

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 IS CELEBRATED

Monday ~ Friday at 8:30 am

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday

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

MARCH 4, 2018

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

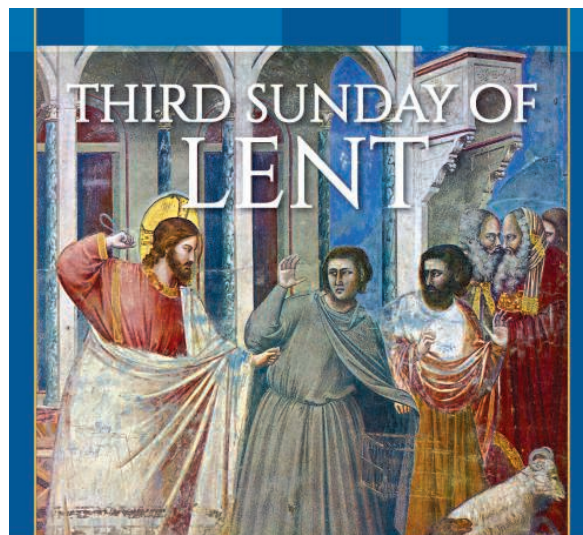
Baptismal prep
March 10th
at 5:30 pm. Please
pre-register.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements
begin a year prior
to the
anticipated date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays @ 3:45
pm and by appt.



SINCE THE PASSOVER OF THE JEWS WAS NEAR, JESUS WENT UP TO JERUSALEM. HE FOUND IN THE TEMPLE AREA THOSE WHO SOLD OXEN, SHEEP, AND DOVES, AS WELL AS THE MONEY CHANGERS SEATED THERE. HE MADE A WHIP OUT OF CORDS AND DROVE THEM ALL OUT OF THE TEMPLE AREA.
- JN 2:13B-15A

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday noon-7:00 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
sisteragnespatricia@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.

Welcome to St. Joseph Church-A friendly reminder to silence your cell phones while at Mass, thank you.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 3, 2018

4:30 PM Brian J. Cristo, by his Family

Sunday, March 4, 2018

8:00 AM Intentions of David Staples, Jr., by his Godmother

10:00 AM Daniel Shea, by the Family

5:00 PM Robert F. Graham, by his Family

Monday, March 5, 2018

8:30 AM Fr. Norm Tremblay, by Emery and Jeanne Macko

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

8:30 AM Winifred Shea, by David Dumais

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

8:30 AM Eileen Beaudry, by Judy Henderson

Thursday, March 8, 2018

8:30 AM Betty LeClair, by Jackie

Saturday, March 10, 2018

4:30 PM Jeannine Letourneau, by the Mary Martha Guild

Sunday, March 11, 2018

8:00 AM Adolfina (Monica Ruiz), by a Friend

10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

and their Families, by the Knights of Columbus

5:00 PM Elizabeth Bonner, by the Bonner Family

REST IN PEACE

In your prayers please remember

JOHN STEVENS

May he rest in the arms of the Lord and may his family find comfort in their faith.



WITH GREAT JOY WE WELCOME

HARRISON COLE TIPPLE,
son of Eric and Lauren and

AALIYAH DENISE STRICKLAND

who will be baptized in Water and the Holy Spirit this weekend. May God continue to bless them and their families.

ALL NIGHT ADORATION

Our Holy Father has asked Churches throughout the world to have adoration all night on March 9th & 10th.

Our Church has been designated by our Bishop.

We will begin with Mass on Friday, March 9th at 8:30 AM and confessions will be available. Adoration will conclude with Mass at 9:00 AM on Saturday, March 10th.

"SHEPHERDS FOR MY PEOPLE"

On the weekend of March 17th - 18th Monsignor Richard E. Collette, a priest for 65 years, has written a book: "Shepherds for my People." which will be on sale following Mass. The 45 stories in his book recall many memorable moments in Monsignor's Collette's ministry as a parish priest. The \$15.00 cost of the book will be donated to the Priests' Retirement Fund.



Daylight Savings

NEXT WEEKEND



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays at 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 PM



DID JESUS REALLY RISE FROM THE DEAD?

THIS MONDAY

Fr. Donato will show a video with discussion to follow on Monday, March 5th at 7:00 PM or Saturday, March 10th at 9:30 AM in the Cornerstone. All Are Invited to Attend

A LENT TO REMEMBER

Session 2 video and discussion: An Encounter with Mercy. Monday, March 12th 7:00 - 8:00 PM in the Cornerstone

See the Lenten schedule at stjosephscharlton.com

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

NEXT Saturday, March 10th from 9 to 12

Speak with Deacon Bill to sign up

BLESSING OF FOOD

Holy Saturday, March 31st at Noon - in the Church

THE HOLIEST FEASTDAY OF THE YEAR IS THE EASTER VIGIL

The night the world celebrates the glorious victory of the Rising of our Lord and God from the Dead. On this night (Saturday, March 31st at 7:30 PM) the Church blesses fire and the Easter candle by which we are illumined in Christ. Water is also blessed, reminding us of the cleansing waters of Baptism. New members are received into the Church and we are invited to renew the vows of our baptism wherein we sought to reject evil ways and are incorporated into the life of Christ the Risen Lord. We invite you to make plans to come celebrate the Easter Vigil this year as your celebration of Easter.

A Prayer for Lenten Grace

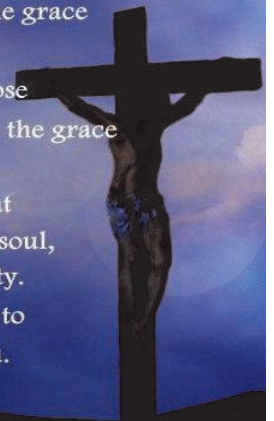
Loving God,

During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul, remind me of the grace and simplicity. May this season be grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.

Amen.





PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Last weekend was our Parish Commitment Weekend for the 2018 Partners in Charity Appeal. Thank you to those who made a gift and a special thank you for those who gave for the first time. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. To date 127 families have responded. However, we need the support of all members of St. Joseph if we are to be successful in reaching our parish goal of \$77,500.00. If you have not yet completed your pledge, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the church office or in the collection basket. Remember that, thanks to our Bishop, any amount over our goal will be applied to our Parish debt. We are confident that, with God's help and yours, we will rise to it! If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope that can be found in the pew today.

Thank you



PARISH SUPPORT

for the weekend of February 25th was \$12,489.00 with \$234.00 for

the Capital Campaign and \$173.00 for the Building Fund

Thank you for your continued support.



**FIRST LIGHTS
BAKE SALE
TODAY AFTER MASS**
Proceeds will go to
the orphans in Haiti

In Memory of Emily Dabrowski

CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS

Thursday, March 15th

6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Cornerstone

Session 2: Laying the Foundation

(pages 17 - 22, 29 - 46)

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY... planning meetings meets on Sundays at 3:00 PM in the upstairs conference room. Please join us if you are interested or call Susan at 508-735-3269 for details.

BOOK CLUB

Join us as we read "Seven Last Words: An Invitation to Deeper Friendship with Christ", by Father James Martin SJ. We will meet to discuss on Thurs., March 22nd at 7:00 PM in the Cornerstone. - All are welcome!

CONSIDERING A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD?

The Diocese of Worcester's annual discernment retreat, directed by Bishop McManus, will be held on March 23 & 24. It begins at 6 pm Friday and ends 6 pm Saturday. It's for men high school age, college age, and older.

Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, Connecticut. The retreat is free and transportation is provided if needed. For more info Speak with Fr. Bob or Fr. Donato or visit worcestervocations.com.

MARY MARTHA GUILD

MEAT RAFFLE

MARCH 24th at 6:00 PM in the Hall

LIFE TEEN EASTER FLOWER SALE

March 24th and 25th

following all Masses

All Proceeds will go to help Teens attend Life Teen Events



DIOCESAN MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY

NEXT SATURDAY, March 10th

at St. Peter Marian High School in Worcester from 1 - 5 PM. If you would like to attend this event contact Diane Cetin at diane55382@aol.com

Illuminate

Next Sunday

March 11th from 6:30-8:00 pm

The Guest speaker is

Danielle McKenna Hendricks

A former member of our parish

ALL ARE INVITED

ONE SACRED EVENT CELEBRATED IN THREE DAYS

Holy Thursday – March 29, 2018

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper, with the washing of the feet and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11 PM

Good Friday – March 30, 2018

9:00 AM Cross Walk at the Federated Church
3:00 PM Way of the Cross

7:30 PM Solemn Liturgy of the Passion and Death of the Lord with Holy Communion and veneration of the Cross.

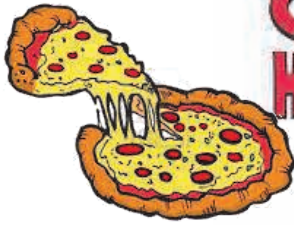
Easter Saturday, March 31, 2018

12:00 Noon Blessing of Food in the Church
7:30 PM THE GREAT EASTER VIGIL with blessing of new fire, candles, water and Baptism of Catechumens and receiving of Candidates and renewal of our Baptismal Promises.

Easter Sunday - April 1, 2018

Mass is Celebrated at 8:00 & 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM

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Between February 15th & March 31st

10% of your purchase will come back to St. Joseph Church to fund the Lifeteen Mission Trip to Boston in April. Thank you for your support.



Stay Informed

Check out these ways to stay informed of what's happening here at St. Joseph's Church:

our website www.stjosephscharlton.com or [facebook.com/St-Josephs-Parish Charlton](https://www.facebook.com/St-Josephs-Parish-Charlton) will have up to the minute news, schedules, pictures and ministry information along with weekly bulletins.

FATIMA AND ROME PILGRIMAGE

September 21st - 30th pilgrimage led by Fr. Donato with Deacon Steve Kohut. If you are interested and wish to see the itinerary, go to w.johnpaultours.com/sjcc

DON'T FORGET...

to keep our Church and its good works in your Estate plans and wills.

The Catholic Free Press

The Catholic Free Press is our Diocesan newspaper and it gives us news of parish and diocesan events, as well as news of Catholic interest from the U.S. and the world. Sign-up subscription month is February, at \$39 for a one-year subscription. Simply fill out the Catholic Free Press envelope from your envelope packet, include \$39, and return it in the collection basket. Extra subscription envelopes are available in the narthex.

DO YOU SUFFER WITH AN ADDICTION & NEED SUPPORT? Fr. Bob, Fr. Donato or our deacons are available to talk to. Feel free to call 508-248-7862 to arrange a meeting.

PARISH & LOCAL 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/drug or alcohol dependency. 3rd Saturday each month 9-10:00 am K of C Rm. Paul 774-696-7543 or Linda 508-736-2207.

HOMELESS SHELTER-St. Luke's Guesthouse Southbridge providing temporary shelter for homeless people in need. www.stlukesguesthouse.wordpress.com

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR THOSE WITH CANCER- at St. Vincent Cancer & Wellness. 1st Thursday of month begins with Mass at 11:30 am followed by faith sharing. 1 Eaton Place, Worcester. Validated Parking 508-363-6246.

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