

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.



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" - Jn 11:43

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St. Joseph's Parish Charlton
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MARCH 23, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil | 4:30 pm

Sunday | 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 5:00 pm

Daily Monday-Friday | 8:30 am

HOLY ENCOUNTERS WITH GOD

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 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 Jeanne Carter by Family

Monday, March 23

8:30 am Vicky Maggs by Ed Richard

Tuesday, March 24

8:30 am Mervin Tissera by Family

Wednesday, March 25

8:30 am Charles E. Monroe (Birthday) by Fr. Monroe

Thursday, March 26

8:30 am Residents & Staff of Charlton Manor by Michael D. Turpin

Friday, March 27

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory by a Parishioner

Saturday, March 28

4:30 pm Thomas Coughlin by Linda Shedd

Sunday, March 29

8:00 am Barbara Flagg by Family
10:00 am Brian McGrath by Wife & Family
5:00 pm Philip Gaudet (2nd Anniv) by Family

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for the Wilber 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.

CATECHUMENS AND CADIDATES

Please 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 at 7:30 pm.

CATECHUMENS-**Kenneth Buckland, Jessica Hill, Alex Moir and Gordon Snyder**

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

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

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

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, you Son handed himself over to death. 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

Neil Stanton, husband of Arlene and **Anne Cotrupi**, mother of Tony. 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 at 7:00 pm.

A reflection on the sorrow of *Jesus taken down from the Cross* will be given on Friday, March 27 by Pam Smith.

EUCCHARISTIC TRAINING

Saturday, March 28 from 9:00 am-Noon
To receive your book to read in advance contact Deacon Bill at 508-254-8512.

AFTER 4:30 MASS THIS WEEKEND



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, March 30 - 8:30 am - Daily Mass, 9:00 am & 7:00 pm - Lenten Mission with Sr. Theresita

Tuesday, March 31 - 8:30 am - Daily Mass, 9:00 am & 7:00 pm - Lenten Mission with Sr. Theresita and 10:00 am Mass of the Holy Oils at St. Paul's Cathedral, Worcester

Wednesday, April 1 - 8:30 am - Daily Mass

Thursday, April 2 - 8:30 am Morning Prayers and 7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper with Adoration until 10:00 pm, following the Mass is Seven Church Visitation starting at St. Joseph Church

Friday, April 3 - 8:30 am - Morning Prayers, 11:00 am - Ecumenical Cross Walk starts at Federated Church, 3:00 pm - Way of the Cross (outdoors St. Joseph's) and 7:00 pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 4 - 8:30 am - Morning Prayers, Noon-Blessing of the Food, 7:30 pm Easter Vigil, followed by OCIA Welcome Reception

Sunday, April 5 (Easter) - Masses at 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 5:00 pm



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

Sr Theresita has agreed to offer Spiritual Direction while here. 30 mins slots are available on Monday, March 30 & Tuesday, March 31. Sign up at the St. Joseph table.



FAMILY FAITH GATHERING



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.



LOCAL PILGRIMAGE OPPORTUNITY

Seven Churches Visitation
Holy Thursday, April 2

This long-standing tradition involves the veneration of seven altars of repose at local churches following the Mass of the Lord's Supper. Pilgrims embark on a journey to visit seven different churches in a single night, walking with Jesus from the Agony in the Garden to the Crowning with Thorns.

We will spend 15 minutes in Adoration at St. Joseph Church then set out to the other churches. If interested, meet us in the Narthex after the Mass, more details to follow.

Contact Lynn Lorusso at 508-248-7862 if there are questions.

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



WHAT'S HAPPENING

COMING EVENTS



OPEN TO ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS 6TH - 8TH GRADERS

Friday, April 10th 6:00-8:30 PM
at St. Joseph Church, Charlton

Middle School AMPLIFY

Pizza!
Fun Games & Icebreakers
Witness Talks by High Schoolers
Eucharistic Adoration

How to Sign Up
Middle School Amplify Nights are FREE events! However, to give us a headcount for pizza, please sign up by going to the link below or use the QR code.

Planned & led by the Diocesan Youth Discipleship Team!

neworchester.org/ms-amplify-4-10

LIFE TEEN CORNER



All Teens are Welcome!

~SUNDAY, MARCH 22~

Life Teen - How do we decide right from wrong?

~THURSDAY, MARCH 26~

Building Easter Baskets - 6:00 pm in the Cornerstone

~SUNDAY, MARCH 29~

Preparing for Holy Week - Mass at 10:00 am, Brunch, and showing of The Passion of the Christ

~WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1~

Filling Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt 6:00 pm in the Cornerstone

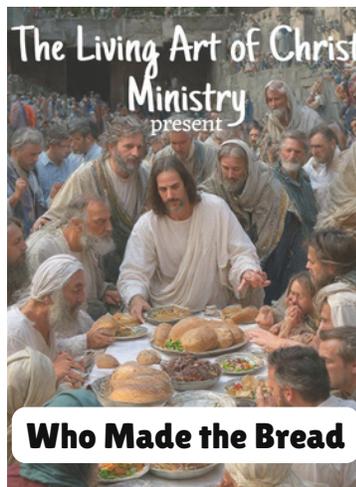
WE NEED YOUR HELP!
Build Their Baskets

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS ARE PACKING EASTER BASKETS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES 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 WE CREATE WILL BE HANDED OUT TO LOCAL CHILDREN. PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING AN ITEM OR TWO.

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 25th. Thank you so much for your help!

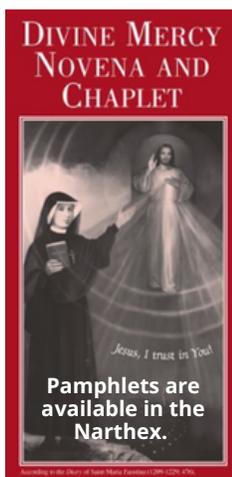
FREE THEATRICAL PRODUCTION



All are invited to this theatrical production telling the moving story of a broken family finding restoration. Through the simple yet profound experience of breaking bread with Jesus, the characters—and the audience—are reminded that even the deepest wounds can be healed.

March 28-7:00 pm and
March 29 12:30 pm
Donations accepted

DIVINE MERCY



Our Lord specifically asked that a **Novena to the Divine Mercy** be recited, beginning on Good Friday, April 3 through the Saturday Vigil for the feast of Divine Mercy, April 11.

"On each day you will bring to My heart a different group of souls and immerse them in this ocean of My mercy" (Diary, 1209.)

April 12
DIVINE MERCY
Sunday

Join us for all or part of this event. Information on how to prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday are in the Narthex.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Knights of Columbus will award 2 separate \$1,000 scholarships to 2 students enrolled at, or entering, a college or university for the 2026-2027 year.

Applications must be submitted by May 9 for the Steven McKenna and/or the Rev. Robert Grattaroti Scholarships. Scholarships will be awarded in June. Contact Dennis C. Lataille at 508-612-2629 or dclataille@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH OFFERINGS

Weekend of March 8

Weekly Offerings \$14,130.32 and Building Fund \$553.00

Weekend of March 15

Weekly Offerings \$15,095.75 and Building Fund \$417.00

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 helps us greatly!

YOU make a difference!

FOOD PANTRY

Hours of Operation

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



Thank you to all who have filled brown bags for our food pantry. Your generosity is much appreciated and the food is greatly needed.

We would also like to thank Park 'n Shop, Stop & Shop and the Big Y Markets for their donation of bags used for our Brown Bag Sunday food drive for our food pantry.

CONGRATULATIONS



Parishioner, **Danielle Ferguson**, RN was awarded the Josie King Hero Award for her exceptional leadership, commitment to patient safety and transformic work in assiting with the redesign of the maternity triage.

Also, are best wishes to **Devin Rowden** who is the Joseph Mewhiney Scholar Athlete Award Winner of Shepherd Hill.

THANK YOU

We thank **Cheryl Kingston** for the astounding work she has done these many years as Editor and Producer of our parsh bulletin. We are indebted to her for her dedication, expertise and time in facilitating this Parish Communication Ministry. Easter Sunday will be her last bulletin published.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY



The **Partners in Charity** appeal is off and running. We have raised \$ 56,365.00 of our \$ 93,000.00 goal with 132 gifts. If you have not yet made a gift, please consider doing so. You can make a gift online at Partners-Charity.net or by calling 508-929-4368. There are also envelopes in the Narthex and in the pews. The Partners in Charity appeal helps the Diocese of Worcester serve the people of our Diocese.

100% MATCH Fundraising Challenge

BE THE LIGHT
& Brighten our Hall

Donate Today
On Hallow!



Eucharistic Novena
Donate Today!

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

To donate on the Hallow App, click on the church icon and look for *Brighten our Hall*, click to donate.

MINISTRY CONTACTS

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PARISH RESOURCES



Gluten free hosts available upon request. Please ask an usher.

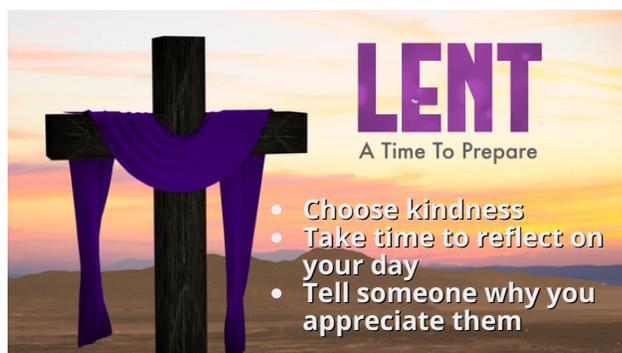
24 Hour Prayer Line

prayer@missionariesofmercy.net

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS OFFICE

"I am the resurrection and the life."

Jesus' promise of new life inspires all vocations. Could He be calling you to the priesthood, to bring His Word to others through the sacraments? Open your heart to His plan. Reach out to the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or email donato.infante@worcesterdiocese.org.



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