



October 5, 2025

St. Joseph Church

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 October 19 .
Call the parish office or scan parish QR code.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

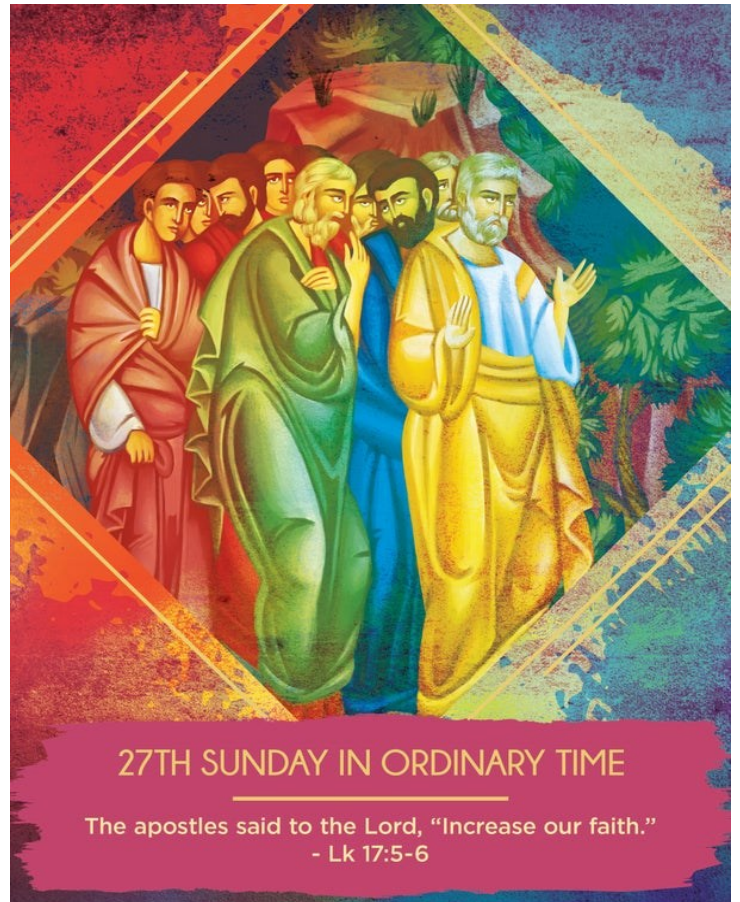
Confession: Saturdays at 3:45 pm.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

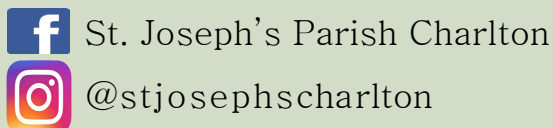
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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



Parish Website:
stjosephscharlton.com
or Scan QR code



St. Joseph Church, Charlton, MA

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 4

4:30 pm Deceased Members of Elliot Family
by Michael & Dolores Elliot

Sunday, October 5

8:00 am Richard Lavigueur by Jackie McCabe
10:00 am Paula Fisher by Family
5:00 pm Susan Maynard Miller by Chris Piehl

Monday, October 6

8:30 am Lenny Armstrong

Tuesday, October 7

8:30 am Communion Service

Wednesday, October 8

8:30 am Nancy Hearnley

Thursday, October 9

8:30 am Special Intentions of Daniel Goguen

Friday, October 10

8:30 am Special Intentions of Riley Bishop

Saturday, October 11

4:30 pm Deceased Members of the Hardiman
Family by Michael & Dolores Elliott

Sunday, October 12

8:00 am Gary Gemme by Jane & Tom Ciras
10:00 am Josephine & Eugene Ide (Wedding
Anniv Remembrance)
5:00 pm Bob Voorhis by Family

Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for the Alfred
Lonestein by Mark & Lynn Lorusso & Family

WELCOME

We are glad you are here. Prepare for
Mass by opening your heart and
silencing your phone.

New members are encouraged to register
via our website or call the parish office.
For added convenience, the parish office is
open Sunday mornings from 9:00–10:00 am.

Kindly remember to drive slowly upon
entering and exiting our church lot.

COMING SOON!



Children's Liturgy

Young Mass attendees ages 3-7 are
invited to participate in the Children's
Liturgy of the Word, which takes place
during the scriptural readings and homily.

In this special portion of the Sunday
10AM Mass, the scriptures are explained
to our young parishioners and visitors in
ways they can understand. The Children's
Liturgy of the Word often includes
crafts, coloring activities and/or song.

Can you help once per month?

Volunteers Needed

Email Chris Mullen cmullen@charter.net

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Almighty ever-living God, who in the
abundance of your kindness surpass the merits
and the desires of those who entreat you, pour
out your mercy upon us to pardon what
conscience dreads and to give what prayer
does not dare to ask. 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 Starlette Pearl
Specht child of Andrew & Brianna who was
baptized last weekend and Ryleigh Avery
White child of Kurt & Allison who will be
baptized this weekend.

REST IN PEACE

Armand Carpentier, husband of Irene. May
he rest in the arms of the Lord and rejoice
in the glory of heaven, and may his family
find comfort in their faith.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



FIRST LIGHTS



First Lights parents, ask your child(ren) about the "Lost Lamb" at St. Joseph Church Charlton.

MINISTRY MINUTE

HAND BELL CHOIR—The Hand Bell Choir provides beautiful enhancement in the liturgy with the use of hand bells on special occasions at Mass. No prior music experience is needed to join us. Please contact Ellen Thibodeau at ethibo6000@gmail.com.

PRIVATE PRAYER SPACE

Do you know that we have a Blessed Sacrament Chapel?

To access the chapel, use the steel door to the left of the Tabernacle, then take an immediate right. It is always available for you to use for private prayer time.

PEACE POLE PROJECT

We dedicated our Peace Pole last Saturday. We continue to pray that we cultivate peace in our community and throughout the world in thought, word, and action. 10 Trees were planted on the African Continent in our honor of joining the Peace Pole Project.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

UPCOMING EVENTS



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 the Narthex or contact Brian at bbrosnihan@yahoo.com

SAVE THE DATE:

MARY/MARTHA GUILD HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR

Church Hall, Saturday, December 6. This is a fundraiser to support our parish community.

We are seeking gently used items for our Fabulous Flea Market. You may drop items off in the parish office. We are also seeking donations of themed baskets for our raffle. Baskets must be delivered by November 29. If you can prepare a basket, contact Linda Leonard at 508-450-4945.



SAVE THE DATE
Christmas
Tea Party Fundraiser
Saturday DECEMBER 13
2:00 - 4:00 PM



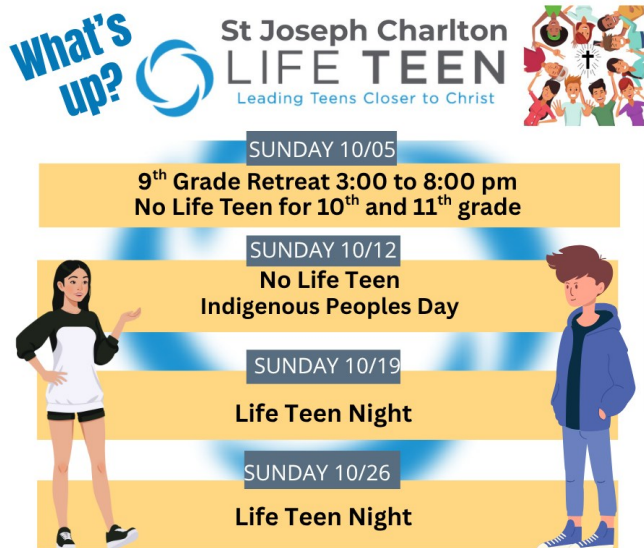
12th Annual Celebrate Priesthood Taste of the Diocese

A benefit for retired priest's care featuring cuisines from local restaurants and ethnic cuisines from parishes around our diocese, along with a variety of wines and beers.

Thursday, October 30 from 5:30-7:30 pm
St. Paul Diocesan Jr/Sr/ High School.

To make a gift or purchase a ticket, go to worcesterdioocese.org/celebrate-priesthood.

LIFE TEEN CORNER



What's up? St Joseph Charlton **LIFE TEEN**
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

SUNDAY 10/05
9th Grade Retreat 3:00 to 8:00 pm
No Life Teen for 10th and 11th grade

SUNDAY 10/12
No Life Teen
Indigenous Peoples Day

SUNDAY 10/19
Life Teen Night

SUNDAY 10/26
Life Teen Night

EDGE KICK OFF WAS A HIT



EDGE kicked off the Fall semester with a celebration on September 23rd. It was a GREAT evening of Faith, Food and Fun!

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH OFFERINGS

Weekend of September 28:

Weekly Offerings: \$13,381.10

Building Fund: \$428.00

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!

We are grateful for your most generous response to our Brown Bag Weekend. The Food Pantry ministry would like to thank the parish for helping them serve so many. We are currently serving many more families than usual, the added food is incredibly helpful.

SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING



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

PRAYER TREE

There is a Prayer Tree in the Narthex with names of students in our religious education program. We invite you to take a yellow tag, and pray for that student and their family throughout the year.

WINTER COAT COLLECTION

The Ecumenical Winter Coat Closet has been helping hundreds of people in our community for over 17 years. They are currently collecting winter coats and items for men, women and children. Please place your donations in the box located in the entry area.

FREE WINTER COATS FOR THOSE IN NEED

WINTER COAT CLOSET at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 446 Hamilton Street, Southbridge, open Saturdays November 1–December 20 from 9:30–11:30 am offers free gently used winter coats for men, women and children. All are welcome. Chris McTigue 508–248–4726.

LIFE TEEN THANKS YOU

The Life Teen logo features a blue circular icon and the text "St Joseph Charlton LIFE TEEN Leading Teens Closer to Christ". The 100% Sunshine logo features a yellow sun icon and the text "100% SUNSHINE where families find family".

Thank you for another successful year of can and bottle collections. We will end our collections on October 12th and begin again in the spring.

A close-up photograph of several aluminum soda cans, including brands like Coca-Cola and Pepsi, stacked together.

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PARISH CONTACTS

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“God did not give us a spirit of cowardice.”

Will you let the Holy Spirit lead you beyond
your fearful hesitation to follow Christ as a
priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?
Contact the Vocation Office 508-630-4473
or donato.infante@gmail.com.

PARISH RESOURCES



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

24 HOUR PRAYER LINE
prayer@missionariesofmercy.net

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

This is an opportunity to explore their campus
and hear from students and
faculty on what makes St. John's
an amazing opportunity for boys
and young men in grades 7-12.



Register for their Fall Open
House at beapioneer.org/open-house.

Thursday, October 16 at 6:00 pm or
Saturday, November 15 at 9:00 am.

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