

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.



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous." - Mt 13:49-51

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JULY 26, 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

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.

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, July 25

4:30 pm Maureen Johnson by the Mullen Family

Sunday, July 26

8:00 am Lillian Talbot by parish family

10:00 am Bill Brown by parish family

5:00 pm Mary & John Balliantine by Maryanne Hammond

Monday, July 27

8:30 am Phyllis Bissonnette, 1st Anniversary by Brian & Judy Brosnihan

Tuesday, July 28

8:30 am Mass Celebrated

Wednesday, July 29

8:30 am Mass Celebrated

Thursday, July 30

8:30 am Mass Celebrated

Friday, July 31

8:30 am Mass Celebrated

Saturday, August 1

4:30 pm Steve & Rose Kupiec by parish family

Sunday, August 2

8:00 am Harry Fontana by Dennis & Michael Lataille

10:00 am Robert Lafler by parish family

5:00 pm Jane Zereski by parish family

Additional Mass Offered: During the **week of Monday, August 3rd through Friday, August 7th** we will be having an additional Mass **at 11:30am** each day and adoration will be available as well. All are welcome to attend.

Have you signed up for a Mass Intention?

If so, please check in with a Parish Usher upon arrival to your scheduled Mass and coordinate bringing up the Gifts to honor your loved one.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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.



*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!*

ETERNAL REST

Rest in peace **Arnold Caplette**. May he rest in the arms of the Lord and rejoice in the glory of heaven, and may his family find comfort in their faith.

Check out or newly updated poster from Rome featuring all 267 Popes from St. Peter to St. Leo XIV in the narthex next to sacristy doors.

Note from FBG: Our Bishop, Bishop Robert McManus, please continue to pray for him. Having recently celebrated his 75th birthday; church law requires that he write a letter of resignation to the Pope, the Pope may or may not accept it. Nonetheless, we are most grateful for his 22 years as our Bishop. We continue our prayers on his behalf.
He, as all of us, are in the hands of the Lord.

ONLINE GIVING

Please continue your generous support of our Church during vacation and travel months. Please seriously consider utilizing online giving if you are not signed up already.

Sign up on our website



Today!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING



This weekend (Saturday, July 25 - Sunday, July 26) we welcome Sister Mary Jennifer of the Adorer Missionary Sisters of the Poor, who will make an appeal for their mission which supports Tanzania & Kenya. Please use the special offering envelopes provided and make check payable to St. Joseph's Church. Thank you.



Our Lady of Guadalupe
Patroness of the Americas

Hope for Our Nation
A Presentation by
Dr. Madeline Colon-Usovicz

With exposition and
veneration of
the Missionary image of
Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday, August 5th at 7pm
St. Joseph Charlton Parish Hall

Parish Scholarships

Christina Arthanayake
Cameron Simpson
Matthew Smolski
Adrian Lamas
Devin Rowden
Nicholas Jalbert

CONGRATS!

Please join us on **August 2nd at the 10am Mass** to celebrate our parish scholarships recipients as they are awarded their scholarships!



From Fr Bob: For those who were unable to attend the birthday celebration in Sturbridge, please know that **I look forward to welcoming you at the parish reception following the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, August 2nd.**



A WALKING WITH PURPOSE BIBLE STUDY

Keeping in Balance

OPEN HOUSE
AUGUST 12TH AT 7-8PM

Wednesday Evenings
6:30 - 8:00 pm
or
Friday Afternoons
1:30 - 3:00 pm
Beginning Sept. 9 & 11, 2026



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Shared from Fr Bob:

The Line to Heaven

Every minute someone leaves this world behind.
Age has nothing to do with it.
We are all in this - the line without realizing it.
We never know how many people are before us.
We cannot move to the back of the line.
We cannot step out of the line.
We cannot avoid the line.
So while we wait in line -
Make the moments count.
Make a difference.
Make the call.
Make priorities.
Make the time.
Make your gifts known.
Make a nobody feel like a somebody.
Make your voice heard.
Make the small things big.
Make someone smile. Make the change.
Make yourself a priority.
Make love. Make up. Make peace.
Make sure to tell your people they are loved.
Make waves.
Make sure to have no regrets.
Make sure you are ready.

Food Pantry Needs: Pancake Mix, Syrup, Peanut butter & Jelly, Soups, Cereal, Pasta, Juice, Snacks & Toiletries. **Thank you!**



Thank you all for your gifts to the food pantry; your generous gifts make a difference to many. We are so very grateful.

WHAT'S HAPPENING



**Online Faith Formation
Registration is now open!**
Head over to our parish website
at stjosephscharlton.com

First Lights ~ K-4th Grade

Edge ~ 5th - 8th Grade

Life Teen ~ 9th - 11th Grade

Join us
for an exciting new year!



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server Training is being offered
Saturday, August 2nd at 9:30am. If you
have made your first communion, please
consider this special opportunity to serve
God and our parish community during
the celebration of the Mass.



LIFE TEEN CORNER & MORE

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

~MONDAY, JULY 27TH~
VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE
Come cheer us on for Game 6
against Sacred Heart Webster
@ 6:15 pm
Home Court

~WEDNESDAY, JULY 29TH~
BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS
Come for the 8:30 am daily Mass
and then join us for breakfast at Dad's!



With God We Can Tackle Anything

JULY 29 - 31, 9 AM TO 3 PM

Open to all children from 4 years old to 5th grade.
We will provide a peanut free snack twice each day.
Please pack a peanut free lunch for your child each day.



Register here for three days
full of fun, friends,
faith, and sports!



For more information:
Email Anthonyanthonyow05@gmail.com

St Joseph's
Charlton, MA

TOTUS TUUS
Summer
Bible Camp

Join Us for a week of Faith and Fun!

AUGUST 3 - 7, 9 TO 3
On the last day, August 7, we will dismiss
children at 2 pm.

Register here

COMMANDMENTS JOYFUL MYSTERIES

GAMES

We are looking for teen volunteers!
Please reach out to Kathy
kathryn@stjosephscharlton.com

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH OFFERINGS

Week of July 13 - July 19, 2026

Parish Offerings: \$13,110.70

Building Fund: \$849

- Thank you for your kind donations and for making up offerings when you are away over the summer.

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. Please consider online giving.

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 use QR code on the bulletin front to navigate to online giving. Thank you, it helps us greatly!

FOOD PANTRY

Hours of Operation

Tues 6:30-7:30 pm

Weds 9:00-11:00 am



Did you know? "In December of 1531, just ten years after the Spanish conquest of Mexico, a poor Indigenous man named Juan Diego was walking across Tepeyac Hill on his way to Mass. As dawn broke, he heard beautiful music and saw a radiant woman standing before him. **The woman spoke to him with tenderness in his native Nahuatl language and called him "my little son."** She revealed herself as the Virgin Mary, the Mother of the true God, and asked that a church be built on that hill to show her love and compassion to all who sought her." How did this lead us to the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe which "became the heart of faith for a wounded people? Within a decade, nearly ten million indigenous people became Christian. **It was the largest conversion event in the history of the Church. Not by force, not by intellectual argument. But by encountering a mother who spoke to their hearts in a way no missionary ever could."** - pages 53-54, 33 Days of Miracles, Wonders & Grace by Matthew Kelly

Join us Wednesday, August 5th 7pm in our parish hall to learn more about the miracle of Our Lady of Guadalupe!

A colorful poster for a "FALL & HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR". The title is in large, stylized letters. Below the title are three sections: "HALLOWEEN" with a ghost and pumpkin, "THANKSGIVING" with a cornucopia, and "CHRISTMAS" with a Christmas tree and gifts. The event is on "Saturday, September 19, 2026" from "9:00am - 3:00pm" at "ST JOSEPH PARISH HALL, 10 H Putnam Rd, Charlton, MA 01507". A banner says "SHOP LOCAL ARTISANS!" and lists items like handmade crafts, holiday ornaments, unique gifts, jewelry, fancy flea corner, knitwear, original artwork, raffles, and live music. It also mentions "FALL FOOD TO ENJOY!". At the bottom, it says "JOIN US IN A DAY OF COMMUNITY FUN AND HOLIDAY SHOPPING!" and provides contact information for Judith Erdman.

FALL & HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

HALLOWEEN **THANKSGIVING** **CHRISTMAS**

Saturday, September 19, 2026
9:00am - 3:00pm

ST JOSEPH PARISH HALL
10 H Putnam Rd
Charlton, MA 01507

SHOP LOCAL ARTISANS!

- HANDMADE CRAFTS
- HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS
- UNIQUE GIFTS & JEWELRY
- FANCY FLEA CORNER
- KNITWEAR & TEXTILES
- ORIGINAL ARTWORK & PRINTS
- RAFFLES & LIVE MUSIC
- FALL FOOD TO ENJOY!

JOIN US IN A DAY OF COMMUNITY FUN AND HOLIDAY SHOPPING!

VENDOR INQUIRIES CONTACT:
Judith Erdman
judith.erdman@umb.edu
617-283-9864

CONGRATULATIONS

Mary Martha Guild Raffle Winner
Week 18 Kathy McGrath \$50



Looking ahead.... On September 20th we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the dedication of our new church. Wonderful activities are planned to include an outdoor Mass (weather permitting), our Religious Education Ministry will be a vital part of this celebration as they bring their spiritual formation and instruction. It will be a great family day. Please mark your calendars!

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

24 Hour Prayer Line

prayer@missionariesofmercy.net



DIOCESAN VOCATIONS OFFICE

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."

Discernment is the process of discovering the treasure God has placed in your life, your unique calling and purpose. It requires prayer, reflection, and openness to God's guidance, helping you recognize where He is leading you, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony.

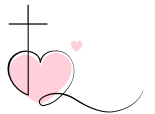
Take time to seek His wisdom, trusting that the joy of finding His treasure is worth every effort. If you feel a stirring desire to follow God's path, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office.

Contact info for the Vocation Office:

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