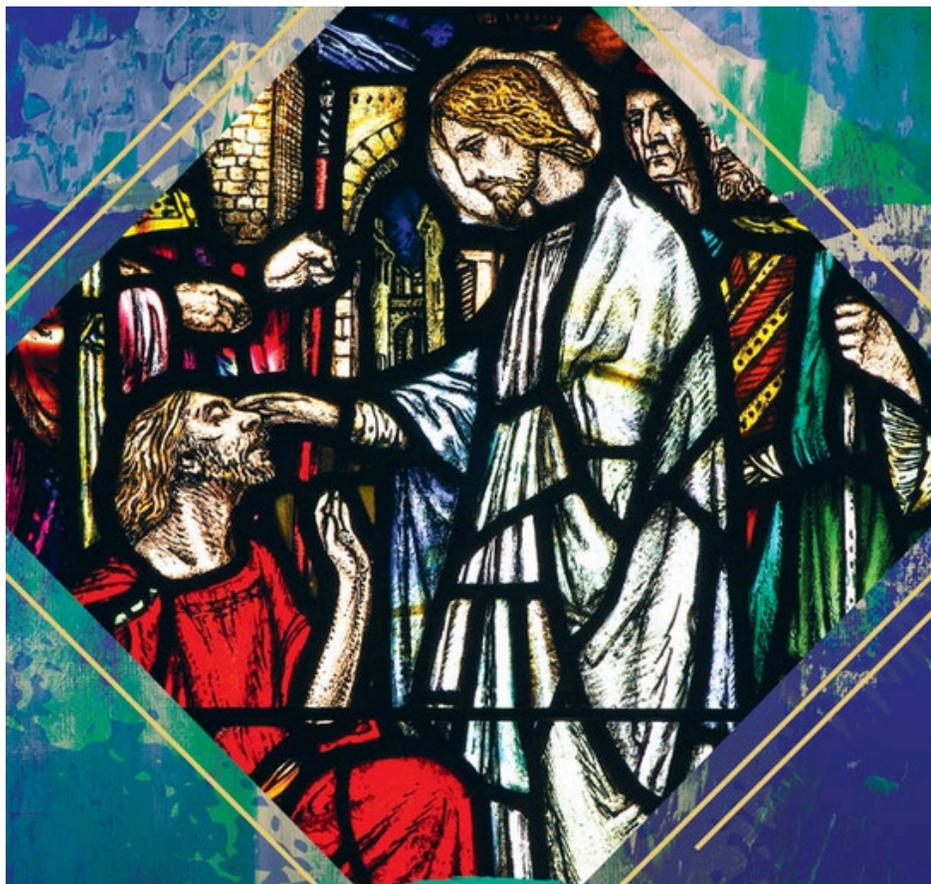


St. Joseph Church

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.



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." - Jn 9:15

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MARCH 15, 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 May 3.

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, 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, (1st Anniv) by Linda & Sue

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

Monday, March 16

8:30 am Donald Peck by Wife & Family

Tuesday, March 17

8:30 am Barbara Magdis by Parish

Wednesday, March 18

8:30 am The Crew of the Lily Jean & Families by Lola

Thursday, March 19

8:30 am Laurette Sleeper by Parish

Friday, March 20

8:30 am Ronald Twine by Wife

Saturday, March 21

4:30 pm Luis Carmano & Thomas Rodgers by Dennis Lataille

Sunday, March 22

8:00 am Dolores Hagan by Family

10:00 am Stephen McKenna (Birthday) by Family

5:00 pm Dolores Hagan by Family

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for Thomas Anctil by Mark & Lynn Lorusso & Family

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. 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

Rev. John E. Horgan, retired priest of our Diocese. May he rest in the arms of the Lord, and may his family find comfort in their faith.

BAPTISM

With great joy we welcome Bo Andrew Gagne child of Andrew & Jordan who will be baptized in water and Spirit this weekend.

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.



Congratulations to Grace Latour who will be making her 1st Holy Communion today at the 10:00 am Mass.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Please pray for our 35 students receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this weekend.

Also, keep the following Christian sisters and brothers in your prayers as they become full members of our Catholic Faith at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 4.

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**

Children receiving Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion this Easter Vigil are: **Aidyn Sourikone Choumanivong and Kayleigh Rose Choumanivong**. Receiving First Communion are **Abigail Rose Noyes and Nathaniel Leif Noyes**.

Everyone is invited to a Welcome Reception after the Easter Vigil.



The Way of the Cross through the Seven Sorrows of Mary on Fridays during Lent at 7:00 pm.

Each week a woman member of our staff will give a reflection on one of the Seven Sorrows. On Friday, March 20 our presenter will be Sandra Buron on *The Crucifixion*.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Thank you to those who have already made their gift. We have received 101 advance gifts via mail for a total of \$54,670 (59%) of our goal of \$93,000. In Pew Offerings will be received this weekend for those who have not yet made a gift. 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.

Chairpersons are Dan and Diane Cetin. Contact the parish if you have questions. 508-248-7862 X222 or Diane@stjosephscharlton.com.

Make your gift to the Partners in Charity Appeal today!



In your parish
Pass in your envelope during In-Pew Sunday



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Worcester, MA 01609



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Partners-Charity.net



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FAMILY FAITH GATHERING

Family Faith Gatherings
FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING
ST. JOSEPH CHARLTON

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

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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH CHARLTON
A WALKING WITH PURPOSE BIBLE STUDY

Reclaiming Friendship

Registration Now Open at:
stjosephscharlton.com

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

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

Holy Week Parish Mission
with
Sr. Theresita

Join us
**Monday, March 30
& Tuesday, March 31**
9:00 am repeated at 7:00 pm

Topic: Holy Saturday
A Map to Golgotha &
Key to Easter Joy

**Movie Night
in
Cornerstone**

BASED ON THE
INCREDIBLE TRUE STORY

SOUL ON FIRE

**Thursday
March 19
6:30 pm**

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 with Linda Vezina as Rectora. Contact Lynn or Chris in the parish office at 508-248-7862 for information and/or application.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

COMING EVENTS



LIFE TEEN CORNER



SUNDAY, MARCH 15

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

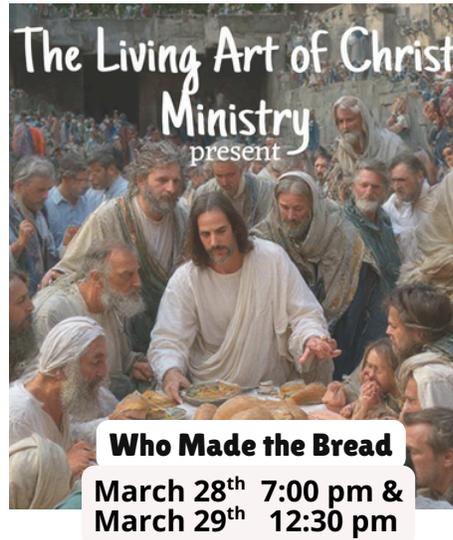
SUNDAY, MARCH 22

Life Teen - How do we decide right from wrong?

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

Preparing for Holy Week - Mass at 10 am, Brunch, and showing of The Passion of Christ

JOIN US FOR THIS FREE THEATRICAL PRODUCTION



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 18-2

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.



STEWARDSHIP

PARISH OFFERINGS

Weekend of March 8

Weekly Offerings \$.00 and Building Fund \$.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 or go to 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 and filled brown bags for our food pantry. Please return the bags with your food pantry items at your earliest convenience. We are most grateful for the \$1,700 donation to our Food Pantry. Your continued generosity is most appreciated.

100% MATCH Fundraising Challenge

BE THE LIGHT

& Brighten our Hall

Donate Today On Hallow!



Hallow will 100% Match ALL Donations to St. Joseph Charlton up to \$5,000!



Eucharistic Novena
March 11 - 19

St Joseph Charlton
LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

THE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS ARE PACKING EASTER BASKETS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES (CC) IN SOUTHBRIDGE. CC IS AN ORGANIZATION COMMITTED TO MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE POOR, THE HOMELESS AND THE INFIRM AND TO ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL. THE BASKETS WILL BE HANDED OUT TO LOCAL CHILDREN. PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING AN ITEM OR TWO.

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|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Candy | Bubbles | Paint by number | Slime |
| Children's books | Chalk | Small puzzles | Small toys |
| Small stuffed animals | Paints | Markers | Small games |
| Crayons | Coloring books | Playdough | Stickers |

Please bring your donations to the basket located in the Narthex. Donations need to be in by March 25. Thank you so much for your help!

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;

- Go off social media for a day to clear you
- Pray for someone you find difficult to get along with.
- Have a meal with or prepare a meal for someone

"Do Not Be Afraid"

The Bible tells us this over 100 times.
Genesis 15:1 - "Fear not....I am your shield"
and again in Luke 2:10 - "The angel said 'Do not be afraid'."

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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

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS OFFICE

"I am the light of the world."

Christ's light shines through those who answer His call. In marriage, couples reflect that light by the way they love, forgive, and serve one another. Their faith-filled witness creates a home filled with love and grace, drawing others closer to Christ. How does your marriage reveal God's love to those around you?

25th Annual Worcester Diocesan
Catholic Men's Conference
Saturday, March 21, 2026
The DCU Center
Worcester, MA

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30AM FOR REGISTRATION
Followed by Speakers, Lunch,
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