

# 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 OF LENT

Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you." - Jn 4:24-26

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 St. Joseph's Parish Charlton

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MARCH 8, 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

## 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

## Monday, March 9

8:30 am Joseph Bialy by Parish Family

## Tuesday, March 10

8:30 am Melanie Deem Rokes by Family

## Wednesday, March 11

8:30 am Alan Standing by Parish

## Thursday, March 12

8:30 am Lucille Salisbury by Children

## Friday, March 13

8:30 am Fred Leasot by Parish

## Saturday, March 14

4:30 pm Mary Cierpich by Roland Malboeuf

## Sunday, March 15

8:00 am Josphine Nowicki by Family

10:00 am Helen Rhodes, (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv) by Linda & Sue

5:00 pm Ann Marie Murray by Carolyn & Dave Wilson

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for the Perkins 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.

## CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

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

**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, on Saturday April 4. Everyone is invited to the Welcome Reception after the Easter Vigil Ceremony.

Also, please keep **Grace Latour** in your prayers. She will be making her 1<sup>st</sup> Communion on March 15 at the 10:00 am Mass.

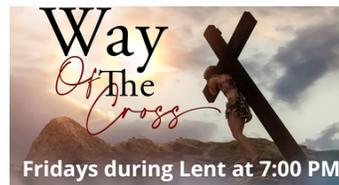
## PRAYER BEFORE MASS

God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. 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

## WOMEN'S CURSILLO

The Cursillo is designed for those who want to strengthen their faith, be closer to Christ, and to bring Christ to those around them.

The next Women's Cursillo is April 9-12. Contact Lynn or Chris in the parish office at 508-248-7862 for more information and/or application.



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 reflection on one of the Seven Sorrows. On Friday, March 13 our presenter will be Kathy Wandmacher. "The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Road to Calvary".

## LENTEN MISSION SAVE THE DATE

Sr. Theresita will give a Lenten Mission March 30 and 31 (9:00 am and 7:00 pm each day). More details to follow.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



In Pew gifts are received this weekend. We have already received 101 advance gifts via mail for a total of \$54,670 (59%) of our goal of \$93,000. There are several ways to give; you can make a one time gift, or you can pledge a gift over time. See the side panel for ways to make your pledge. If you plan on presenting a check, please make it out to St. Joseph Church.

Thank you to those who have already made a gift. Please pray on sharing your gifts in this appeal. Chairpersons of this appeal are Daniel and Diane Cetin. Contact the parish office if you have questions. 508-248-7862 X222 or [Diane@stjosephscharlton.com](mailto:Diane@stjosephscharlton.com).

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Pass in your envelope during In-Pew Sunday

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## 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](http://stjosephscharlton.com)

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

25th Annual Worcester Diocesan

**Catholic Men's Conference** "BE NOT AFRAID"

Saturday, March 21, 2026

The DCU Center  
Worcester, MA

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

TIX AVAILABLE [WWW.CATHOLICMENWORC.COM](http://WWW.CATHOLICMENWORC.COM)  
CARPOOLING MARTY MULLEN 508.250.9597

Movie Night

BASED ON THE INCREIBLE TRUE STORY

**SOUL ON FIRE**

Thursday  
March 19  
6:30 pm

Shown in  
Cornerstone

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

**20-WEEK RAFFLE**

MARY MARTHA GUILD

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

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

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



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.



2026 ST JOSEPH CHARLTON PARISH MEN'S RETREAT

WALKING THROUGH THE LITANY OF TRUST



Sponsored by Ordinary Men

## FAMILY FAITH GATHERINGS

Family Faith Gatherings

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING  
ST. JOSEPH CHARLTON

**Sunday  
March 22nd  
AFTER 10:00 AM MASS**

Liz Cotrupi

Join us for brunch and a teaching by Liz Cotrupi on Encountering God through the Sacraments in the parish hall.

Liam Ferguson will be our witness speaker.



## LIFE TEEN CORNER

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



SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Life Teen - What does it look like to be a disciple of Jesus?

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

Life Teen - Jesus comes to meet us and heal each of us through the Sacraments of Healing

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

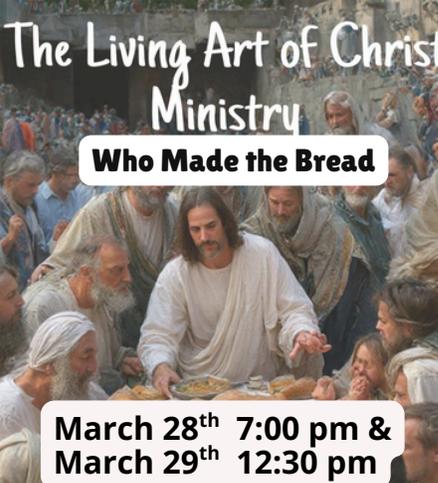
Life Teen - How do we decide right from wrong?

## THE LIVING ART OF CHRIST MINISTRY

The Living Art of Christ Ministry

**Who Made the Bread**

March 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm & March 29<sup>th</sup> 12:30 pm



All are invited to this theatrical production. This play draws inspiration from Jesus breaking bread at the Last Supper. It takes place here and admission is free. (donations accepted)

## 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




# STEWARDSHIP

## PARISH OFFERINGS

### Weekend of March 1

Weekly Offerings \$14,021.00 and Building Fund \$1260.00

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.

**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 to all who took the brown bags for our food pantry. Please return the bags with your food pantry items at your earliest convenience. Your continued generosity is most appreciated.

This Lent Help Our Parish

**BRIGHTEN**  
Every Gathering

**DONATE TODAY**  
and Be The Light that  
Brightens Our Hall

The Hallow Brighten Our Hall  
Fundraising Match Challenge

March 11<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>

## DAILY ACTS OF CHARITY DURING LENT

During Lent we invite you to join us by engaging in daily acts of charity to bring about an internal change that will bring you closer to God. This week we suggest the following acts;

- Name three blessings in your life
- Find one plastic item you use and replace it with a reusable one
- Reach out to someone you haven't spoken to in a while to check in
- Say grace before a meal

## THANK YOU

We are extremely grateful for Richard Powell, CPA, who has chaired our Parish Finance Committee, along with his wife Joanne, these many years. The awesome service he had provided has been a great benefit to our parish and we are thankful.

# MINISTRY CONTACTS

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### FIRST LIGHTS

Grades K-5

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### LIFE TEEN

Grades 9-12

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# PARISH RESOURCES

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-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

*"Whoever drinks the water I shall give  
will never thirst."*

Only Jesus can satisfy the deepest desires of our hearts. When we encounter Him, our lives overflow with the living water of grace. Some are called to share that grace as priests, religious brothers or sisters, or consecrated virgins. Could God be inviting you to share His living water with others? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or email [donato.infante@worcesterdioocese.org](mailto:donato.infante@worcesterdioocese.org).

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