



St. Joseph Church

CHARLTON, MA

10 H. Putnam Ext.
P.O. Box 338 Charlton City, MA 01508

Pastor
Reverend Bob Grattaroti

Associate Pastor
Reverend Charles Omolo

Permanent Deacons
Bill Shea
Steve Miller

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 10:00 am & 5:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am

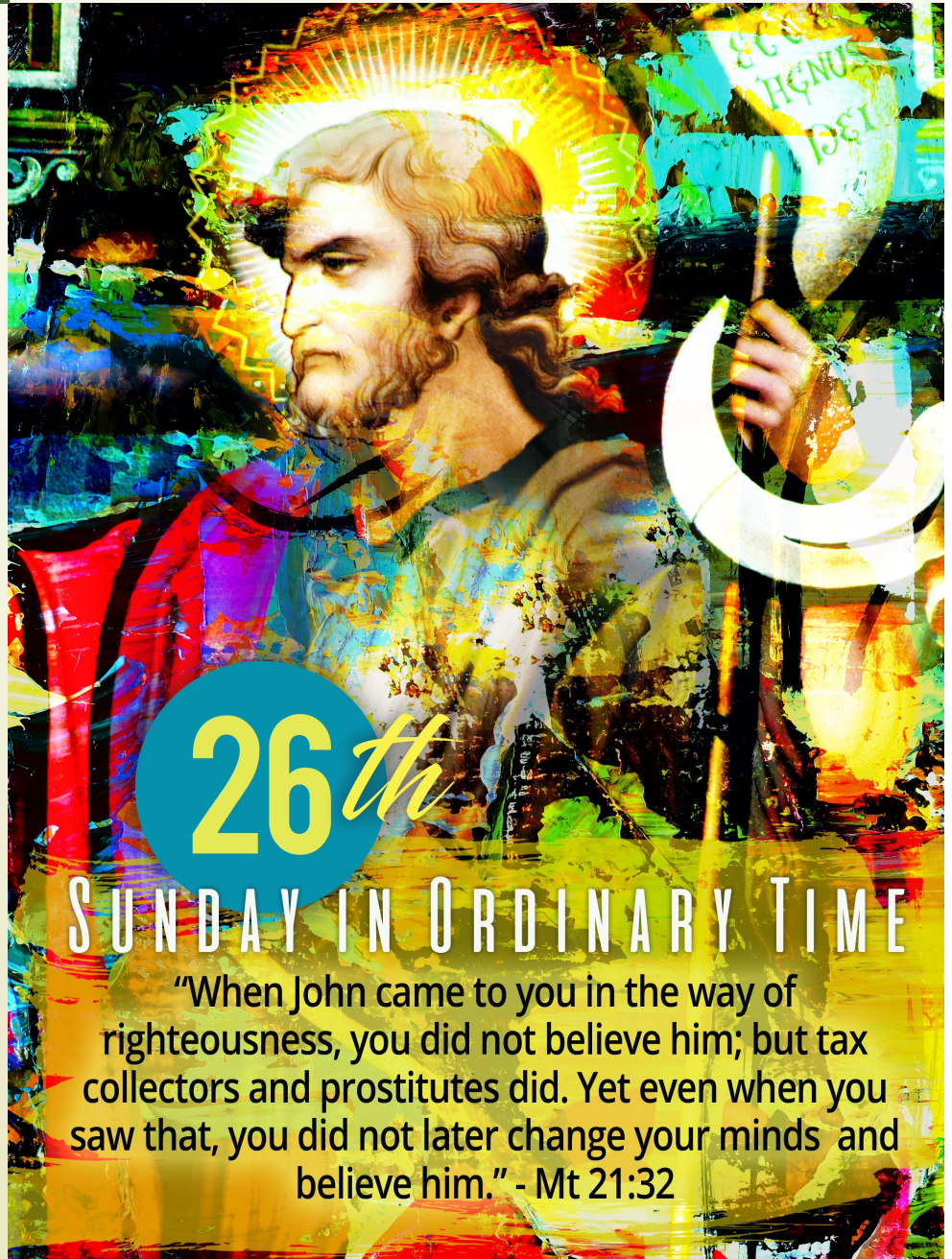
Sacrament of Reconciliation
by appointment at 508-248-7862

Sacrament of Baptism
Baptismal preparation is required.
Our next session is October 17th

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
Perpetual Adoration takes place
from the second story window to
the right of the portico until
further notice.

Rosary
Suspended for the time being.



Parish Office: 508-248-7862
Fax: 508-248-5832
Email: stjoecharlton@aol.com
Website: stjosephscharlton.com

27
September
2020

MASS **INTENTIONS**

Saturday, September 26

4:30 pm **Earl & Theresa Wright** by their Daughter and Family

Sunday, September 27

10:00 am **David Courtemanche** by the Family

5:00 pm **Stan Lawrie** by his Wife and Family

Tuesday, September 29

8:30 am **Gary Jennings** by his Wife, Iris and Family

Thursday, October 1

8:30 am **Barbara Lamoureux** by the Tully Family

Saturday, October 3

4:30 pm **Russ Hokanson** by Ron and Sheila Hokanson

Sunday, October 4

10:00 am **Fallen Firefighters of Charlton: Don Stearns, Jr. and John Daily** by the Fire Department

The sanctuary lamp burns this week for **Earl & Theresa Wright** by their Daughter and Family



Rest in Peace

BENJAMIN FONTAINE, JR. father of Tina O'Donnell. May he rest in the arms of the Lord and may his family find comfort in their faith.



Congratulations to **MADISON PAULHUS** who is to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 5:00 pm Mass. We welcome her uncle, Fr. Ron Falco, pastor of St. Bernadette Church who will be assisting at the Mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available by calling 508-248-7862 or email us at stjoecharlton@aol.com to make an appointment with Fr. Bob or Fr. Charles. Confessions are heard either outdoors or in the Cornerstone.



Saturday, October 3rd at noon we will offer the Blessing of Animals with Fr. Charles. Kindly keep you pets on a leash or in their cage, thank you.



Training Class for **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Saturday October 10th 9:00 am to Noon.
Contact Deacon Bill Shea at 508-254-8512



This year we have ordered books for each of our middle school students. When they arrive you will be notified via Flocknote as to when and where to pick them up. Included in the Flocknote will be the weekly schedule of topics, lessons and service projects through December!

Each Tuesday a brief Zoom meeting is planned for middle school students.

Join the weekly Zoom meeting by typing in the following link it in your browser:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5083867986?pwd=RDAvait2MHLiSXg4VUZFTjRsd3FpZz09>

The meeting ID and passcode will be provided via a Flocknote to all of the EDGE parents. EDGE registration is still OPEN and forms can be found on our website and returned to the church after Mass or by mail.

Sandra Buron, EDGE Director
mrsbedge2018@gmail.com

COVID

GUIDELINES

- Church capacity is limited to 275 parishioners. Once that number is exceeded you can return to your vehicle and listen on 89.5FM.
- A mask/face covering, must be worn at all times.
- Keep a 6' social distance from others at all times unless members of the same family.
- Sit only in pews marked as open.
- Adhere to all Off Limit/Restricted Areas.
- Limit your use of the rest room if possible.



**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 4th
6:30 pm**

The churches of
Charlton are
invited to gather
on the front lawn

of St. Joseph Church for a **PRAYER SERVICE** asking God to remove this pandemic and to heal all those affected by it in any way, those who have it, those who care for them including all doctors, nurses, caregivers, first responders, fire departments, police departments, and all others concerned for the safety and well being of our community. We will observe the 6 foot social distancing requirement, as well as the wearing of masks, and other safety precautions. This is not intended to be a lengthy service, but rather a community prayer gathering for all to ask the Almighty Creator of us all to bring an end to this Covid-19 virus in our community, our country and our world.
Bring a chair.

LOCATION CHANGE OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOR ADORATION

The location of the Blessed Sacrament has changed. It is now located in the front second floor window of the East wing of the building. Adoration continues outside at the Church 24/7 for the foreseeable future. You are able to park and pray from your vehicle.



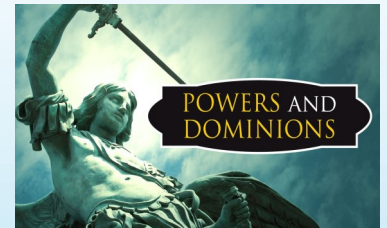
Beginning this Wednesday, the Divine Mercy Chaplet in song will not be taking place.

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ON DEMAND.

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**PICK OF THE
WEEK**



In all of God's creation we see such splendor, beauty, mystery, and wonder. Within this creation there are beings with intellect and free will: humans and angels.

From the creation of the world, the realm of the angels and the world of men have interacted. This interaction is not always a positive one.

This film explores the spiritual world, that very real but unseen realm: God, the human soul, angels, demons (fallen angels), spiritual warfare, the reality of demonic possession and exorcism, the dangers of the new age movement and the occult, and much more. Featuring speakers and authors Steve Ray, Fr. Andrew Pinsent, Fr. Marcus Holden, Joanna Bogle, Fr. Jeremy Davies, and Fr. Behruz Rafat.



HONORING MARRIED COUPLES ON THEIR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Due to the restrictions of the coronavirus pandemic, a public celebration of the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will not be held this year. Congratulatory certificates from Bishop McManus to couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries in 2020 will be issued by mail. Couples wishing to receive certificates should complete the registration form at www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass by October 15th or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.

Serenity Prayer

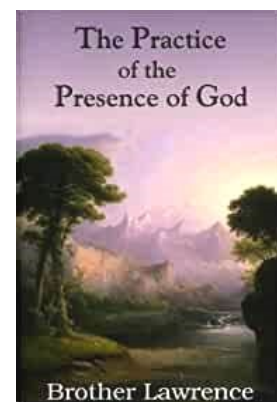
God, give us grace to accept with serenity
the things that cannot be changed,
Courage to change the things
which should be changed,
and the Wisdom to distinguish
the one from the other.
Living one day at a time,
Enjoying one moment at a time,
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,
Taking, as Jesus did,
This sinful world as it is,
Not as I would have it,
Trusting that You will make all things right,
If I surrender to Your will,
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,
And supremely happy with You forever in the
next. -Amen.



We are happy to announce that this weekend the following 23 children made their First Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion: Molly Katherine Beane, Mallory Bercume, Victoria Paige Carrier, Mackenzie Virginia Clancey, Madison Kate Crocker, Alana Kathryn DiGioia, Jayden Carter Feehan, Logan Michael Garon, Olivia Malloy Garrett, Bryce Gonyea, Jack Brewer Grenier, Austin Andrew Hall, Jordan Deborah Hall, Kylie Hayes, Lindsay Ann Horrigan, Emerentiana Margaret Jha, Sophia Lyn Lemansky, Michael David McCarthy, Brayden Thomas Orrell, Emily Grace Quilter, Caleb Ulibarri, Suri Elizabeth Wilson, Samantha Jordan White.
Please keep them in your prayers.

BOOK CLUB

Thursday October 22th at 7:00 pm we will discuss the book; *The Practice of the Presence of God* by Brother Lawrence. Contact Lisa Diezel for more information at lisadiezel@aol.com.



The Diocese of Worcester will be observing *The Season of Creation* with a **GREEN MASS** Saturday, October 3rd at 1:30 pm celebrated by Bishop McManus at St John's Parish at 44 Temple St, Worcester. After

the Mass there will be a short talk in the church sharing personal perspectives on environmental justice and providing information about the Environmental Stewardship Ministry. The liturgy for this Mass has been carefully designed to bring to light the important theme of Catholic Social Teaching, that we are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation.

STEWARDSHIP Corner

PARISH OFFERINGS for the weekend of **September 20th** were \$11,504.00 and \$388.00 for our Building Fund. Once again we thank you for your generous return of gifts of the Lord to our parish.

Please note, if it is easier or more convenient to make your loving return to the Lord electronically, it may easily be done by going to the parish website; stjosephscharlton.com and click on Electronic Giving under the HOME heading. God bless you.

Also a big **THANK YOU** for the added organ donations...amounting to \$80.00 which were left in the organ model in the Narthex.

We are most grateful for your kindness which provided the needed mattresses for a family. They are most grateful to our parish community.

“For it is
in
giving
that
we
receive.”

- St. Francis of Assisi



Last year with your financial support, the St. Joseph Council of Knights purchased and gave away 144 coats in their annual *Coats for Kids Campaign*. Each case of 12 coats costs \$238, roughly \$20 a coat. Can you help out again

this year? Please make your check payable to “Knights of Columbus Council 11379.” The memo line should read: *Coats for Kids*. Envelopes may be mailed to Knights of Columbus, P.O. Box 373, Charlton, MA 01507.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Safe Environment Coordinator(s)

The role is to insure compliance with Diocesan and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops requirements for the safety of children by church staff and volunteers.

We also need people to serve as parish representatives for our Diocese's **Environmental Stewardship Ministry** which involves making our parish aware of how we can protect our planet and environment. Respond via email to stjoecharlton@aol.com 508-248-7862 if you feel called to serve in these important ministries.

WELCOME to
St. Joseph Parish,
we are glad you
are here. If you
are new to the
Parish please
contact Sr. Agnes
at 508-248-7862
to register.



Scripture readings for week of September 27

S: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

M: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-50

T: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

W: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/Lk 9:57-62

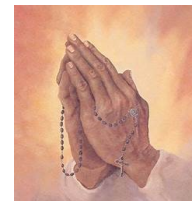
Th: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/Lk 10:1-12

F: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6, 10-11/Mt 18:1-5, 10

S: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

PRAYER BEFORE MASS-O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN



Let us stay in touch with you through texts and/or emails. Text the word CHARLTON to 84576 or visit app.flocknote.com/stjosephscharlton

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 774-696-7544 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.
508-248-7862

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.

HOMELESS SHELTER ST. LUKE'S

stlukesguesthouse.wordpress.com

MARY MARTHA GUILD

Dedicated women serving the needs of the church community. We are always seeking new members.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

SECULAR FRANCISCANS

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Lights (gr. k-5)

Sr. Agnes Patricia
sisteragnespaulicia@yahoo.com

EDGE Youth Ministry (gr. 6-8)

Sandra Buron
mrsbedge2018@gmail.com

LifeTEEN Ministry (gr. 9-12)

Deacon Bill Shea
deaconbill@stjosephscharlton.com

Adult Faith Formation (AFF)

Susan Montville
tsmontville@aol.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sarah Stone
sastone1614@gmail.com

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Dianne 508-764-4553

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