

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.



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled. - Mt 2:23

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DECEMBER 28, 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. Our next session is January 11.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements begin a year prior to wedding date.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday | Noon-7:00 pm

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

Friday | Noon-5:00 pm

CLERGY

Pastor: Fr. Bob Grattaroti

Senior Priest: Fr. Charles Monroe

Permanent Deacons:

Steve Miller & Bill Shea

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 27

4:30 pm Armand Carpentier by his Sister, Jeanne

Sunday, December 28

8:00 am Rena Bond by Family

10:00 am Jeanne Vincent by Family

5:00 pm Sue & Peter Maynard by Chris Piehl

Monday, December 29

8:30 am In Memory of Anna Mondfreda by the D'Annolfo Family

Tuesday, December 30

8:30 am Fr. Norm Tremblay by a Friend

Wednesday, December 31

8:30 am Jeffrey Zanghi by Ruthie Beringer

4:30 pm Barbara Magdis by Alfred Roy & Sons Funeral Home

Thursday, January 1

10:00 am Armand Carpentier by his Sister, Jeanne

Friday, January 2

8:30 am Mass Celebrated

Saturday, January 3

4:30 pm Kevin Muse by his Wife

Sunday, January 4

8:00 am Loretta Kwasniewski by her Daughters

10:00 am Emily Dabrowski (9th Anniv) by her Mom

5:00 pm Deanna LaFontaine by Family

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

REST IN PEACE

Carol Clark and Joseph Maloney, father of Mary Stone. May they rest in the arms of the Lord and rejoice in the glory of heaven and may their families find comfort in their faith.



Welcome to St. Joseph Church, we are glad you are here. New members are asked to register via our website or contact the parish office. Please prepare for Mass by silencing your cell phone. Thank you.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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

MASS SCHEDULE

NEW YEAR'S EVE

4:00 pm Main Church

NEW YEAR'S DAY

10:00 am Main Church

CHALKING OF THE DOOR

Blessed Chalk for 2026 is available in the Narthex. Chalking of the door, is a traditional Christian house blessing performed on or near the Feast of the Epiphany. For 2026, the inscription is written as: 20 + C + M + B + 26

The 20 and 26 refer to the year and the initials are of the three Magi (Wise Men): Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

STARTS THIS MONDAY



St. Joseph Church, Charlton

CHRISTMAS

Vacation Bible School

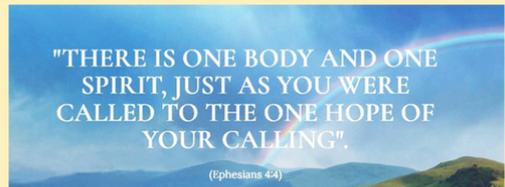
December 29 & 30
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Pre-K through 6th graders are welcome to join in this 2 day program focusing on the King of Kings and discovering how to have a personal relationship with Him!

Free registration on the parish website or St. Joseph's table in the Narthex!

Week of Prayer For Christian Unity

January 18 - 25



A pulpit exchange will take place on Sunday, January 18. Rev. Shannan Hudgins, pastor of the Federated Church, preaches here and Fr. Bob will preach at the Federated Church that same day at 10:30 am.

JESSE TREE



OUR JESSE TREE

We thank our parishioners for their prayer ribbons and for praying/journeying along with our First Light's students this Advent?

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Cherished Belonging

The Healing Power of Love
in Divided Times

In a time of division, Fr. Gregory Boyle urges us to embrace our shared humanity by cultivating compassion and connection to build a loving, healing community.



Register Now!

Join Joe Krans for this 5 week study group to explore the wisdom of Cherished Belonging

To register, contact Joe at 508.867.8881 or joseph.krans.presencework@gmail.com

Books available for \$12, contact Pat in the church office - limited supply.

Fridays 6:30 - 8:00 pm
January 16 - February 13

FAMILY FAITH GATHERING

Welcome "Home" Fr. Donato

Family Faith Gatherings



SUNDAY
JANUARY 11TH

AFTER 10:00 AM MASS



Join us for brunch and a teaching by Fr. Donato on **The Holy Spirit** in the parish hall. Monica Blouin will be our witness speaker.

COMING EVENT

Allison LeDoux, Director of the Respect Life Office will offer a "Respect Life Ministry in the Parish: The Church's Vision" training workshop on Saturday, January 24 from 10:00-11:30 am here in the Cornerstone. All are invited. Register at markjayne05@gmail.com or call Mark Kackley at 508-463-7834.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



The 12 evergreens in front of the church are decorated to depict the 12 days of Christmas, from the famous carol, and the tenets of our faith represented by each number. The trees are available for viewing through Epiphany. Each tree was decorated by members of our parish family.

Many thanks to this year's tree decorators!

- Tree #1: The Divine Mercy Sunday Committee
- Tree #2: The Foley & Gray Families
- Tree #3: The DuBois Family
- Tree #4: The Romanelli Family
- Tree #5: The Handbell Choir
- Tree #6: The Lamoreaux Family

- Tree #7: The Ladies of Grace Prayer Group
- Tree #8: The Pelletier Family: Evan, Amanda, Grayson, Benjamin, Arya & Ivar
- Tree #9: WWP Charlton - We Have a Chair for You!
- Tree #10: Sylvia & Doug Stepien
- Tree #11: The Thoren & Morton Families
- Tree #12: The Knights of Columbus

EDGE

Our EDGE students and leaders wish to thank everyone who helped make their Christmas Tea Fundraiser a spectacular success!

A special thank you to Chuck Hamilton for sharing his musical talent, Karen Mondino for her donated raffle basket and running the raffle during the Tea, the EDGE students and the EDGE leaders who participated in the Tea and of course, we cannot forget our visit from Santa Claus!

Winners of the raffle baskets were:

- Tea Delight - Jenn Vaughn
- Charcuterie & Basket of Cheer - Jean Peck
- Family Winter Adventure - Cyndi Garabedian
- Winter Car Maintenance - Luke Cabral
- Winter Spa Basket - Eileen Canty Mondino

LIFE TEEN CORNER

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH OFFERINGS

Weekend of December 17

Weekly Offerings: \$14,696.69 Building Fund \$237.00

We thank you for your continued support, helping to ensure the sustainability of our parish. Many thanks for the gifts made in excess of \$3,000 in the past weeks. Not only are we promised eternal life, but Jesus tells us that we will receive a hundredfold even in this life. 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.

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

Communications/Live Stream Ministry: Over the past couple of years, streaming has become an important way for some to celebrate the Mass. A small team of parishioners started streaming weekend Masses during COVID and for Life Teen. Since then, the ministry has grown to include multiple Masses during Holy Week, along with special events like Divine Mercy Sunday. If you would like to help us on an as needed basis - for a funeral or special event, contact Dave Smolski at davidjsmolski@gmail.com.

THANK YOU THANK YOU

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Joseph Parish,

Celebrating the 12 days of Christmas from the 25th of December to the Epiphany, which we celebrate next Sunday, the 4th of January, I wish to extend again my prayer filled best wishes and gratitude to you and your loved ones for a Joyous Christmas Season and a Blessed New Year.

In the name of Fr. Charlie, Deacons Bill, Steve and Peter and Sr. Agnes and our entire church staff, I wish to extend our deepest thanks for your many inspiring messages of love and good wishes, along with the gifts you have shared with us....to extend a greeting, to give a gift, and to share a message is an outward expression of love and caring. We are indeed very appreciative of you, our good people, for your ongoing goodness! We pledge our prayers, warm greetings, our support and our love.

May the God of all Time and Space, who abides in Heaven, and lives within our hearts, bless you constantly and remind you of His great abiding love.

Love, Joy and Peace, Fr. Bob Grattaroti, Pastor

We thank the United Way of South Worcester County for their donation of \$2,000 to our Food Pantry. This generous gift will enable us to help more people.

The Mary Martha Guild Holiday Bazaar proceeds amounted to just over \$8,000. We are appreciative of their good works. Our deepest gratitude to Joyce Marcelonis and the team who made it a great success.

The outdoor Christmas lighting here lifts our spirits and beatifies the night skies. We are so grateful to Rob and Kathy Lemansky and Ronnie's Seafood for sponsoring the lighting. Blessings to all.

Several parishioners have been so generous in sharing their treasure with our parish. Again we pray the Lord's continued blessings on all who share so generously.

MINISTRY CONTACTS

PARISH RESOURCES

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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PRO LIFE MINISTRY

Mark Kackley

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

24 Hour Prayer Line

prayer@missionariesofmercy.net

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS OFFICE

"Rise, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel."

Joseph's obedience to God protected the Holy Family. In marriage, spouses are called to protect and nurture each other in faith. Reflect on how God might be guiding you to build a family rooted in His love. Pray and ask God how you can better serve and protect your family this week.

Prayer for Others: Lord, as we embark on this new year, we lift up to you, our loved ones, our communities, and the world. May your peace reign in our hearts and in the hearts of all people. Bring healing where there is brokenness and reconciliation where there is division. Amen

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