

**St. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
10 H. PUTNUM RD EXT.  
CHARLTON MA 01507  
<https://stjosephscharlton.com>**

---

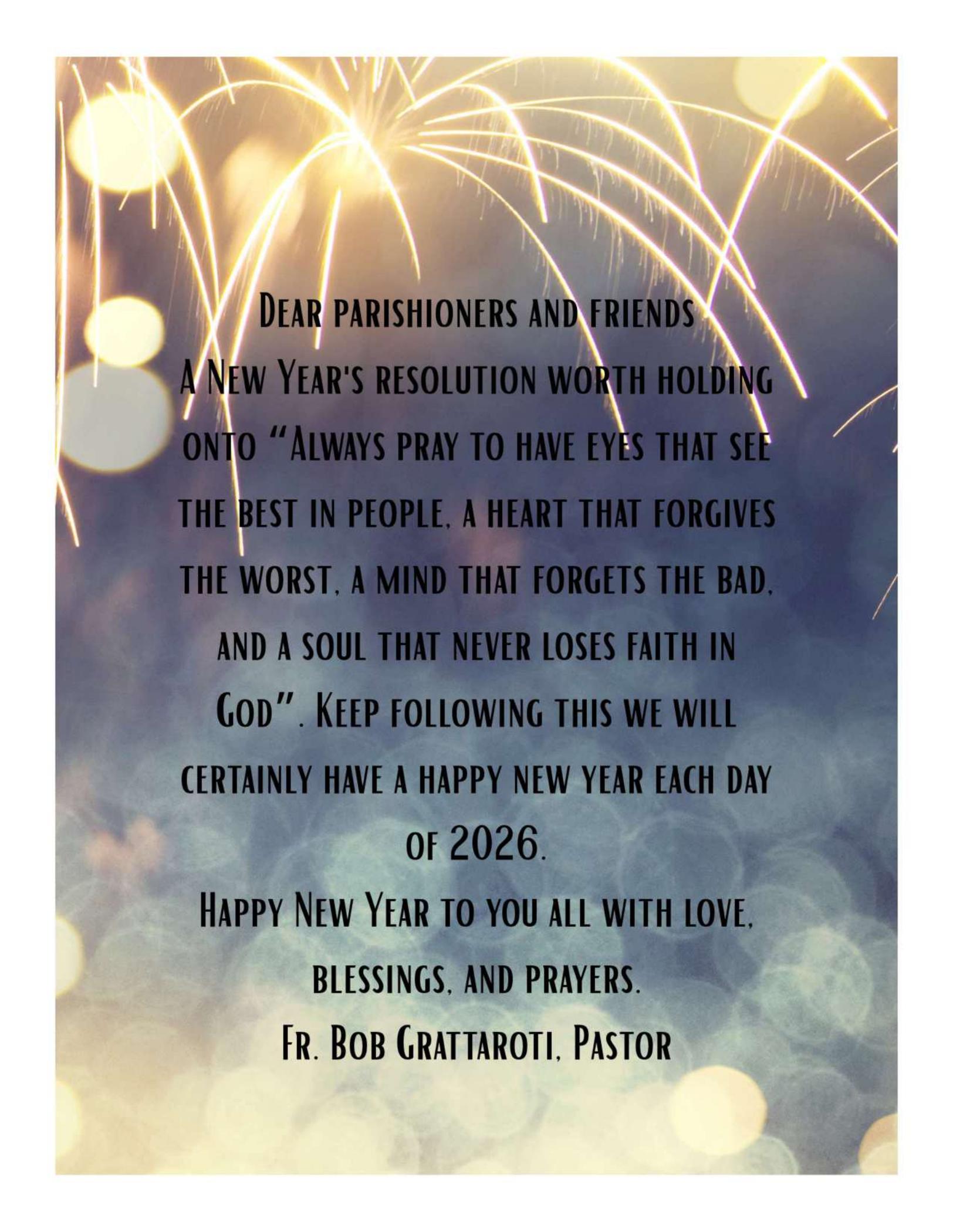
**WELCOME TO OUR  
NEWSLETTER**

Jan / Feb 2026

**Happy New Year!**

**EPIPHANY JANUARY 4, 2026**





**DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS  
A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION WORTH HOLDING  
ONTO "ALWAYS PRAY TO HAVE EYES THAT SEE  
THE BEST IN PEOPLE, A HEART THAT FORGIVES  
THE WORST, A MIND THAT FORGETS THE BAD,  
AND A SOUL THAT NEVER LOSES FAITH IN  
GOD". KEEP FOLLOWING THIS WE WILL  
CERTAINLY HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR EACH DAY  
OF 2026.**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL WITH LOVE,  
BLESSINGS, AND PRAYERS.**

**FR. BOB GRATTAROTI, PASTOR**

THANK YOU for helping Jesus find the lost sheep & return him to his Flock!!

Our Lost Sheep sure had an adventure at our parish, but he knew Jesus was with him ALWAYS. He knew he was LOVED!

YIKES!

HE WAS ALL OVER

FOUND HIS FLOCK!

Back with his FLOCK, our Lost Sheep is happy to be HOME!

St Joseph Charlton  
Parish Men's Retreat

Walking Through The  
Litany Of Trust

More Details to Follow

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Friday Feb 27<sup>th</sup> 6:30 - 9pm  
Saturday Feb 28<sup>th</sup> 9am - 5:30pm



Training Workshop for Parish Respect Life Ministries  
Allison LeDoux, Director of the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Worcester will offer a workshop "Respect Life Ministry in the Parish: The Church's Vision" on Saturday, January 24, 2026 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Cornerstone. Whether you have been involved in Respect Life Ministry for many years or would simply like to learn more, there is something for everyone in this basic training session for parish volunteers. To register, please contact Mark Kackley at [markjayne05@gmail.com](mailto:markjayne05@gmail.com) or at 508-463-7834

# Shining Light



This edition's shining light is Mike and Venus Kane. Venus grew up attending St. Paul's Church in New Jersey and was very active in her parish as a teen. Mike attended St. Thomas Church in Southington, CT. They met at a party in New Jersey where they were at a Birthday party for Father Tom. They had a long-distance romance. Later Mike moved to New York. (Just that much closer). Father Tom married them three years later in New Jersey, 1983.

For a while they lived in New York but later moved to Charlton for Mike's job. Together they have two children, Robert and Mikala, and two dogs, Ivy and Lily.

They started attending Church at St. Joseph's Charlton 2002. They said they like the life of the parish. Mike attends our "Ordinary Men" group, is on the Golf Tournament Committee and helps with the Food Pantry. Venus attends our women's group "Walking with Purpose". Both help quietly behind the scenes. Venus and Mike both enjoy puzzles, reading, golf and training their dogs.

When they were asked what advice they would give to their fellow parishioners they said, "Your Church is your home, just come home and get involved."



## Baptismal Prep



We are happy to announce our new sessions. We will be welcoming families for a luncheon followed by a gathering on baptismal prep. Please fill out a registration on our website:

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

Dates: 1/18, 3/15, 5/3, 7/19, 9/20



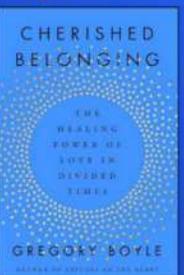
## Register Now!!

Join Joe Krans for this 5 week study group as we explore the wisdom of *Cherished Belonging*

Friday evenings from 6:30 - 8  
January 16<sup>th</sup> - February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## Cherished Belonging

The Healing Power of Love  
in Divided Times



In a time of division, Fr. Gregory Boyle urges us to embrace our shared humanity by cultivating compassion and connection to build a loving, healing community.

To register: Contact Joe Krans at 508.867.8881 or email [joseph.krans.presencework@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.krans.presencework@gmail.com)

Books available to purchase for \$12, please contact Pat Lawrie in the church office - limited supply.

## Family Faith Gatherings

CHILDREN'S  
LEARNING  
ACTIVITIES



FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING  
ST. JOSEPH CHARLTON

ADULTS  
FORMATION  
FELLOWSHIP

JAN  
11

10AM FAMILY  
MASS

FEB  
22



Fr. Donato Infante  
**THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Giver of Life  
- Do good and avoid evil.

THEN HEAD TO THE CHURCH HALL FOR BRUNCH & TALK

CHURCH UNIVERSAL & DOMESTIC CHURCH

Stephen Sycks  
Earthly way to Glory





**Jan & Feb 2026**  
**At St. Joseph Charlton**  
**Faith & Fellowship Events**  
**Weekly**

Weekly Adoration - Mondays Noon -7pm & Fridays Noon - 5pm  
Bible Study with Father Charlie - Mons 6:30pm & Weds 9am  
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults - Mons 6:30-8pm - Library Conf Room  
Cherished Belonging Book Study with Joe Krans - Fridays Jan 16th - Feb 13th 6:30-8pm - Library Conf Rm

**Upcoming Events**

New Year's Day Mass - Thurs, Jan 1st 10am - Main Church  
Boy Scout Bake Sale - Sun, Jan 4th 8am & 10am Mass - Narthex  
Religious Ed Board Meeting - Mon, Jan 5th 5:30pm - St. Gabriel Conf Room  
Knights of Columbus Meeting - Weds, Jan 7th 6pm Rosary, 7pm Meeting - Knights' Room  
Stewardship Meeting - Sat, Jan 10th 5:30pm - Church Hall  
Children's Mass - Sun, Jan 11th 10am  
Family Faith Gathering - Sun, Jan 11th 11am - Breakfast & Father Donato Infante - Hall  
Eucharistic Adoration - Wed, Jan 14th 2:30pm - 4:30pm - Church  
Order of Secular Franciscans Meeting - Thurs, Jan 15th - 6:30-7:30pm - Classroom off the Coffee Room  
Mass & Ultreya - Friday, Jan 16th 7pm - Church & Classroom off the Coffee Room  
Prayer Shawl Gathering - Sat, Saturday Jan 17th 9:45am - Classroom off the Coffee Room  
Prayer for Christian Unity Pulpit Exchange Jan 18th 10:00am Rev. Shannon Hudgins  
Mary Martha Guild Meeting - Mon, Jan 19th 6:45pm - Cornerstone  
Ordinary Men Meeting - Weds, January 21st 6:30pm - Cornerstone  
Respect Life Ministry: The Church's Vision Workshop - Sat Jan 24th 10-11:30am - Cornerstone  
Trivia Night by Lifeteen - Sat Jan 31st More details to come!  
The Blessing of the Throats - All Masses Sat, Jan 31st & Sun, Feb 1st  
Knights of Columbus Meeting - Weds, Feb 4th 6pm Rosary, 7pm Meeting - Knights' Room  
Ordinary Men Meeting - Weds, February 11th 6:30pm - Cornerstone  
Mary Martha Guild Meeting - Mon, Feb 16th 6:45pm - Cornerstone  
Ash Wednesday Feb 18th Mass & Distribution of Ashes 8:30am & 7pm, Distribution of Ashes 4pm  
Order of Secular Franciscans Meeting - Thurs, Feb 19th - 6:30-7:30pm - Classroom off the Coffee Room  
The Way of the Cross - Friday, Feb 20th 7pm  
The Way of the Cross & Ultreya - Friday, Feb 20th 7pm - Church & Classroom off the Coffee Room  
Prayer Shawl Gathering - Sat, Feb 21st 9:45am - Classroom off the Coffee Room  
Children's Mass - Sun, Feb 22nd 10am  
Family Faith Gathering - Sun, Feb 22nd 11am - Breakfast & Steven Sycks - Hall  
The Way of the Cross - Friday, Feb 27th 7pm  
The Litany of Trust Parish Men's Retreat - Fri 2/27 6-9pm & Sun 2/28 9am-5:30pm - Hall

**Save the Dates in March!**

Catholic Men's Conference - Sat, March 21st 9am - 5pm - DCU - Tix on sale now!  
Children's Mass - Sun, March 22nd 10am  
Family Faith Gathering - Sun, March 22nd 11am - Breakfast & Liz Cotrupi - Hall

**\*\*\*Curious what's happening at our parish? Check out our Parish Wide Calendar on the [www.stjosephscharlton.com](http://www.stjosephscharlton.com) home page! Scroll halfway down to get up-to-the-minute information on our many events!!**



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Visit from St. Nicholas



Ordinary Men



Edge Christmas Tea



IN TIME  
Young Women's  
Book Study



Seek Young Adult  
Retreat



Christmas Bazaar



Christmas Bazaar



Children's Liturgy

WELCOME ALL



God  
the  
Father



Katie's Witness

Family Faith Gatherings



FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING  
ST. JOSEPH CHARLTON

Father Nick's Teaching



November Family Faith Gathering  
was a day of faith & fellowship for all.

# FIRST LIGHTS

HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
2026

## JANUARY/FEBRUARY

JANUARY 4-6: CLASSES RESUME

JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> : FAITH FAMILY GATHERING

JANUARY 18-19: NO CLASS

FEBRUARY 15-17: NO CLASS SCHOOL VACATION WEEK

FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>: FAITH FAMILY GATHERING

The First Lights program uses the Sadlier We Believe program.

[www.Religion.SadlierConnect.com](http://www.Religion.SadlierConnect.com)



St. Joseph Charlton



EDGE  
Middle School Ministry

your child belongs



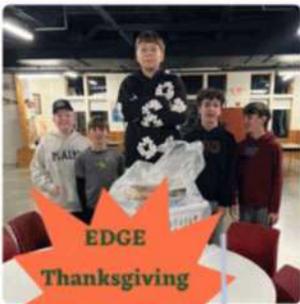
in this parish  
in this church  
in this community  
in the body of Christ  
in the Catholic faith  
in the kingdom of God

Thank you for everyone's support & participation in the 2025 Thanksgiving Basket Service Project.

We were able to fill 5 baskets with food and goodies to assist five local families.



Thank you to our small group leaders:  
Ginger Blaszczyk & Sean Doyle 6th Grade  
Dennis Lataille & Melanie Gagnon: 7th Grade  
Christine Drisco & Alissa Burlingame: 8th Grade



**January Classes:**

- January 6, 2026 : The Unsuspecting Hero  
Origin Story: Mary, Mother of God  
Virtue of the Month / Saint of the Month
- January 13, 2026 .....Jesus, Son of God,  
Ministry of Jesus / Service Project Time
- January 20, 2026 .....The Passion & Death of Jesus  
The Resurrection / The Ascension
- January 27, 2026 .... An EDGE Night on IDENTITY

**February Classes:**

- February 3, 2026 .....Signs & Symbols  
Virtue of the Month / Saint of the Month
- February 10, 2026 .... LENT- Ash Wednesday  
Service Projects
- February 17, 2026 .... NO EDGE :SCHOOL VACATION
- February 24, 2026 .....The Domestic Church / Beatitudes/  
The Sacraments

**Classes Resume on January 6, 2026**

**We meet every Tuesday evening  
between 6:30-8PM  
preceded by a light meal 5:45 -6:20  
in the church hall**

Contact Info:

Sandra Buron/EDGE Director  
mrsbedge2018@gmail.com  
508-523-1562



**We hope you and your family had a Blessed Christmas.  
We also pray you had a safe, healthy and fun-filled vacation week.**



## JAUNUARY & FEBRUARY 2026

### Schedule

#### JANUARY

- January 4<sup>th</sup> - Life Teen
- January 11<sup>th</sup> - Life Teen
- January 18<sup>th</sup> - No Life Teen
- January 25<sup>th</sup> - Life Teen
- January 31<sup>st</sup> - Annual Trivia Night Fundraiser



#### FEBRUARY

- February 1<sup>st</sup> - Life Teen
- February 8<sup>th</sup> - No Life Teen
- February 15<sup>th</sup> - No Life Teen
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> - Life Teen

Please watch our social media pages for more information on our upcoming events!



### Reminders

We welcome all High School students to come and experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Join us on Sunday nights. We start with the 5 pm Mass, share a meal @ 6, and the Life Night begins at 6:30.

### Upcoming Events

- Rescheduling Cornerstone Facelift TBD
- Confirmation Mass 7 pm  
Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>
- Steubenville East, July 24<sup>th</sup> - 26th
- Camp Sunshine - Dates coming soon

### Confirmation Retreat 2025





Full service Subacute and Short Term Rehabilitation Center offering Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Therapy.  
**Our Pre-Admission Planning Program** invites you to meet with us prior to your surgical procedure and join us in planning your post-surgical rehabilitation program.  
 Long Term Care services emphasize a home-like environment where on-going assessment and personalized plan of care help the resident reach the highest level of functioning.

14 Masonic Circle  
 Auburn, MA 01501 **Call us today 508-832-4800**

# CHARLTON



## OPTICAL

EYE GLASSES • EYE EXAMS  
 CONTACT LENSES  
 Peter Maly, R.D.O.  
 508-248-1188

### St. Joseph's smiles on our sales!



Many advanced designations, awards and testimonials to assure you my professional advice is backed by experience and commitment to your best interest!

Diane Dabrowski, Broker/Realtor since 1990  
 Alliance with ERA Key Realty  
 31B Main St. Charlton, on the common  
 508-479-2340 | www.DianeDabrowski.com

# LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here  
 and Support Our Parish!

**CONTACT ME**  
**Joshua Nwaozuzu**

[jnwaozuzu@4LPi.com](mailto:jnwaozuzu@4LPi.com)  
 (800) 477-4574 x7611



**FREE AD DESIGN**  
 with purchase of this space  
**CALL 800-477-4574**

## CAMOSSE MASONRY SUPPLY

23 Trolley Crossing Road, Charlton  
 508.248.4044

COMPLETE LINES OF CONCRETE LANDSCAPE PRODUCTS  
 Clay and Concrete Pavers  
 Segmental Retaining Walls  
 Natural Stone, Cobblestone, Slates  
 Edging, Granite Statuary, and more...  
[www.camosse.com](http://www.camosse.com)

## Coonan Insurance Agency

Tom Coonan  
 tel 508-987-7122  
 267 Main St., Oxford, MA 01540  
[tom@coonaninsurance.com](mailto:tom@coonaninsurance.com)  
[www.coonaninsurance.com](http://www.coonaninsurance.com)  
 "Serving Your Business and Personal Needs."  
 Auto Home Business Life



### Helgerson's Environmental

Your Septic Service, Excavation & Waste Pumping Experts

Stormwater Mgmt • Grease Traps • Title 5 Inspections  
 Septic System Installations, Maintenance and Repairs  
 Excavating • Industrial Vac/Jetting Services  
 Call for an Estimate or Appointment

508-248-7242  
[www.helgersonexcavating.com](http://www.helgersonexcavating.com)

### EXCAVATION & CONSTRUCTION

### TREE REMOVAL & LAND CLEARING



### GARDEN & HOMESTEAD SETUP

### FARM STORE

Farm fresh pork, beef, lamb, goat, and more!

Slab Sawing • Wall Sawing  
 Asphalt Sawing • Core Drilling  
**DiPietro Masonry**  
 Commercial - Residential - Industrial  
 • All Types Masonry  
 • Concrete Cutting  
 52 Berry Corner Rd., Charlton, MA  
 (508) 248-4704 • Fax: (508) 248-1480  
 Fully Insured  
 MA Lic. #053872 • CT Lic. #551780

## DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION NEED A NEWSLETTER?

Engaging, ad-supported print and digital newsletters to reach your community.

Visit [lpicomunities.com](http://lpicomunities.com)



Scan to contact us!



Mobile Welding • Railings,  
 Structural & Miscellaneous Metals  
 Stainless and Aluminum  
 774-329-3919

We stock replacements for most air pressure sensors



Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00 Sat. 8:30-2:00

Specializing in New & Used Tires  
 Auto - Light Truck - SUV  
 We stock many lawn and garden / trailer tires  
 Road Hazard and Mileage Warranties Available on Many Tires.

[www.dickstirebarn.com](http://www.dickstirebarn.com) 508-248-4811 Rte. 20 Charlton

Hello! My name is **Joanne D'Errico** and I am looking for a kidney donor

To learn more about my story, find out about my kidney donation or be tested as a potential donor, please visit my website:

[www.nkr.org/CLR423](http://www.nkr.org/CLR423) Joanne is a *Cursillista*



Please share & help me find a kidney donor.

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!





## STORAGE SPACE, LLC

94 Brookfield Rd., | Charlton, MA 01507

REASONABLE RATES

**508-248-6461**

[www.storagespacecharlton.com](http://www.storagespacecharlton.com)

## Elliott Burlingame and Sons, Inc

### GENERAL CONTRACTORS

91 #6 Schoolhouse Road, Charlton, MA

**508-248-5076**

New Homes

Remodeling • Roofing

Site Work • Septic Systems

## Carmelite Sisters of the Eucharist

188 Old Worcester Rd.  
Charlton, MA  
01507



**(508) 248-2936**



## O' MALLEYS TRUCK & AUTO BODY CORP.

Complete Mechanical Repair  
**(508) 248-5829**

Joseph Leaming  
Cell 413.668.5528  
[imgstudiojoe@gmail.com](mailto:imgstudiojoe@gmail.com)



1+2 Family Residential  
Design  
Architectural Consulting  
Renderings



## DANIEL T. MORRILL FUNERAL HOME

Three Generations of Family Service Since 1973

130 Hamilton Street, Southbridge  
508.764.7922

[morrillfuneralhome.com](http://morrillfuneralhome.com)

PATRICK S. MORELLI, DIRECTOR

## NEVER MISS OUR BULLETIN!

**SUBSCRIBE**

Have our bulletin  
emailed to you  
every week.



Visit [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com)

### ADT-Monitored Home Security

Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Flood Detection
- Fire Safety
- Carbon Monoxide



Authorized  
Provider

SafeStreets

**833-287-3502**

## IF YOU LIVE ALONE

### MDMedAlert!™

✓ Ambulance ✓ Police ✓ Family

STARTING AT  
**\$19<sup>95</sup>**  
/mo.

"STAY SAFE in the  
HOME YOU LOVE!"

✓ GPS & Fall Alert

**CALL NOW!**



**800.809.3570**

[md-medalert.com](http://md-medalert.com)



## 5 ELEVEN

511 Financial

When you don't know where to  
turn for financial advice.

Turn your 401k  
into a guaranteed  
lifetime income!

Is your CD  
Renewing?  
Call us

Securities offered through LPL Financial, a registered investment adviser. Member FINRA/SIPC

Carl Kaliszewski

Investment Advisor | Parishioner

508-949-8500 | [carlk@511financial.com](mailto:carlk@511financial.com)

# catholicmatch® Massachusetts



**CatholicMatch.com/MA**

## Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!

Instantly create and  
purchase an ad with

**AD CREATOR STUDIO**



[4lpi.com/adcreator](http://4lpi.com/adcreator)



Ad info. 1-800-477-4574 • Publication Support 1-800-888-4574 • [www.4lpi.com](http://www.4lpi.com)

St. Joseph, Charlton, MA 03-0081

St. Joseph's Church  
10 H. Putnam Ext.  
P. O. Box 338  
Charlton City, MA 01508

Return Service Requested



PRSR STD  
U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
CHARLTON CITY, MA  
PERMIT #5



### **WEEKEND MASS IS CELEBRATED**

**Saturday at 4:30 PM and Sunday at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM**

Mass can be heard from your car in the parking lot by Tuning in to 89.5FM  
OR follow Mass via a Live Stream from our website or our Facebook page.

### **WEEKDAY MASS IS CELEBRATED**

Monday—Friday at 8:30 AM

### **CONFESSIONS HEARD**

On Saturday at 3:45 PM or by calling the office for an appointment.