St. Joseph Church
CHARLTON, MA

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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

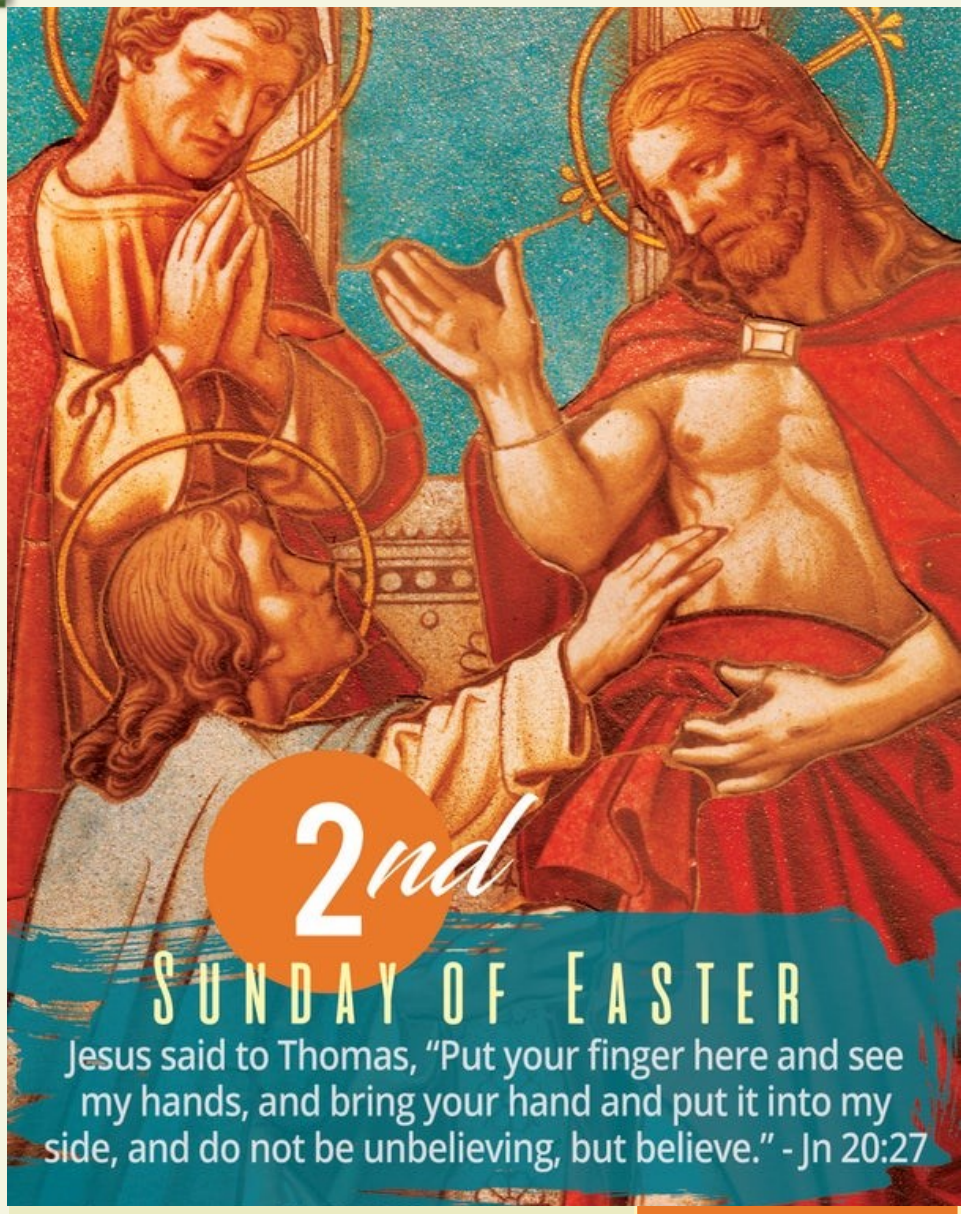
Baptismal preparation is required. Our next session is May 22nd. Contact the Parish Office to register

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.



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24 April 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 23
4:30 pm **Winifred & Victor Fernando** by the Family
Sunday, April 24
10:00 am **Mario Piccione** by Teri & Chris Hensel
5:00 pm **Dick Bolduc** by the Knights of Columbus
Monday, April 25
8:30 am **Anne Wood** by Sue McColl
Tuesday, April 26
8:30 am **Irma Lataille** by the Parish Family
Wednesday, April 27
8:30 am **Mass Celebrated**
Thursday, April 28
8:30 am **Mass Celebrated**
Friday, April 29
8:30 am **Mass Celebrated**
Saturday, April 30
4:30 pm **Joseph S. Silvestri** by Debra & Ed Cieslak
Sunday, May 1
8:00 am **Intentions of Fr. Jonathan** by a Parishioner
10:00 am **Rose Kupiec** by the Gard Family
5:00 pm **Carolyn Werge** (1st Anniv) by Brenda Allen

The 8:00 am Sunday Mass will be reinstated on May 1st. We will also resume the passed Offertory basket as well as the Offertory Procession.

Easter we counted over 900 people in attendance at our three Masses. This was the largest number for a single weekend that we have had participating since the pandemic began almost three years ago. It is awesome to have more and more folks returning after this challenging health crisis in our world.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION
will take place Sunday, May 22nd after the 10:00 am Mass. Scan the QR code or call 508-248-7862 to pre-register.

COME JOIN OUR BIBLE Study

Fr. Charlie's Bible Study continues Mondays 6:30-7:30 pm in St. Gabriel Room on the 2nd floor and repeated Wednesdays from 9:00-10:00 am in the St. Brigid and St. Charles Meeting Rooms just beyond the Coffee Room.

Mary Martha Guild Cookie & Fudge Sale

Mother's Day Weekend

May 7 & 8 after all Masses while supplies last.

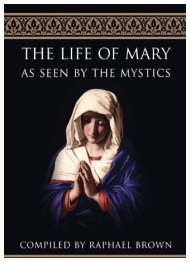
COFFEE & DISCUSSION
with Fr. Bob will meet Sunday May, 1st following the 10:00 am Mass in the Cornerstone. A video on the miracles of the Eucharist will be shown with discussion following.

Mary Martha Guild

The next Mary Martha Guild meeting is Monday, May 16th at 6:45 pm in the Cornerstone.

May Book Club

Our next book selection is *The Life of Mary as Seen by the Mystics*, by Raphael Brown. The discussion will take place on Thursday, May 19th at 7:00 pm.



DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

I am concerned about every beat of *your heart*.

-Jesus to St. Faustina

We invite you to celebrate all or part of this feast day this weekend!

Saturday, April 23
Confessions available: **3:15 – 4:15 pm**
Mass **4:30 pm** followed by a light dinner at **5:30 pm**
6:30 pm Movie - *Love & Mercy: Faustina*

Sunday, April 24
Confession Schedule: **1:00 – 2:30 pm**
11:00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Procession, Hour of Mercy explanation and reflection from St. Faustina's Diary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Silent Adoration
1:00 pm Rosary – Glorious Mysteries (Confession available) Guided Meditation – Jesus speaks to St. Faustina
2:00 pm St. Faustina's Way of the Cross-Stations of the Cross, Short Meditation from Faustina's Diary and Silent Adoration
3:00 pm Hour of Mercy- Divine Mercy Chaplet (in song), Litany of Trust and Silent Adoration (with music), Agnus Dei
4:30 pm Benediction and repose of the Blessed Sacrament

CREATE YOUR OWN MARY GARDEN!!

May is the month of Our Lady, and we are encouraging parishioners to prepare a sacred garden in honor of the Blessed Mother on your own property. Begin by contemplating a special space, perhaps a statue, and think about flowers that can be maintained through this spring and summer. Mary Gardens evoke spontaneous prayer and reflection. We hope your Mary Garden is an opportunity for you to grow spiritually and to witness God's artistry in the beauty of nature. Please take a picture of your garden and send it along to *lynn@stjosephscharlton.com* so we can share it on our parish website.

Charlton Earth Day

Saturday, April 30th 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Sign up for a road/area that you want to clean before the event, and pick up large trash bags on the Common on that day.

The Earth Fest will take place on the Common from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm with venders, fun activities and booths with educational materials. Contact Celeste Mahaney at 508-667-6117 or *cmlamour14@gmail.com*.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR WORLD

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father,
send now your Spirit over the earth.
Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations...that they may be preserved from degeneration, disaster and war!

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

May the Lady of All Nations,
who once was Mary,
be our Advocate.

AMEN

VBS 2022

July 18-21
9:00 am-12:30 pm

Our VBS director this year is Kendall Mullen. For further information or to be involved, contact Kendall at mullenk@cua.edu or 508-244-2094.

Watch here for more information in the weeks to come.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Almost at our goal

We need $5,234.00 more to reach our goal of $77,500.00.

We are most grateful for gifts received to date from 166 families. Please make your gift today if you have not yet done so, every little bit helps.

Be the *face* of CHRIST
We couldn't do it without you! partners-charity.net
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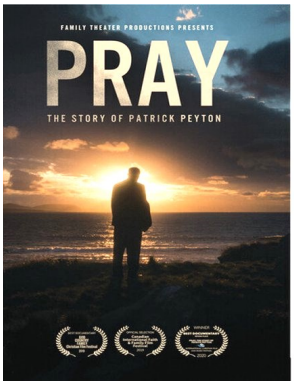
Go to: *stjosephscharlton.com/partners-in-charity* to make your donation.

Thank you and God Bless You!

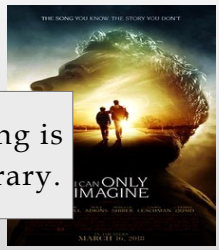


Come watch this wonderful documentary: *PRAY The story of Patrick Peyton* with us.

This is the story of Fr. Peyton who coined the expression *"The family that prays together stays together"*.

The movie will be shown in the Cornerstone Thursday May 5th at 9:15 am and again at 6:30 pm. There will be a discussion following the movie with snacks provided.

The *I Can Only Imagine* movie showing is cancelled due to construction at Library.



Scholarships Application Deadline Approching

The Knights of Columbus will award 2 separate $1,500 scholarships to 2 students currently enrolled at, or planning to attend, a college or university for the 2022-2023 academic year. Applications must be submitted prior to April 30th for both the Steven J. McKenna and the Rev. Robert A. Grattaroti Scholarships.
The scholarships will be awarded in late May.
If interested, please contact Dennis Lataille, 508-612-2629 or email latailledenn@aol.com.

Stewardship

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

Parish offerings for the weekend of Palm Sunday were $14,064.00 with $357.00 for our Building Fund. Easter offerings were $18,536.00 with $210.00 for our Building Fund. To date we have received $1,030.00 for Ukraine. The collection will be sent to a Catholic Ukrainian Church in Ludlow and then forwarded to Ukraine. We have already given a large food supply from our food pantry as well. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

A Tip of the Hat to:

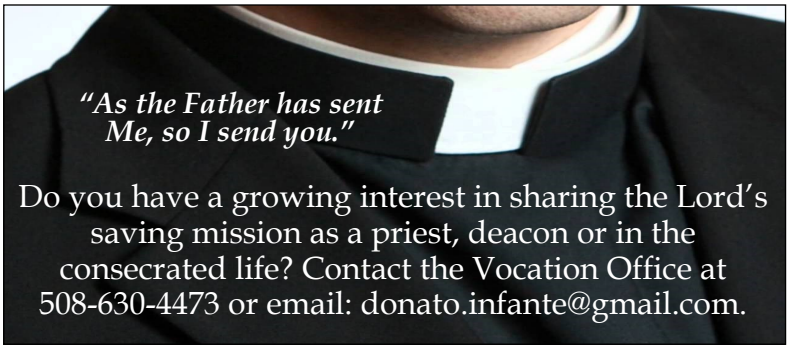
Linda Shedd our green thumb for her work in planting and caring for the Rectory garden and every other wonderful task she performs for the parish.

Mike Mahan for his generous work in preparing the gardens for planting.

David Woods for repairing the lighted crown on the statue of our Blessed Mother.

Phyllis Breitenfeld for her dedicated service providing coffee and delightful goodies for us all after the 10:00 am Mass each week.

We are so very grateful to all our parish ministries; our choir, ushers, religious educators, maintenance staff, secretarial workers, Mary/Martha Guild, Knights of Columbus, Stewardship, Finance Council, Deacons and Priestly staff and so many others who love God as they serve the good works of our Parish. **THANK YOU ALL!**



Scripture readings for week of April 24th

M: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
T: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
W: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
Th: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36
F: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
S: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

God of mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast, kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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's Connect

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

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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.

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.

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

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