

A HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER TO ONE AND ALL

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

APRIL 1, 2018

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PERMANENT DEACONS:

Peter Faford, Bill Shea and Steve Miller



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Next baptismal prep
April 28th at
5:30 pm. Please
pre-register.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements begin
a year prior to the
anticipated date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at
3:45 pm and by
appointment.

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](http://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 9:00-11:00 am.
Donations welcomed.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 31

7:30 pm **Joann Harwich** by the Vaughn Family

Sunday, April 1

8:00 am **Intentions of Cameron Carpenter** by his Godmother

10:00 am **Jeannine Letourneau** by Gerry Boivin

5:00 pm **Cecelia & Robert Graham** by the Family

Monday, April 2

8:30 am **Dominica Vigneault** by Kim Harmen & Family

Wednesday, April 4

8:30 am **Eileen Beaudry** by Judy Henderson

Friday, April 6

8:30 am **Catherine Montville** by David Dumais

Saturday, April 7

4:30 pm **Allen Paquin** by his sister, Claudette

Sunday, April 8

8:00 am **Anne Marie Lawrence** by her Family

10:00 am **Ralph Fennessey (2nd Anniv.)** by the Family

5:00 pm **Florence Palermo (1st Anniv.)** by the Family

REST IN PEACE

in your prayers please remember

JOHN BURQUE

DOROTHY BURLINGAME

AND DENNIS BREITENFELD

May they rest in the arms of the Lord
and may their families find comfort in their faith.



Marriage Banns

III Joseph Gogan and
Joanna Cloutier

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY is celebrated next Sunday, April 8th
from 6:30 AM - 4:00 PM. See this weeks insert for details

HOW ABOUT MAKING A CURSILLO WEEKEND?

www.fourthday.org

A weekend facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. The weekend is full of laughter, prayer, great music, wonderful meals and so much more. Our 2018 dates are: Men's - June 14-17; Women's - May 3-6 & October 25-28. 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 OR Joan Laracy at 774-239-2474 or joanlaracy@yahoo.com.

Ultraya takes place 1st Friday of the month at 7:00 PM.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Lord Jesus, on this Easter Day, I thank You for Your love in saving me. When I think of what You endured, I am filled with awe and gratitude. Help me to remember always that I am indeed Your precious child, saved in Your Holy Blood. As I praise and bless Your Holy Name, I ask the grace to be gentle, merciful and forgiving. May I reflect Your love to all I meet. Amen



Easter Egg Hunt
takes place after the
10:00 am Mass today.

NEW EASTER (PASCHAL) CANDLE

Has been donated by

Steve and Rose Kupiec

and Arthur and Marie Mahlerlert



We are most grateful. At the Easter Vigil the priest blesses the new candle which represents Our Lord Jesus and prays:

"May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds".

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Is celebrated for 41 of our young children on May 5th

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

is celebrated at our Church with Bishop McManus on Thursday, May 10th at 7:00 PM. St. Ann-St. Patrick in Sturbridge will be joining us.

Please keep all our children preparing for these sacrament in your prayer

St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a evening of Beer Tasting on Saturday, April 21st, 7:00 pm



The evening will feature beers from Jack's Abby.

Jack's Abby was founded in 2011 by three brothers, Jack, Eric, and Sam Hendler, Jack's Abby has become a mainstay of the craft brewing scene in the Northeast and

nationwide. Their mission is to create truly distinctive lagers featuring locally grown ingredients, traditional German brewing standards, and American innovation.

All proceeds will go to various projects the KOC support. Go to

stjosephscharlton.com/beer-tasting
to register. Must be 21+.

Deadline to register is 5:00pm April 17th.

WELCOME TO OUR FAITH FAMILY

We rejoice with the following Catechumens and Candidates, their Sponsors, Godparents and Families, who are received into our Catholic Church this Easter Vigil.

Catechumens-those receiving the Sacrament of Baptism, First Communion & Confirmation

HILLARY BORGES and SOPHIE MAKER.

Candidates-those receiving the Sacrament of First Communion & Confirmation:

BOND, DANIEL HOWARD and ERIK LOUIS. HANNAH LOUIS

Candidates-those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation only:

BEAUDRY and ARIEL COSTABILE.

YOUTH RECEIVING SACRAMENTS:

Baptism and First Communion: **KADEN BLASZCZYK**, First Communion: **NATHAN LOUIS** and

Already fully received into our Catholic Faith is Lisa Boisvert

WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL TO OUR R.C.I.A. & R.C.I.C. TEAM...

Mark & Sue Netsch, Ted & Patty Covill, Keith & Toni Fredette, Ricci & Paula Hall, Judi Marment,
Bob & Sue Quinn, Alyson Romanelli & Paul & Sandy Weisblatt

GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU ASSUME YOUR PLACE IN GOD'S FAMILY OF FAITH

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.

Dear Parish Family and Friends of our Parish,

A Happy and Blessed Easter to all and a warm and hearty welcome. All of us on the Parish Staff: Fr. Donato and myself, Deacons Bill, Peter and Steve, Sister Agnes and our administrators and Religious Education team wish you a wonderful and joy filled Easter.

We are so happy to welcome the newest members of our faith, our catechumens and candidates who were received into our Church at the Easter Vigil. As I wish you all the best for Easter, I do so with a grateful heart. I thank you for your expressed faith and for your love of God and neighbor. I also thank with heartfelt gratitude the veritable holy arm of musicians, ushers, greeters, decorators, acolytes and altar servers, religious educators, Holy Communion and Sacred Word ministers and our entire staff for their dedicated and loving service to our parish. We are indeed blessed with such selfless and loving followers of Christ! Easter brings so many promises of God to us: life is stronger than death, love can overcome hate, goodness ultimately triumphs over evil, and eternal life, joy and glory with God are our destiny.

I pray that Jesus may live in your hearts, and in your homes, I pray that we may always embrace Him with love and gratitude. May His love and His peace fill our hearts, our lives, our homes and our families each and every day. God bless each and every one of you and your loved ones.

Happy Easter,
Father Bob

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday's offerings were \$12,147.00,
with \$437.00 received into our Building Fund and
\$25.00 for Capital Campaign.

Thank you and God bless you!!!

St. Joseph Altar Servers "Pennies From Heaven"

We are all so fortunate to have our family and friends, our great schools and of course our Parish here in Charlton. We need to assist our Bishop McManus as he helps other children that may be less fortunate.

Father Bob is so excited that we will be collecting "PENNIES FROM HEAVEN" for Partners in Charity! So, check around your couch cushions, and save your loose change, and ask family and friends for their loose change.

Altar Servers will be in the Narthex after Mass, the weekends of April 7th and April 15th to receive the change. The Altar Servers from our Parish will present the "Pennies From Heaven" to Bishop McManus in Worcester.

We can't wait to see Bishop McManus' and Father Bob's faces when our St. Joseph Church Charlton Altar Servers, in their albs and ribbons, present OUR "PENNIES FROM HEAVEN" to help those that need.

Remember, every Penny counts!
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!



**Mary Martha Guild
Raffle Winner
Week 4**

Dottie Farrell \$50.00



Dear Parishioners: we are now very close to our goal of \$77,500.00. To date we have received gifts from 235 families.

If you have not yet made a pledge, consider making one today. Pledge envelopes can be found in the pews and returned in the collection basket.

THANK YOU!

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. 4th Tuesday of the month at the Medical Office Bldg. Harrington Hosp. Basement, Rm 4. 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.

PRAYER WHEN HURT BY SOMEONE
 Someone I care deeply about has hurt me, Lord, and my pain is great. My sense of trust and love is shaken, and I feel betrayed and alone. You experienced the abandonment of friends and followers, and yet You were able to forgive them even as You hung on the Cross. I ask that You help me grow past the bitterness and anger I now feel. Remind me that it is part of human nature to disappoint others occasionally and that I, too, have hurt others through thoughtless and selfish actions. You alone can know and meet all my needs. You alone can extend a friendship which never disappoints nor abandons nor seeks its own rewards. Focus my thoughts on the loving and forgiving example set by Your mother, Mary, so that I will find the courage to truly forgive and to grow through this experience into a stronger and better person. May that forgiving love, which must have shown so clearly in Mary, shine brightly in my life also. AMEN



Did You Know? Internet Safety for Kids

The Internet has become the new schoolyard for child molesters seeking kids to victimize. Internet "chat rooms" provide a teenager with an opportunity to engage in a "live" conversation with friends from school or church, or with other teenagers from around the world. A chat room is similar to an old-style telephone party line, except that the teens are typing. Law enforcement has found that child molesters use chat rooms to gain easy access to teens. Because of the seemingly caring and seductive talent of child molesters, teenagers should be warned that when they are in a chat room, they should never provide anyone with private or personal information, and especially their specific physical location. For particular help you may call the Director of Office for Healing and Prevention at (508) 929-4363.

Adult Faith Formation

CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS
 Thursday, April 5th
 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Cornerstone. Session 3: Obstacle "O" (pages 46-59).

- **LIGHT HOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD's**-a new selection is available for a \$3 donation at the front door.
- **FORMED.ORG**-an on-line resource for movies, books and video programs for adults and children. Check it out, it's free to parishioners. **Log on w/parish code 7526f6.**
- **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**-w/Sr. Barbara. Sign-up in the Narthex.
- **CURSILLO**-for women on the weekend of May 3-6th. Contact Ruthie Beringer for more information at 508-248-1954 or r_beringer@yahoo.com.
- **BOOK CLUB**-our next book is *The Case for Jesus: The Biblical and Historical Evidence for Christ* by Brant Pitre with discussion on May 17th at 7:00 pm in the Cornerstone.

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 will have up to the minute news, schedules, pictures and ministry information along with weekly bulletins.

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