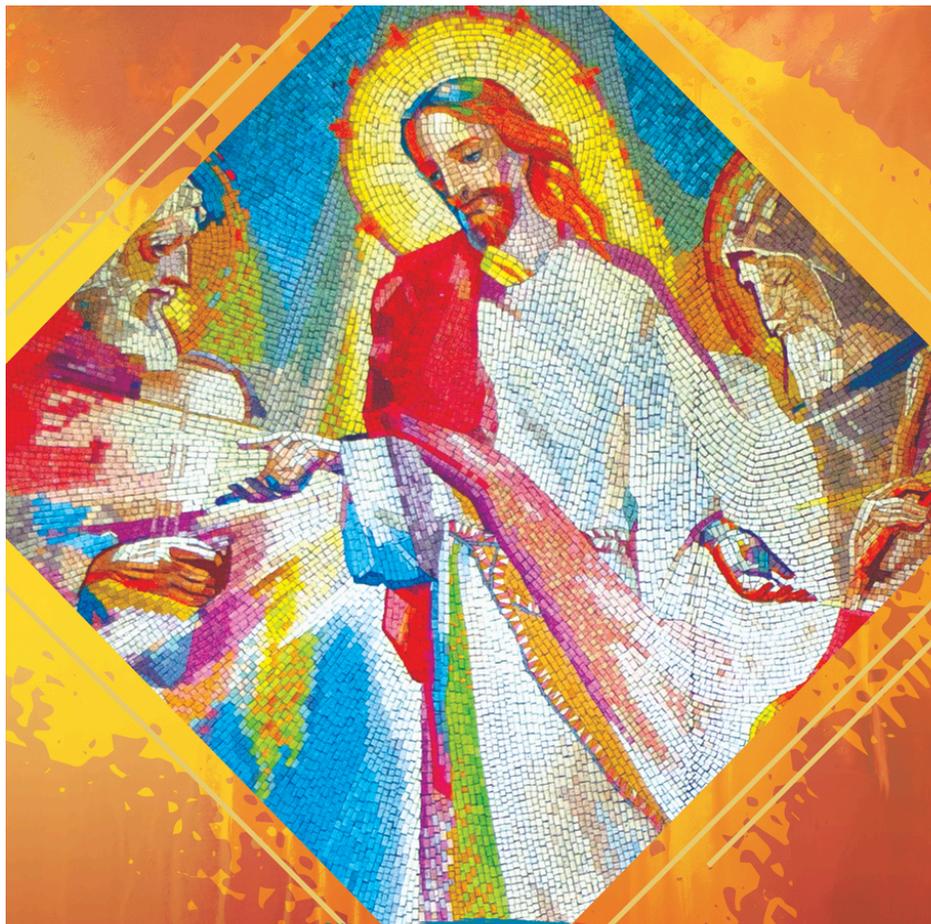


St. Joseph Church

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 OF LENT

His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:2

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MARCH 1, 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 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

Monday, March 2

8:30 am Dick Tully by Family

Tuesday, March 3

8:30 am Rocco & Ann Poracaro (Birthday and Anniversary) by Family

Wednesday, March 4

8:30 am Winifreda Fernando by Family

Thursday, March 5

8:30 am Juli-anne Stachelek by Husband, Ron & Family

Friday, March 6

8:30 am Special Intentions of Cecelia Carpenter by Grandparents

Saturday, March 7

4:30 pm Dennis Benoit & John Real by Family

Sunday, March 8

8:00 am Jacqueline Miller by Mark & Lynn Lorusso & Family

10:00 am Armand Carpentier by Ernest Lavallee

5:00 pm Mary & Chuck Walsh by Pat & Jack Murphy

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for William Sorenson by his Family

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.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The three Scrutinies of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults will take place the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday of Lent.

Please keep our Christian sisters and brothers in your prayers as they become full members of our Catholic Faith.

Full reception into the Church:

Kenneth Buckland, Jessica Hill, Alex Moir and Gordon Snyder

Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation: Aviana Bogovio, Owen Cunningham, Liam Healey, Riley Lepage, Jenna Miller, Andrew Specht and Zaritza Zayas

They will be received into the fullness of the faith at the Easter Vigil, celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Saturday April 4. May God's abundant grace continue to fill their lives.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your 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

REST IN PEACE

David William Traina Hutchison and Roger Amstrom. May they rest in the arms of the Lord and may their families find comfort in their faith.



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, March 6 our presenter will be Sister Agnes. *"The loss of Jesus for three days"*. A parish Lenten Meal also takes place after the Stations of the Cross this Friday, March 6.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

LENT

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*

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

YOUNG ADULTS

Young People Ages 18-25

Crossroads Connection Ministry needs your updated address. We invite you to keep in touch and join in our **Welcome Home EVENT on Sunday, May 31!**

Our mission is to support young people out of high school with prayer, fun events and care packages! Please, sign-up if you are a college student, in the Armed Services, or already in the workforce.

St. Joseph's Charlton
Crossroads Connection

Movie
Night

BASED ON THE
INcredible TRUE STORY

**SOUL
ON
FIRE**

Shown
in
Cornerstone

Thursday
March 19
6:30 pm

February Family Faith Gathering Children's Homily

Deacon Steve

Stephen Sycks

Family Faith Gatherings
FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING
ST. JOSEPH CHARLTON

Church Universal
& Domestic

Interactive Children's Mass

Thank you to
Stewardship &
Chef Brian for
Breakfast!

25th Annual Worcester Diocesan

**Catholic Men's
Conference**

Saturday, March 21, 2026

The DCU Center
Worcester, MA

**"BE NOT
AFRAID"**

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30AM FOR REGISTRATION
Followed by Speakers, Lunch,
Confession, Adoration & Mass

TIX AVAILABLE WWW.CATHOLICMENWORC.COM
CARPOOLING MARTY MULLEN 508.250.9597

WHAT'S HAPPENING



20-WEEK RAFFLE

**DON'T MISS OUT
TICKET SALES
START TODAY!**

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 today & 3/8.

Only 300 tickets are sold

CASH OR CHECKS ACCEPTED

CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSETS FOR TROOP 338

Collection dates are 3/1 and 3/8
9:00 am to Noon at St. Joseph Church

Collecting clean clothing, accessories and household textiles. All items must be in bags and in sellable condition.

Kwin Mina 508-468-0742 or kwin_mina@yahoo.com

LIFE TEEN CORNER



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

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Life Teen - A journey through Jesus' Public Ministry

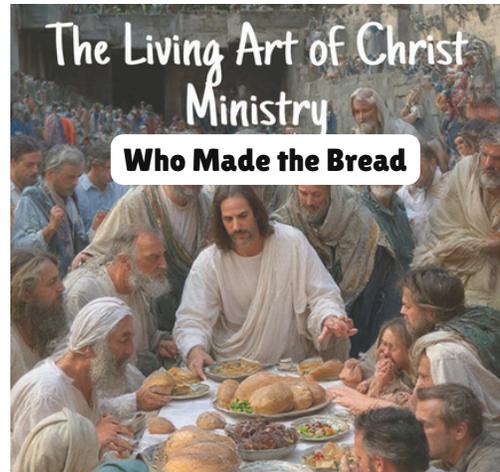
SATURDAY, MARCH 7

Springfield Diocese Youth Rally - Open to all high school teens. RSVP needed. Please contact Deacon Bill or Kathy.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Life Teen Night

THE LIVING ART OF CHRIST MINISTRY



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

You are cordially invited to a theatrical production that unites people with a positive message and insights into God's love. 'Who Made the Bread' is a play that draws inspiration from Jesus breaking bread at the Last Supper, while narrating a relatable story of a family facing contemporary struggles and losing hope, only to experience a miraculous turn of events. The show takes place here at St. Joseph's Church. Admission is free (we accept donations) and everyone is welcome to attend this exceptional show.

COMING EVENTS



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

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH OFFERINGS

Weekend of February 22

Weekly Offerings \$11,617.00 and Building Fund \$251.00

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.

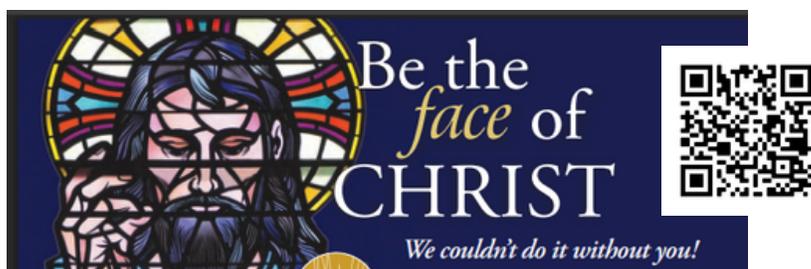
Snow storms are costly, we have already paid close to \$6000.00 for snow removal, salting and sanding. These are additional maintenance costs. Thank you for making up your offerings from weeks that we get snowed out.

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



The Partners in Charity Appeal supports essential diocesan ministries; Catholic Charities, Priests' Retirement, McAuley Nazareth Home for Boys, Pernet Family Health Service, Retired Priests Health Ministry, African Ministry, Hispanic Apostolate, Campus Ministry, Office for Divine Worship, Hispanic/Latino Ministry, Office of Marriage and Family, Diaconate Office, Respect Life, St. Paul's Cathedral, Vocations Office, Youth/Young Adult Ministries, Advanced Studies for Clergy and Laity, Priestly Formation, Religious Education and much more.

Our parish goal has been set at \$93,000.00. We invite every parishioner to participate in this appeal. If you plan on presenting a check, please make it out to St. Joseph Church.



Partners in Charity
DIOCESE of WORCESTER

Make your gift to the Partners in Charity Appeal today!

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Pass in your envelope during In-Pew Sunday

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Worcester, MA 01609

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FOOD PANTRY

Hours of Operation

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



Our Food Pantry is currently in need of the following items; Jelly, Peanut Butter, Canned Meats (Chicken, Ham & Tuna), Soups, Ramen Noodles, Baked Beans, Canned Vegetables, Macaroni & Cheese, Rice, Manwich, Chili, Mashed Potatoes, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Cake Mix, Quick Breads, Brownie Mix, Shelf Sustainable Milk, Cereal, Tomato Sauce, Canned Fruit, Applesauce, Juice, Cookies, Crackers, Jello, Pudding, Pop-Tarts, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Soap, Shaving Cream & Razors. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

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EDGE

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LIFE TEEN

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available upon request.
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24 Hour Prayer Line

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"This is my beloved Son... listen to him."

God's voice calls us to follow His Son closely. Could priesthood be your path to proclaiming Christ's message, leading others to listen to Him? Trust His guidance. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or email donato.infante@worcesterdiocese.org.



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