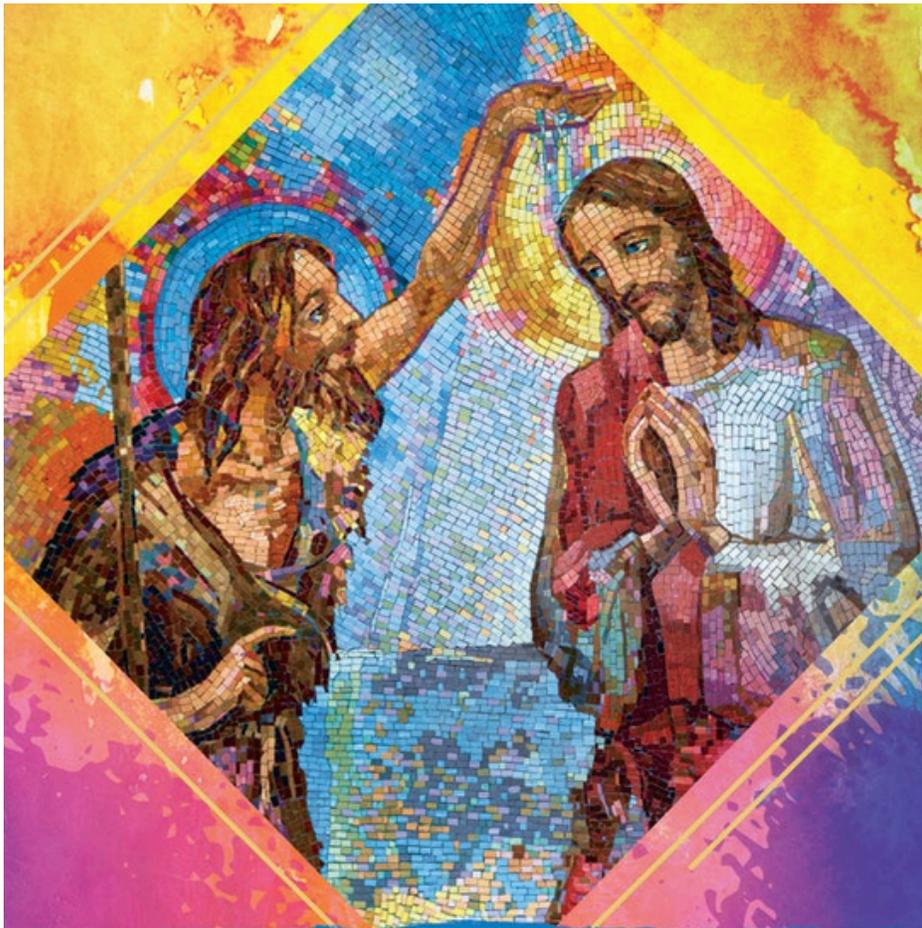


# St. Joseph Church

## 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.



### 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.” - Jn 1:29

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 St. Joseph's Parish Charlton

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**JANUARY 18, 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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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## **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 & Jayne Kackley  
5:00 pm Scott Duvall by Family

## **Monday, January 19**

8:30 am Special Intention from a Parishioner

## **Tuesday, January 20**

8:30 am Communion Service

## **Wednesday, January 21**

8:30 am Robert Graham Sr. by Daughters

## **Thursday, January 22**

8:30 am Baby Thruent by Austin Family

## **Friday, January 23**

8:30 am Residents & Staff of Charlton Manor by Michael Turpin

## **Saturday, January 24**

4:30 pm Maria Tittle by Staff at Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home

## **Sunday, January 25**

8:00 am Ted & Michael Tarasiak by Family  
10:00 am Patricia Bazydlo by Daughter, Angela  
5:00 pm Emily Dabrowski by Mom

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for a Special Intention by a Parishioner

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.

## **WELCOME**

We welcome Rev. Shannan Hudgins, pastor of the Charlton Federated Church, who will preach today at our 10:00 am Mass.

She is here as part of a pulpit exchange for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Our Deacon Steve Miller will be preaching at the Federated Church today as well.

*There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.  
-Ephesians 4:4-6*

## **DAILY MASS CANCELLATIONS**

Note, if the Charlton schools are cancelled due to snow, we will not have daily Mass. However, if there is a delay, we will celebrate Mass at the regular daily Mass time.

## **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.

## **PRAYER BEFORE MASS**

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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

# PRAYER



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## COMING EVENTS

Allison LeDoux, 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](mailto:markjayne05@gmail.com) or call Mark Kackley at 508-463-7834.

## FAMILY FAITH GATHERINGS



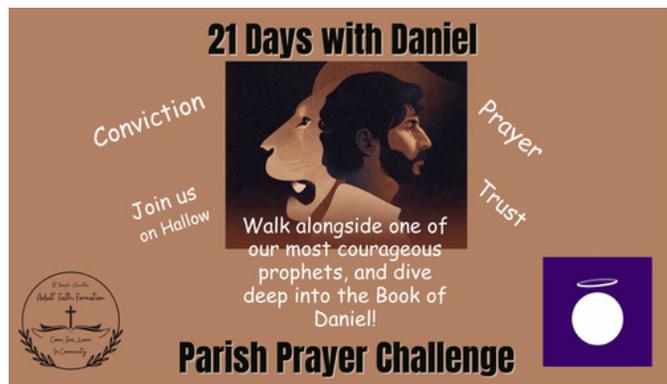
## RECENT SHINING LIGHTS

**December-Ken Strom.** Ken chose to become Catholic in 1984 and joined St. Joseph Church in 2018. What he loves most about our parish is that the community is active and alive and has many young families. Ken is an Acolyte and often serves and helps at funerals and helps with the newsletter. He works in our food pantry and is on the list for baking. When asked, Ken never says no. He also participates in the drama ministry. Advice he would give to the other parishioners is; "keep strong in your faith".

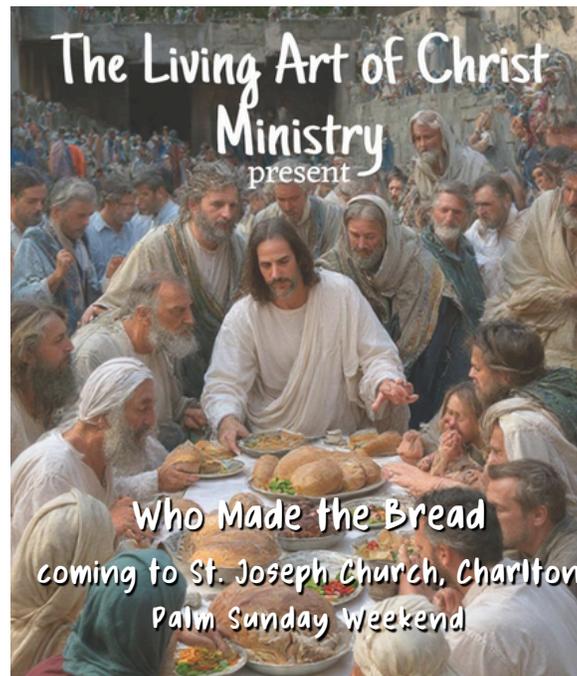
**January-Mike and Venus Kane.** They started attending St. Joseph Church in 2002 because they like the life of the parish. Mike attends the "Ordinary Men" group, is on the Golf Tournament Committee and helps with the Food Pantry. Venus attends our "Walking with Purpose" group. Both help quietly behind the scenes. Advice they would give to their fellow parishioners is, "Your Church is your home, just come home and get involved."

We thank them all for their dedicated service to our parish.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION



## THE LIVING ART OF CHRIST MINISTRY



The Living Art of Christ Ministry at St. Joseph Church is seeking members to participate in their Easter presentation of "Who Made the Bread". Meetings are every Monday at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Alex at 774-200-3381.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## PRO-LIFE

### March for Life Bus Trip

(limited seating still available)

52<sup>nd</sup> 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 1:00 am on Saturday, January 24. \$150 per seat. Registration forms at [www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life).

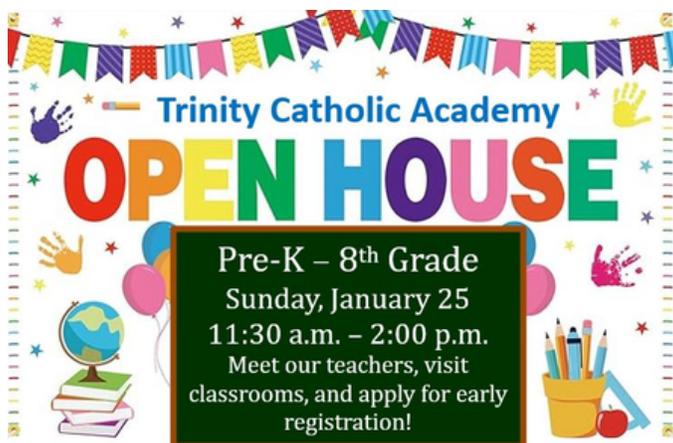
### Join the National Novena for Life!

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](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!

### PRO-LIFE MASS ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL

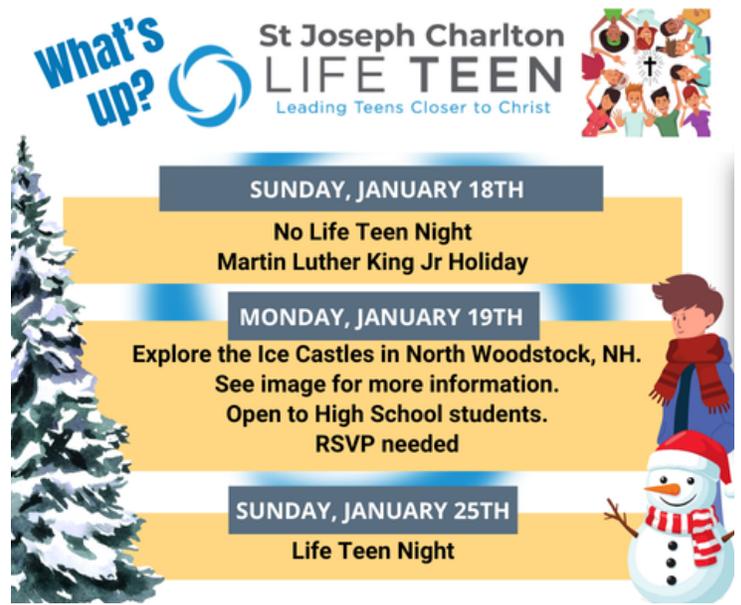
Join Bishop McManus for Mass on the eve of the March for Life Thursday, January 22 at 7:30 pm. All are welcome!

## OPEN HOUSE



Trinity Catholic Academy  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
Pre-K – 8<sup>th</sup> 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

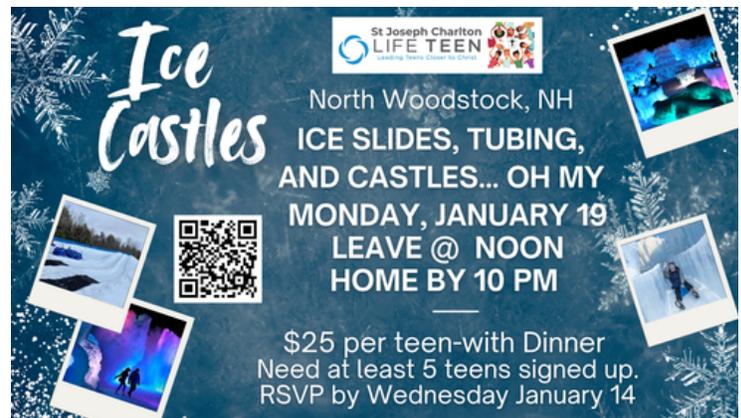


**What's up?** St. Joseph Charlton **LIFE TEEN**  
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 19TH**  
Explore the Ice Castles in North Woodstock, NH.  
See image for more information.  
Open to High School students.  
RSVP needed

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH**  
Life Teen Night



**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

### Weekend of January 4

Weekly offerings \$15,461.00 and Building Fund \$3,309.00

### Weekend of January 11

Weekly offerings \$15,799.60 and Building Fund \$492.00

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.

**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](mailto:lynn@stjosephscharlton.com) or go to [stjosephscharlton.com/e-giving](http://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



## THANK YOU

Our food pantry thanks you again and again for your generosity. Every donation is making a difference for local families who visit our food pantry.

## MINISTRY MINUTE

**Liturgical Linens Ministry**-Liturgical linens are those used on the altar at Mass. At each Mass we use one Corporal and up to five Purificators. The Corporal is the cloth used on the altar during the Consecration, and the Purificators are the cloths used to wipe the cup during Holy Communion. The linens are taken home once a week, washed & dried separately, ironed and returned before the following week. This ministry welcomes anyone who would like to be involved with a once per month time commitment. Please contact Tricia Kasierski at 774.230.6912 for information.

## MANY THANKS

We wish to thank Julia Canty, director of our Winter VBS program along with her helpers; Chloe Graves, Athena Karas, Anthony Graves, Emerson Bernard, Anthony Seaman, Kayleigh Bissell, Ryan Bissell, Erin Gormley, Lucien Garry, Nicholas Jalbert, Emma Jalbert, Cari Norris, Sarah Norris, Kayleigh Norris, Kaitlin Lulu, Dupreez Bond, Maggie Mullaly, Olivia Kowalski, Alianna Johnston, Giselle Rosado, Marissa King, Andrew Henault, Jackson Bell, Alexander Kowalski, Abigail Korenda, Brynn Lemansky, Gianna Rosario and Alexandra LaMantia

**The Ecumenical Winter Coat Closet** at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church was open on Saturdays from November 1 to December 20. With the help of many, we were able to provide approximately 460 free winter coats to 240 families and individuals, as well as hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves. We would like to thank all who generously donated to our efforts and those who prayed for our mission. Gratefully, Chris McTigue

## Fight hunger with a simple purchase of a floral bouquet!



Give a Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet from the Sturbridge Stop & Shop during the month of February.

With every purchase of this \$10.99 bouquet, Stop & Shop will donate \$1.00 to our St. Joseph Church Food Pantry.



Bloomin' 4 Good Bouquet

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Assistive  
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System  
Available  
-Please Ask-



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

## 24 Hour Prayer Line

[prayer@missionariesofmercy.net](mailto:prayer@missionariesofmercy.net)

## DIOCESAN VOCATIONS OFFICE

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

John's recognition of Jesus calls us to keep our focus on Christ and His mission. Christ's mercy is made present through priests in the sacraments. Is God calling you to this ministry? Reach out to the Vocation Office at 508-630-4473 or [donato.infante@worcesterdioocese.org](mailto:donato.infante@worcesterdioocese.org).

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