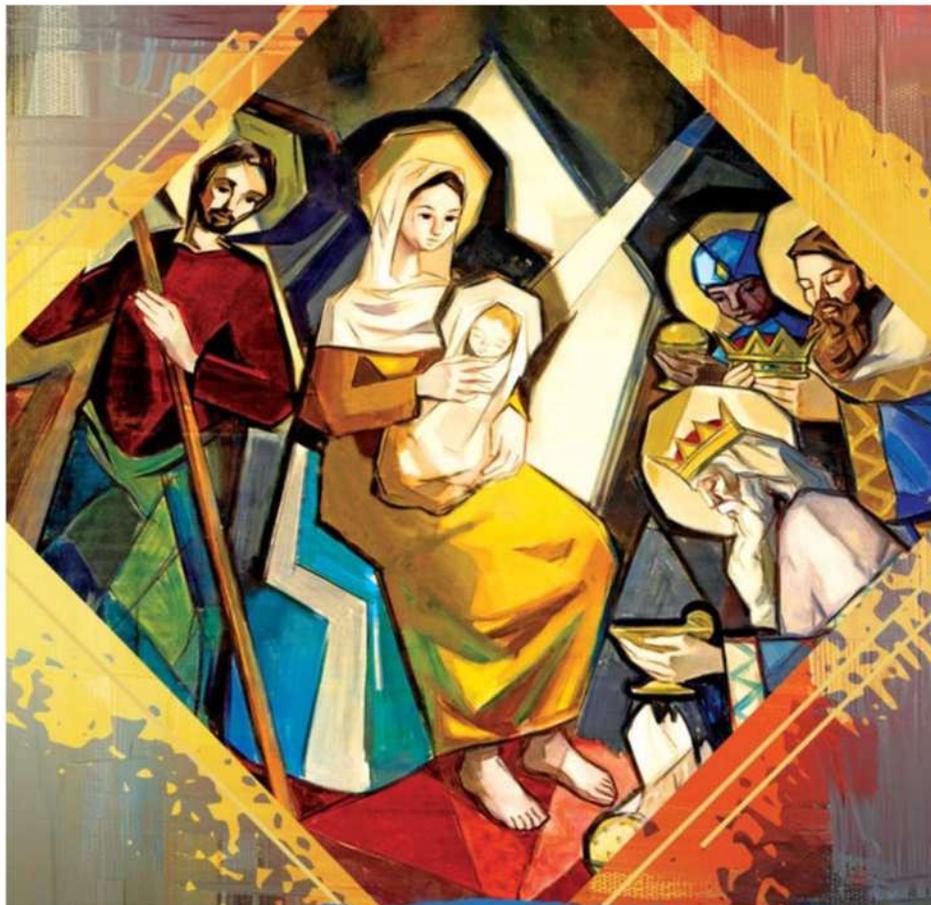


St. Joseph Church

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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” - Mt 2:2

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JANUARY 4, 2026

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, 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

Monday, January 5

8:30 am Charles E. Monroe and all Deceased of Monroe & Hourihan Families

Tuesday, January 6

8:30 am In Honor of Ann & Joseph Maloney 70th Wedding Anniversary by the Family

Wednesday, January 7

8:30 am Rosita Garzon by Margarita Gil

Thursday, January 8

8:30 am Carol Clark by Robert Sullivan & Diane Woolf

Friday, January 9

8:30am Estelle Caouette by her Husband

Saturday, January 10

4:30 pm Richard Lizak by Gail & Kevin and James Iozzo

Sunday, January 11

8:00 am Anna Pecore 4th Anniversary by Family

10:00 am Franco D'Annunzio by Lena D'Annunzio

5:00 pm Elizabeth & Roger Goudreau by Chris Piehl

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for the Lennon Family by Ed Ramsey

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 on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. 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



The Epiphany of the Lord is Jesus' manifestation not only to the 3 Magi from the East, but it's also a symbolic but real manifestation of the Christ to the whole world. The Magi, traveling from a foreign and non-Jewish nation, reveal that Jesus came for all people, and all are called to adore Him.

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.

REST IN PEACE

Frank Tiberii father of Mike. May he rest in the arms of the Lord and rejoice in the glory of heaven and may his family find comfort in their faith.

BAPTISM

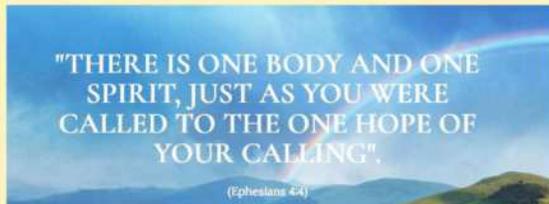
With great joy we welcome Lucas Andrew Sparks child of Andrew & Kaitlin who will be baptized in water and Spirit this weekend.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Register Now!!

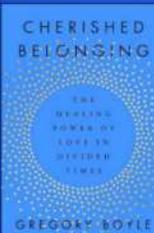
Join Joe Krans for this 5 week study group as we explore the wisdom of *Cherished Belonging*

Friday evenings from 6:30 - 8
January 16th - February 13th, 2026

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.



To register: Contact Joe Krans at 508.867.8881 or email joseph.krans.presencework@gmail.com

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

JESSE TREE



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

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.

PRO-LIFE

March for Life Bus Trip

(limited seating still available)

52nd Annual March for Life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 23. Buses will leave from St. Paul's Cathedral on Thursday, January 22 following the Respect Life Mass at 7:30 pm. Buses will return to Worcester following the March, arriving back at St. Paul's at approximately 1:00 am on Saturday, January 24. Cost is \$150 per seat. Details and registration forms at www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life.

LIFE TEEN CORNER



SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH
Life Teen Spring Semester Kickoff
Mass @ 5pm, Dinner @6 pm, Life Teen at 6:30

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH
Come help paint the Cornerstone
9 am start - We will order food for lunch

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH
Life Teen

Join the National Novena for Life!

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual 9 Days for Life novena, January 16 - 24. Sign up to receive daily emails and reflections by text or email at www.9daysforlife.com!

PRO-LIFE MASS ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL WORCESTER
Join Bishop McManus for Mass on the eve of the March for Life Thursday, January 22 at 7:30 pm. All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, January 31
TRIVIA NIGHT 2026

- Prizes
- Popcorn
- Extra Games
- BYOF

(Bring Your Own Food)
All proceeds benefit Life Teen

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH OFFERINGS

Weekend of December 21

Weekly Offerings: \$14,489.54 and Building Fund: \$404.00

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.

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

Mary Martha Guild

The Mary Martha Guild is a group of dedicated women serving the needs of the church community. They foster community via meals, raffles, events and fundraisers. They help five families each Christmas as well as provide \$250 in gift cards each month for those in need. The Mary Martha Guild is always open to and welcomes new members! They meet every third Monday of the month at 6:45 pm in the Cornerstone. Drop in and visit! For more information, please contact Janice Green at 508.269.5753.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Divine Mercy Ministry to Seniors

Volunteers are needed to spread Jesus' message of Divine Mercy to seniors in local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. As a prayer group leader, you would lead a weekly 30-minute Divine Mercy prayer group using a simple prepared model. If you feel that the Lord is calling you to this ministry of mercy, contact Mary Higgins at DivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com or 413-552-7231

HELP WANTED

Seeking a store associate at The Little Store in Worcester. Team members need to be friendly, dependable, and eager to help customers while keeping our stores running smoothly. If you enjoy providing great service, staying organized, and working as part of a team, this is the role for you! Contact Rod Pfannenstiel 508-831-7455 or careers@urbanmissionaries.com.

MINISTRY CONTACTS

PARISH RESOURCES

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

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PRO LIFE MINISTRY

Mark Kackley

markjayne05@gmail.com



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

24 Hour Prayer Line

prayer@missionariesofmercy.net

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS OFFICE

"They prostrated themselves and did him homage."

The Magi offered their gifts to Christ, just as we are called to offer our own. What gifts has God given you, and how is He calling you to use them in service to Him? Reach out to the Vocation

Office at 508-630-4473 or

donato.infante@worchesterdiocese.org.

A Prayer for Hope in the New Year

Dear Lord, As the new year begins, I look to You for our hope, joy, and peace. Give me the courage to do all that You ask of me. Please also make me brave to not do what isn't from You. Show me how to walk in grace and embrace Your love for me even more. In Jesus' Name, Amen. -

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