sunday, August 13

8:00 am Ella Fortier (7th Anniv.) by her daughter, Carol

10:00 am Torin Nye by the Mueller Family

5:00 pm Special Intention by a Sister in Christ

Tuesday, August 15

8:30 am Fr. Norm Tremblay by Sandy & Richard McDonald

Wednesday, August 16

8:30 am Intentions of Michael & Sandy Buron (37th wedding Anniv.)

Thursday, August 17

8:30 am Erin Rodriques by her Family

Friday, August 18

8:30 am Kevin McDonald by his Mom & Dad

Saturday, August 19

4:30 pm Ted & Jane Dada by the Family

Sunday, August 20

8:00 am Patrick Lovett by Mary Lovett

10:30 am William Reil (19th Anniv.) by his Wife and Family

5:00 pm Special Intention by a Sister in Christ

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. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. **AMEN**



RICHARD KELLY, JR. son of Richard Kelly, Sr. and **CLARA LANGLOIS.** Please keep them and their families in your prayers.



II WEDDING BANNES

Cory Cloutier and
Kasey Torchia

NEWS AND EVENTS

The blessing of backpacks will take place the weekend of August 27th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass not as previously announced.



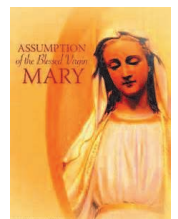
Tuesday August 15th for Life

Teen youth including those entering the 9th grade and college students home on break. Join us for 8:30 am Mass followed by breakfast.



HOLY DAY-ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Masses are Monday, August 14th at 7:00 pm and Tuesday August 15th at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm.



This retreat with Father Michael Gaitley has **SOLD OUT!** However, we have a handful of tickets reserved for our Parish. If you are still interested, let us know ASAP, as these will not last. \$49.95 Call 508-248-7862.

PARISH RETREAT
at St. Joseph Church
September 8th - 11th
Open to adults ages 18 and over.
Please contact Deacon Bill for registration at
bshea@dienesusa.com.



YOUNG ADULTS

A **MEETING** will take place in the Cornerstone on Monday, August 21st at 7:00 pm for young adults aged 25-35. Pizza and salad will be served. You are invited to come brainstorm about expanding our young adult ministry here in the parish.



Pray Gratefully | Serve Responsibly | Give Generously

PARISH SUPPORT for the weekend of August 6th was \$14,023.00, \$342.00 for the Capital Campaign and \$403.00 for the Building Fund. We are so grateful for your continued support as you make your return to the Lord. This week we were able to pay our Diocesan Cathedralicum commitment (Cathedralicum=church tax, Workmen's Comp, Building Insurances etc.) of \$9896.00 as well as our weekly mortgage payment to the Diocesan Bank of \$4,000.00 Thank you and bless you!



MINISTRY SHOWCASE

WELCOME TABLE:

Barbara Perron 508-248-7016, barbperron11@gmail.com and Dayna Dumas 508-248-9009, daynabeth@aol.com

The Welcome Table is a ministry of hospitality and the first point of contact for visitors to our parish. The welcome table provides information about the parish and our activities. It also allows for new parishioners to register at our parish, assists visitors in locating useful facilities like the children's worship room (cry room), confessional, or restrooms, and assists non-Catholics in explaining our hymnals, providing a Mass response sheet, and/or finding a welcoming parishioner or family who can sit with our visitors.

LIVING STEWARDSHIP THROUGH SHARING



OUR CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE WILL CONCLUDE ON WEDNESDAY,

AUGUST 16

PLEASE KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS.

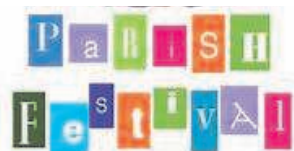
Life Teen thanks you for your generous support!



NEEDS YOU!

Our Middle School Religious Ed. Ministry is in need of core team members. EDGE meets on Tuesday evenings during the school year.

If you think you can assist, please contact Diane Cetin at 774-230-1139 or diane55382@aol.com.



St. Andrew Bobola will hold it's PARISH FESTIVAL on Friday, August 25th from 4:30-10:00 pm and on Saturday, August 26th from 11:00 am-10 pm at 54 West Main St., Dudley.

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



to all who participated in last Sunday's FEAST OF LOVE.

We are most grateful to Alex Diaz and Heidi Renfrew and their wonderful team of volunteers and to Arby's of Auburn for providing the luncheon. The rainy weather Saturday prevented the celebration from taking place outdoors as originally planned, but the picnic still took place in the Hall as a large table was set up in the Hall. We are grateful to all who attended and a special thanks for the great work crew who set it up.



MORE GRATITUDE: Thank you to Sandy Buron and her wonderful group of volunteers for a successful VBS last week. Also thank you to those who participated and those who donated goodies and supplies.

CONGRATULATIONS
At the upcoming Partners in Charity Appreciation Dinner at Tower Hill Botanical Garden in Boylston on Thursday, September 14th the diocese will be acknowledging three of it's longest (actively volunteering) chair people. Dan & Diane Cetin have been nominated by Fr. Bob to receive this acknowledgement.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS

PRAYERSHAWL 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.

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.

Women of Faith - Morning of Prayer

Finding Balance in a Busy Life: Looking at the Figures of Martha & Mary on **Saturday, August 26** from 9:30-1 pm at St. Anne's Convent, Marlborough. Marina McCoy, Ph.D. philosophy professor, spirituality writer and prison volunteer will present. Beginning with "coffee and" followed by a presentation, prayer, personal reflection and discussion. A fee of \$10.00 is paid at the door. Pre-registration required by August 17, at womenoffaithssa@gmail.com or Ann Williams at 508-481-8176. WomenOfFaithSSA.org.



♥ **LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD's**-new disk selection available for a \$3 donation at the front entry door.

♥ **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**-Sr.

Barbara Hobbs will resume on August 31st. Sign-up sheet is in the 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 WEEKEND**-with Fr. Michael Gaitley, November 10 & 11. 413-944-8500 Ext. 10.



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.

Are you someone who is 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 info, call Ted or Patty Covill at 508-248-4718 or tcovill@charter.net



Parents and guardians have the primary responsibility for protecting their children from all potential harm.

When choosing a nursery, daycare center, or school, parents should inspect the building and grounds to make sure there are no areas where children play or work that are "off limits" to parents. Such facilities should have a policy that welcomes parents to visit the center or school without prior appointment. For help contact the Director of Office for Healing and Prevention at (508) 929-4363.

ASK THE PRIEST

QUESTION: I recently attended two services for Catholic friends; 1 was a traditional burial service that had to be planned by the family, while the other was a service planned and held after the person was cremated.

What is the Catholic Church's stance on burial services vs. cremation services? After listening to both members of both families, I realize that it is much better for each of us to have that discussion, plan ahead and allow our family to grieve, reflect and move on.

ANSWER: I am sorry to hear of the loss of your 2 friends. I am not 100% sure what type of cremation service you attended. The Church permits cremation, as long as it is not done as a denial in the belief of the resurrection. In fact, it is even possible to have a "traditional" funeral Mass in the presence of cremated remains. Because of our belief in the resurrection, and because the person has dignity even after death, the Church asks that people not keep the cremated remains as "objects" (as parts of jewelry, for example, or as a decoration in the home) nor scatter them but provide a suitable place of burial for them. Further information on the topic can be found in the Church document *Ad resurgendum cum Christo*, available online.

ACKNOWLEDGING WITH GRATITUDE OUR NEWSLETTER/BULLETIN SPONSORS

- Advanced Water Quality, Bill Delaney.....(508) 248-1500
- Alliance Realty, Diane Dabrowski (P).....(508) 248-6966
- Allworth Realty (George P. Goulas, Realtor)....(508) 434-5871
- Aucoin-Ryan Realty (Brenda Ryan).....(508) 765-9155
- Bair Insurance Agency (Edward Bair).....(508) 248-4204
- Boucher's Good Books & Gifts.....(508) 755-4516
- Camosse Masonry Supply (P).....(508) 248-4044
- Carmelite Sisters of the Eucharist (P)(508) 248-2936
- Catholic Life (Brian Cournoyer).....(774-232-0597
- CatholicMatch.com/MA.....(888) 605-3977
- Catholic Relief Services.....1-877-help CRS
- CCCPA.....www.charltonchildcareproviders.com
- Charlton Furniture.....(508) 248-5566
- Charlton Manor Rest Home.....(508) 248-5136
- Charlton Oil Company.....(508) 248-9797
- Charlton Optical.....(508) 248-1188
- Charlton Storage.....(508) 248-5557
- Charlton Funeral Home.....(508) 248-4200
- Coonan Insurance Agency (P).....(508) 987-7122
- Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home.....(508) 764-7922

- David Barbale Home Improvement.....(508) 248-6709
- DiPietro Masonry, Allen DiPietro (P).....(508) 248-4704
- Elliot Burlingame & Sons, Inc. (P).....(508) 248-5076
- Fairway N.E. Mortgage - William Murphy (P)....(508) 407-8300
- Garon Electrical Service.....(508) 764-7232
- Jalbert Engineering (P).....(508) 347-5136
- LeBlanc Oil, Ed & Sandy LeBlanc (P).....(508) 248-1444
- O'Malley's Truck & Auto Body (P).....(508) 248-5829
- Paul Daoust & Company, CPA.....(508) 248-1040
- Publick House, Michael Harrington.....(508) 347-7323
- RPM Heating & Air.....(508) 248-4474
- Sansoucy Funeral Home.....(508) 764-2567
- Senior Link America.....1-877-801-7772
- Southbridge Tire Company.....(508) 765-1687
- Storage Space (P).....(508) 248-6461
- Susan David's Realty, Susan Tittle (P).....(508) 248-5555
- Trinity Catholic Academy.....(508) 765-5991
- Yankee Flea Market (P).....(508) 764-7232

(P) Represents St. Joseph Parishioners