

St. Joseph Church

CHARLTON, MA

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.



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?” - Lk 18:7

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OCTOBER 19, 2025

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil | 4:30 pm

Sunday | 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 5:00 pm

Daily Monday-Friday | 8:30 am

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

Saturday | 3:45 pm or by appointment

BAPTISM

Our next baptismal prep session is November 23. To register, call the parish office or scan parish QR code below.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements begin a year prior to wedding date.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday & Friday | Noon-5:00 pm

2nd Wednesday of Month | 2:30-4:30 pm

CLERGY

Pastor: Fr. Bob Grattaroti

Senior Priest: Fr. Charles Monroe

Permanent Deacons:

Steve Miller & Bill Shea

MASS INTENTIONS

WELCOME

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

Monday, October 20

8:30 am Michael Canty by Family

Tuesday, October 21

8:30 am Special Intentions of James Karos by Parishioner

Wednesday, October 22

8:30 am Stephen McKenna (30th Anniv) by Family

Thursday, October 23

8:30 am Edward Rabor, Jr. by Lola

Friday, October 24

8:30 am Gail LeClair (14th Anniv) by daughter, Christina

Saturday, October 25

4:30 pm Deceased Members of the Tuccillo Family by the Assunta & D'Annolfo Families

Sunday, October 26

8:00 am Ronald Twine by the Parish

10:00 am Pearl Gill (1st Anniv) by daughter, Susan White

5:00 pm Elizabeth Goudreau (birthday celebration) by Aunt Chris

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for Robert Bourgeois (1st Anniversary) by his family

We are glad you are here. Please 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.

We know you're eager to join us for Mass, but let's keep our parking lot a place of peace and safety. Let your driving reflect the grace in your heart. Accidents can happen, even in our parking lot. Kindly remember to drive slowly upon entering and exiting our church lot.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. 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

ALL SAINTS DAY & ALL SOULS DAY

The Solemnity of All Saints on November 1 falls on a Saturday, thus your obligation to attend Mass for this Feast Day is lifted.

We will observe the commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) at the 10:00 am Mass on November 2.

BAPTISMS

With great joy we welcome Jenna Marie Peltier, child of John & Jessica, Eleanor Giuseppina Wetherbee, child of Nicholas & Sara and Jameson Mark Nooney child of David & Megan who will be baptized in water and Spirit this weekend.

Coming Soon

Children's Liturgy

Mass attendees ages 3-7 are invited to participate in a Children's Liturgy, which takes place during the Scriptural readings and homily at the 10:00 am Mass. Children will take part in coloring activities, crafts and/or song relative to the day's Scripture readings.



Volunteers needed, can you help once a month?

cmullen@charter.net

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



FROM THE CREATORS OF FIREPROOF AND COURAGEOUS

WAR ROOM

PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON

REVIEW

Thursday, November 20th at 6:30 pm



MINISTRY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

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 Wednesdays from 6:00 - 7:15 pm in the sanctuary.

Ellen Thibodeau 774-696-7544

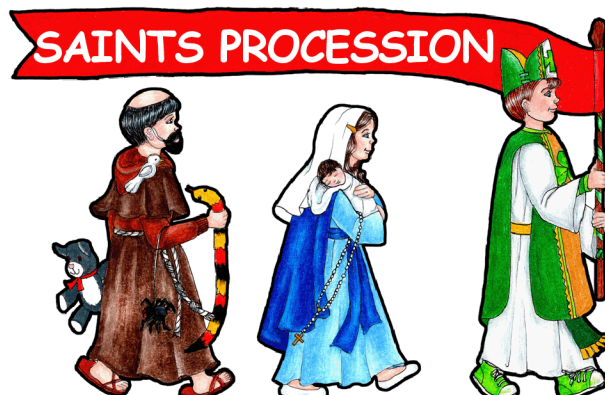


BUS TRIP OPEN TO ALL

Live on stage in Lancaster, PA

JOSHUA

BUS TRIP: May 18 - 21, 2026
PP/ Single - \$875.00, Double - \$750.00
w/pick up in Sturbridge, contact:
markjayne05@gmail.com



FIRST LIGHTS

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING

You're invited

WELCOME MASS and Breakfast

All new and current parishioners,
come and meet new friends and
visit with fellow parishioners.

October 26
10:00 am Mass



Christmas Tea Party Fundraiser

Saturday
December 13
2:00 to 4:00 pm

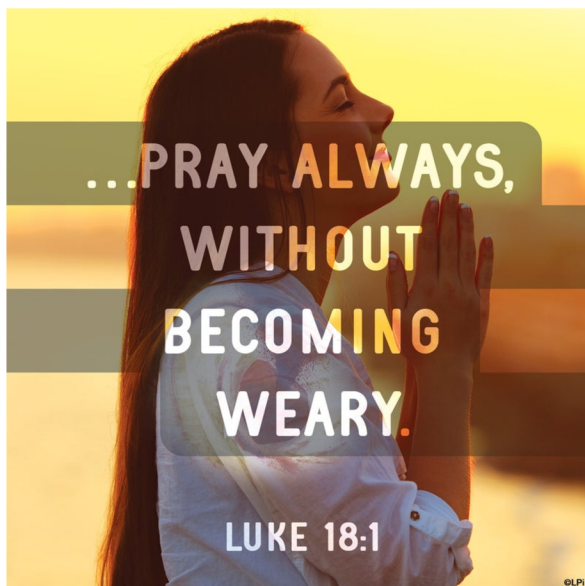
Adult \$30
Children <10 \$20
Table of 6 - \$150

EDGE Sponsored



**...PRAY ALWAYS,
WITHOUT
BECOMING
WEARY.**

LUKE 18:1



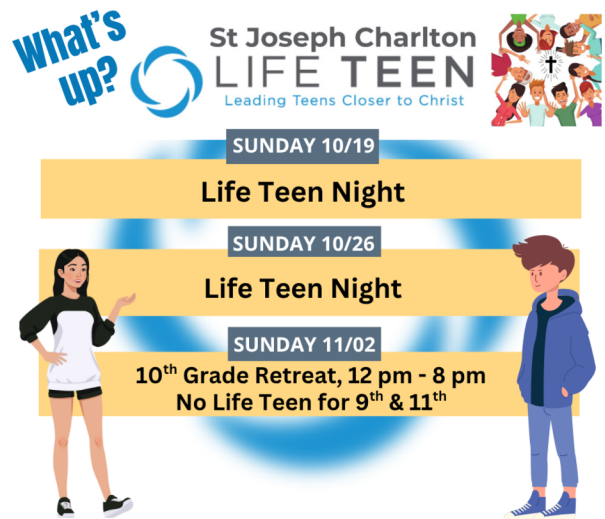
LIFE TEEN CORNER

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

SUNDAY 10/19
Life Teen Night

SUNDAY 10/26
Life Teen Night

SUNDAY 11/02
10th Grade Retreat, 12 pm - 8 pm
No Life Teen for 9th & 11th



DIOCESAN EVENTS

Anniversary Mass

Bishop McManus will celebrate the 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. A light reception will follow.

End of Life Planning Panel

Offered by Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish at their Hall on 10 Day Lane, Webster. The panel is available to answer questions about end-of-life planning on Saturday, November 15 from 5:00-6:00 pm. This is a free informative session with Madeline Colon-Usowicz, M.D., Michael Jalbert, Esq., John Hickey, F.D., and Fr. Lucas LaRoche. For more information, contact the parish at 508-943-3140 or office@shojwebster.org.

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH OFFERINGS

Weekend of October 5
Weekly Offerings: \$14,588
Building Fund: \$759

Weekend of October 12
Weekly Offerings: \$13,098
Building Fund: \$759

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.

ONLINE *giving*

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

FOOD PANTRY

Hours of Operation

Tuesday: 6:30-7:30 pm
Wednesday: 9:00-11:00 am



MINISTRY MINUTE

ALTAR SERVING-As an altar server, one is involved in the holiest and most sacred events of Catholic worship, the Mass. As you assist the priest & deacons, you make worship more reverent, efficient and beautiful. Altar Servers must have made their First Holy Communion and are also referred to as Acolytes. Acolytes may serve at any Mass, but especially on occasions such as Holy Week, Christmas Eve, Confirmations & funerals. Contact Deacon Steve Miller at 508.248.5638 for more information on becoming an altar server.

ECUMENICAL WINTER COAT CLOSET

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.

The Winter Coat Closet, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 446 Hamilton Street, Southbridge, will 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.

ANNUAL CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD EVENT

Taste of the Diocese

A benefit for retired priests' care will feature 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 purchase a ticket for this event, go to worcesterdioocese.org/celebrate-priesthood.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Mary Martha Guild is seeking the following for their Holiday Craft Bazaar on December 6; gently used items for the Fabulous Flea Market. Items may be dropped off in the parish office. They are also seeking donations of Themed Baskets for their raffle. Baskets must be delivered by November 29. If you can prepare a basket, please contact Linda Leonard at 508-450-4945.

MINISTRY CONTACTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST LIGHTS

Grades K-5

Sr. Agnes Patricia

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EDGE

Grades 6-8

Sandra Buron

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LIFE TEEN

Grades 9-12

Deacon Bill Shea

deaconbill@stjosephscharlton.com

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Chris Mullen

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ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Ted and Patty Covill

tcovill@charter.net

PARISH RESOURCES



Gluten free hosts

available upon request.
Please ask an usher.

24 Hour Prayer Line

prayer@missionariesofmercy.net

DIOCESAN VOCATION OFFICE

"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.

AA 12-STEP MEETING

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

Note: A daily AA meeting (7:00-8:00 am) will be held in the Cornerstone beginning in early December.

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