

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.



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." - Mt 4:3

10 H. PUTNAM EXT.

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 St. Joseph's Parish Charlton

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FEBRUARY 22, 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, February 21

4:30 pm Paul Laramée by Wife & Family

Sunday, February 22

8:00 am Josephine & Charles Adcock by Family

10:00 am Marjorie Carr by Family

5:00 pm A & Dick Cahill by Family

Monday, February 23

8:30 am Jadwiga Wrona (6 mth Anniv) by Daughter

Tuesday, February 24

8:30 am Frank Tiberii by Parish

Wednesday, February 25

8:30 am Zachary Goodwin by Sciarra Family

Thursday, February 26

8:30 am Carole Clark by Parish

Friday, February 27

8:30 am Robert Maynard by Parish

Saturday, February 28

4:30 pm Dennis Tully by Family

Sunday, March 1

8:00 am Robert Masson by Catherine & Scott Merrill

10:00 am Richard Laviguer by Jackie McCabe

5:00 pm William Sorenson (4th Anniv) by Family

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for the McManus Family by E. 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.

WELCOME
STEPHEN SYCHS

This Weekend
Sunday, February 22
AFTER 10:00 AM MASS

Join us for brunch
and a teaching by
Stephen Sychs in
the parish hall.



Topic: The Church & Earthly Means to Glory

Deacon Steve will be our witness speaker

Family Faith Gatherings
FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING
ST. JOSEPH CHARLTON

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects. 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

Permanent Deacon Joseph DuVarney and Grace Nugent, wife of Tom. May they rest in the arms of the Lord and may their families find comfort in their faith.

Way
Of The
Cross



Fridays during Lent at 7:00 PM

The Way of the Cross through the Seven Sorrows of Mary on Fridays during Lent. Each week a woman member of our staff will give a brief reflection on one of the Seven Sorrows. On Friday, February 27 our presenter will be Chris Mullen. "The Flight into Egypt (Mt 2:13-21)

LENT

The First Sunday of Lent marks the beginning of a sacred period of reflection, repentance, and renewal. It is a time when the faithful are encouraged to look inward, seek conversion, and prepare their hearts for the solemn mysteries of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection.

- Spiritual Renewal: A call to re-examine our lives and deepen our relationship with God.
- Repentance: An invitation to turn away from sin and embrace the forgiveness and mercy of our heavenly Father.



Hallow Pray40 Lenten Challenge

Journey Back Home to the Father with our Parish!

THE RETURN
Based on The Prodigal Son

Sign Up on Hallow TODAY!

JOIN THE WAITLIST



Family LENT Prayer Journey

Miracle HUNTERS

Sign up for this Lenten Adventure on Hallow.



WAY OF THE CROSS

Every Friday During Lent
7:00 PM

PARISH LENTEN MEAL
FRIDAY MARCH 6TH AT 6:00 PM
ALL ARE WELCOME

REFLECTION ON THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

Grant me the courage to walk in Your footsteps

WHAT'S HAPPENING

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Adoration

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH CHARLTON PARISH MEN'S RETREAT Mass

Join us for a Lenten experience that will breathe life into your faith.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH 6:30-8:00 PM
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH 9:00 AM-5:30 PM

Stations + Dynamic Speakers + Confession
Walking Through The Litany Of Trust

SIGN UP AT THE ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE IN NARTHEX

Sponsored by Ordinary Men Ministry



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

Wednesday Evenings 6:30 - 8:00 pm
beginning April 8
or
Friday Afternoons 1:30 - 3:00 pm
beginning April 10



Movie Night

BASED ON THE INCREDIBLE TRUE STORY

SOUL ON FIRE

Thursday March 19
6:30 pm

Shown in Cornerstone

WHAT'S HAPPENING

COMING EVENTS



20-WEEK RAFFLE

MARY MARTHA GUILD

The raffle is for 20 consecutive weeks, and each ticket has 24 chances to win!

Weeks 10 and 20 have 3 winners each. All other weeks have 1 winner each

\$20 raffle tickets will be sold after Masses 3/1 & 3/8

Only 300 tickets are sold

DON'T MISS OUT GET YOUR TICKET NOW!

CASH OR CHECKS ACCEPTED



MARY MARTHA GUILD INVITES YOU TO A

MEAT RAFFLE

SATURDAY, MARCH 21
6:00-9:00 PM
CHURCH HALL

HOMEMADE DINNER ITEMS ALONG WITH DESSERTS, BEER AND WINE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE.



Save the Date

May 16, 2026

Mother's Day Spring Tea Fundraiser

2:00 - 4:00 PM

St. Joseph Church Charlton

Sponsored by EDGE

Trinity Catholic Academy
7th Annual Silent Auction
with Fr. Jonathan Slavinkas

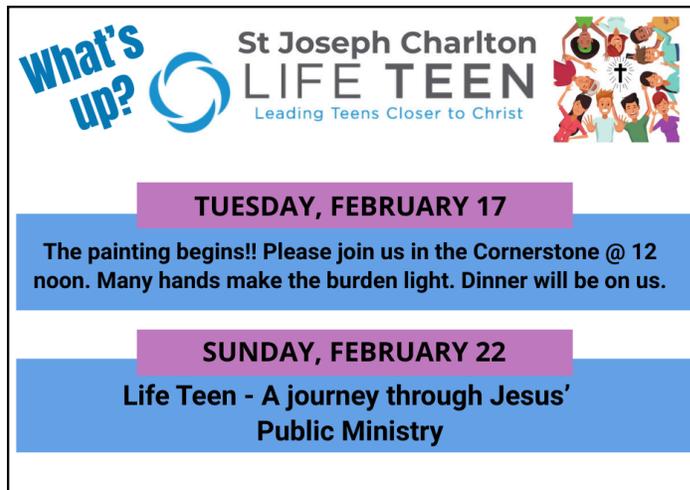
FRIDAY, MARCH 20 6:00 - 10:00 PM

Publick House Historic Inn

Get your tickets now!

trinitycatholicacademy.networkforgood.com/events/95838-2026-tca-auction-showcase-dinner-tickets

LIFE TEEN CORNER



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

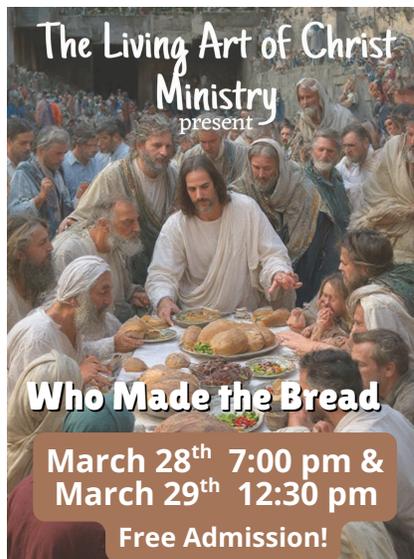
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

The painting begins!! Please join us in the Cornerstone @ 12 noon. Many hands make the burden light. Dinner will be on us.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Life Teen - A journey through Jesus' Public Ministry

THE LIVING ART OF CHRIST MINISTRY



The Living Art of Christ Ministry present

Who Made the Bread

March 28th 7:00 pm &
March 29th 12:30 pm

Free Admission!

An original drama by Alexander Diaz Salisbury about a struggling family chosen by God to serve His only Son, transforming the family from chaos to love through the act of sharing His bread.

BUS TRIP OPEN TO ALL



SIGHT & SOUND THEATRES

JOSHUA

BUS TRIP: May 18 - 21, 2026
PP/ Single - \$875.00, Double - \$750.00
w/pick up in Sturbridge, contact:
markjayne05@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH OFFERINGS

Weekend of February 8

Weekly Offerings \$17,722.68 and Building Fund \$780.00

Weekend of February 15

Weekly Offerings \$13,031.00 and Building Fund \$534.00

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. We appreciate everyone's continued support.

Giving online has never been easier. Use the QR code on the front of the bulletin to access our link to make a secure gift with a credit card.

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!

PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL



Make your gift to the Partners in Charity Appeal today!

- In your parish**
Pass in your envelope during In-Pew Sunday
- Direct mail**
Partners in Charity
49 Elm St.
Worcester, MA 01609
- Online**
Partners-Charity.net
- Call in a Pledge or Gift**
508-929-4366

We at St. Joseph Church are called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus made possible through this annual appeal. Our parish goal is \$98,000. In advance of our “In Pew Sunday” appeal, set to begin in March, alternative methods are available for you to make your donation now (see panel on the right). Please remember to indicated “St. Joseph Church Charlton” if you use an alternative method. It is important for all of us to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. We thank our parishioners who have faithfully been generous in response to this appeal. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. Thank you to those who have already made their 2026 pledge.

FOOD PANTRY

Hours of Operation

Tuesday 6:30-7:30 pm
Wednesday 9:00-11:00 am



Fight hunger with a simple purchase of a floral bouquet!

STOP&SHOP

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

We Serve God By Serving Others.

MINISTRY CONTACTS

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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

"Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Lent invites us to rely on God's Word. In holy matrimony, couples live by this Word, nourishing their love with faith. Spend some time this week in scripture and pray together. If you're single, pray for your vocation and the one God may be preparing for you.



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