

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.



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter. - Mt 14:30-31

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AUGUST 9, 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, August 8

4:30 pm Roger Goudreau, 6th Anniversary by his daughter

Sunday, August 9

8:00 am Allan Turmelle by his wife, Sandra

10:00 am Deceased Members of the Laskowski, Grundstrom, Linkevich and Shatz Families

5:00 pm Bruce Rabor by parish family

Monday, August 10

8:30 am Robert Ferron by family

Tuesday, August 11

8:30 am Clara LeClair by granddaughter, Christina Roberts

Wednesday, August 12

8:30 am Mass Celebrated

Thursday, August 13

8:30 am Fr. Norm Tremblay by friend

Friday, August 14

8:30 am Mass Celebrated

Saturday, August 15

8:30 am Mass Celebrated

4:30 pm Ted & Jane Dada by family

Sunday, August 16

8:00 am Robert Johnson by wife Diane

10:00 am Melissa Boiteau by parish family

5:00 pm Julie Anctil by Mark & Lynn Lorusso and family

The Sanctuary Lamps burn this week for Fr. Norm Tremblay by friend



Assumption of our Mother Mary is August 15th. Due to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary falling on a Saturday this year, it is not a celebrated Holy Day. We will have **Mass at 8:30am** on that day to celebrate our Blessed Mother.

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

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. 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!

KEEP US UPDATED: Have you moved? Did you get a new phone number? Please update our parish when you have changes!! Please email Lynn@stjosephscharlton.com or call **508.248.7862 X116** with any changes in **address, contact information or updates to Electronic Giving.**

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He said, 'Come.' Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." (MATTHEW 14:29) When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

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

My dear Parishioners and Friends,
Again, my deepest gratitude to all for your kind remembrance of my 90th birthday. It is by God's grace that I, and as a matter of fact, all of us, are here. All that we are and ever hope to be - we owe it all to God. Deeply moving in this is the palpable manifestation of your love. I am so very humbled and so deeply grateful.

Please be assured of my constant prayer for you, your families and loved ones.

Peace, Love & Joy,
Fr. Bob Grattaroti

THANK
YOU
♥

 **ADORER MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE POOR** 
The total amount collected for their Mission was \$3,125! **Sister Mary Jennifer sends her many thanks for your generous support.**

thank you 

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

Welcome

WWP Speakers: This weekend we welcome our Walking with Purpose Charlton program to speak at masses.

Save the Date



Coffee & Discussion
with Fr. Bob

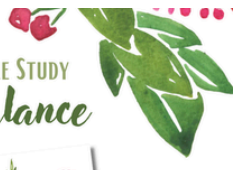
Sunday, August 23rd after the 10am Mass. All are welcome to join Fr Bob in our newly painted "Upper Room" off the Coffee Room.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Joseph Charlton Ultreya

Friday, August 21st - Music 6:30, Mass at 6:45pm, 7:15pm Witness Speaker followed by Small Grouping.

Please join us as Mark Netsch shares his most recent walk with Christ. All are welcome!

 
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
TO SIGN UP - GO TO
WWW.STJOSEPHSCHARLTON.COM
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CURSILLO

Our next Women's Cursillo is coming up October 15th - 18th at the Immaculate Conception Center just over the border in Putnam, CT. A short course in Christianity and an opportunity to strengthen and refresh your faith, **the October Women's Cursillo will be led by our very own Lynn Lorusso. Have questions? Think you might be interested? Reach out to our St. Joe's Cursillo Contact Jean Fontaine at 508.612.2008 or jeanfontaine@comcast.net.**



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!



*A big thank you to the following volunteers
who took time out of their summer to lead
our children closer to Christ at our
Vacation Bible School & Totus Tuus
summer programs:*

Maggie M	Nick J	Adriana N
Anthony S	Cole F	Cecilia W
Chloe G	Ella W	Zach A
Olivia K	Emily G	Lucas A
Rachel G	Cat B	Alessandra L
Alex K	Annette M	Christina A
Erin G,	Wes P	Alexandria L
Athena K	Madaline D	Tenleigh D
Sam B	Teagan G	Cindy F
Peter B	Adeline R	Kayleigh B
Abby H	Julianne R	Brynn L
Emily H	Jed S	Lauren C
Ryan B	Gabriel L	Layla R
Rosalie K	Colden B	Luke P
Andrew H	Donna B	

*We love our
Volunteers*

Volunteers Welcome at the Mustard Seed

The Mustard Seed Catholic Worker in Worcester
serves a free dinner to neighbors in need every
weeknight. Volunteers help set up, serve, and clean up
— **no experience needed, and it's easy to come
with a friend or two. Sign up at mustardseedcw.org
or email house@mustardseedcw.org.**
All are welcome.

LIFE TEEN CORNER & MORE

Leading Teens Closer to Christ

~SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH~
Cheer on the St Joe's team in the
Worcester Diocese Competitive Volleyball League
Tournament on our home courts.
Play starts at 11am and goes to about 4pm.
Watch our Social Media page for our first game time.

~WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12~
Breakfast of Champions.
Join us for the 8:30 am Mass and breakfast immediately
following.

ST JOSEPH CHARLTON IS HOSTING THE
2026 WORCESTER DIOCESE
VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

RECREATIONAL DIVISION	COMPETITIVE DIVISION
Saturday, August 8 9 AM - 3 PM	Sunday, August 9 11 AM - 3:30 PM
SENIOR RECOGNITION FOR BOTH DIVISIONS	HOME TEAM PLAYS SUNDAY. WATCH OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES FOR GAME TIMES
HAMBURGERS	COME AND BRING A BLANKET TO WATCH AND CHEER US ON!
HOTDOGS	

JOIN US FOR ONE OR ALL THE GAMES!
COME AND HAVE FUN CHEERING ON ALL
THE TEAMS!
HOPE TO SEE YOU OUT THERE!

Leading Teens Closer to Christ

SAVE THE DATE
Annual Golf Tournament
Heritage Country Club, Charlton, MA
September 12
7:30 am Shot Gun Start!
Proceeds help support our Life Teen
High School Youth Ministry program

STEWARDSHIP

PARISH OFFERINGS

Week of July 27 - August 2, 2026

Parish Offerings: \$13,928

Building Fund: \$1,078

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



Seven Sisters Apostolate



Seven Sisters Apostolate is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop - a "holy wasting" (cf. Mt. 26:10) or lavishing of prayer for his deeper conformity to Christ. Our Seven Sisters Charlton will be formalizing their commitment for the next year with the Seven Sisters Commitment Prayer on **Saturday, August 15th at the 8:30am Mass celebrating our Blessed Mother.**

ALL ARE WELCOME.

"By strengthening the priest you strengthen the whole Church... Strengthen the priest and you strengthen the whole foundation, you strengthen everything in the Church." - Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, S.P.

Help us spark Fun & Excitement at our Fall & Holiday Craft Fair!

The Mary Martha Guild is requesting donations of Theme Baskets. Your contributions directly drive our fundraising success! If you would like to donate and need ideas or tips about making a basket, please call or text Judith Erdman at: 617-283-9864.

How to Donate:

- (1) Drop off: Every Wednesday from now until September 9th at the church office.**
- (2) Home Pick-up: If you are unable to drop off your basket, we are happy to collect it directly from your home. To arrange a convenient pick-up time, please contact Cindy Fitzgerald at: 774-402-4565.**

We deeply appreciate your amazing generosity and support of our ministry! - Mary Martha Guild



CONGRATULATIONS

Mary Martha Guild Raffle Winners
Week 20:

Skyler Green- \$500

Judith Erdman - \$100

Judith Brosnihan - \$50

Are you looking for a way to make your life more meaningful or finding a clearer sense of God's presence in your life? If so, you may want to consider "The Retreat in Daily Life". A 30-week prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola, will be held at St. Peter's Church in Worcester, beginning October 6, 2026. Offered by a team of Jesuit trained people experienced in Ignatian prayer and the Spiritual Exercises. There will be an information night explaining the Retreat in Daily Life on **Tuesday, August 11th, 6:30pm at St. Peter's Church, 929 Main St., Worcester adjacent to Clark University. You can read about this retreat at www.IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com which includes an experience from a past year's information night as well as a retreat application.**

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Assistive
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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

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

In the midst of uncertainty and challenge,
Jesus calls us to trust in His presence.

Vocations invite us to step out in faith,
whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or
sacramental marriage, placing our lives in His
hands and allowing Him to guide us. How is
He calling you? Talk to your priest or reach
out to the Vocation Office.

Contact info for the Vocation Office:

(508) 630-4473 or

donato.infante@worcesterdiocese.org

**Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.**



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