

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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SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

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ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Reverend Donato Infante III

PERMANENT DEACONS: Deacons Peter Faford & Bill Shea



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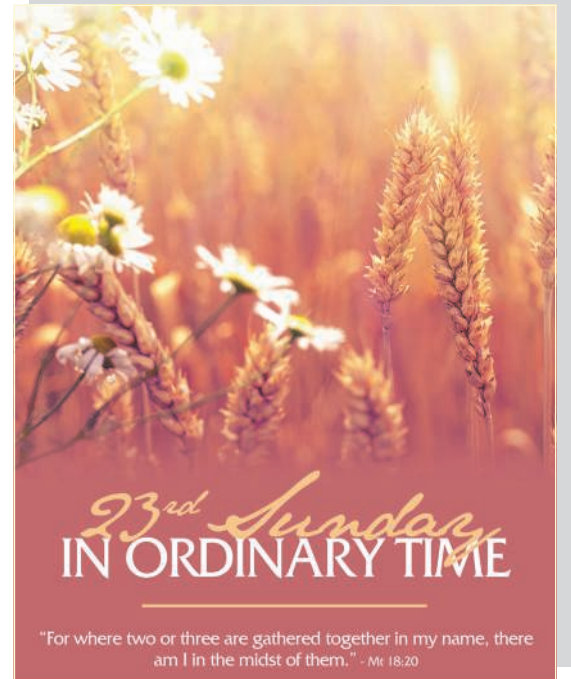
Next Baptismal Prep
October 7th @ 5:30 pm.
Pre-register please.

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
deaconbill@stjosephscharlton.com

ADULT FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY
Cheryl Kingston
cgkingston@yahoo.com

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

A friendly reminder to silence your cell phones while at Mass, thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 9

4:30 pm Robert J. Graham by the Family

Sunday, September 10

8:00 am Leon & Mary Maynard by the Family

10:00 am Richard Shea by the Family

5:00 pm Rita McEleney by Liz's Cursillo Prayer Group

Friday, September 15

8:30 am Jerry Bonner by the Family

Saturday, September 16

4:30 pm Paul Ferree by Iris Jennings

Sunday, September 17

8:00 am Richard Carrington by his wife Carol

10:00 am Emily Dabrowski by Diane and Joe Dabrowski

5:00 pm Special Intention by a sister in Christ

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this weekend for Exina Boisjolie by her daughter



PRAYER BEFORE MASS - *Sometimes I need direction, Lord Jesus. Nudge me, push me, shove me in the right direction, for You know all! I recommit myself to You with all my heart. Lord Jesus I trust in You. AMEN*



WILLIAM TITTLE, brother of David and **RICHARD WRIGHT**, father of Tammy McCann. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

GABRIELLA FAITH BURKITT

daughter of Adam and Lisa and **GRAYSON GEORGE ROE** son of Darrick and Sara who will be baptized in water and Spirit this weekend.



A ROBBERY took place in the Rectory last week. We believe it happened on a Sunday when someone went into Fr. Bob's bedroom and took cash as well as a small silver coin collection. There are suspects and it is under investigation by our Police Department. No one was hurt and it was not discovered until Monday mid afternoon. From what we are able to glean, the suspects have "hit-up" churches before and were not from Charlton. Pray for everyone involved please, the perpetrators, the victims and the police.

NEWS AND EVENTS

**GIANT MEAT
RAFFLE**



**SPONSORED BY THE
MARY MARTHA GUILD**

September 23rd at 6:00 pm in the Church Hall

ARE YOU A VENDOR?

Do you sell Lula Roe, Sentsy or other? We have a multi-vendor event for you. We are planning a Christmas event on November 17th in the Church Hall and would love for you to be a part of it!

Contact Heather Heersink by October 1st
Heersink31@gmail.com or 508-963-8694



CANTOR WORKSHOP

September 20th at 6:00 pm. Pizza will be served. New cantors encouraged.

BOOK AVAILABLE-Fr. Bob's translation of the Italian Book *Maestra Di Vita* (Teacher of Life) on the life of St. Rosa Venerini is available at a cost of \$16.00. Copies may be obtained from the Office call 508-248-7862.



NEW PARKING LINES on will be painted in our parking lot within the next few weeks.

WHAT COMES AFTER LIFE TEEN?

Are one of our high school seniors or college aged young adults and wan to grow in your faith now that you've been confirmed? Join us for a new program, **THEOLOGY BY THE SLICE**. There will be time for prayer, conversation about how the faith relates to your life, pizza and socializing in the Cornerstone Monday September 18th 7:00-9:00 pm. Questions? See Fr. Donato.

STEWARDS SHARING TIME AND TALENT

We cordially invite you to participate in one of the following ministries:

MUSIC MINISTRY, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, MARY-MARTHA GUILD, RCIA

These are just a few of the many ministries in our Faith Community which help to make it what it means to be....the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus to our families, our community, our nation and the world...Blessings and prayers as you think about where you might be able to share some of your God given gifts and talents.

THIS WEEKEND representatives of these Ministries will make a brief presentation. Sign up to become a part of these ministries after Mass in the Narthex.

MARY MARTHA GUILD—New Members Welcome. Come to the first Fall meeting on September 18th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the coffee room. The Mary Martha Guild is a women's group that fosters community by fundraising and spending spiritual and social time together.

Comfort Zone Camp-have you experienced loss or know of a family who has lost a parent or sibling. COMFORT ZONE CAMP is a special organization helping children and families through camps and day programs across the state who have suffered such a loss. One of St. Joseph's own families had lost a father when the child was 3 and recently discovered this transformative camp and organization. Sherri Pelski is willing to speak to anyone interested in learning more. spelski@hotmail.com and 617-270-1020.

CZC's **GRIEF WALK AND FAMILY DAY** takes place on October 14th in East Walpole and is a way to experience just a little of what CZC represents. For more information go to: www.comfortzonecamp.org

RIGHT TO LIFE-Notice-Doctor prescribed suicide is dangerous for the elderly, disabled, terminally ill, the poor and minorities. There will be hearings at the State House on September 26th about bills to legalize doctor prescribed suicide. Please attend at 10:00 am or call the Committee Chair, Senator Jason Lewis, 617-722-1206, to express your opposition to these bills.

check www.masscitizensforlife.org



live the
faith

Pray Gratefully | Serve Responsibly | Give Generously

PARISH SUPPORT for the weekend of August 27th was \$14,520.00, \$342.00 for the Capital Campaign and \$922.00 for the Building Fund. We are so very grateful for your continued support of this parish.

COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE RAVAGED TEXAS this weekend. Please use the special offering envelopes provided and kindly make check payable to St. Joseph Church.

Also, we will begin collection of various needed items such as scouring pads, work gloves, sponges, clothespins, non surgical latex gloves, non-aerosol insect repellent, etc. Items may be left in container in the Narthex.

This is an Ecumenical endeavor with the Federated Church and the Methodist Church through Church World Service. Spearheading this campaign for our Parish is one of the Men's Cursillo Groups.



We are most grateful to Rick Banach for implementing the illumination of the outside

ST. FRANCIS EARTH MINISTRY MEETING

There will be a meeting in the Cornerstone, Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 pm to coordinate preparations for Fall planting and the clean-up of the property, etc. We would also like to invite individuals who would like to donate perennials to attend the meeting to find out what you may have to incorporate into the grounds. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Nelson at 508-847-0975 or email at kjnelmat@gmail.com

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 for a meeting at 508-248-7862.

LIFE TEEN will conduct parent information sessions in the Cornerstone on Saturday and Sunday September 16 & 17 after all Masses. Registration forms can be picked up at one of these meetings. Parents only need attend one meeting.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH SUPPORT GROUPS

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY-10:00 am on 3rd Saturday each month. Ellen Thibodeau 508-248-9161

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 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, Room #4. Call Sue Brunell 508-344-1564.

CALIX SOCIETY-meeting for those concerned w/alcoholism or drug dependency. 3rd Saturday 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. Starting with Rosary at 6:30 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm.

• On **October 14th** after the 4:30 Mass, be transported to Louisville for the St. Joseph Church-Hill Downs **NIGHT AT THE RACES**. There will be 5 races; the last is the Kentucky Derby. Only 275 tickets are available at \$12. Each \$12 ticket for this event covers the cost of admission, the meal and the betting booths. Hors d'oeuvres are provided and served by Alex, Heidi, and their crew. Meal is pasta w/marinara, meatballs, sausage, chicken parmesan, salad, rolls, dessert, coffee/water. Cash bar. Get your tickets early for this October 14th event.

Adult Faith Formation

- ♥ **LIGHT HOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD'S**-disk selection available for a \$3 donation at the front door. Returns accepted gratefully.
- ♥ **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**-with Sr. Barbara. Please sign-up in the Narthex.
- ♥ **FORMED.ORG**-An on-line resource for movies, books and video programs for adults and youth. Check out the treasures of this resource. Log on w/parish code 7526f6.
- ♥ **MERCY & MARY RETREAT**-with Fr. Michael Gaitley, November 10 & 11. **SOLD OUT**
- ♥ **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. Book available on formed.org.
- ♥ **FIRST SATURDAY FAITH FORMATION TALKS**-resume October 7th at 9:15 am in the Cornerstone with Fr. Bob giving the talk entitled, *What was the Protestant Reformation?*



Are you someone INTEREST IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? Or 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, call Ted or Patty Covill at 508-248-4718 or tcovill@charter.net.

ASK THE PRIEST - *This weeks answer is by Fr. Donato*
QUESTION: Sometimes for personal reasons I do not receive from the chalice. Am I missing out on some type of grace because I only receive one type?

ANSWER: This question actually goes both ways, as some people are so sensitive from gluten that the low-gluten hosts are still a health-risk for them and they can only receive from the chalice. In the Eucharist, we do not receive the corpse of Christ but His risen and glorified Body. A Body is a living thing which has with it the principle of life (the soul) and also blood which runs within it and in the case of Christ, his Divinity as well. Therefore, through what we call concomitance, the whole Christ is present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in both species (the bread and the wine). It is only necessary to receive one.

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