

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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

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 St. Joseph's Parish Charlton

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JANUARY 11, 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 March 15.

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 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

Monday, January 12

8:30 am Robert & Florence Graham by Daughters

Tuesday, January 13

8:30 am Carole Clark by her Husband

Wednesday, January 14

8:30 am Rev. Edward Kane by Fr. Monroe

Thursday, January 15

8:30 am Mass Celebrated

Friday, January 16

8:30 am Laurette Sleeper by Gilbert & Gloria Anderson

Saturday, January 17

4:30 pm Charles & Julia Monroe (Wedding Anniv) by Fr. Monroe

Sunday, January 18

8:00 am Deborah Farrand by Carlos & Claudia Drake

10:00 am Ann Kackley, Eileen Kackley, & Paul Salois by Mark & Jane Kackley

5:00 pm Scott Duvall by Family

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for Richard Lizak by Gail & Kevin

REST IN PEACE

Mark Palmer. 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.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. 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

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.

FAMILY FAITH GATHERING

Welcome "Home" Fr. Donato

Family Faith Gatherings
FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING
ST. JOSEPH CHARLTON

TODAY!!
SUNDAY
JANUARY 11
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.

PRAY A LOT

Pray when driving, doing housework, resting, relaxing, always and in all ways! Simply lift your heart and mind to the Lord in expressions of love and praise. Remember **ACTS**; Adore God; be **Contrite** (show sorrow for sins and shortcomings), give **Thanks** always for His gifts and wonders in our life and **Supplication**, ask for what we need, but always begin with Adoration. "We praise You, we bless You, we glorify You".

PRAYER

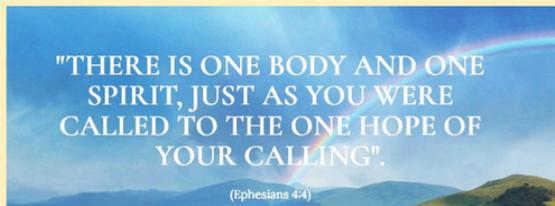


WHAT'S HAPPENING

COMING EVENTS

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 Deacon Steve Miller will preach at the Federated Church that same day at 10:30 am.

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.

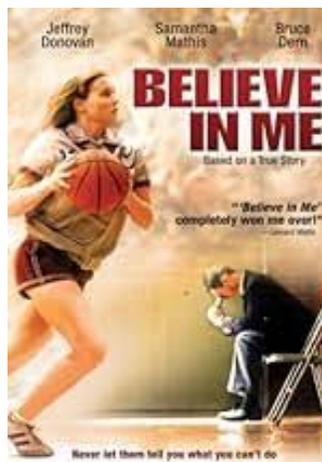
ECUMENICAL PEACE PRAYER VIGILS

Prayer Vigils will take place on the following Wednesday evenings at the Federated Church, Main St., Charlton; January 21, April 15, July 15, and October 21 at 7:00 pm. Charlton clergy are eager that we all gather as a community of faith to pray together for peace. Details to follow.

PRAYER PARTNERS

We are looking for individuals and/or families willing to be prayer partners with 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 parish office.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



FREE Movie Night
in the Cornerstone.
Thursday, January 15
at 6:30 pm.



Register Now!!

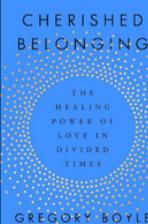
Join Joe Krans for this 5 week study group as we explore the wisdom of *Cherished Belonging*

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.

21 Days with Daniel

Conviction

Join us
on Hallow



Prayer

Trust

Walk alongside one of our most courageous prophets, and dive deep into the Book of Daniel!



Parish Prayer Challenge



WHAT'S HAPPENING

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.

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

Join Bishop McManus for Mass on the eve of the March for Life Thursday, January 22 at 7:30 pm. All are welcome!

OPEN HOUSE



Trinity Catholic Academy
OPEN HOUSE
Pre-K – 8th Grade
Sunday, January 25
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Meet our teachers, visit classrooms, and apply for early registration!

LIFE TEEN CORNER



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

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH
Life Teen Night

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH
No Life Teen Night
Martin Luther King Jr Holiday



Ice Castles
St Joseph Charlton LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

North Woodstock, NH
ICE SLIDES, TUBING,
AND CASTLES... OH MY
MONDAY, JANUARY 19
LEAVE @ NOON
HOME BY 10 PM

\$25 per teen-with Dinner
Need at least 5 teens signed up.
RSVP by Wednesday January 14



St Joseph Charlton LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

JOIN US
Saturday, January 31
TRIVIA NIGHT 2026

- Prizes
- Popcorn
- Extra Games

Doors open @ 6:30
To register or for more information
Help support our Life Teen Program

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH OFFERINGS

Christmas Masses \$11,218.00

Weekend of December 28

Weekly Offerings: \$13,126.00 Building Fund: \$487.00

Weekend of January 4

Weekly offerings will be reported next week.

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

Ordinary Men-Come, join some "ordinary men" as we focus on the peaks and valleys men of faith face in the world today. We meet once per month on Wednesday evenings for faith, fellowship and to share a meal together with rotating speakers and topics. Drop in on Wednesday, January 21 at 6:30 pm and check it out. Feel free to reach out to Mark Lorusso at 508.729.3952 or Marty Mullen 508.250.9597 with any questions.

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

MANY THANKS

We also wish to thank Julia Canty for directing our Winter Break VBS program.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to Emily Gray and Brittany Russell for their help with the Three Kings presentation at 10:00 AM Mass last weekend.



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

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PARISH RESOURCES

Assistive
Listening
System
Available
-Please Ask-



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

24 Hour Prayer Line

prayer@missionariesofmercy.net

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS OFFICE

"You are my beloved Son; with you
I am well pleased."

God's delight in His Son mirrors the joy He takes in those who follow His call. As a child of God, He desires what is best for you. Take time this week to pray and listen for His guidance in how He wants you to serve Him. Reach out to the Vocation Office at 508-630-4473 or donato.infante@worcesterdiocese.org.



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