



# St. Joseph Church

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P.O. Box 338 Charlton City, MA 01508

*Pastor*  
**Reverend Bob Grattaroti**

*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*

Available by appointment, call  
Parish Office at 508-248-7862.

### *Sacrament of Baptism*

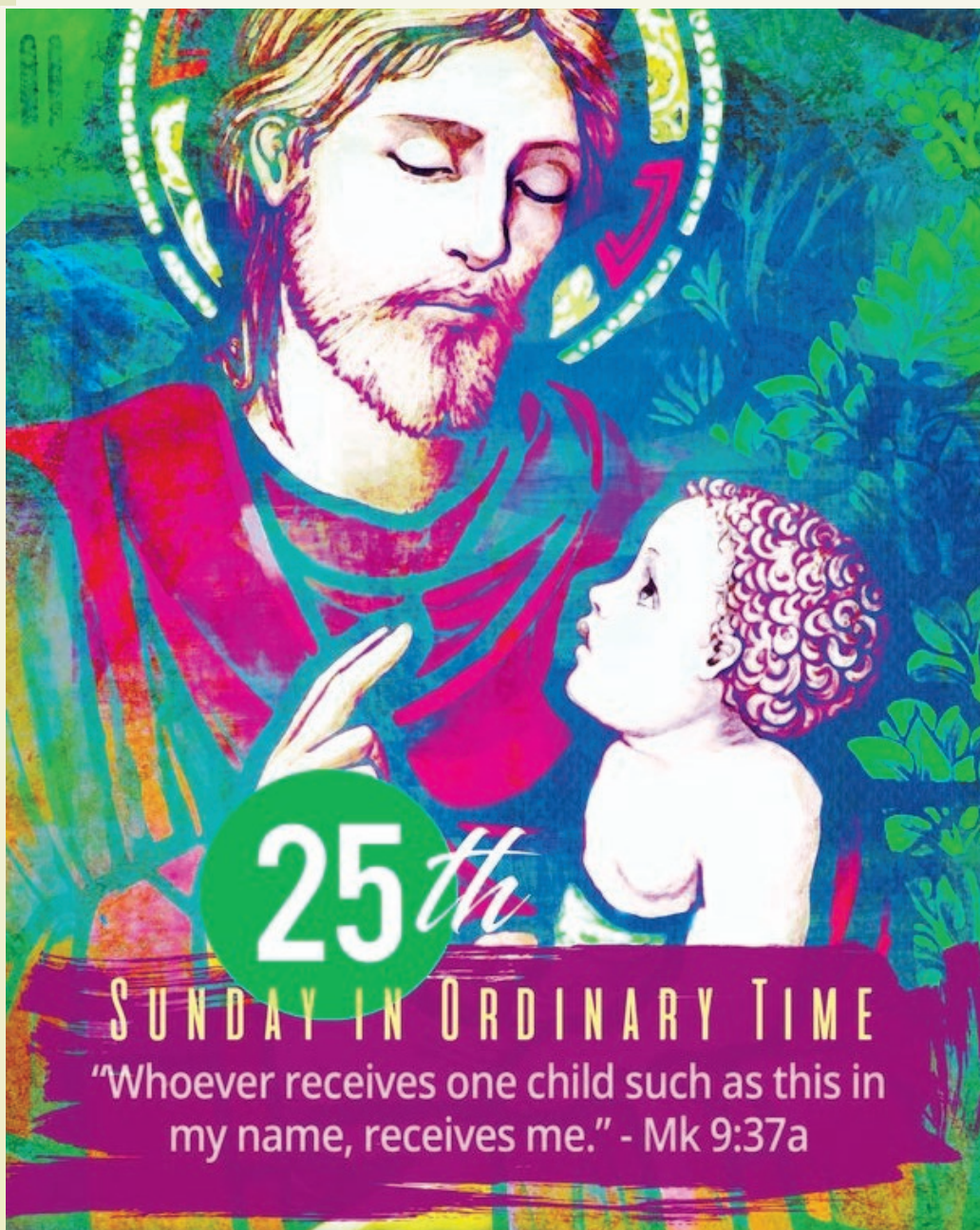
Baptismal preparation is required.  
Our next session is October 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Call to register at 508-248-7862.

### *Sacrament of Marriage*

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

### *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

Eucharistic Adoration is located in  
the front 2<sup>nd</sup> story window of the  
East wing of the building. You can  
park and pray from your vehicle at  
any time.



**Parish Office: 508-248-7862**

**Fax: 508-248-5832**

**Email: [stjoecharlton@aol.com](mailto:stjoecharlton@aol.com)**  
**Website: [stjosephscharlton.com](http://stjosephscharlton.com)**

**19**  
**September**  
**2021**





**Saturday, September 18**

4:30 pm Thomas Coughlin

**Sunday, September 19**

10:00 am Richard Carrington (34<sup>th</sup> Anniv) by Carol Carrington

5:00 pm Paul Thibodeau by his Wife, Ellen

**Tuesday, September 21**

8:30 am Rita Riel by a Friend

**Thursday, September 23**

8:30 am Florence Graham by her Daughters

**Saturday, September 25**

4:30 pm Earl & Theresa Wright by Daughter & Family

**Sunday, September 26**

10:00 am Robert Ferron by Lucia & Family

5:00 pm Gary Jennings by Iris & Family

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for Earl & Theresa Wright by Daughter & Family

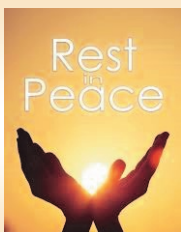


**1<sup>ST</sup> LIGHTS GRADES K-5 REGISTRATION**

The First Lights registration form is NOW AVAILABLE on our website [stjosephscharlton.com](http://stjosephscharlton.com) and must be returned by September 30<sup>th</sup> to be assigned to a class. Classes begin the week of October 17. Direct questions to Pam Smith or Sr. Agnes at 508-248-7862.

**Mary Martha Guild Meeting**

Tomorrow, September 20<sup>th</sup>  
At 6:30 pm in the Cornerstone  
New members encouraged and welcomed!



*Rest in Peace*

CARLOS E. MORENO and EDWARD BREWER husband of Jeanne. 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.



**I Bann**

*Matthew Seaman and Sarah Stone*

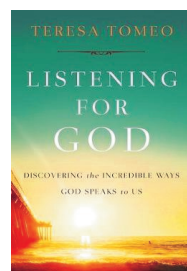


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October 2, 2021  
Heritage Golf Course  
\$125 per golfer  
\$100 if Lifeteen Grad or Teen  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - CONTACT US



With great joy we welcome ROWAN JOHN CANAVAN child of John & Michelle, AUBREY MARIA KOZACKA child of Thomas & Morgan who were baptized in water and Spirit this weekend.



**SEPTEMBER BOOK CLUB**

Our next book club selection is *Listening for God* by Teresa Tomeo Available on Amazon.com Discussion Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm



**THE EDGE KICK OFF IS TODAY,**  
September 19<sup>th</sup> 3-5:00 pm! Parents are encouraged to come with their student(s).

Food, games, tie dye t-shirts, prizes!!  
Come and have some fun!!

Registration is open for EDGE  
Tuesday evening classes! Register  
NOW! Classes begin October 5<sup>th</sup>!



### HELP IS STILL NEEDED!

EDGE is looking for small group leaders! If you have a child going into the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade or if you are a student who has made his/her Confirmation, we would love to have you help.

We need 14 leaders for a successful year.

Information/training meeting in the church hall:

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> 6:30 PM**

*Please wear your mask!*

### Job Opportunity - PT Parish Secretary

St. Anne-St. Patrick Parish in Fiskdale is looking for a Parish Secretary/25 hours per week. Some of the responsibilities include answering phones/emails; updating parish website; updating and maintaining parish database; creating parish bulletins; maintaining timely communication with diocese; scheduling sacraments; and ordering and maintaining office supplies. Must have knowledge of various Microsoft applications like Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Publisher. Please contact 508-347-7339 or email [stannebusiness@gmail.com](mailto:stannebusiness@gmail.com) for more information.



Consecration to Saint  
**JOSEPH**

*Year of  
St. Joseph*

**33 Days to Consecration**-Consecration to St. Joseph  
*The Wonders of our Spiritual Father* by Fr. Calloway.

Books are \$15.95 at Marian.org or Bouchers in Worcester. Each of the 33 days read a couple of the pages and meet to discuss the readings.

Two discussion groups will be offered for this preparation to consecrate to St Joseph;

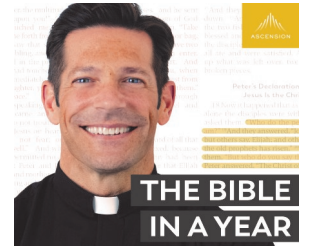
Tuesday mornings after the 8:30 am Mass or  
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

Sign up sheets for the preparation sessions are in the Narthex or contact Susan at 508-735-3269.

Consecration for this session is November 1.

### {SELF} BIBLE STUDY

Would you like a better grasp of the Bible and Salvation history? Here's an excellent free Catholic Bible study available on all major



Podcast services. The series is called

***Bible in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz.***

Each episode is 20-30 minutes long and includes Scripture reading, Prayer and Bible Commentary. Based on Jeff Cavin's "The Bible Timeline" which organizes the Bible around salvation history.

Parishioner, Eric Peterson, will describe his experience with the study on Sunday September

19<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 am Mass or go to

<https://media.ascensionpress.com/podcast/all-bible-in-a-year-episodes/>



**Contact: Sarah Stone**

[sarah@stjosephscharlton.com](mailto:sarah@stjosephscharlton.com) or 774-230-8324

- Lifeteen Golf Tournament-We need **Players, Sponsors** and **Volunteers**, see QR code on left.
- **WANTED** 1 Corn Hole Game Set with Bean Bags, St. Dymphna prayer cards and Raffle Prizes (gift cards for teens, tech accessories, full size candy bars).
- **STILL NEEDED: 2 ADULT SMALL GROUP LEADERS!!!!**  
Don't worry, we will train you!
- **LAST CHANCE** to register for Lifeteen 2021-22. Scan QR Code.

**Register Now**





*Dear Parishioners and Friends:*

Today we remember the solemn consecration and dedication of our church by then Bishop Daniel Reilly on September 20, 2001, 20 years ago. The sacrifices and good works of our people were most instrumental in making all this happen. From a small corner church at the junction of Routes 20 and 31, with a capacity for 230 people, we were able to launch this new Church Complex, comprising a church with an 800 seating capacity, as well as a Hall with kitchen, Youth Center, Meeting Rooms, Food Pantry and residence for our priests all because of the selfless generosity of our good people. From conducting parish feasibility studies to polling our parishioners if they would be able to fund the new building, to setting up a building committee, engaging Architectural Innovations, and attaining the generous service of a Clerk of the Works; what was once a dream, has become a reality. Generous volunteers include but not limited to Nelson Sleeper, Scott Merrill, Richard Cayer, Rob Lemansky, David Wolkowicz, Janet Benoit, Bill Krukowski (RIP), Fred Houde, David Tittle along with his dad, Skip Czayka, Jack Olson, Hank Camosse, Frank and his son Mike Tiberii, Pete McNeaney and his son Mike; Rick Powell, Dave Barbale and his son Jim along with so many others too numerous to mention whose goodness and generosity have made possible what we cherish today.

Costing over \$6,000,000, having borrowed about \$4,000,000 from our Diocesan Bank and the remainder coming from the sales of the old church and rectory, our debt after 20 years is at \$1,800,000. We are paying a weekly mortgage of \$4,000.00 and also making extra payments from our Parish share of the Legacy of Hope (we just made a payment of \$20,000.00 in June).

We cannot help but praise and thank our God for the graces and blessings poured upon our faith community over these many years. We continue to thank and rejoice in the goodness of our parishioners and friends for their loving and generous support of our church. These past two years have presented new challenges to all of us as we negotiate the difficulties of a world wide pandemic. And through it all, I am so amazed and inspired at the resiliency of you, our faithful and loving parish family. Though we had to close down for several months and wait until it was "safe", you have always been present and I am most grateful. I am also inspired by our newest church family members who have added so generously to the spirit of joy and welcome hospitality which this Parish Church complex has inspired. May God's blessings be poured out on our entire community, harkening back to the awesome message given to St. Francis some 1,000 years ago to "*rebuild My Church*". It is our hope that not only have we built the building, but the actual CHURCH which is God's holy people.

*Many blessings as we proceed forward in God's Providence, Father Bob Grattaroti*



### **DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Bishop McManus will celebrate the Mass on Sunday, October 31 at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, etc). A light reception will follow. Family and friends are welcome! Couples wishing to attend should pre-register by October 18. Register at [worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass](http://worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass) or call 508-929-4311 to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.



**ADULT FAITH FORMATION** • **FORMED.ORG**-dive into your faith at home with books, audio talks, movies and studies. There is something for everyone to help them grow closer to Christ and His Church. Simply log on and follow prompts.

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## Stewardship Corner

**PARISH OFFERINGS** for the weekend of September 12<sup>th</sup> were \$12,075.00 with \$441.00 for our Building Fund and \$90.00 additional gifts for Catholic School Offerings. Our deepest thanks for your continued, loving support of our Parish. We are so grateful to so many parishioners who make up their offerings if they have been away or unable to be present with us at Mass.

*"For it is  
in  
giving  
that  
we  
receive."*

*- St. Francis of Assisi*

### *happening in the diocese*

**\*Young Adult (18-39) Theology on Tap**-Tuesday, September 21 at Compass Tavern, 90 Harding St., Worcester. Speaker, Fr. Lucas LaRoche's topic is "When Heaven Meets Earth: What Really Happens at Mass". Doors open for food/drinks at 6:30 pm.

**\*AMPLIFY; Diocesan Youth Night**-High School teens join us on Saturday, September 25 at St. Anthony's in Dudley! Following the 4:00 pm Mass there is dinner and a cornhole tournament along with praise & worship music, Eucharistic Adoration, and Confession. The event is free but you should sign up at [neworchester.org/amplify-september-25th-st-anthony-of-padua](http://neworchester.org/amplify-september-25th-st-anthony-of-padua). Deadline to register is Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

→ **register now** ←

### **CURSILLO**

*"Behold I stand at the door and knock"*

It's time. Time to learn more about your faith. It's time to experience what our religion can do for you. Jesus is waiting for you personally. Cursillo weekends are a wonderful fun way to give you a start on this journey.

**Women's Cursillo October 14-17**

**Men's Cursillo November 11-14**

Go to [www.fourthday.org](http://www.fourthday.org) and download your application today OR call Pam Hamilton at 774-239-8909 for more information.

*You will be so glad you did!*

## 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 September 19<sup>th</sup>

M: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-6/Lk 8:16-18  
T: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13  
W: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6  
Th: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9  
F: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22  
S: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

### PRAYER BEFORE MASS-O God, who

founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbor, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**



Let us stay connected with you through texts or emails. Text the word CHARLTON to 84576 or [app.flocknote.com/stjosephscharlton](http://app.flocknote.com/stjosephscharlton)



Parish  
Bulletin

Requests for bulletin submissions should be sent by Monday to [cgkingston@yahoo.com](mailto:cgkingston@yahoo.com).

*"Whoever received one child in  
my name receives me."*

The riches of truth belong to those who are faithful to Christ and their vocation. Will you follow Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at 508-630-4473 or email: [director@worcestervocations.com](mailto:director@worcestervocations.com).



## OPENING HYMN

### ALL ARE WELCOME

(ALL BELONG)

Jesse Manibusan and Jennah Manibusan

**Refrain**

All are wel - come in this place. Be-hold Love's a-maz-  
-ing grace. All are wel - come! All are wel - come!

Bring your hopes, bring your dreams. Mer-cy flows and Love  
re-deems! All are wel - come! All be-long!

**Verses**

1. Wel-come, all the bro-ken - heart - ed, ‡ ‡ all who sor-row  
2. Wel-come, all who suf-fer vio - lence, all who long for  
3. Wel-come, all who are for - got - ten, ‡ ex-clud - ed and  
4. Wel-come, all who work for jus - tice, bring-ing hope,

1. and des - pair.  
2. safe - ty and for peace. } You are not a - lone, for you  
3. dig - ni - ty de - nied!  
4. char - i - ty and peace!

to Refrain  
1-4. are God's own! To-geth-er, we sing and we pro - claim!

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## CLOSING HYMN

### Canticle Of The Sun

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Marty Haugen

**REFRAIN**

The heav-ens are tell-ing the glo - ry of God, and all cre -  
a - tion is shout-ing for joy. Come, dance in the for - est, come,  
play in the field, and sing, sing to the glo - ry

of the Lord. Lord: Sing,  
sing to the glo - ry of the Lord!

**VERSES**

1. Sing to the sun, the bring - er of day, he car - ries the  
2. Praise to the wind, that blows through the trees, the seas mighty  
3. Praise to the rain, that wa - ters our fields, and bless - es our  
4. Praise to the fire, who gives us his light, the warmth of the  
5. Sing to the earth, who makes life to grow, the crea - tures you  
6. Praise to the death, that makes our life real, the know - ledge of

1. light of the Lord in his rays, the moon and the stars, who  
2. storms, the gen - tl - est breeze, they blow where they will, they  
3. crops, so all the earth yields, from death un - to life her  
4. sun to bright-en our night, he danc - es with joy, his  
5. made to let your life show, the flow - ers and trees that  
6. loss that helps us to feel, the Gift of Your - self, your

to Refrain  
1. light up the way un - to your throne.  
2. blow where they please, to please the Lord.  
3. mys - try con cealed, springs forth in joy.  
4. spir - it so bright, he sings of you.  
5. help us to know the Heart of Love.  
6. Pres - ence re - vealed to bring us home.

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*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.*