



St. Joseph Church

CHARLTON, MA

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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

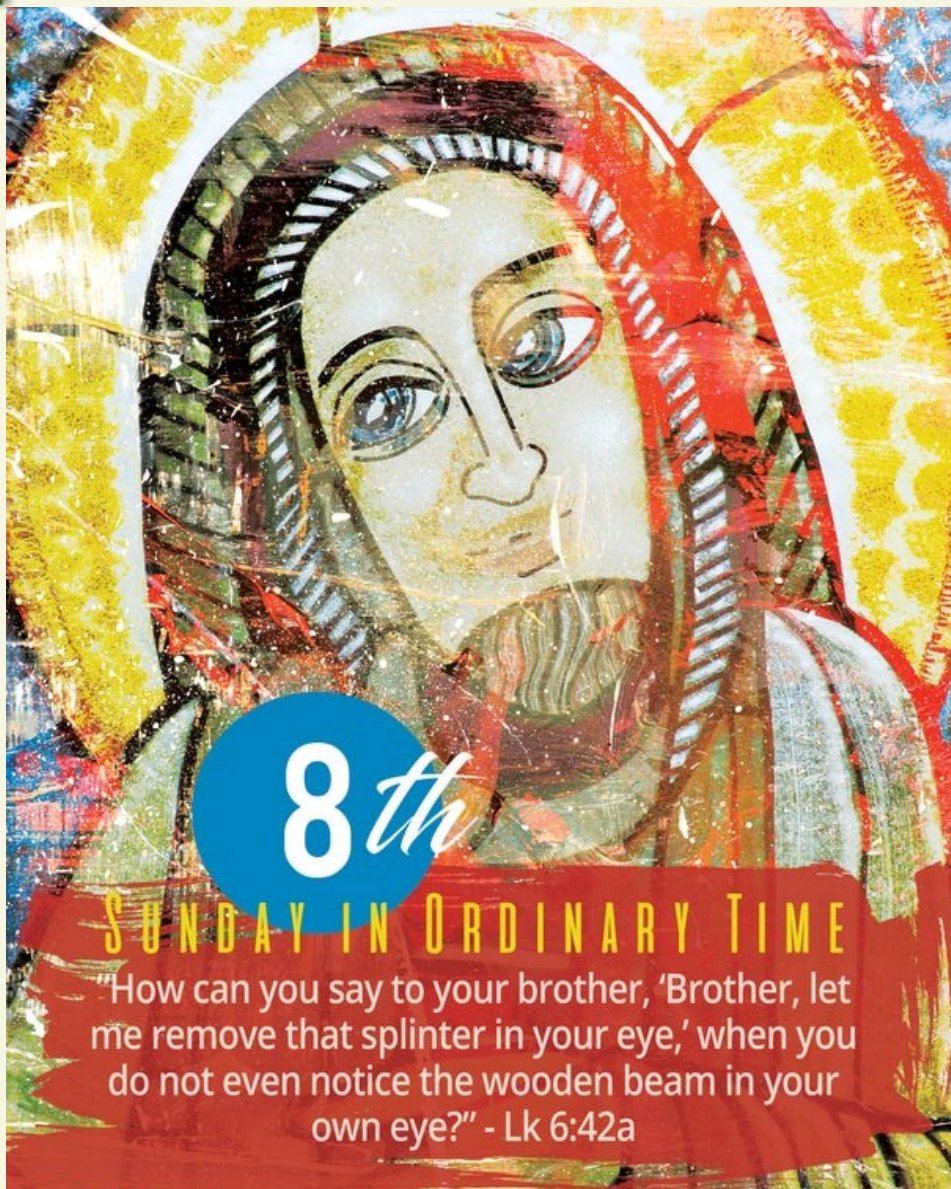
Baptismal preparation is required.
Our next session is March 13th.
Call to register at 508-248-7862.

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 2nd story window of the
East wing of the building. Park
and pray from your vehicle.



SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let
me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you
do not even notice the wooden beam in your
own eye?" - Lk 6:42a

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27
February
2022



Saturday, February 26

4:30 pm **Charles & Josephine Adcock** by Family

Sunday, February 27

10:00 am **Sherri Lanham** by Teri & Chris Hensel

5:00 pm **Nancy McNamara** by Applewood Ln Friends

Tuesday, March 1

8:30 am **Dennis Tully** by the Family

Wednesday, March 2 Distribution of Ashes

4:00 pm **Distribution of Ashes** (no Mass)

7:00 pm **Dick Vaughan** by Parish Friends

Thursday, March 3

8:30 am **Donald Peck** by his Wife & Children

Saturday, March 5

4:30 pm **Catherine Montville** by George Montville

Sunday, March 6

10:00 am **Bill & Rita Reil** and **Bill & Eileen**

Beaudry by Cindy Richard

5:00 pm **Brian Cristo** by the Family

LENT BEGINS-ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 2nd

Mass and Ashes 8:30 am & 7:00 pm

Distribution of Ashes at 4:00 pm.

Also available in your autos if you choose to remain in them. Listen at 98.5 FM.

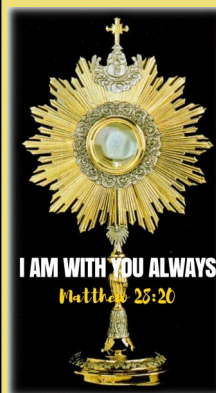


Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18-59. When fasting, one is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Abstinence from meat is binding upon members of the age 14 onwards.

Rest in Peace

DICK BOLDUC, DORIS TRINQUE mother of Jim,
MARK DOUCIMO husband of Michelle and
THADDEUS "TED" TARASIAK father of John. 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.

We encourage the use of masks in public as a means to minimize the effects of this pandemic.



Adoration will be held in the Church on Saturday, March 5th from 8:00-10:00 am. The Intercessory Prayer Meeting will take place during Adoration from 9:00-10:00 am. The Rosary will be said at 9:15 am. All are welcome to attend.

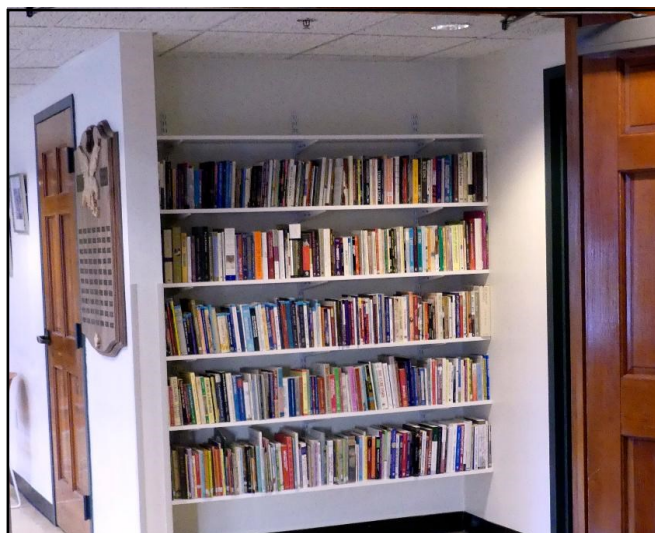
Coffee & Discussion

with Fr. Bob Sunday, March 13th

following the 10:00 am Mass in the meeting room on the main floor adjacent to the coffee room. All are invited.



Our next **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION** session will take place next Sunday, March 13th after the 10:00 am Mass. Please scan the QR code to pre-register or call 508-248-7862.



Browse the books available in our new Library Extension, located just off of the coffee room. Books are in the process of being color coded by topic-suggestions or if interested in helping contact Mark Kackley 508-463-7834.

Your Lenten Journey begins here!



Fridays during Lent beginning
Friday, March 4th at 7:00 pm



Rice Bowls are available in
the Narthex.

Make your Lenten journey a time of prayerful reflection. With the CRS Rice Bowl app. You'll find reflections, videos and stories that challenge you to commit your Lenten journey to serving our brothers and sisters while on the move. Go to crsricebowl.org/app.



Subscribe to the
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the same

prayers, reflections, inspiring stories and daily
Mass readings as the print edition. Go to
subscribe.giveusthisday.org.

Join Matthew Kelly's
BEST LENT EVER.

You'll receive a short,
inspiring video in

your inbox every morning of Lent to help you
encounter a new challenge from Jesus. Each
day, you'll be encouraged to rethink Jesus'
wisdom and apply it directly to your life.

Go to dynamiccatholic.com/lent.



Join EWTN and Fr. Joseph this
season of Lent and journey together
with Christ on His way to the
Cross. You can sign up to receive
weekly Lenten meditations and this year's
Lenten eBook at ewtn.com/lent.

THE PRAY MORE LENTEN RETREAT

This is a self paced retreat, participate wherever
you are and whenever you have the time.

Inspiring talks to help you grow closer to Christ
this Lenten Season beginning March 2nd.

www.praymoreretreat.org/

Welcome Fr. Charles Monroe



who will come to
our Parish to assist
as a Senior Priest.

Recently retired from
Our Lady of the
Angels parish, Fr.

Monroe will be here
to assist Fr. Bob, our
pastor and staff in
ministering to our

parishioners much in the fashion of Fr. Norm
Tremblay who was the first Senior Priest in our
parish. We extend a warm and hearty St. Joseph
Church welcome to him and pray that his
ministry among us will be fruitful and
beneficial.

"Women in Scripture" Morning Reflection with Sr. Francis Murphy

Saturday, March 19th from 9:00 am to noon with
registration at 8:30 am at the Phelan Center
behind Blessed Sacrament Church, Pleasant St.,
Worcester. An offering of \$10 will be
appreciated.

Cursillo Men's Weekend-March 17-20

The rector is Peter Wuelfing.

All weekends to be held at the Immaculate
Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam,
CT. Contact Pam Hamilton at 774-239-8909
or phamilton1284@gmail.com for an application.

NOVENA OF GRACE

at St. John's Church

44 Temple St., Worcester

March 4th - 12th. Featured speakers are Bishop
McManus. Fr. Jonathan Slavinskis, Jesuits Fr.
Clark, Fr. Hayes, Fr. Molone and others. Please
note flier on bulletin board in the Narthex.



Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are

called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

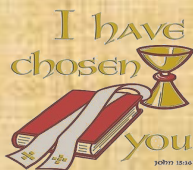
Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this reflection. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents.

PRIESTLY DISCERNMENT RETREAT

The Office for Vocations will host the annual priestly discernment retreat for men high school aged or older from 6:00 pm on Friday April 8th until 6:00 pm on Saturday, April 9th at

Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, CT. There is no cost for this retreat. Hear witness talks from priests and seminarians, and a presentation from Bishop

McManus on discerning a priestly vocation. To register, contact Fr. Donato Infante at donato.infante@gmail.com or 508-630-4473.



The 21st Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference

Men of all ages, including teens and college students are invited to this conference at Assumption

University on Saturday, April 2nd. Visit www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders.



FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

Let's Journey Together... the word "synod" means to journey together. In this synodal process, everyone around the world is invited to listen to God's word, celebrate the Eucharist and reflect upon our experience as Church. For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission is Pope Francis' call

for the largest consultation of the human family in history, and it includes all of us in Central Mass! Local parishes, ministries and laypeople will host sessions to prayerfully read the signs of the times together and discern how the Holy Spirit is calling all of us, as the Body of Christ, to accomplish our mission here and now. You are invited to journey together. We want to hear from everyone—especially people who have been marginalized or are often unheard.

PARISH DISCUSSION SESSIONS takes place on Sunday, March 6th at 11:15 am and again Sunday, April 3rd at 11:15 am in the Church Hall.

Stewardship Corner

Parish offerings for the weekend of February 20th were \$10,002.00 with \$350.00 for our building fund. As always, thank you for your generous return to the Lord. When making your Wills and Trusts, please consider your parish of St. Joseph.

*"For it is
in
giving
that
we
receive."*
- St. Francis of Assisi



The Partners in Charity annual campaign begins with In Pew Kick-Off March 12-13 and March 19-20. Chairpersons for the appeal are Dan and Diane Cetin. Our goal is set for \$77,500.00 which is the same as last year and we have already received \$22,735.00 from advanced gifts from 44 donors.
Thank you and God Bless You!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Jesus, I trust in You.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY PLANNING MEETING

If you are interested in joining us for the planning of this year's Divine Mercy Sunday, the first meeting takes place on Sunday March 6th at 3:00 pm in the 2nd floor Conference room. We begin every meeting with Divine Mercy Chaplet. Contact Susan Montville 508-735-3269 for more information or if you would like to help but can't make a meeting.

"Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life."

Are you called to belong to Christ alone as a priest, deacon or through the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or email: donato.infante@gmail.com.

WELCOME

to St. Joseph Parish, we are glad you are here. Want to register as a new parishioner? Scan the QR code today.



Scripture readings for week of February 27th

M: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c/Mk 10:17-27
T: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31
W: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20 – 6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Th: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
F: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
S: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32



PRAYER BEFORE MASS-Grant us, O

Lord, we pray, that the course of our world may be directed by your peaceful rule and that your Church may rejoice, untroubled in her devotion. 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



Parish Bulletin

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



**Low
Gluten
Hosts
Available**

**Please indicate your
desire for this form.**



**ASSISTIVE
LISTENING
DEVICES AVAILABLE
PLEASE CONTACT
USHER**

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.

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 month. 9:30-10:30 am 2nd floor of Emmaus Center Webster 508-887-2225

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

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.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Meetings held in 1st classroom next to the coffee room from 10-11:30 am. Upcoming meetings; March 19, May 21, June 18. Contact Ellen at 774-696-7544 if one is needed.

24 HOUR PRAYER LINE

508-434-0106 or prayer@missionariesofmercy.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Lights (gr. k-5)

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sisteragnespatria@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

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

Sharing experiences caring & learning about resources. Dianne 508-764-4553

SECULAR FRANCISCANS

2nd Saturday of month at 1:00 pm
www.stjosephscharlton.com/
order-franciscan-seculars

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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.