

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 20, 2017

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PERMANENT DEACONS: Deacons Peter Faford & Bill Shea



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

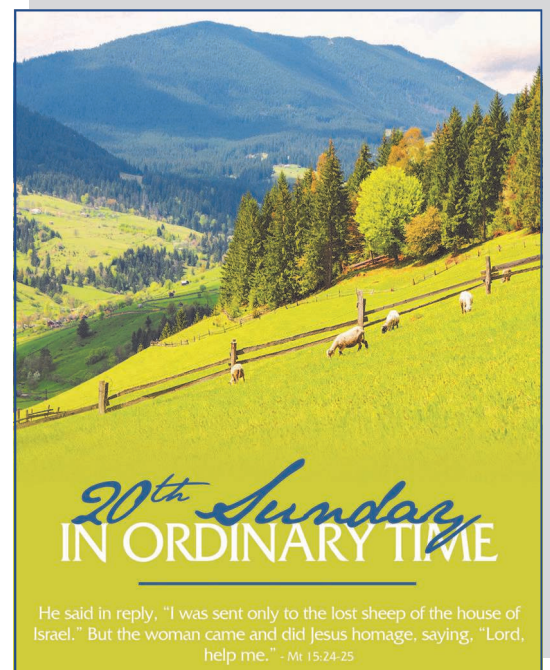
Next Baptismal Prep
August 26 @ 5:30 pm.
Pre-register please.

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
bshea@dienesusa

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 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

Wednesday, August 23

8:30 am Special Intentions of Clair Merchant by her Church Family

Saturday, August 26

4:30 pm Ralph D'Annolfo by the D'Annolfo Family

Sunday, August 27

8:00 am Paul Ferree by Melinda Merrill

10:00 am Joe Plante by the Family

5:00 pm Rick Doucimo (1st Anniv) by his Family

The Sanctuary lamp burns this week for Ralph D'Annolfo by the D'Annolfo Family



PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Loving God, in the Resurrection of Your Son you have given new life to all who believe in You. We acclaim the goodness and mercy of Your Son and place our total trust in Him. Stir up Your love in our hearts that we may share the gifts you have given us with all those in need. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. **AMEN**



With great joy we welcome **EMILY ROSE STANELY** daughter of Christopher and Pamela and **TEAGAN CATHERINE McCANN** daughter of Sean and Angela who will be baptized in water and Spirit this weekend.



Rest in Peace **THERESE GREGOIRE**. Please keep her and her family in prayer.

Please keep our Life Teen youth, Deacon Bill and chaperones in your prayers as they head to Camp Sunshine this week.

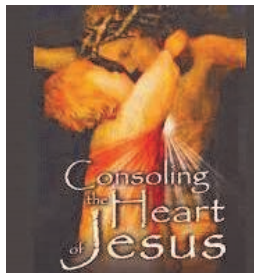


III WEDDING BANNES

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.



CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS— a "retreat" based on Fr. Michael Gaitley's book of the same name will begin here the week of September 11th. Registration forms will be in the Nathex. Contact Susan at 508-735-3269 for more information.



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.



UPCOMING CURSILLO WEEKENDS

Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. Our final 2017 date for Women is October 12-15 and the next date for Men is February 22-25, 2018. All weekends will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For additional information, please contact Sue Leighton at 508-278-3155 or sleighton1958@gmail.com.



Pray Gratefully | Serve Responsibly | Give Generously

PARISH SUPPORT for the weekend of August 13th was \$12,566.00, \$150.00 for the Capital Campaign and \$432.00 for the Building Fund. We are so grateful for your continued support.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! We needed new outside doors at the back entry of the Church Hall. These doors cost \$1,700.00 (Funding came from our

Parish Building Fund...thank you everyone!) We had intended to have them installed and when we discovered the cost would be \$2,500.00, Nelson Sleeper (Church Complex Overseer) along with his grandsons Tom and Sam Szkoda and Don Holmes, our maintenance man, stepped forward and installed them. This resulted in a savings for our parish of \$2,500.00. We are most grateful for this generous and loving spirit...The doors are fire-rated and have top windows. They look great., Bravo, everyone!



YOUNG ADULTS-A meeting will take place in the Cornerstone 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.

BIDDING A FOND FAREWELL to our chief Maintenance Person, Mr. Don Holmes, who has been with us these past four years. He has been of tremendous assistance in the upkeep and maintenance of our Parish complex. We are most grateful to the loyal, dedicated, loving and generous service he has given to our church. He will be greatly missed. He and his wife are making a move to Florida.



LIFE TEEN REGISTRATIONS (GRADES 9-11)

We will conduct parent information sessions in the Cornerstone on Saturday and Sunday September 16 & 17 after the 4:30 pm, 10:00 am & 5:00 pm Masses. Registration forms can be picked up at one of these meetings. Parents only need attend one meeting.

The FIRST LIGHTS program (grades K-5) is in need of teachers and assistants. Please contact Sr. Agnes Patricia at 508-248-7862 or sisteragnespaula@yahoo.com. Classes begin the week of September 24th.



OUR LADY OF ALL NATIONS....a

Marian devotion that began in Amsterdam in the mid 1990's when Our Lady appeared to a woman named Ida Peerdeman indicating that she wants to be known as The Mother of All Nations. The local Bishop, J.M Punt, gave permission for public veneration of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title: "The Lady of All Nations" in 1996.



How very appropriate this is in these days as our world stands on the brink of serious challenges.

Holy cards depicting Our Lady of the Nations are on the table in the Narthex.

THIS IS THE PRAYER THAT SHE REQUESTED

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send now Your Spirit over the earth.

Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations, that they may be preserved from degeneration, disaster and war. May the Lady of all Nations, the Blessed Virgin Mary, be our Advocate. AMEN.

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.

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.



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



**Reserve Space at St. Joseph Church
Fall Festival in Leicester**

Have something to sell? Anyone interested in reserving space at the St. Joseph-St. Pius X Parish Fun Family Festival on September 9th beginning at 9:00 am to promote & sell items is asked to contact the parish office at 508-859-8083 for more information. Event will take place on the grounds of St. Joseph Church located at 759 Main Street, Leicester.

♥ **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**-with Fr. Michael Gaitley, November 10 & 11. **SOLD OUT**
- ♥ **CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS**-will begin the week of September 11th. Registration forms will be in the Narthex. Contact Susan Montville at 508-735-3269 for more information.
- ♥ **BOOK CLUB**-*Fatima for Today: The Urgent Marian Message of Hope* by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, C.F.R. Discussion will be Thursday September 14th at 7:00 pm in the Cornerstone.

ASK THE PRIEST

QUESTION: We have had many young priests at our parish, people I am close in age to, people who are too young to be my Father. It has made me wonder why we call priests "Father" especially since when a new priest arrives in the parish, he has not spiritually "raised me" in the faith. Shouldn't he have to earn the title?

ANSWER: St. Paul calls Timothy and Titus his spiritual sons multiple times in his letters, which forms part of the Biblical basis for the title. However, your question is more about the somewhat awkward situation of calling someone of similar age (or younger for many people) "Father" when that particular priest has just come into one's life and is not a father the way one's childhood priest was. A story I heard from a Polish friend is insightful, I think. His friend was a newly ordained Polish priest and was hearing confessions. At the end of one of them, an elderly woman kissed his hand (the one that had just absolved her) in gratitude. He said, "Please, ma'am, I'm not worthy." She replied, "You SILLY young boy. Do you think I am kissing the hand of a 20-something? Of course you are not worthy! You are a priest and that I am kissing your hand has nothing to do with you, and everything to do with the fact God called you. If it makes you uncomfortable, let it remind you that you are unworthy."

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