

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.



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” - Mt 24:42

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 St. Joseph's Parish Charlton

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NOVEMBER 30, 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 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 Gutowski

Monday, December 1

8:30 am Mary Lou Lepko by Family

Tuesday, December 2

8:30 am Charles & Antoinette Allain by Grandson
Edouald

Wednesday, December 3

8:30 am Emily Gardner by Cheryl & John Kingston

Thursday, December 4

8:30 am Theresa & Orrison Sweet by Nephew Edouald

Friday, December 5

8:30 am Winifreda Fernando by Family

Saturday, December 6

4:30 pm Laurette Sleeper by Gilbert & Gloria Anderson

Sunday, December 7

8:00 am Emily Gardner by Grand Daughter, Cheryl

10:00 am Barbara Heider (1st Anniv) by Family

5:00 pm Brian McGrath by Wife & Family

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for Robert Bourgeois for 69th Wedding Anniversary by his Wife

Holy Day of Obligation

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Masses at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm on
Monday, December 8

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

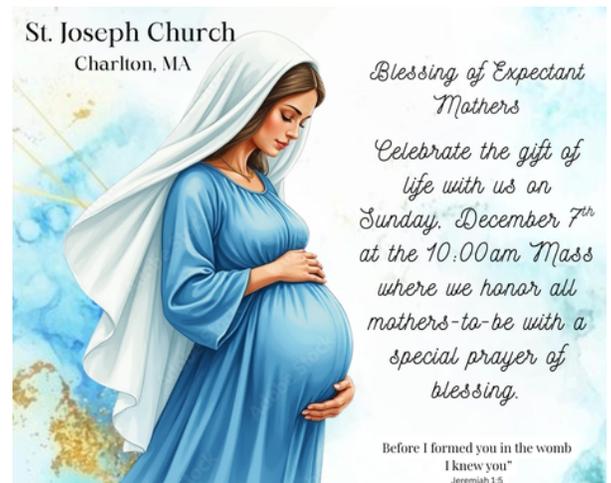
Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever, Amen.

LITURGICAL

Welcome to St. Joseph Church Charlton, we are glad you are here. New members are encouraged to register via our website or call the parish office. We ask that you prepare for Mass by silencing your cell phone.



Children's liturgy takes place during the 10:00 am Mass each Sunday. Children aged 3 - 7 years, parents & sibling helpers are welcome to attend.



St. Joseph Church Charlton

Parish Penance Service

Scripture & Homily
Examination of
Conscience Confession
& Mercy Penance

**Tuesday
December 9
7:00 pm**

Everyone Welcome

WHAT'S HAPPENING

ADVENT

Advent encompasses the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. It is a season of Waiting, a season of Hope, a season of Expectation and a season of Preparation. The use of an Advent wreath and candles is a long-standing Catholic tradition as part of our spiritual preparation for the Christmas season. You may also consider the following offerings as a way to prepare this Advent.

Calling Young Women
LIVING IN THE NOW AND NOT YET

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

Mondays during Advent (Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 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

Advent Exaltation
St. Joseph Church Charlton

Wednesday
December 17
7:00 pm

Everyone welcome!

hope IS BORN

An evening of Hope & Preparation led by Fr. Jonathan Slavinkas

Scripture | Reflection | Adoration | Benediction

Family Advent Prayer Journey
On Hallow

Finding Fiat

Sign up for an Advent Adventure.

Prepare & Pray with our Parish
Join the Advent Waitlist Now

Be Still

Hallow Pray25 Advent Challenge

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



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 tell your family and friends about the Bazaar!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Coffee and Discussion
WITH FR. BOB

December 7 after the 10:00 AM Mass in the St. Amelia Room
Rome & Paris Pilgrimage Highlights
Please join us!

Movie Night in the Cornerstone
All or Nothing!!
Sa. Clare

Thursday, December 18 at 6:30 pm



The Twelve Trees of Christmas

Parish tradition is we 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. A decorating event will take place on Saturday, December 20.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

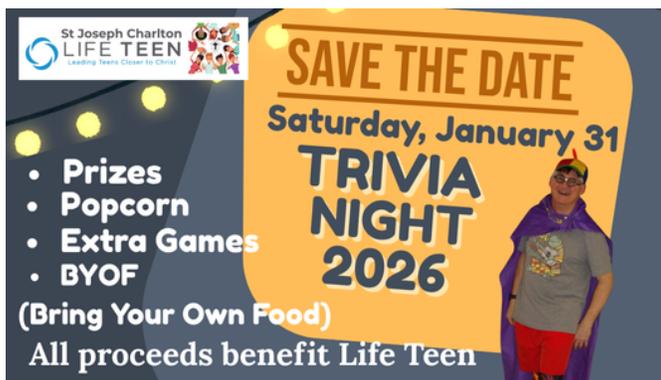


Christmas Caroling at the Charlton Manor on Sunday, December 14 at 1:00 pm with the Knights of Columbus. We provide the song sheets. All are invited.




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!



St Joseph Charlton LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, January 31
TRIVIA NIGHT 2026

- Prizes
- Popcorn
- Extra Games
- BYOF

(Bring Your Own Food)
All proceeds benefit Life Teen



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

FAMILY FAITH GATHERINGS



WELCOME ALL

Family Faith Gatherings
FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING
ST. JOSEPH CHARLTON

Fr. Nick's Teaching

Katie's Witness

God the Father

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 pm Main Church & Hall
10:30 pm Holy Family Tableau

NEW YEAR'S EVE

4:00 pm Main Church

CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 am Main Church
10:00 am Main Church

NEW YEAR'S DAY

8:00 am Main Church
10:00 am Main Church

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH OFFERINGS

Weekend of November 23, 2025

Offering amounts will be reported next week due to early bulletin submission requirements for Thanksgiving.

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.

YOU make a difference!

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!

FOOD PANTRY

Hours of Operation

Tuesday: 6:30-7:30 pm

Wednesday: 9:00-11:00 am



MINISTRY MINUTE

Crossroads Connection Ministry-Our mission is to support our young people (ages 18-24) with prayers, care packages and fellowship as they navigate their post high school years. Whether you are in the Armed Services, the workforce or college, we want to share God's love with YOU! If you fit this age group or are a parent, grandparent, relative or friend of someone who is, please share the name, address and year of high school graduation of the person, and we will send them care packages. Want to join the Crossroads Connection Ministry? Please contact Dayna Dumas at 508.450.7735 for more information.



Our Giving Tree with tags is in the Narthex. Brighten this holiday season 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 or bows. An alternative is to go to urbanmissionaries.com/virtual-tree-tag-2025/. Thank you for your support.

THANK YOU ALL

During this month of Thanksgiving, we give thanks to the many wonderful people who do so much in all our ministries. We are most grateful and thank the Lord for your gracious and kind service towards the building up of our parish community.

We also thank in a big way all who donated food for our annual Thanksgiving food baskets. You make it possible for us to supply food baskets to those in need.

HELP IS NEEDED

Mary Martha Guild is in need of **home baked goods** for their Holiday Craft Bazaar (baked goods must be at the church by noon on Friday, December 5).

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 decorating for the fair begins. Call Joyce Marcelonis at 508-556-6896 if you can help.



MINISTRY CONTACTS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FIRST LIGHTS

Grades K-5

Sr. Agnes Patricia sisteragnespatricia@yahoo.com

EDGE

Grades 6-8

Sandra Buron mrsbedge2018@gmail.com

LIFE TEEN

Grades 9-12

Deacon Bill Shea deaconbill@stjosephscharlton.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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Chris Mullen

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ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Ted and Patty Covill

tcovill@charter.net

PRO LIFE MINISTRY

Mark Kackley

markjayne05@gmail.com

PARISH RESOURCES



Gluten free hosts

available upon request.

Please ask an usher.

24 Hour Prayer Line

prayer@missionariesofmercy.net

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS OFFICE

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

God calls us to be vigilant, ready to respond to His invitation. Could He be stirring your heart toward priesthood or consecrated life, to serve His Church with unwavering dedication? Stay awake to His call through prayer. Reach out to the Vocation Office at 508-630-4473 or donato.infante@worcesterdiocese.org.

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.

FREE WINTER COATS

Winter Coat Closet at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 446 Hamilton Street, Southbridge, is open Saturdays thru December 20 from 9:30 - 11:30 am offering free gently used winter coats for men, women and children. Chris McTigue 508-248-4726.

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