



St. Joseph Church

CHARLTON, MA

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CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

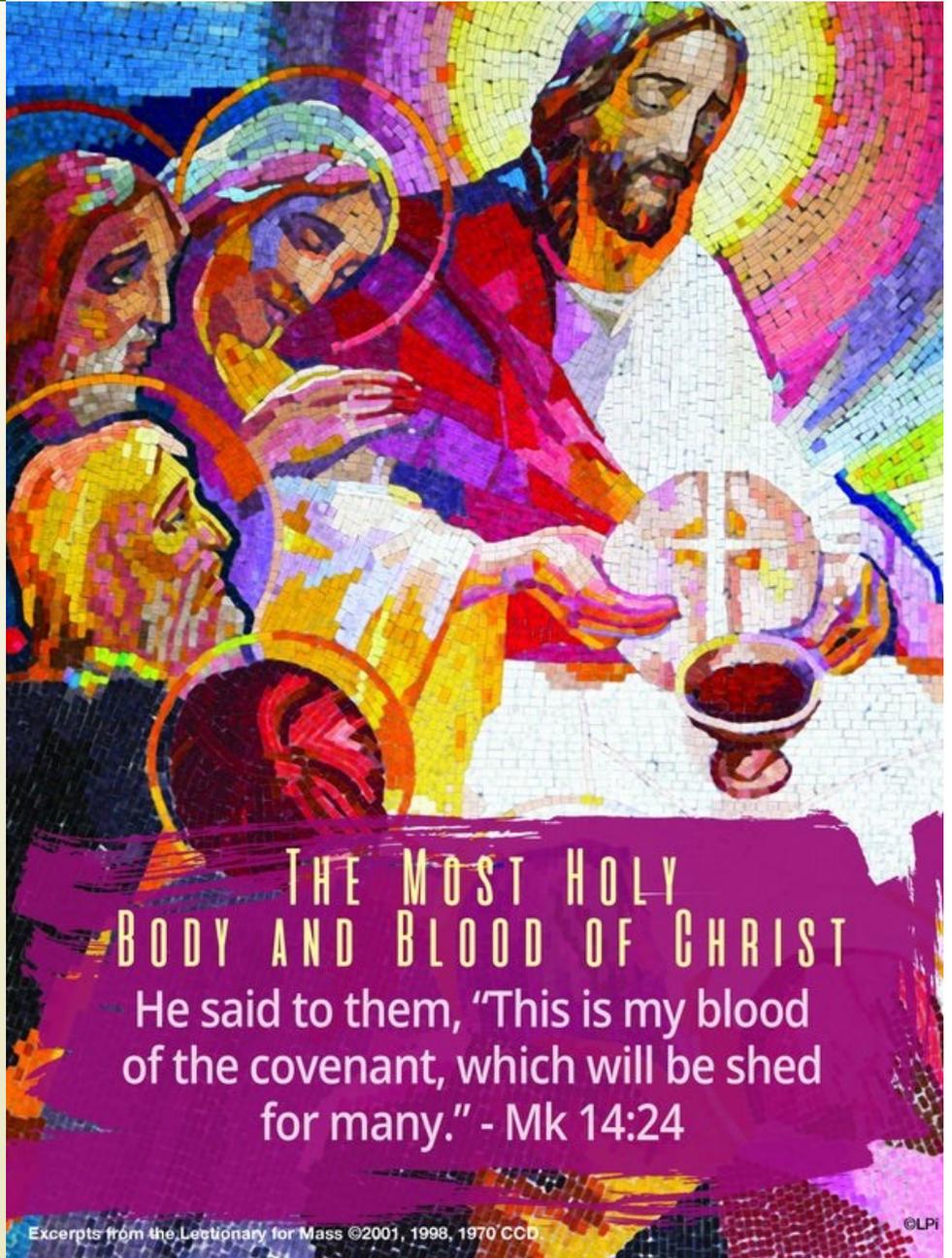
Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 10:00 am & 5:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
by appointment at 508-248-7862

Sacrament of Baptism
Baptismal preparation is required.
Our next session is June 12th.

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
The Blessed Sacrament is located
in the front second floor window
of the East wing of the building.
You are able to park and pray from
your vehicle.



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Saturday, June 5

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

Sunday, June 6

10:00 am **Russell Garneau & Cecelia & Alfred Russeau** by the Family

5:00 pm **Edie Garneau** by Al Lapon

Thursday, June 10

8:30 am **Josephine Adcock** by David Dumais

Saturday, June 12

2:00 pm Wedding of **Gabriel Stanhope & Elizabeth Reagan**

4:30 pm **Kenneth Rivernider** by the Family

Sunday, June 13

10:00 am **Scott Duval** by his mother Regina and daughter Emily

5:00 pm **Roger Goudreau** by daughter Christine and Family

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Blessed Sacrament is located in the front 2nd floor window of the East wing of the building. You are able to park and pray from your vehicle 24/7.



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Gabriel Stanhope and Elizabeth Reagan

With great joy we welcome **Mila Lauren Castoldi** child of Joseph & Jennifer and **Natalie Rose Brunette** child of Paul & Tracy who will be baptized in water and Spirit this weekend.



Rest in Peace

RAYMOND LAFAILLE father of Norman, **PATRICIA RENZONI**, **HELLEN A. ODOUR** and **FR. ANDRE GARIEPY**, retired priest of our Diocese. May they rest in the arms of the Lord and rejoice in the glory of heaven and may their families find comfort in their faith.



ANNUAL PRESBYTERAL ASSEMBLY gathering the priests and bishop together takes place this Monday-Wednesday. Fr. Bob will be attending the assembly and will be back for Thursday morning Mass. NOTE: A Communion Service with Deacon Bill will take place Tuesday at 8:30 am.



We are looking for 3 couples to join our Baptismal Preparation Ministry team. All Materials and training will be provided. If you can give of your time and talent for this important ministry sign-up in the Narthex after Mass or call Theresa at the at 508-248-7862.

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HOMEBOUND?

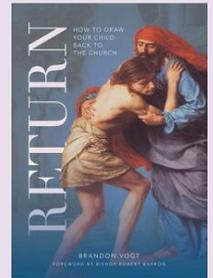
Call Deacon Bill at 508-254-8512 or 508-248-7862 to let us know how we can assist.



Please pray for our 2nd graders who will have their 1st penance on June 5th and will make their First Holy Communion on June 19th.

July Book Club

RETURN: How to Draw Your Child Back to the Church by Brandon Vogt
Discussion on Thursday July 8th at 7:00 pm



Our next **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION** session will take place Saturday, June 12 after the 4:30 pm Mass. Please scan QR code for registration form and information.



The Year of St. Joseph



Consecration to Saint
JOSEPH

33 Days to Consecration-using Fr. Calloway's book *Consecration to St. Joseph-The Wonders of our Spiritual Father*. Books are \$15.95 at Marian.org or Bouchers in Worcester. Each of the 33 days read a couple of the pages and once a week meet to discuss the readings. Meetings will be scheduled either through zoom or in person. Contact Susan Montville at 508-735-3269.

→ The next start date for the preparation to consecrate is July 16th with consecration on the Feast of Our Lady of Knock August 17th! Susan has 4 books for purchase!



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

WAYS TO CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

As we devote this year to St. Joseph's honor, we will undoubtedly unlock many special graces for each of the faithful who increase their devotion to him during this time.

There is no greater model than St. Joseph from whom we can learn how to live virtuously in imitation of Jesus and Mary.

"Devotion to St. Joseph is one of the choicest graces that God can give to a soul, for it is tantamount to revealing the entire treasury of our Lord's graces," wrote St. Peter Julian Eymard, *"When God wishes to raise a soul to greater heights, he unites it to St. Joseph by giving it a strong love for the good saint."*

Here are a few ideas for how to celebrate the Year of St. Joseph:

- ◆ Learn about St. Joseph's virtues and try to imitate them
- ◆ Participate in a 33-day consecration to St. Joseph
- ◆ Pray the Holy Rosary daily, reciting the Year of St. Joseph prayer at the conclusion
- ◆ Plan a pilgrimage to one or more of the St. Joseph parishes across the diocese
- ◆ Adopt St. Joseph traditions into your prayer life and family life



Congratulations to **KAREN GAUTHIER**, winner of the Weber Grill & Meat Raffle! St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council 11379 would like to thank everyone who supported this fundraiser! Watch for our next fundraiser, our famous Calendar Raffle to be held in the early fall!



If you are visiting Cape Cod this summer and are looking for a place of tranquility, you may want to visit the Garden of Our Lady in Woods Hole. Established in 1932, it is thought to be the first US Mary Garden. Of special interest is the fact that it is part of St.

Joseph Church in Woods Hole. Also, an adjoining Angelus bell tower on the property has a bronze door made up of panels depicting St. Joseph's life with Mary and Jesus. What a great way not only to honor Mary, but St. Joseph as well during his year!

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THE BEAUTY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST



"Take this all of you, and eat of it, for this is my body.....for this is the chalice of my blood." With these sacred words at the Last Supper, Jesus shares Himself in a sublime way. As a church we have always carried the treasure of what the Lord meant that the Eucharist is indeed His flesh and blood given for our sustenance and as a pledge of our future bodily resurrection. In his massive volume, *"The Mass of the Roman Rite"* Fr. Joseph Jungmann describes the various procedures for receiving Holy Communion over 20 centuries of Catholicism. Up until the 4th century the faithful would communicate at every Mass, understanding that the Lord's Body and Blood was a natural part of every celebration. The faithful would communicate at the Sabbath

Eucharist, and would take a sufficient supply of the sacred particles home to be consumed throughout the week and also for the sick, prisoners and isolated monks.

Writings, pictures and documentation speak of and illustrate that lay persons received the Lord directly into their hands. In fact, St. Cyril the Bishop of Jerusalem in 348 AD speaks of *"Making of your left hand a throne to receive the King, with your hand hollowed out to receive the Body of Christ and answer: Amen."* In 570 St. John of Damascus reminds the people to make *"the figure of the Cross with our hands, as we receive the Body of Christ..."* The shift to receiving Communion on the tongue goes back to the middle ages for a variety of reasons, not the least of which was a new understanding of the Eucharist as a reality to be adored in this holy sacrament. Our unworthiness in the face of this sublime gift led to less frequent reception of the Eucharist and a greater distance between the altar and the pew and more cautions surrounding the celebration of Mass. In fact, in those days as Cathedrals and churches began to be built, the altar area took on the look of an elaborate throne to house the God of Majesty, thus highlighting the transcendence of God. The result was that we are not worthy to receive and God remains distant. You can look at pictures of older churches which portray the altar as a throne. It reached such a point that hardly anyone went to receive Communion. Because of this, the church issued a decree in the late middle ages OBLIGING the faithful to receive Communion at least ONCE A YEAR during the Easter season. It came to be known as our "Easter Duty." This aspect continued until the Second Vatican council sought to renew the Sacramental life of the church and begin to restore the ancient traditions. Hence, receiving Holy Communion in the hand was restored as was the practice of receiving the precious Blood from the Chalice. Although the faithful are free to choose which form to use to receive Holy Communion one would be hard pressed to say that one form is *"Holier or more reverent"* than another. Reverence is an internal disposition which possesses an external expression. Because of the world wide Pandemic, the church has now asked her people to receive Holy Communion in the hand and while this form may mean that our hands should be reverent and that we should bring our hands to our mouth to receive it, we must be cautious about any rigid feeling of the particles which may escape. Church teaching indicate that when the particles are miniscule, the Holy Presence of God disappears. The reintroduction of a certain scrupulosity in our faith expression can produce negative or guilt feelings bearing results which the Lord Jesus did not intend. Hence the beauty of the Eucharist is that it is *Holy Food* for strengthening our journey on this earth and making us holy. We must remember that we become the living Tabernacles who carry within us the flesh and blood of the Lord, thus becoming what we consume. Pope Francis reminds us the Holy Communion is not a reward for the perfect, but food for our journey to heaven he(where we will no longer need Holy Communion, because we shall become like God, for we shall see Him as He is as St. John reminds us in his first letter. Gratefully we can sing with St. Thomas Aquinas, O Sacrum Convivium *"O Sacred Banquet in which Christ is consumed; the memory of His Passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace and a pledge of future glory is given to us."*



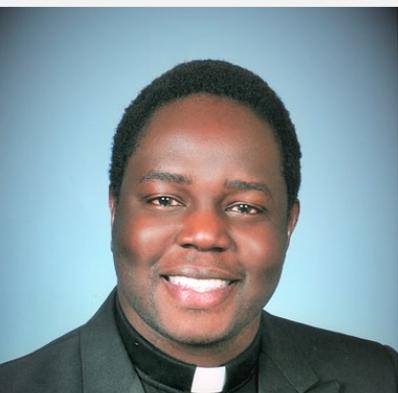
Stewardship Corner

PARISH OFFERINGS

for the weekend of May 30th were \$12,123.00 with \$353.00 for our Building Fund. We are grateful for your ongoing support of our church. God bless you again and again.

“For it is
in
giving
that
we
receive.”

- St. Francis of Assisi



Fr. Charles has been assigned as Administrator of St. Boniface Church in Lunenburg beginning June 23. He will be away on retreat these next two weeks. We offer him our prayers and support as he begins this Ministry.

Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven. -Pope Francis

PROMISE TO PROTECT



PLEDGE TO HEAL

A CORI is required for parishioners involved in most all ministries. This is regardless of being CORI'd elsewhere. Please request a CORI to ensure the youth of the parish are safe, and the parish is compliant with Diocesan mandates. Contact

deaconbill@stjosephscharlton.com. If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual abuse from a ministry at St. Joseph Church, call Judith Audette at 508-726-2880.

WELCOME

to St. Joseph Parish, we are glad you are here. If you are new to the Parish use the scan code to register today.



Scripture readings for week of June 6th

S: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-18/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

M: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 5:1-12

T: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129-135/Mt 5:13-16

W: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Mt 5:17-19

Th: 2 Cor 3:15 – 4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9-14/Mt 5:20-26

F: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37

S: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-12 [8a]/Lk 2:41-51

PRAYER BEFORE MASS—O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on 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 app.flocknote.com/stjosephscharlton

Parish Bulletin

Requests for bulletin submissions should be sent by Monday to cgkingston@yahoo.com.

“Christ came as high priest”

Do these words of Christ challenge you to give your all for Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 508-630-4473 or director@worcestervocations.com

OPENING HYMN

Come to the Feast by Bob Hurd

Refrain

Come, come to the banquet. Come, come to the feast.
Here the hungry find plenty, here the thirsty shall drink,
here at the supper of Jesus, come to the feast.

Verses

1. *Like the child whose fishes and loaves
fed the multitude, in the Lord the little we have,
broken and shared, becomes abundant food.*

2. *'Til the seed is given to earth,
it is just one grain; but once sown its death brings new birth,
the harvest is rich; what's lost is raised again.*

3. *In the stranger by our side,
in the least and last, in the thirst for justice we share,
Christ is here in the breaking of the bread.*



CLOSING HYMN

I am the Bread of Life

*You who come to me shall not hunger; and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.*

Refrain:

And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

2. *The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread, you shall live for ever,
you shall live for ever.*

3. *Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you.*

4. *I am the Resurrection, I am the life.
If you believe in me, even though you die,
you shall live for ever.*

5. *Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of God, Who has come into the world.*