

# 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.



### 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." - Mt 4:17

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 St. Joseph's Parish Charlton

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**JANUARY 25, 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 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

## **Monday, January 26**

8:30 am Joseph Yvon Proulx by Daughter & Wife

## **Tuesday, January 27**

8:30 am Communion Service

## **Wednesday, January 28**

8:30 am Bishop Bernard Flannigan (28<sup>th</sup> Anniv) by Fr. Monroe

## **Thursday, January 29**

8:30 am Communion Service

## **Friday, January 30**

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory by Parishioner

## **Saturday, January 31**

4:30 pm Joanne Pike (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv) by Husband & Children

## **Sunday, February 1**

8:00 am Lowell Bond by the Bond Family  
10:00 am Linda Lavalley by Husband, Ernie  
5:00 pm Mary & John Ballentine by Family

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for the Ramsey 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.

## **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.

## **BLESSING OF THROATS**



**St. Blaise  
Blessing of Throats  
After Mass next week.**



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, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. 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

## **REST IN PEACE**

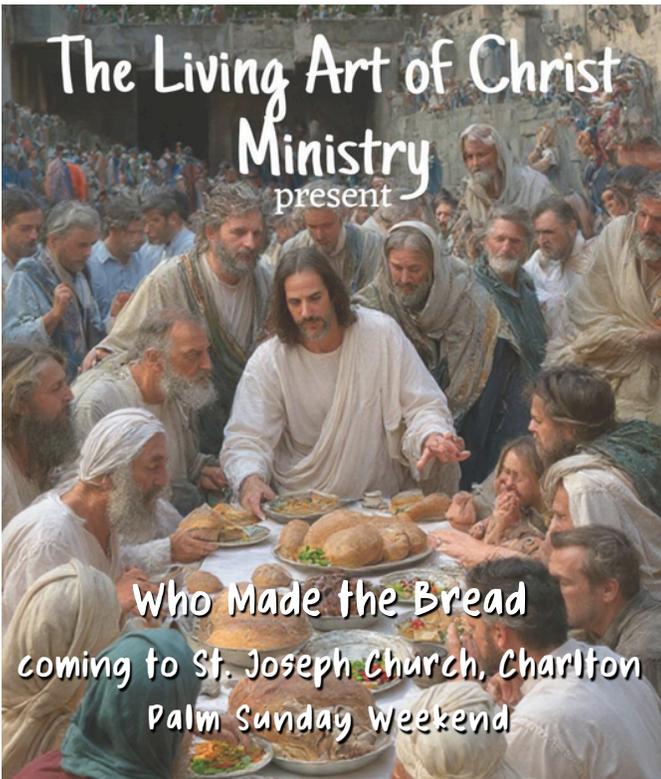
George Betzler, Robert Masson and Marius Pandys. May they rest in the arms of the Lord and may their families find comfort in their faith.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## TAKING A RECESS

Fr. Charlie's Bible Study will be on a 3 week recess starting this Monday. The study of the Gospel of John will resume February 9 at 6:30 pm and February 11 at 9:00 am.

## 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.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**21 Days with Daniel**

Conviction  
Prayer  
Trust  
Join us on Hallow

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

**Parish Prayer Challenge**

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH CHARLTON  
A WALKING WITH PURPOSE BIBLE STUDY

**Reclaiming Friendship**  
Open House  
MARCH 11 FROM 7:00-8:00 PM

Registration Now Open at:  
[stjosephscharlton.com](http://stjosephscharlton.com)  
Wednesday Evenings 6:30 - 8:00 pm  
beginning April 8  
or  
Friday Afternoons 1:30 - 3:00 pm  
beginning April 10

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
*The Forgotten Way*

On page 16 in the book is a QR code to scan for a FREE download of *The Daily Speech Exam*

**YOUR words shape your World & your Relationships.**

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## OPEN HOUSE



## COMING EVENTS

### St. Kateri Tekakwitha Presentation, Auburn

Learn more about the Saints! There will be a free presentation on St. Kateri on Saturday, February 7 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at North American Martyrs Hall, 8 Wyoming Drive, Auburn. This is sponsored by Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting (DCCS). Patches for Scouts can be available on completion. Please reserve your place and/or to ask questions contact [Lbrink2019@gmail.com](mailto:Lbrink2019@gmail.com).

**Franciscan University School Open House** for those interested in training to be certified Spiritual Directors at their satellite program in Putnam, CT. All are welcome to attend, no prior training required. Visit [immaculateconceptioncenter.org](http://immaculateconceptioncenter.org) for more information.

**Thursday, January 29 at 7:00 pm**

Immaculate Conception Center  
600 Liberty Hwy, Putnam, CT

## LIFE TEEN CORNER



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25**

**Life Teen - Embracing religion as a natural and beneficial aspect of our lives.**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

**Life Teen - Why should I be Catholic? Inspiring teens to fully embrace and live their identity as Catholics**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

**No Life Teen - Super Bowl Sunday**

A promotional graphic for Life Teen Trivia Night 2026. It features the Life Teen logo at the top left. The main text reads "JOIN US Saturday, January 31 TRIVIA NIGHT 2026". Below this, it lists "Prizes", "Popcorn", and "Extra Games". It also states "Doors open @ 6:30" and "To register or for more information". A QR code is provided for more information. The bottom text says "Help support our Life Teen Program". On the right, there is a photo of a person in a purple cape and a price list: "\$20 per person or register a table of 8 for \$150".

## KEEPING OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT

A CORI is required for all involved in ministry here at St. Joseph Church, Charlton regardless of being CORI'd elsewhere. Request a CORI to ensure the youth of our parish are safe, and we are compliant with Diocesan mandates. Contact [Deaconbill@stjosephscharlton.com](mailto:Deaconbill@stjosephscharlton.com).

The victim assistance coordinator for the Diocese of Worcester is Judith Audette she can be reached at 508-929-4363.

# STEWARDSHIP

## PARISH OFFERINGS

### Weekend of January 18

Weekly offerings \$10,311.70 and Building Fund \$290.00

Gifts this past weekend were lower due to the snow storm. We are very grateful to parishioners that use our on-line service or the mail in option for their weekly offerings. It enables us to continue to pay our bills. Please consider using one of these options.

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](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!

**YOU make a difference!**

## 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

**Ministry Minute-Pro-Life Ministry** works to prayerfully remind everyone that all life is sacred, from the moment of conception to natural death. To pray for those who are suffering and support events in the area. If you would like more information, please attend the upcoming “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. Open to all, contact Mark Kackley, 508-463-7834 to register for workshop or join this ministry.

## 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

## MANY THANKS



Check out the Holy Spirit stained glass window panels at the front entry of the church. We are grateful to parishioner, Louise McKenna for sharing her talent and creating these lovely windows for us. They add a nice touch to our Narthex.

# MINISTRY CONTACTS

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### FIRST LIGHTS

Grades K-5

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### EDGE

Grades 6-8

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### LIFE TEEN

Grades 9-12

Deacon Bill Shea [deaconbill@stjosephscharlton.com](mailto:deaconbill@stjosephscharlton.com)

### YOUTH MINISTRY

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## PRO LIFE MINISTRY

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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](mailto:prayer@missionariesofmercy.net)

## DIOCESAN VOCATIONS OFFICE

"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

During National Catholic Schools Week, we celebrate how education forms disciples in faith and character. Just as educators guide students in their growth, Jesus invites you to follow Him boldly. Could He be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Reach out to the Vocation Office at 508-630-4473 or [donato.infante@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:donato.infante@worcesterdiocese.org).

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