



St. Joseph Church

CHARLTON, MA

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Pastor
Reverend Bob Grattaroti

Associate Pastor
Reverend Charles Omolo

Permanent Deacons
Bill Shea
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am
& 5:00 pm
Daily Mass at 8:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:45 pm or by
appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal preparation is required.
Preparation sessions are cancelled
until further notice.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements for a wedding
begin a year prior to the date.
Call Parish Office at 508-248-7862
for arrangements.

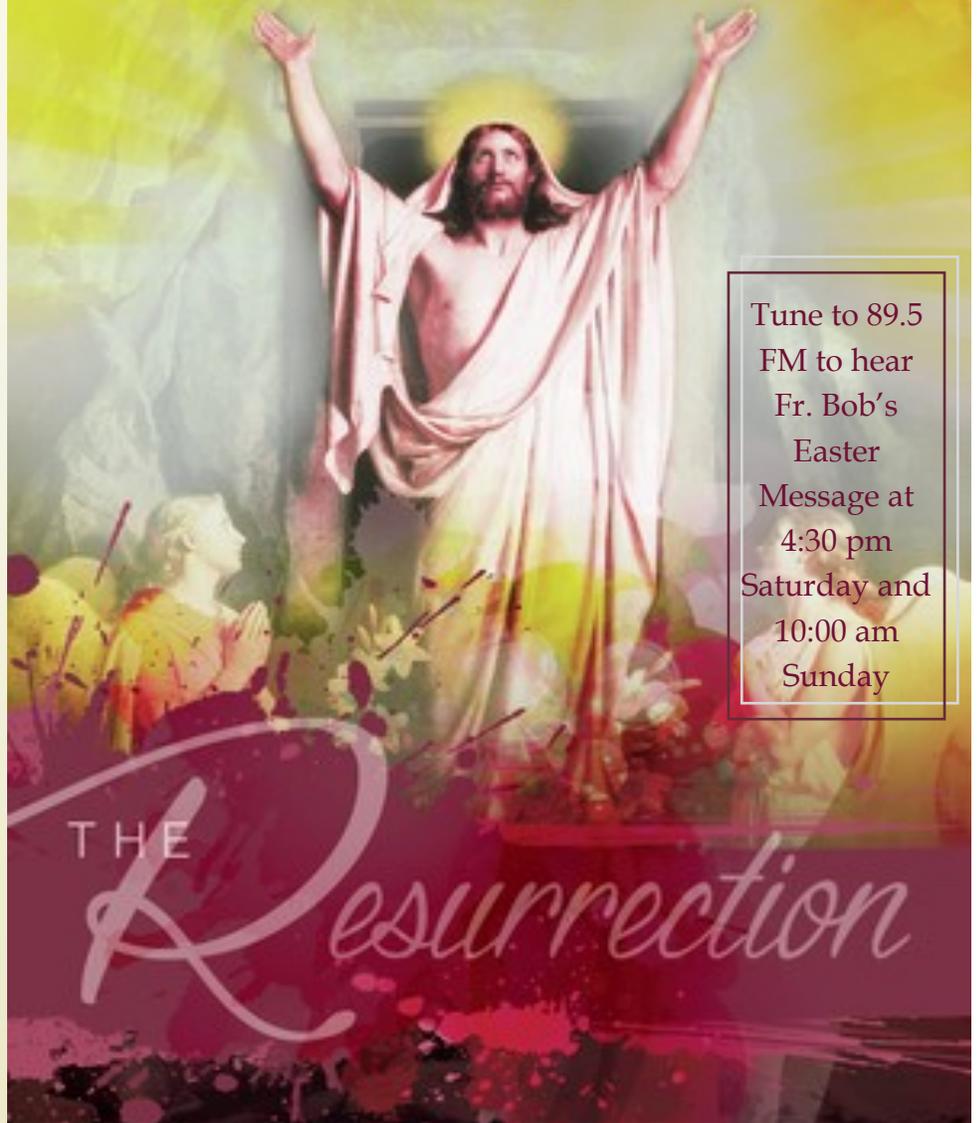
Eucharistic Adoration

Monday Noon-7:00 pm, Tuesday
7:30-8:30 pm, Wednesday Noon-
6:00 pm, Thursday 7:15-8:15 am
& Friday Noon-5:00 pm

Rosary

Daily 8:00 am & Saturday 3:45 pm

E A S T E R S U N D A Y



Tune to 89.5
FM to hear
Fr. Bob's
Easter
Message at
4:30 pm
Saturday and
10:00 am
Sunday

*Until the time when we can all assemble for Mass, Drive-by
Blessings will continue. Saturdays 4:30-5:00 and
Sundays 10:00-10:30.*

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**12
APRIL
2020**

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things and desire to receive You into my heart. Since I cannot now receive you in your personal Eucharistic presence, I ask you to come into my heart spiritually, and to give me the abiding presence of Your love and comfort. I embrace You as if You are already within me, and I unite myself totally to You. Never permit me to be separated from you. Holy Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, pray for me and for the entire world. **AMEN**

Please keep Fr. Charles in prayer. Fr. Charles went to visit some close friends out of state when the "stay-in-place" directive came. He will return as soon as he is able. Fr. Bob is in daily contact with him.



Easter Blessings to all.

ONLINE MASSES AVAILABLE:

- Capuchin Franciscans are livestreaming Mass from their monastery in Colorado...Fr. Simeon has been celebrating the Mass. Go to capuchins.org/mass/
- Bishop Robert Barron has been streaming Mass from his private chapel. wordonfire.org/daily-mass/

NOTICE: In order to minimize risk to us and our staff, our offices continue to be closed to the public. If necessary, please contact us by phone or by email, and monitor our website for any updates. We suggest that you text the word CHARLTON to 84576 to receive updates from the parish via Flocknote. Thank you.



Rest in Peace-**GLENN THIBEAULT** and **LUCILLE RICHARDS**. May they rest in the arms of the Lord and may their families find comfort in their faith.

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This is a great opportunity to introduce yourself to FORMED.ORG. Dive into your faith **AT HOME**. Discover books, audio talks, movies and video studies. There's something for everyone, including the children. Prepare yourself for Lent by checking out their offerings. Go to formed.org and sign by using only your email address. It's a free subscription paid for by St. Joseph Church.

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PICK OF THE WEEK



Ocean of Mercy-Movie
At the dawn of the 20th century, 3 voices rose up from Poland to proclaim an urgent message, a message powerful enough to alter the course of an age plunging into spiritual darkness.

RAFFLE
TICKET
WINNER

Mary Martha Guild
20 Week Raffle
Week 7 Winner
Timothy Kasierski
\$50.00



2nd ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Saturday June 13th
7:30 am Shot Gun Start.
Heritage Country Club

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What Is Divine Mercy Sunday and Why Do We Celebrate It?

On April 30, 2000, during the canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II announced that the Second Sunday of Easter will be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. This year it is April 19th.



In her diary, St. Faustina recorded these words that she received from Our Lord, *My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy.*

I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy.

He continues, *I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy...Whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment.*

On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy.

Jesus asked an image be painted with the words, “Jesus I trust in You” and that it be venerated on Divine Mercy Sunday. In the image, Jesus points to His heart from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity. Jesus explained that the two rays represent ‘blood and water.’ He said, *These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when my agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross.*

How to Receive the Graces of Divine Mercy Sunday

- Go to Confession (during Lent or during the 8 days of Easter through Divine Mercy Sunday)
 - Receive Holy Communion
- Venerate the Divine Mercy Image (especially during 3:00 – 4:00 pm, the Hour of Great Mercy) – praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- Be merciful to others in our thoughts, words, actions and prayers on their behalf

No Confession? No Eucharist? Can I Still Fulfill the Conditions for Forgiveness of All My Sins?

You may be questioning if you are able to fulfill the conditions for the plenary indulgence that our Lord promises to us and St. Faustina on Divine Mercy Sunday. Fr. Chris Alar from the National Shrine of Divine Mercy explained that in this situation where you are unable to receive the Sacrament of Confession, if you desire it, yes, you can! God’s Mercy is that great! (cf. marian.org)

The Catechism says; if you make an Act of Contrition from your heart and tell God that you are sorry for your sins, that you detest your sins and make a resolution to sin no more, then God will forgive these sins, even mortal sins, as long as you make a firm intention to go to Confession as soon as possible.

The same is true if you are unable to receive Holy Communion. You may make a Spiritual Communion. Say to the Lord, I cannot receive you now, sacramentally, fully body, blood, soul and divinity in Holy Communion. But, I desire it from my heart so please grant me this grace as though I did receive you sacramentally. And you will receive it, as long as you make a firm intention to return to the Sacrament as soon as it is possible.

You will then fulfill the conditions of the plenary indulgence by saying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, venerating the Divine Mercy image, and making a Spiritual Act of Confession and a Spiritual Communion with our Lord.

**See Divine Mercy Sunday
Schedule of Events for St. Joseph
Church on the next page.**

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St Joseph's,

A Happy and Blessed Easter to All. With the challenges we are all experiencing because of this world-wide health crisis...it will be a different Easter as we all so well know.

Someone once said, "if life gives you lemons, make lemonade". Though this may not be very comforting, I believe there is a grain of truth in it. This is a wonderful time, while we are all in our homes, observing social distancing, to get to know one another better and to appreciate the gifts we really are as the people of God, a time to share greater intimacy with one another. There is joy still within us, let us rediscover it. Reach out to neighbors and family members with whom we may have lost contact. Think of the Apostles and followers of Jesus...who after a wonderful meal (the Last Supper) found themselves the next day terribly lost, fearful, anxious and without any answers and yet, as we read in Scripture...Peter and John ran to the tomb that Sunday morning...fearful perhaps, yet expectant...what would they find?...It was empty and an Angel was there saying "He is risen"! That night He appeared to them and restored their hope, their dreams and their purpose and their joy...."Peace be with you," He says. It is the same Jesus who also appears to us...even as we walk through this "Valley of the shadow of death" as David says in the Psalm 23....Still God is with us!



Again, when the Apostles were confused, and had little answer....Peter said to Jesus (in John's Gospel Chapter 6 about the Lord's teaching on the Bread of Life) "to whom should we go, Lord...you have the words of Eternal Life." Jn 6:68-69.

And so, we too, have reason for our hope. God is with us...and He does not leave us alone. Recall these tender words, "...and behold, I am with you always until the end of time." Mt.28:20

May we take this time to pray deeply for those wonderful servants and neighbors of ours the nurses, doctors, pharmacists, policemen, firefighters, first responders, the grocery workers...and so very many other wonderful and generously loving people who caring for us and helping us in every way.

This Easter may we again be reminded, as we recall the vows of our Baptism...that we believe in the Communion of Saints, we belong to one another and we believe in the beauty of life...and of life eternal; which Jesus restored to us by His death and Resurrection. God Bless You all.

Peace...love and joy....Father Bob Grattaroti

St. Joseph Church, Charlton
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 19, 2020

- 1:00 pm Welcome & Introduction to Divine Mercy
Reflection and short meditation from St. Faustina's Diary
- 1:15 pm Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 2:00 pm Rosary (Glorious mysteries)
- 2:30 pm Guided Meditation-Jesus speaks to St. Faustina



- 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet (in song)
Litany of Trust
Agnus Dei (in song)
- 3:45 pm Benediction and Divine Praises with Fr. Bob Grattaratti



May the Resurrection of our Savior be a constant reminder of His love and promise of eternal life.

STEWARDSHIP Corner

PARISH OFFERINGS for the weekend of April 5th were \$12,843.00 and \$1,122.00 for the Building Fund. We are indeed most grateful and certainly encourage your continued support. We thank you for those who have doubled or tripled their gifts, such a wonderful testimony to the faithful and good will of our parish family.

Thank You!

Please consider giving your weekly parish offering via on-line giving. Go to stjosephscharlton.com and click **ON-LINE GIVING**.



Every gift at every parish will help!

Partners in Charity in Pew Collection has been postponed until further notice. Thank you for the Partners in Charity gifts which have already been received. Your gift may be shared at any time.



WELCOME to St. Joseph Parish, we are glad you are here. If you are new to the parish and need to register, please contact the parish office at 508-248-7862.

Scripture readings for the week of April 12

S: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10
M: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
T: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
W: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
Th: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
F: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118: 1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a [22]/Jn 21:1-14
S: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31



If you would like Communion brought to you at your home? Please call 508-248-7862. *Currently not offered.*



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Parish Ministries & Support

RCIA & RCIC

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or Children. Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Ted or Patty Covill at tcovill@charter.net.

MARIAN PRAYER CENACLE

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Mondays at 7:00 pm

DIVORCE SUPPORT MINISTRY

the 2nd and 4th Monday each month 7:00-9:00 pm in the K of C Room.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Contact Ellen Thibodeau at 508-248-9161 if one is needed.

CANCER SUPPORT

St. Vincent Cancer & Wellness, Worcester. 1st Thursday with Mass at 11:30 am. 508-363-6246.

CALIX SOCIETY

Catholic Support for those fighting Addictions-3rd Saturday of the month. 9:30-10:30 am 2nd floor of Emmaus Center, Webster. 508-887-2225

FOOD PANTRY

2nd & 4th Wednesdays 9:00-11:00 am. Food donations are gladly accepted.

NEXT STEP BEREAVEMENT

For parents who have lost a child. 4th Tuesday of the month, Medical Office Bldg. Harrington Hosp. Rm 4. Sue Brunell 508-344-1564.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

meet the 1st Wednesday of the month in the Knight's Room at 7:00 pm

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3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm www.stjosephscharlton.com/order-Franciscan-seculars

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Susan Montville tsmontville@aol.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

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