

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.



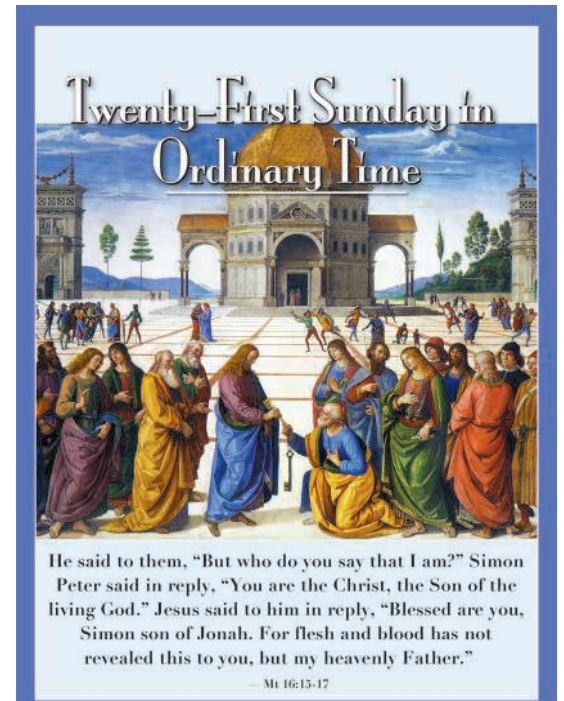
St. Joseph Church

MASS CELEBRATED
Monday ~ Friday at 8:30 am
Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday
8:00 & 10:00 am & 5:00 pm

AUGUST 27, 2017

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PERMANENT DEACONS: Deacons Peter Faford & Bill Shea



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM	SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY	SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Next Baptismal Prep October 7 th @ 5:30 pm. Pre-register please.	Arrangements begin a year prior to the anticipated date	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 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

Thursday, August 31

8:30 am Victoria Hillis (15th Anniv) by her Charlton Lady Friends

Friday, September 1

8:30 am Special Intention by a Parishioner

Saturday, September 2

4:30 pm Paul Ferree by Mr. & Mrs. Michael O'Leary

Sunday, September 3

8:00 pm Eugene Ide by the Family

10:00 pm Armand Richards by his wife Lucille and the Family

5:00 pm Cecelia F. Graham by John Hickey

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for Fr. Norm by a Parishioner



PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Lord Jesus, You have told us that You hear our every word. Open our hearts so that we may hear Your every word and that we may live according to Your words. May we be free of distractions so that we may better understand the messages and lessons You want us to hear and to live by.

AMEN



Rest in Peace **JOSEPH SZKODA** father of Thaddeus, **EVANGELINE CARLSON**, mother of John Turpin and **ANDREA BOZEK**. Please keep them and their families in prayer.



CONGRATULATIONS

Cory Cloutier and Kasey Torchia who will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage this weekend.

Happy 30th Birthday

Fr. Donato turns 30 on Tuesday, when you see him, wish him a Happy Birthday!



NEWS AND EVENTS



The blessing of backpacks will take place this weekend at the 10:00 am Mass.

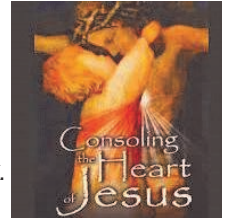


MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Monday, August 28th at 8:30 am for all our dearly departed.

CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS

"retreat" based on Fr. Michael Gaitley's book of the same name begins the week of September 11th. Registration forms are in the Narthex. Contact Susan at 508-735-3269.



WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND

Cursillo is an uplifting and educational experience. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. Held October 12-15. Contact Sue Leighton at 508-278-3155 for information.



ST. ANNE ~ ST. PATRICK

ANNUAL APPLE BAZAAR

SEPTEMBER 9 & 10, 9:00 to 5:00 pm
St. Anne & St. Patrick Parish Center
16 Church St. Fiskdale, MA

Theme Basket Raffles, Baked Goods, Main Raffle, Lottery Tree, Food Court, Clowns, Face painting, Kids games, Children's Store & more.

FALL FESTIVAL IN WESTMINSTER

St. Edward Parish, 10 Church St, Westminster
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 10:00 to 6:00 pm
Abundant food, games, a large "Attic Treasures" flea market, cash raffle, silent auction, specialty booths, entertainment and many locally produced craft items. Plenty of parking.

SAVE THE DATE-Saturday, October 7th

First Saturday Adult Faith Formation talks will be back at 9:15 am. Join us for Fr. Bob's talk entitled; *What was the Protestant Reformation?*

Religious Education Programs



The **FIRST LIGHTS** program (grades K-5) will begin classes the week of September 24th. Registrations have been sent out. We are in need of teachers and assistants. Please contact Sr. Agnes Patricia at 508-248-7862 or sisteragnespatria@yahoo.com.



The EDGE Program (Grades 6-8) is our Middle School Ministry. The EDGE meets on Tuesday evenings. The first EDGE night is Tuesday, September 26th. If you'd like to join the EDGE team, please contact Diane Cetin at diane55382@aol.com.



LIFE TEEN REGISTRATION (GRADES 9-11 INCLUDES CONFIRMATION PREP)

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. Deacon Bill at bshea@dienesusa.com



Pray Gratefully | Serve Responsibly | Give Generously



PARISH SUPPORT for the weekend of August 20th was \$12,510.00, \$125.00 for the Capital Campaign and \$665.00 for the Building Fund and \$1,034.00 for the Feast of the Assumption.

God Bless You for your continued support of our parish.

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.

Light of the World

JOIN US FOR A PARISH RETREAT

**September 8th - 10th with wrap-up on Monday evening
September 11th**

A free retreat for adults (couples encouraged) done right here at our parish proclaiming the message of the Gospel. Retreatants encounter in a deeper way, the person of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

This is not an overnight retreat. Please contact Deacon Bill for registration at bshea@dienesusa.com

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.


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 interested 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

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- ♥ **LIGHT HOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD'S**- disk selection available for a \$3 donation at the front door.
 - ♥ **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**-Sr. Barbara Hobbs resumes August 31st. Sign-up 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 RETREAT**-begins the week of September 11th. Registration forms in the Narthex. Contact Susan Montville at 508-735-3269.
 - ♥ **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.
 - ♥ **FIRST SATURDAY FAITH FORMATION TALKS**-resume October 7th at 9:15 am in the Cornerstone with Fr. Bob giving the talk entitled, *What is the Protestant Reformation?*

ASK THE PRIEST-*This weeks answer is by Fr. Bob*

QUESTION: Having never opened a Bible, and want to begin reading at home, where would one start?

ANSWER: One would start with the New Testament. Read specifically the Gospels because in them we learn about Jesus and listen to His words. Then read the Acts of the Apostles and the Epistles, concluding with the book of Revelation. One would then go on to the Old Testament. The Bible is not read like any other book because it is God's Word, beginning with Creation and Ending with Glory. It is helpful to remember that in the Bible, God is communicating with us. There are two major sections: The Old Testament (the History of our Salvation beginning with Creation...the time before Christ) and the New Testament which is about Jesus, the Son of God, who came into the world to complete the work of Salvation. As you read, pray to the Lord for an open heart and mind and let Him speak to you. It would be helpful to get a good Catholic guide to reading the Bible. Watch the bulletin for information on an upcoming Bible Study.

If you would like to submit a question for the "Ask the Priest" section of the bulletin, please submit your question to cgkingston@yahoo.com. Thank you!

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