



August 31, 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.

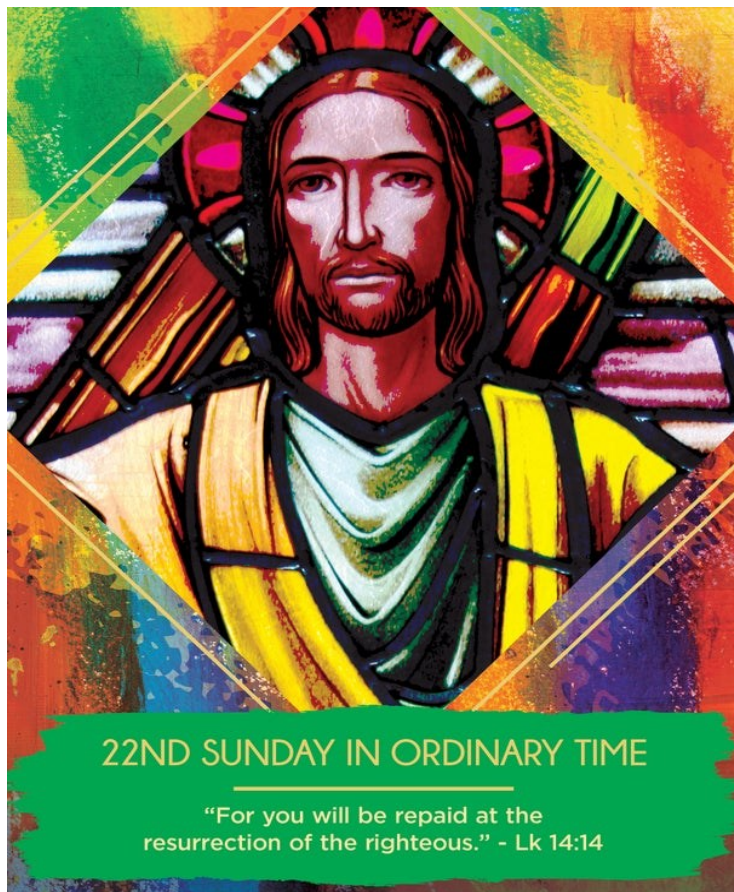
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:14

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 30

4:30 pm Mary McNamara Grady (birthday remembrance) by Family

Sunday, August 31

8:00 am Gus Skopinsky by Mark & Lynn Lorusso & Family

10:00 am Special Intentions of Sally Irvine by Dante Folino

5:00 pm Susan Markley (1st Anniv) by Family

Monday, September 1

8:30 am Donna Parent by Family

Tuesday, September 2

8:30 am Special Intentions of Daniel Goguen by a Parishioner

Wednesday, September 3

8:30 am William Dighton by a Parishioner

Thursday, September 4

8:30 am Mary Jane Dottis by Dolores Elliot

Friday, September 5

8:30 am Kevin McDonald by Mom & Dad

Saturday, September 6

4:30 pm Allan Turmelle by Wife, Sandra

Sunday, September 7

8:00 am Joanne Clough, birthday remembrance, by Family

10:00 am Grace Griendstrom (5th Anniv) by Family

5:00 pm Joe Plante by Family

Sanctuary Lamps burn for The Nichols Family by Clara Kachinski

WELCOME

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



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

Your special prayer intentions may be written in the large blue intention book near the St. Joseph statue in the Narthex. The book is brought to the Altar during the Offertory along with the Bread and Wine for Consecration

Fr. Bob will be away through Labor Day.

REST IN PEACE

Fr. Richard Fortin, retired priest of our Diocese, Jadwiga Wrona and Michael Traina. 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.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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 - Cmulen@charter.net or see Lynn in the office by August 31st

Healing Wounds Prayer Challenge

Prepare for our Divine Mercy Shrine Pilgrimage on September 13.

Sister Miriam & Bob Schuchts

HEALING PRAYERS AND REMEDIATIONS

Starts September 4 on Hallow



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.

Check Out Our **FREE Library!**

We become the books we read.

Borrow, Donate, Share
In the Coffee Room facing the Narthex!

holy moments

Matthew Kelly

St. Joseph's Church Adult Faith Formation

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.

SAINTS TO BE CANONIZED

The canonization of two contemporaries; Blessed Carlo Acutis a 15 year old millennial, and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati takes place September 7 at St. Peter's in Rome. Both warrant our veneration as persons who have given witness to Jesus by their lives. Blessed Acutis, born in London in 1991, died in Italy of Leukemia in 2006. He was a soccer player and skier, and very adept with technology. He organized a wonderful study of the miracles of the Eucharist through the years. Blessed Pier Giorgio, born in Italy in 1901, died in 1925. He is known for his love of Jesus and actively fostering the social teachings of the church.

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.

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)
\$80 for adults (after Sept. 16th)

Hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATES

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

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.



Beginning September, we will offer Family Faith Gatherings. Our first 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.



St. Joseph's Church
GOT TALENT

All ages welcome

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Free show after the 4:30 pm Mass in the church hall.
Beer & Wine available for purchase.

SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE
in Narthex or contact Brian at
bbrosnihan@yahoo.com

LIFE TEEN CORNER



St Joseph Charlton
LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

UPCOMING EVENTS

IT'S TIME FOR A NEW YEAR!!

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2025/2026 YEAR LIVE NOW
OPEN TO ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

14 SEPTEMBER
LIFE TEEN KICK OFF
JOIN US FOR THE 5 PM MASS, DINNER, AND FUN!

20 SEPTEMBER
LIFE TEEN 6th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
REGISTER BELOW

21 SEPTEMBER
REGULAR LIFE TEEN PROGRAMMING BEGINS AT THE 5 PM MASS

Or visit our website at stjosephscharlton.com/life-teen

EDGE



EDGE NEWS

VOL. 1, NO. 2 • **SPECIAL EDITION** • 30 AUGUST 2025

Calling All
6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Students

EDGE Registration is NOW Open!

Register Online at: stjosephscharlton.com
OR Scan the Code
OR Forms are in the Narthex.



EDGE needs ALL 6th, 7th and 8th Grade students to piece together our EDGE Community Puzzle!

Food
Fun Activities
Meet the EDGE Core Team
Scavenger Hunt
Music

Come to the EDGE Kick-off, Tuesday, September 23
Bring a friend!
The evening begins in the church hall at 6:00 pm!

EDGE needs Assistant Small Group Leaders. No experience necessary, just a love for our faith, and a desire to share it. EDGE meets on Tuesdays 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 director, Sandra Buron at mrsbedge2018@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH OFFERINGS

Weekend of August 24:

Weekly Offerings: \$12,079.90

Building Fund: \$367.00

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!

PRAYER CAMPAIGN FOR FAMILIES

Please consider taking a tag from the prayer trees in the Narthex, and keep the family indicated on it in your prayers. Holy Spirit of God, come to this family (insert name) and keep their hearts constantly open to Your love. Lord Jesus, bless them constantly and assure them of Your love. Then say an Our Father.

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.

FREE FOOD ITEMS

Bread and sometimes veggies are available for the taking from the table in the Narthex.

CONSIDER AN AD IN OUR NEWSLETTER

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.

LPI (216) 302-7611
jnwaozuzu@4lpi.com

YOUR AD HERE

YOUR AD HERE

GOLF FUNDRAISER

St Joseph Charlton LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

ST. JOSEPH'S CHARLTON YOUTH MINISTRY ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

Early bird registration ends September 1!
Register now

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

CONGRATULATIONS

We offer our best wishes to Diane Dabrowski of our parish. She will be presented as Charlton's Citizen of the Year at Old Home Day this weekend. Bravo!

St. Joseph Church, Charlton



**JUBILEE 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

PARISH CONTACTS

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Grades K-5: First Lights

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ASSISTIVE
LISTENING
SYSTEM
AVAILABLE



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

24 HOUR PRAYER LINE
prayer@missionariesofmercy.net

“An attentive ear is the desire of the wise.”

Is your prayer attentive to the wisdom of Christ? Is He inviting you to follow Him as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at 508-630-4473 or donato.infante@gmail.com.



MARIAN PROCESSION SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

There will be a multicultural Marian procession in Worcester. It will begin at St. Peter's Parish,

929 Main Street at 9:30 am and proceeds to St. Paul Cathedral. Bishop McManus will preside over Mass at 12:00 pm in the Cathedral.

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