



October 12, 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

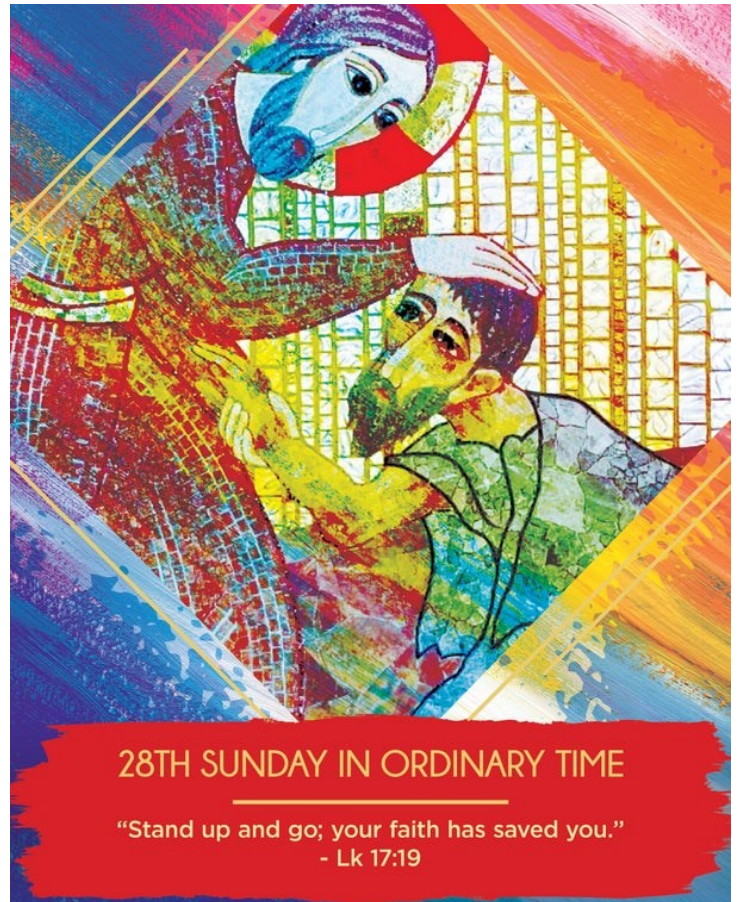
Confession: Saturdays at 3:45 pm.

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



St. Joseph's Parish Charlton



@stjosephscharlton

Parish Website:
stjosephscharlton.com
or Scan QR code



St. Joseph Church, Charlton, MA

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, October 13

8:30 am Linda Chouinard by Brenda Chaffee

Tuesday, October 14

8:30 am Iryna Zarutka by a Parishioner

Wednesday, October 15

8:30 am Fr. Norm Tremblay by a Friend

Thursday, October 16

8:30 am Special Intentions of Christopher Robinson by a Parishioner

Friday, October 17

8:30 am Barbara Lavalley by Ernest Lavalley

Saturday, October 18

4:30 pm Paul LeBlanc by Parish

Sunday, October 19

8:00 am Charlie Kirk by Roberts Family

10:00 am Robert Bourgeois (1st Anniv) by Family

5:00 pm Alfred Lonstein by Lorusso Family

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

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

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. 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

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



A WWP LIVE EVENT WITH LISA BRENNINKMEYER

Between Heartbreak and Hallelujah

There Is Holiness in the Waiting

When life shatters and doubt creeps in, you may find yourself wondering, "Is God still good?" "Does He care?" With honesty and hope, Lisa will explore these questions and remind you that you are not alone—and that strength and even joy can be found in the waiting between heartbreak and hallelujah.

REGISTER NOW!

WALKINGWITHPURPOSE.COM/EVENTS

Thursday, October 23, 2025 | 7 PM
St. Joseph's Catholic Church
10 H Putnam Road Extension
Charlton, MA 01507

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FIRST LIGHTS

On Sunday, November 2, there will be an All Saints procession. The children are invited to attend the 10:00 am Mass dressed as their favorite Saint. They will process into the church with the priests and be presented at the altar before taking their seats.



MINISTRY MINUTE

FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY—our Food Pantry is open weekly for all St. Joseph's parishioners and greater Charlton community residents on Tuesdays 6:30–7:30 pm & Wednesdays 9:00–11:00 am. Visitors receive 2 bags of non-perishable groceries, all of which are donated by our parish family and community. The food pantry helps 15 to 20+ visitors/families each week. Donations are always needed and can be dropped off in the Narthex. This ministry is coordinated by Sylvia Stepien 508-248-0636 and volunteers are always welcome.

RING A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD

JOIN OUR HANDBELL CHOIR

Come and give it a try - open to those having made 1st Communion to adults. We will teach you everything you need to know.

Rehearsals are Wednesday 6:00 - 7:15 pm in the sanctuary, beginning October 15.

Just come, or contact Ellen Thibodeau at 774-696-7544.

AA 12-STEP MEETINGS

This is an open AA meeting on Friday evenings from 7:00–8:00 pm in Knights of Columbus room in basement of St. Joseph Charlton. If you think you, or someone you know may have a problem with alcohol, please feel free to attend.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

UPCOMING EVENTS



This event has been postponed!

Free show after the Mass in the church hall.
Beer & Wine available for purchase.

MARY/MARTHA GUILD

HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR

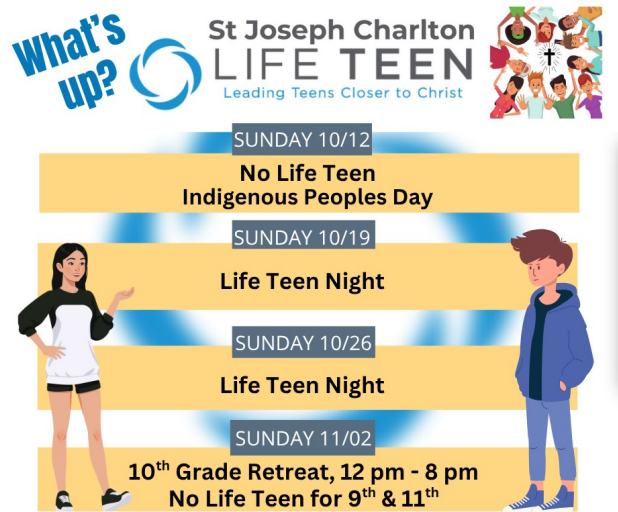
Saturday, December 6

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.



LIFE TEEN CORNER



DIOCESAN EVENTS

ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop McManus will celebrate this Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester, on Sunday, October 26 at 3:00 pm. This liturgy honors couples who this year are marking significant anniversaries (25, 40, 50 years). A light reception will follow. Register by October 14 at worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass.



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 worcesterdiocese.org/celebrate-priesthood.

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH OFFERINGS

Weekend of October 5:

The weekly offering amount will be reported next week.

[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.

LIFE TEEN THANKS YOU

The logo for St Joseph Charlton LIFE TEEN, featuring a blue circular icon and the text "St Joseph Charlton LIFE TEEN Leading Teens Closer to Christ".

The logo for Camp Sunshine, featuring a yellow sun icon and the text "CAMP SUNSHINE where families find family".

Thank you for another successful year of can and bottle collections. We have ended our collections for the season and will begin again in the spring.

A photograph showing a pile of crushed aluminum cans and bottles, primarily in red and green colors.

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

The WINTER COAT CLOSET at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 446 Hamilton Street, Southbridge, is open Saturdays November 1–December 20 from 9:30–11:30 am offering free gently used winter coats for men, women and children.

All are welcome. Chris McTigue 508–248–4726.

All Christians are but God's stewards. Everything we have is on loan from the Lord, entrusted to us for a while to use in serving Him.

-John MacArthur

St. Joseph Church, Charlton

PARISH CONTACTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-5: First Lights

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Grades 6-8: EDGE

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Ted and Patty Covill

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“Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

How will you respond in gratitude to the mercy the Lord has shown you? Consider giving thanks 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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