

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.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise.” - Lk 23:43

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NOVEMBER 23, 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

To register a child for Baptism, 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

Saturday, November 22

4:30 pm Robert & Mary Aldrich by Paula Barbos & Family

Sunday, November 23

8:00 am Ann Morin by Ed Ramsey & Family

10:00 am Edith Bordeleau by Family

5:00 pm Mark K. Johnson by Stephen & Sandy Johnson

Monday, November 24

8:30 am Mass Celebrated

Tuesday, November 25

8:30 am Barbara Harrington by Judy & Brian Brosnihan

Wednesday, November 26

8:30 am Mary Lou Lepko by the Family

Thursday, November 27

8:30 am Paul Thibodeau by Family & Friends

Friday, November 28

8:30 am Bill & Jeanette Usher by Nephew, Edouald

Saturday, November 29

4:30 pm Frank Gard (10th Anniv) by the Gard Family

Sunday, November 30

8:00 am Lois Buffone by Mark & Lynn Lorusso & Family

10:00 am Robert Bourgeois (69th Anniv) by Wife, Pat

5:00 pm Mary Lou Lepko by Jim & Judy Gutowsk

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for the Nichols family by Clara Kachinski

WELCOME

We are glad you are here. Please prepare for Mass by silencing your cell phone.

New members are encouraged to register via our website or call the parish office.



LITURGICAL

The Rite of Welcoming for the Order of the Christian Initiation of Adults will take place this weekend at the 10:00 am Mass.

Children's liturgy takes place during the 10:00 am Mass each Sunday.

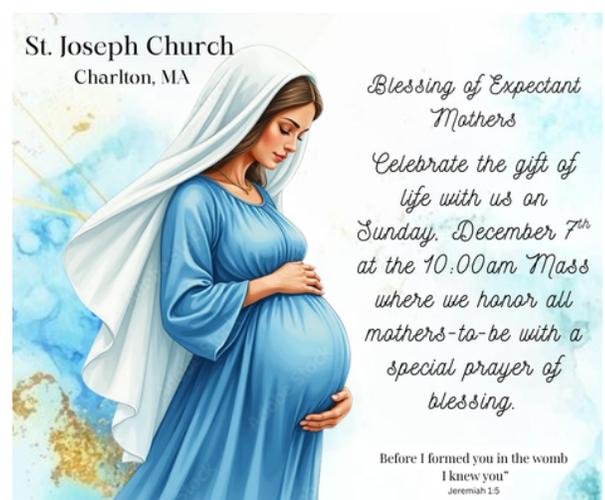
Children aged 3 - 7 years, parents & sibling helpers are welcome to join us.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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.

PRAYER PARTNERS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

We are looking for individuals and/or families willing to be prayer partners for our young adults. Volunteers would consistently pray for and send cards to their partner throughout the year. We will supply you with cards & postage, you share your faith and support! If you are interested, call Lynn in the office.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

ADVENT

Family Advent Prayer Journey Finding Fiat On Hallow



Sign up for an Advent Adventure

THANKSGIVING DINNER TODAY

PARISH THANKSGIVING DINNER & MINISTRY FAIR

Today, Sunday, November 23
following the 10:00 am Mass.

This is a wonderful opportunity
for the parish to come together
in gratitude and fellowship.

Everyone is invited to partake
of this free traditional meal.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION



The Twelve Trees of Christmas

Our parish tradition is to decorate the 12 trees in front of the church to depict the 12 verses of the 12 Days of Christmas song and their hidden meaning. Each tree is decorated by parish members and are on display Christmas Eve through Epiphany.

If you or your family is interested in decorating one, contact Ellen Thibodeau, at 774-696-7544 or ethibo6000@gmail.com. The AFF team will host a decorating event on Saturday, December 20.

Prepare & Pray with our Parish *Be Still*

Join the
Advent
Waitlist Now



Hallow Pray25
Advent Challenge

IN TIME Calling Young Women

Join us for an **Advent** book study **IN TIME** to share discussion, prayer and sisterhood in Christ!

A space for women in their 20s & 30s seeking peace and purpose in the waiting.

When: Every Monday during Advent (Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29)

Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Where: St. Joseph's Church Charlton -
St. Gabriel Conf Room

Cost: \$10 registration (devotional book included)

Walk-ins welcome!! Bring a friend

Email Brittany to register: therussells125@gmail.com

Movie Night in the Cornerstone

All or Nothing!!

Sr. Clare



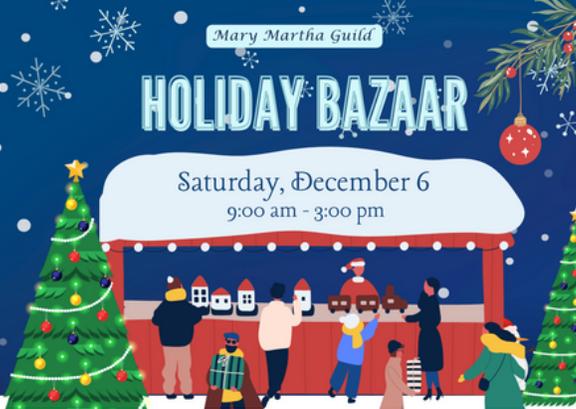
Thursday, December 18 at 6:30 pm

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Mary Martha Guild

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, December 6
9:00 am - 3:00 pm



We need volunteers to help clear the church hall then decorate for the Bazaar. If you can help on Tuesday, December 2 at 10:00 am, call Joyce Marcelonis at 508-556-6896.

Don't forget to invite family and friends to the Bazaar!

COMING SOON

Christmas

Tea Party Fundraiser

Saturday
December 13
2:00 to 4:00 pm



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

EDGE Sponsored



The Knights of Columbus will host Christmas Caroling at the Charlton Manor on Sunday, December 14 at 1:00 pm. The Song sheets will be provided. All are invited.



Save the Date for St. Joseph Church

CHRISTMAS

Vacation Bible School

December 29 & 30
9 am - 3 pm



All Pre-K through 6th graders are welcome to join us for a 2 day program focusing on the King of kings and having a personal relationship with Him!
Free Registration on the parish website!

LIFE TEEN CORNER

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



FRIDAY 11/28 - SUNDAY 11/30
Calling all teens and parents... The Cornerstone needs a facelift!
We need help with cleaning and painting.
Come Friday at noon with rags. We'll end with Pizza at 5:30
Saturday, we start at 10 am with painting. Sandwiches for lunch.
Sunday, we start again at 10 am with baked Ziti for lunch.

FRIDAY 11/28
Youth Group Launch Event - Open to all High School Students
Friday 11/28 5:30 pm pizza, 6 pm
Let's talk about what you want

FRIDAY DEC 5TH - SUNDAY DEC 7TH
Confirmation Retreat at The Clara Barton Camp for all 11th graders.
No life teen for 9th and 10th graders on Sunday Dec 7th

MARY MARTHA GUILD NEEDS YOU

Mary Martha Guild is in need of bakers to contribute **baked goods** (baked goods must be at the church by noon on Friday, December 5 for their Holiday Craft Bazaar on December 6. They are also seeking donations of **Themed Baskets** for their raffle. Deliver baskets by November 29. Contact Linda Leonard at 508-450-4945 if you can help with a basket.

Volunteers needed on Tuesday, December 2 at 10:00 am to help clear the Church Hall. Furniture needs to be moved and area vacuumed and dusted. Then they will start decorating for the fair. If you can help, call Joyce Marcelonis at 508-556-6896.

Thank you from the MMG Bazaar Committee.

CROSSROADS CONNECTION

Are you between the ages 18-24? We want to support your post high school graduation journey with prayer, fun events, and care packages whether you are in the workforce, in college or military.

Visit our website to sign up and verify your information for next year!
stjosephscharlton.com/young-adult



HELP WANTED

We are seeking a custodial person for 20 hours a week. Candidate should have people skills, be able to help maintain the church property and support parish staff. Please contact Fr. Bob at 508-248-7862

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH OFFERINGS

Weekend of November 16, 2025

Weekly Offerings: \$14,583.00

Building Fund: \$495.00

We thank you for your continued support, helping to ensure the sustainability of our parish. Please remember, 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.

We are so very grateful to several parishioners who have given just over \$12,000.00 towards our food pantry. Because of such generosity, we will begin to provide hot meals on Tuesdays which will be given to those who come to our food pantry from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Deepest thanks to Brian and Judy Brosnihan who will be preparing the meals.

ONLINE giving

You can schedule your weekly offerings through our fast, easy and convenient online program. Please contact Lynn Lorusso at lynn@stjosephscharlton.com or go to stjosephscharlton.com/e-giving to do so. It is of great help to us!

YOU make a difference!

FOOD PANTRY

Hours of Operation

Tuesday: 6:30-7:30 pm

Wednesday: 9:00-11:00 am



MINISTRY MINUTE

Giving Tree Ministry-this ministry is headed up by parishioner, Sandy Woods, in conjunction with Urban Missionaries of Our Lady of Hope Center in Worcester. During the Christmas season, a tree with tags is set up in the Narthex for families in need. Parishioners choose a tag and purchase the requested gift. Donated gifts are then picked up at St. Joseph Church in Charlton and delivered to a central location for sorting, where they await pick up by families both locally and beyond. This ministry is extremely rewarding, and a great opportunity for families to work together for others at Christmas. Please contact Sandy Woods at 774-318-0308 for more information.



Our Giving Tree with tags is in the Narthex. Brighten the holiday for someone in need by selecting a tag, purchasing the gift, and returning it, unwrapped or bagged by December 14. Batteries must be inserted into the toy (do not tape to the gift). Do not include any food. Another option is to go to urbanmissionaries.com/virtual-tree-tag-2025/. Thank you for your support.

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS

Our Thanksgiving food baskets will be distributed tomorrow, Monday, November 24 and Tuesday, November 25 between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm for those have signed up to receive one. Sr. Agnes at 508-248-7862.

THANK YOU



ECUMENICAL WINTER COAT CLOSET

The Winter Coat Closet, 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. Chris McTigue 508-248-4726.

MINISTRY CONTACTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST LIGHTS

Grades K-5

Sr. Agnes Patricia sisteragnespatricia@yahoo.com

EDGE

Grades 6-8

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LIFE TEEN

Grades 9-12

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PARISH RESOURCES



Gluten free hosts

available upon request.
Please ask an usher.

24 Hour Prayer Line

prayer@missionariesofmercy.net

DIOCESAN VOCATION OFFICE

"Jesus, remember me when you come
into Your kingdom."

Will you make Christ the King and His merciful love remembered as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 508-630-4473 or donato.infante@gmail.com.

OPEN 12-STEP AA MEETING

Fridays from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Knights of Columbus Room at St. Joseph Church, Charlton. If you think you, or someone you know may have a problem with alcohol, feel free to attend.

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