



August 17, 2025

St. Joseph Church

CELEBRATING 125 YEARS

10 H. Putnam Ext.

P.O. Box 338, Charlton City, MA 01508

We are a Community of Faith, called by Jesus Christ to reach out in love to each other, our families, our neighbors, our nation and the world.

CLERGY

Pastor: Father Bob Grattaroti

Senior Priest: Father Charles Monroe

Deacons: Bill Shea, Steve Miller

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday 8:30 AM

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM

SACRAMENTS

Holy Encounters with God

BAPTISM

Our baptismal prep session is September 21.
Call parish office or scan QR code to register

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

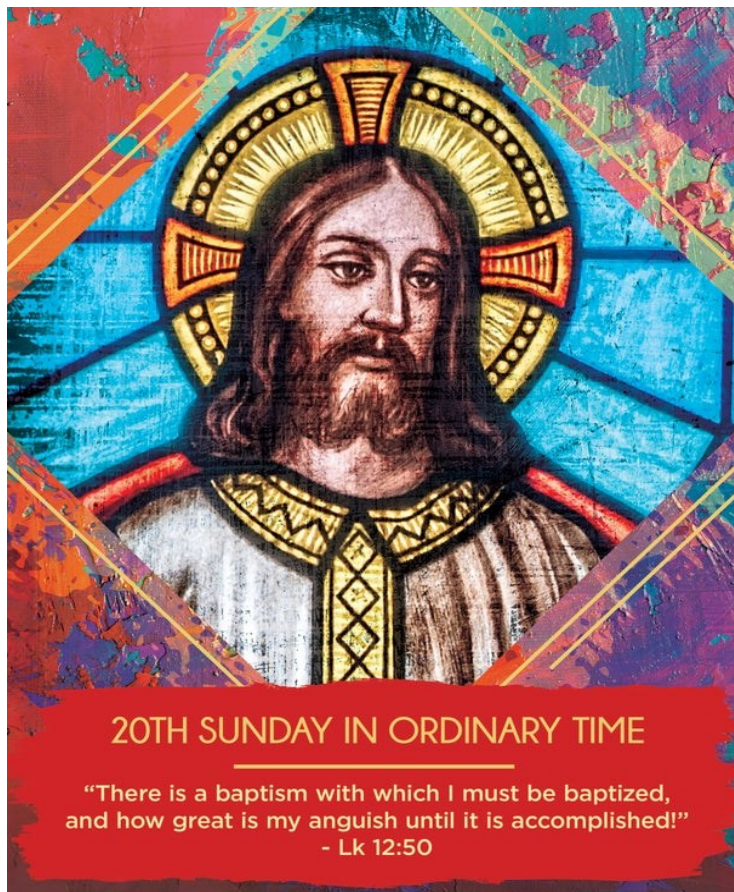
Confession: Saturdays at 3:45 pm.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements begin a year prior to wedding date. Call the parish office.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday & Friday: Noon—5:00 PM
2nd Wednesday of month: 2:30—4:30 PM



PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Office 508-248-7862

Parish Email stjoecharlton@aol.com

 St. Joseph's Parish Charlton

 @stjosephscharlton

Parish Website

stjosephscharlton.com

or Scan QR code



St. Joseph Church, Charlton, MA

PRAYER & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 16

4:30 pm Richard Murphy by Wife & Family

Sunday, August 17

8:00 am Special Intentions of Luke Carpenter by Parishioner

10:00 am Alfred Laskowski (50th Anniv) by Family

5:00 pm Julie Ancil & Charles Oxnard by Mark & Lynn Lorusso & Family

Monday, August 18

8:30 am George Bellerose (5th Anniv) by Wife & Family

Tuesday, August 19

8:30 am Michael McNeaney by Parish

Wednesday, August 20

8:30 am Atlas Wyatt Puglisi by Deacon Bill & Mimi Shea

Thursday, August 21

8:30 am Victor Fernando by Family

Friday, August 22

8:30 am Barbara Jacques by Deacon Bill & Mimi Shea

Saturday, August 23

4:30 pm Rick Doucimo (9th Anniv) by Family

Sunday, August 24

8:00 am Yvonne Richard (birthday remembrance) by Son, Edward

10:00 am Barbara Faford (wedding anniversary) by Family

5:00 pm William Reil by the Family

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for Richard Murphy by his Mother in Law

WELCOME

We are glad you are here. New members are encouraged to register via our website or call the parish office.



NOTICE: Our parish office will be open on Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:00 am beginning Sunday, September 9.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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

BAPTISMS

With much joy we welcome Colin Richard Cozza child of Patrick & Grace and Westley Albert Bolio child of Thomas & Jacquelyn who were baptized in water and Spirit.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Bann III Mark Pover & Heather Larsen
Bann III Stephen Porth & Maria Iudiciani

WHAT'S HAPPENING

IMPORTANT NOTICE

**CAUTION
DRIVE
SLOWLY**

Please be mindful of your speed as you enter and leave our parking lot.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Register Now

Full Flyer in Narthex



Free Will Offering

Brown Bag Lunch
generously donated by
Mary Martha Guild

Pilgrimage to Divine Mercy Shrine

Saturday, September 13th

Carpool departs church 7:00 am

Van Transportation Available: \$25 PP (based on full van occupancy of 10)
RSVP Chris - Cullen@charter.net or see Lynn in the office by August 31st

MINISTRY MEETING

The Living Art of Christ Ministry is preparing for their next production; "Who Made the Bread"!

If you are interested in participating, the first meeting is Monday, September 8 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. All are invited to the meeting. Alex 774-200-3381.

FIRST LIGHTS

Religious education registration for grades 1-5 begins now for the new school year. Forms can be printed from the parish website, or come in to obtain one from the office staff, or one can be mailed to you. Classes begin in September.

REGISTER NOW



ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH CHARLTON
A WALKING WITH PURPOSE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Ordering Your Priorities

Wednesday Evenings 6:30 - 8:00
beginning September 17, 2025

and
Friday Afternoons 1:30 - 3:00
beginning September 19, 2025

Open House
SEPTEMBER 3RD FROM 7PM-8PM

Our mission is to help every Catholic woman and girl in America encounter Christ through our Bible Studies.

CONSIDER AD SPACE IN OUR NEWLETTER

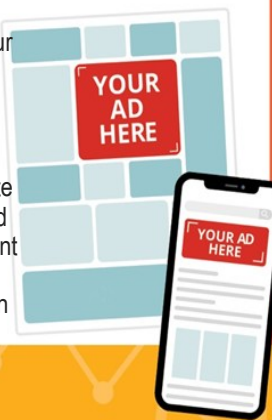
PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Josh Nwaozuzu from LPi, our newsletter printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish newsletter and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



Josh Nwaozuzu
(216) 302-7611



EXCITING NEW EVENT



In search of and embracing Church treasures? Beginning September, we will offer Family Faith Gatherings. Our first gathering will be Sunday, September 21 with Mass at 10:00 AM, followed with breakfast, and an exciting presentation by Sister Theresita Donach of the Sisters of the Holy Family entitled, *Jesus, our Savior*. She is a dynamic speaker who specializes in Family Faith dynamics. The entire family is encouraged to attend, children, grandparents, aunts/uncles. **Save the Date.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING

UPCOMING EVENTS



Worcester Catholic Women's Conference

"I Thirst for the Salvation of Souls"

Save the Date
Saturday September 27th

Worcester Catholic Women's Conference

WHEN: Saturday, September 27, 2025
7:00 AM – Registration begins
8:30 AM to 6:00 PM – Program:
Adoration, Rosary, Speakers,
Lunch, Confession, Mass

WHERE: St. Joseph School in Webster, MA

See flyers in the Narthex for more information

TICKET PRICES:
(morning pastries, coffee and lunch included)
\$25 for students
\$50 for adults (until Sept. 16th)
\$60 for adults (after Sept. 16th)

Hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATES

UNVAILED, bringing training regarding child abuse, sexual exploitation and trafficking to our parish.

Wednesday, September 10 at 7:00 PM
St. Joseph Church Hall
Sponsored by Baystate Family Advocacy Center in Springfield.

HOLYWORD SQUARES Game Night
Saturday, September 27 in our Church Hall.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH GOT TALENT!
Saturday, October 25 in the Church Hall
Sign up in the Narthex and show us what you got.
More information to come.

MARY/MARTHA GUILD HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR

Church Hall, Saturday, December 6
A fundraiser to support our parish community.
Seeking crafters, first come, first served.
Joyce Marcelonis at 774-262-0820.

NEXT SUNDAY



Diocese of Worcester Cursillo Movement
Attention all Cursillistas

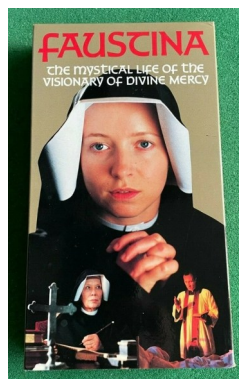
JOIN US FOR A
Day of Renewal
FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, & FUN

Sunday, August 24, 2025
12:30 - 4:30 WITH MASS @ 5:00PM
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH CHARLTON MA

Witness Speaker: Denise Thomas
CURSILLISTA & FORMER LAY DIRECTOR

RSVP - NAME AND # ATTENDING VIA TEXT BY 8/17 TO:
PAM @ 774.239.8909

FREE MOVIE NIGHT



Faustina, the Mystical Life of the Visionary of Divine Mercy
Thursday, August 21 at 6:30 pm in the Cornerstone.

PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. BOB

September 28–October 10

Travel with Fr. Bob to Rome and Paris with an audience with the Pope. We received word that Fr. Bob will celebrate Mass at the refurbished Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

Cost: \$5,999.00 Airfare and All included except lunches & travel insurance. 21 People have already signed up.

www.proximotravel.com or call 855-842-8001.

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH OFFERINGS

Weekend of August 10:

Weekly Offerings: \$15,006.50

Building Fund: \$782.00

Mission: \$3003.00

YOU make a difference!

Thank you for your continued contribution, helping to ensure the sustainability of our parish.

We do not “pass the basket” but rather invite you to leave your parish support in the collection basket at the entry or with an usher.

FOOD PANTRY

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

Food Pantry Hours

Tuesday: 6:30–7:30 PM

Wednesday: 9:00–11:00 AM

Donations Always Welcome!

Our Food Pantry is in need of the following items: Soups, Canned Ham, Canned Chicken, Devilled Ham, Taco Kits, Syrup, Coffee, Tea, Tomato Sauce, Jelly, Rice and Mac & Cheese.

SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING

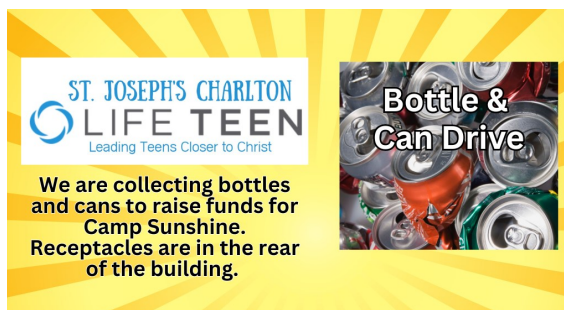
Give
Online

Schedule your offerings through our fast, easy and convenient online program. Contact Lynn at lynn@stjosephscharlton.com or stjosephscharlton.com/e-giving.

CONGRATULATIONS

Scout Troop 338 was named “Troop of the Week” during week 4 of Camp Yawgoog this summer. Way to go Troop 338.

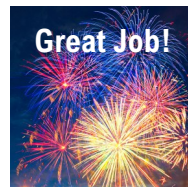
FUNDRAISERS



**ST. JOSEPH'S CHARLTON
LIFE TEEN**
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

**Bottle &
Can Drive**

We are collecting bottles and cans to raise funds for Camp Sunshine. Receptacles are in the rear of the building.



St. Joseph Church Volleyball Team

Regular Season: FIRST PLACE!

August Tournament: Third Place.



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Our EDGE program, needs Assistant Small Group Leaders for the 2025–26 school year. No experience necessary, just a love for our faith and Jesus, as well as a desire to share it with our youth.

EDGE meets on Tuesdays throughout the school year from 6:30–8:00 PM. Volunteers meet from 5:30 to 8:30 PM every Tuesday to assist with set up and clean up. Contact the EDGE Director, Sandra Buron at 508–523–1562 or at mrsbedge2018@gmail.com for more information and training dates.



**St Joseph Charlton
LIFE TEEN**
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

SAVE THE DATE

Golf Tournament
Heritage Country Club Charlton
September 20
7:30 am Shot Gun Start!

Proceeds help support our Life Teen High School Youth Ministry program

Registration information coming soon!

St. Joseph Church, Charlton



**JUBILEE 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

PARISH CONTACTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-5: First Lights
Sr. Agnes Patricia
sisteragnespatricia@yahoo.com

Grades 6-8: EDGE
Sandra Buron
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Grades 9-12 Life Teen
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Chris Mullen
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OCIA-ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Ted and Patty Covill
tcovill@charter.net

PARISH RESOURCES



Gluten free hosts are available upon request. Please, ask an usher.

24 HOUR PRAYER LINE
prayer@missionariesofmercy.net

“Run the race which lies ahead.”

Are you called to keep your eyes fixed on Christ and run the race of faith to heaven as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 508-630-4473 or donato.infante@gmail.com.

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

A 30-week prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius will be held at St. Peter Church, Worcester beginning September 30. Information night, July 29 at 6:30 PM at St. Peter Church, 929 Main St., Worcester. www.IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com.

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