



St. Joseph Church

CHARLTON, MA

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

Pastor
Reverend Bob Grattaroti

Senior Priest
Fr. Charles Monroe

Permanent Deacons
Bill Shea
Steve Miller

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Available Saturdays at 3:45 pm

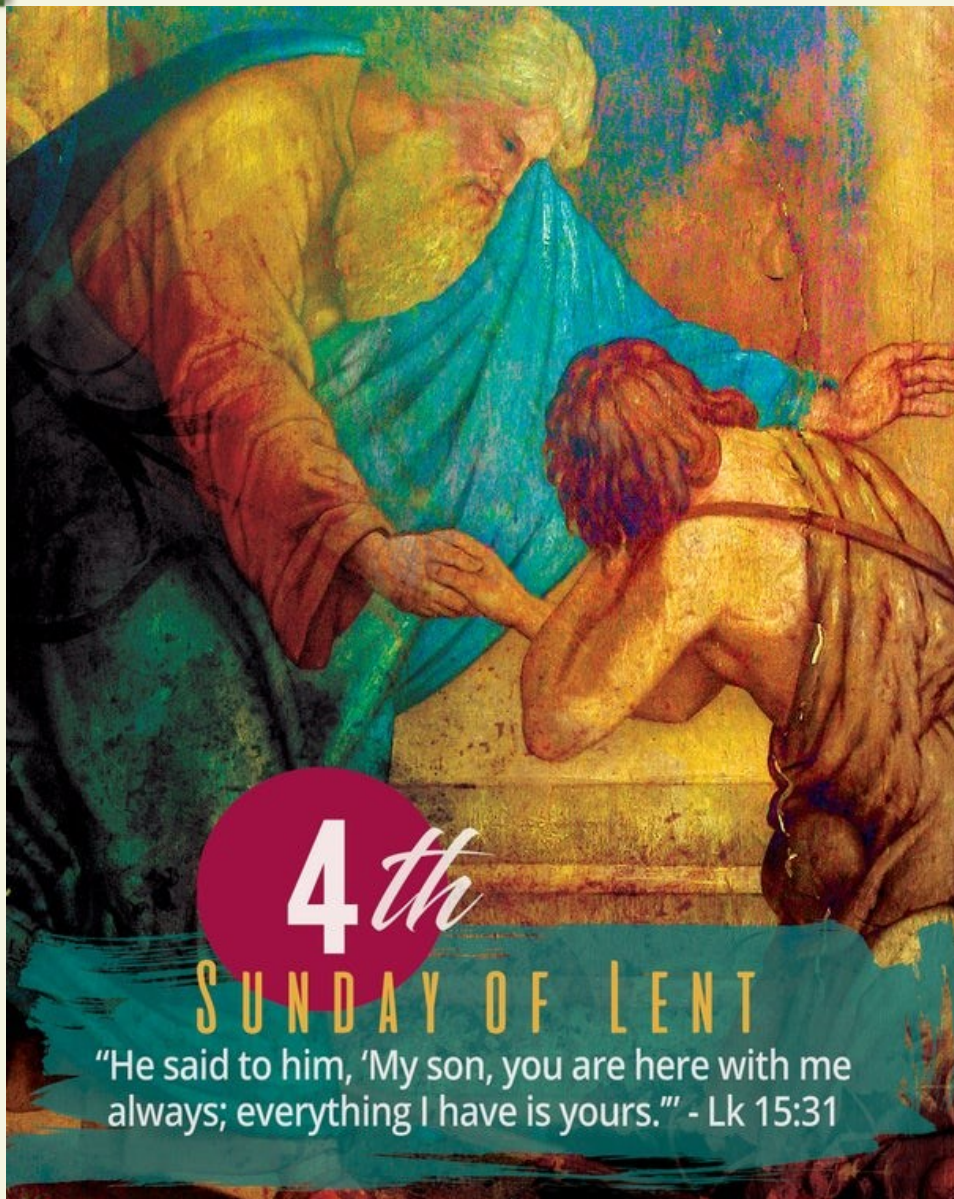
Sacrament of Baptism
Baptismal preparation is required.
Our next session is April 24th.
Contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Marriage
Arrangements for a wedding
begin a year prior to the date.
Contact the Parish Office.

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.

24 Hour Prayer Line
508-434-0106 or
prayer@missionariesofmercy.net



SUNDAY OF LENT

"He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me
always; everything I have is yours.'" - Lk 15:31

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Website: stjosephscharlton.com

27
March
2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 26

4:30 pm **Steve Ide** by the Family

Sunday, March 27

10:00 am **Rick Doucimo** (birthday remembrance) by the Family

5:00 pm **Thomas Coughlin** by Linda Shedd

Monday, March 28

8:30 am **Robert & Kathleen Lemansky** (50th wedding anniversary) by Martha Liddy

Tuesday, March 29

8:30 am **Communion Service**

Wednesday, March 30

8:30 am **Mass Celebrated**

Thursday, March 31

8:30 am **Mass Celebrated**

Friday, April 1

8:30 am **Communion Service**

Saturday, April 2

4:30 pm **Lucille Richards** (2nd Anniv) by the Family

Sunday, April 3

10:00 am **Fortier Family** by Carol Carrington

5:00 pm **Doris & George Garney** by Jane & Brian Garney

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for
Fr. Norm Tremblay by a Friend



JOIN US AND PRAY
THE ROSARY
BEFORE MASS
Saturdays at 3:45 pm



Please note the 8:00 am Sunday Mass resumes on Sunday, May 1st.

Rest in Peace

GALE ZUKOWSKI, IDA DOUGHERTY and ALICE CARD. 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 NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE

Please bring your bulletin home with you or deposit it on the St. Joseph table in the Narthex.....help to keep our church neat and tidy. Thank you!

ULTREYA

The next Ultreya will be Friday, April 8th after the 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross. All are welcome to attend.

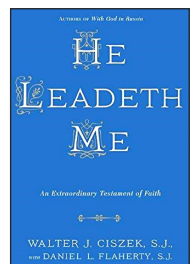
We would like to add to our team of Communion Ministers and Lectors as well as Altar Servers, both youth and adult. Sign up at the St. Joseph Table, on Flocknote or on our website at www.stjosephscharlton.com.

BEAREVEMENT MINISTRY for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one takes place on Tuesday, April 12th at 11:00 am in the St. Amelia Meeting Room off the coffee room.



Adoration in the church
Saturday, April 2nd from 8:00-10:00 am. The Intercessory Prayer Meeting will take place during Adoration from 9:00-10:00 am with Rosary said at 9:15 am. All are welcome.

BOOK CLUB discussion will take place on Thursday, April 7th at 7:00 pm on the book *He Leadeth Me: An Extraordinary Testament of Faith* by Walter J. Ciszek, S.J.



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

will take place Sunday, April 24th after the 10:00 am Mass. Scan the QR code or call 508-248-7862 to register.



Your Lenten Journey



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Fridays during Lent at 7:00 pm



*Confessions are heard every
Saturday beginning at 3:45
pm in the Confessional.*

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**Do you have
a young adult
in college?**



How would you like to help with our **College Connection Ministry**? We only meet 3-4 times a year. If interested, please reach out to Sarah Stone at sastone1614@gmail.com

COFFEE & DISCUSSION

with Fr. Bob will meet Sunday, April 24th following the 10:00 am Mass in the meeting room on the main floor adjacent to the coffee room. Fr. Bob will dive into the Eucharistic Miracles. Please join us!



The Scrutinies for the elect take place this Saturday, March 26th at the 4:30 pm Mass and Sunday, April 3rd at the 5:00 pm Mass. This Scrutiny leads the Elect to focus on conversion and on the new life that will begin through the Sacraments. The Scripture readings used are from Liturgical Cycle A (page 93).

Please keep in constant prayer our 4 Catechumens (those to be fully initiated through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) They have been journeying with us in prayer, formation and study this past year and await Full Initiation at the Easter Vigil:

Daniel Dixon Sponsor Mark Kackley

Gerry Parento Sponsor Ted Covill

Abbey Gaughan Sponsor Lisa Gaughan

Patrick Gaughan Sponsor Lisa Gaughan

and Candidate (already Baptized soon to be fully initiated in the Sacrament of Confirmation):

Erin Page Sponsor Patty Covill

The Sacred Triduum...ONE GREAT FEAST celebrated over 3 days; Holy Thursday, Good Friday culminating in the Easter Vigil when we gloriously celebrate the resurrection to new life by Jesus, Our Creator.

At the Vigil we welcome the Catechumens and Candidate into the life of God in His Church.



We thank God for the Consecration of Russia and Ukraine to Our Blessed Mother by Pope Francis which occurred this past Friday, March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation of our Lady. Please pray for peace.

God of the nations, whose sovereign rule brings justice and peace, have mercy on our broken and divided world.

Shed abroad your peace in the hearts of all and banish from them the spirit that makes for war, that all races and peoples may learn to live as members of one family and in obedience to your law, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN



Reconciliation is at the heart of the story Jesus tells in today's Gospel. The story of the Prodigal Son is the story of Israel and of the human race. But it is also the story of every believer. In Baptism, we're given a divine birthright, made "*a new creation*," as Paul puts it. But when we sin, we're like the Prodigal Son, quitting our Father's house, squandering our inheritance in trying to live without Him. Lost in sin, we cut ourselves off from the grace of sonship lavished upon us in Baptism. It is still possible for us to come to our senses and make our way back to the Father, as the prodigal does.

But only He can remove the reproach and restore the divine sonship we have spurned. Only He can free us from the slavery to sin that causes us — like the Prodigal Son — to see God not as our Father but as our master, One we serve as slaves.

God wants not slaves but children. Like the father in today's Gospel, He longs to call each of us "*My son*," to share His life with us, to tell us: "*Everything I have is yours*."

The Father's words of longing and compassion still come to His prodigal children in the Sacrament of Penance. This is part of what Paul today calls "*the ministry of reconciliation*" entrusted by Jesus to the Apostles and the Church. Reconciled like Israel, we take our place at the table of the Eucharist, the homecoming banquet the Father calls for His lost sons, the new Passover we celebrate this side of heaven.



EDGE NEEDS YOUR HELP

Due to a variety of circumstances, **EDGE** is in need of at least 2 volunteers to be small group leaders. A small group leader would need to be able to:

1. Help on Tuesdays between 6-8 pm
2. Attend a training session
3. Complete a CORI
4. Complete an online safe environment training session
5. Be open to fun learning experiences with our middle school youth.

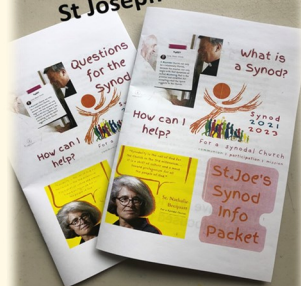
Contact Sandra Buron at mrsbedge2018@gmail.com to help.



with Fr. Charlie

Mondays from 6:30-7:30 pm and repeated Wednesdays from 9:00-10:00 am in the St. Brigid and St. Charles Meeting Rooms just beyond the Coffee Room. The topic is the Gospel of Luke. Bring your Bible or we can provide you with one.

Available on the
St Joseph Table



FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

PARISH LISTENING SESSION
Sunday, April 3rd at 11:15 am
in the Church Hall.



**Worcester
Diocese
Individual
Survey**



SCAN ME

Stewardship Corner

Parish offerings for the weekend of March 20th were \$11,356.00 with \$380.00 for our building fund and \$225.00 collected for Ukraine. Many thanks for your continued outpouring of love as reflected in the generosity of funding for our church and the many needs which we seek to address. God bless.

"For it is
in
giving
that
we
receive."

- St. Francis of Assisi

DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE If you would like to make a monetary gift, please enclose it in the white *Welcome Envelope* in the pews and write *UKRAINE* on it. We will forward it to organizations helping them.

MANY THANKS to the Girl Scouts for their donation of food for our Food Pantry.

WELCOME

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



Scripture readings for week of March 27th

M: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4-13b/Jn 4:43-54
T: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
W: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Th: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
F: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-23/Jn 7:1-10, 25-30
S: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53



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**PARTNERS IN
CHARITY**
campaign report by
Chairpersons Dan
and Diane Cetin will
take place at Masses
this weekend.

We are most grateful for gifts received to date in the amount of \$45,100.00 from 108 families. We are over 50% of our goal of \$77,500.00. Your kind gift directly assists our Parish by funding priest's retirement (affecting Fr. Charlie) and funding and education benefitting deacon to be Peter Bui who will be with us as summer deacon intern. Go to:
<https://stjosephscharlton.com/partners-in-charity>
to make your donation online.



PRAYER BEFORE MASS

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian

people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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



Volunteers are needed to assist in our Food Pantry. Contact Sr. Agnes at 508-248-7862 or sign up at the St. Joseph Table in the Narthex.



"God is making His
appeal through us."

Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Contact the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or email: donato.infante@gmail.com

Parish
Bulletin

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



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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.

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; May 21, June 18. Contact Ellen at 774-696-7544 if one is needed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Lights (gr. k-5)

Sr. Agnes Patricia
sisteragnespatricia@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
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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.