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WELCOME TO OUR
NEWSLETTER

May / June 2026



Dear Parishioners & Friends,

Finally, it is Spring and boy are we happy! After a most challenging winter, the sight of warmer sunlight, budding flowers and trees is indeed a welcome sight. Spring and Easter coincide and Easter celebrates the New Life of Jesus and our own salvation – the forgiveness of our sins and the restoration of original innocence.

All of this is the stuff of WOW!!! Praise and thank you God! Without doubt the most important feast day of our faith is the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus as presented at the Easter Vigil.

This past month we received fourteen folks into full communion and our Catholic faith. In the Diocese of Worcester there were 374 coming into the faith. It is at the Easter Vigil that these receptions take place.

The Vigil which is the right par excellence that we celebrate the Resurrection is a beautiful feast of light and water, new fire is blessed, candles given to each one present as water is also blessed reminding us of our Baptism. The fire is the light of Christ and within us. These are the exciting and inspiring words prayed in song this night...”Let the Hosts of Heaven rejoice, let the trumpets of Salvation sound aloud to our mighty King’s triumph. Let all corners of the earth be glad... let this holy building shake with joy...this is the night.”

How awesome – How beautiful – How stunning that we God’s creation can praise Him in all humility for the wonders of our salvation.

Reflect often on this tender prayer:

When once you led our forebears, Israel’s children, from slavery in Egypt and made them pass dry-shod through the Red Sea.

This is the night that with a pillar of fire banished the darkness of sin.

This is the night that sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices and from the gloom of sin, leading them to grace and joining them to his holy ones.

This is the night, when Christ broke the prison-bars of death and rose victorious from the underworld.

Our birth would have been no gain, had we not been redeemed. O wonder of your humble care for us! O love, O charity beyond all telling, to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!

O truly blessed night, worthy alone to know the time and hour when Christ rose from the underworld!

The sanctifying power of this night dispels wickedness, washes faults away, restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to mourners, drives out hatred, fosters concord, and brings down the mighty.

O truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth, and divine to the human.

Christ your Son, who, coming back from death’s domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity, and lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen

May it constantly remind us of God’s holy presence – His very life living within us!

With every grace and blessing in God’s love,

Fr. Bob Grattaroti



The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God



The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

A Mother's Day Blessing

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you give life and care for your Church. Bless these women, as we celebrate this day in their honor. May they be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them with a spirit of profound respect. May the example of Mary, mother of Jesus, inspire them to live their vocation as Christian mothers and call their children to faith. Guide and protect them in challenging times and help them to continue to trust in you all the days of their life. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



A Father's Day Blessing

God our Father, In your wisdom and love you have created us and called us your own. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. In moments of joy, rejoice with them. In times of struggle, give them your courage and perseverance. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor and appreciate them always with a spirit of profound respect.

May the example and prayer of St. Joseph inspire them to live their vocation with courage. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



LOVE

Talk to God Next Exit



Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Celebrated on Friday, June 12, 2026

The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is the image of God's love revealed in the pierced heart of His Son. It is the symbol of a love that conquers sin and transcends death, the symbol of the One who loved us to the end. In His son Jesus, God the Father revealed his infinite love for us. On the Friday after the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Prayer: May the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament be praised, adored, and loved with grateful affection at every moment in all the tabernacles of the world, even to the end of time.

In preparation for the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we invite you to offer your prayer intentions. Beginning Saturday, May 30th, we will have a display table set up in the Narthex with hearts for you to write your prayer intentions. The hearts may be placed in the basket. Please take one of the prayer cards home with you.

During Masses on June 12, 13, and 14 the basket with everyone's prayer intentions will be placed at the altar.

CONGRATULATIONS

We welcome and congratulate our newest members who were received in the fullness of our Catholic faith through the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

Welcome to our faith family:

- Kenneth Buckland, Jessica Hill, Alex Moir, Gordon Snyder, Aviana Bogovio, Owen Cunningham, Liam Healey, Riley Lepage, Jenna Miller, Andrew Specht and Yaritza Zayas.

Children who received sacraments this Easter Vigil were:

- Aidyn Sourikone Choummanivong and Kayleigh Rose Choummanivong received Baptism and First Holy Communion. Abigail Rose Noyes and Nathaniel Leif Noyes received First Holy Communion.



Pasta Dinner SAVE THE DATE Join us SATURDAY, MAY 2ND IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 4:30 MASS IN THE CHURCH HALL. ALL ARE WELCOME! Free Will Offering accepted for the meal All proceeds to benefit the Life Teen program, and its summer mission trips

St Joseph Charlton LIFE TEEN Leading Teens Closer to Christ 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



If you are interested in baking for St. Joseph church functions, please call the church office at 508 248 7862 or leave a note in the collection basket. THANK YOU!

Free Financial Fraud Prevention Seminar - Open to the Community The Knights of Columbus Charlton Council 11379, in partnership with Operation Shamrock, invite St Joseph's parishioners, friends, and community members to attend a free, one-hour Financial Fraud Prevention Seminar. All are welcome. Date: Sunday, May 31 Time: 11:15 AM Location: St. Joseph's Church 10 H Putnam Rd Extension, Charlton, MA During this informative session, attendees will: Learn about common financial fraud and scam tactics Receive a practical fraud-prevention checklist Get clear guidance on how and where to report financial fraud-for yourself or someone you care about As scams become more sophisticated, staying informed is more important than ever. This seminar reflects the Knights of Columbus Charlton Council 11379's ongoing commitment to community safety-because education is the best defense. Contact Steve McGrath with any questions: 508-963-0466

Between Heartbreak and Hallelujah There Is Holiness in the Waiting REGISTER NOW! WALKINGWITHPURPOSE.COM/EVENTS Thursday, May 28, 2026 | 7 PM St. Joseph's Catholic Church 10 H Putnam Road Extension Charlton, MA 01507

St Joseph Charlton LIFE TEEN Leading Teens Closer to Christ Bottle & Can Drive We are collecting bottles and cans to raise funds for Camp Sunshine. Receptacles are in the rear of the building.

Weekly

Weekly Adoration - Mondays Noon -7pm & Fridays Noon - 5pm
Bible Study with Father Charlie - Mon 6:30pm & Weds 9am
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults - Mons 6:30-8pm - Library Conf Room
Walking with Purpose - Wed 6:30-8pm & Fri 1:30-3pm April 8th/10th - May 13th/15th - Hall
Ordinary Men Book Study - Saturday 9am in St. Gabriel Room
Food Pantry - Tuesday's - 6:30-7:30pm & Wednesday's 9am-11am

Upcoming Events

First Holy Communion Mass - Sat, May 2nd 10am - Church
Lifeteen Spaghetti Dinner & Wine Tasting - Sat, May 2nd 5:30pm - Hall
Brown Bag Weekend sponsored by Edge - Sat, May 2nd & Sun, May 3rd
Lifeteen Service of Light & Sponsor Dinner - Sun, May 3rd 5pm - Church & Hall
Special Adoration for Peace - Sun, May 3rd 6pm - 11pm - Church - Come Spend an Hour with Jesus
Knights of Columbus Meeting - Weds, May 6th - 6pm Rosary, 7pm Meeting - Knights' Room
Special Adoration for Peace - Sun, May 10th 6pm - 11pm - Church - Come Spend an Hour with Jesus
Confirmation Rehearsal - Weds, May 13th - Details to Follow
Eucharistic Adoration - Wed, May 13th 2:30pm - 4:30pm - Church
Confirmation Mass - Thurs, May 14th 4pm - Church
Mass & Ultreya - Friday, May 15th 6:30pm Music, 6:45pm Mass, Witness & Grouping - Church & Coffee Room
Prayer Shawl Gathering - Sat, May 16th 9:45am - Classroom off the Coffee Room
Edge Mother's Day Tea - Sat, May 16th 2pm - Hall
New Parishioner Welcome Mass & Breakfast - Sun, May 17th 10am Mass, 11am - Hall - All Are Welcome!
Special Adoration for Peace - Sun, May 17th 6pm - 11pm - Church - Come Spend an Hour with Jesus
Mary Martha Guild Meeting - Mon, May 18th 6:45pm - Cornerstone
Religious Ed Board Meeting - Mon, May 18th 5:30pm - St. Gabriel Conf Room
Ordinary Men Meeting - Weds, May 20th 6:30pm - 8pm - Cornerstone
Order of Secular Franciscans Meeting - Thurs, May 21st 6:30-7:30pm - Classroom off Coffee Room
Special Adoration for Peace - Sun, May 24th 6pm - 11pm - Church - Come Spend an Hour with Jesus
WWP Lisa Brinnenkmeier Talk - Thurs, May 28th - 7pm Talk with Light Reception in Hall to follow
Our Sacred Journey, Life Planning in Faith - Tues, May 26th 6:30pm - Hall - Night 1 of 2
Free Financial Fraud Prevention Seminar - Sun, May 31st 11am - Hall *Sponsored by Knights of Columbus*
Crossroads Connection Meet Up - Sun, May 31st 5pm Mass followed by Fellowship, Fun & Food - Hall & Outside
Special Adoration for Peace - Sun, May 31st 6pm - 11pm - Church - Come Spend an Hour with Jesus
Knights of Columbus Meeting - Weds, June 3rd - 6pm Rosary, 7pm Meeting - Knights' Room
Senior Mass & Brunch - Sun, June 7th at 10am Mass followed by brunch in hall
Our Sacred Journey, Life Planning in Faith - Tues, June 9th 6:30pm - Hall - Night 2 of 2
Eucharistic Adoration - Wed, June 10th 2:30pm - 4:30pm - Church
Mary Martha Guild Meeting - Mon, June 15th 6:45pm - Cornerstone
Ordinary Men Meeting - Weds, June 17th 6:30pm - 8pm - Cornerstone
Mass & Ultreya - Friday, June 19th 6:30pm Music, 6:45pm Mass, Witness & Grouping - Church & Coffee Room
Olive Wood Religious Items Sale - Sat, June 20th 4:30pm & Sun., June 21st following all Masses

Save the Date

Something Special is happening - Sunday, July 12th - Details to Follow!
Lifeteen Annual Golf Tournament - Saturday, September 12th - Heritage Country Club

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



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Our Altar of Repose



Congratulations to our newest members!



Marian Consecration



Ordinary Men

2026 **ST JOSEPH CHARLTON PARISH MEN'S RETREAT**

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Edge Amplify Night



First Light Lent Project





CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR SECOND GRADERS WHO WILL BE MAKING THE
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Abel Paul Bakerlis
Joshua Joseph Bond
Holly Johanna Carrier
Mikaela Santiago Cronin
Derek Patrick Daoust
Amelia Anne DeVries
Lela Josephine Errichetti
Tyler Stephen Farrell
Zachary Michael Fournier
Ellie Mae Gray
Declan Alexander Grueter
Harvard Matthew Isakson
Evelyn Rose Kristoff
Claire James Lachapelle
Edward Michael Lapomardo
Brynn Laura Lemansky
Travis Edmund Lemansky
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Krystian Adam Moniak
Parker Lillian Mroczkowski
Colin Ryder O'Neill
Mackenzie Rose Petty
Alivia Grace Racine
Noah Michael Reis
Adelynn May Ricardi
Elijah Francis Russell
Rhealin Marie Russo
Cora Grace Sommer
Madilyn Marie Starkus
Lucille James Sutherland
Liam Rolf Thulin
Harrison Cole Tipple
Farrah Ryan Vincent

May Crowning

Sunday May 10th at the
10:00 AM Mass





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...in the Catholic faith
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...in Religious Education

Contact Info:

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

The EDGE students are
sponsoring a Mother's Day
Spring Tea Fundraiser on
Saturday, May 16th. It is not
too late to get your tickets
and reserve your table

May Classes and Events

- May 2, 2026 8th Grade Service Project Day
- May 5, 2026 EDGE Night
- May 9, 2026 7th Grade Service Project Day
- May 12, 2026 EDGE NIGHT
- May 16, 2026 ... EDGE Sponsored Spring Tea Fundraiser 2-4PM
- May 19, 2026 ... Final EDGE Class - 8th Grade Moving Up Ceremony



Congratulations to all of the 8th Grade students as they complete their years at EDGE and Middle School and Move On Up to High School and LifeTeen!!



WE STILL NEED EDGE STUDENTS
May 16th Spring Tea : Set up -PREP - Serve at the Tea



Thank You **for an amazing year!**

LifeTeen Core: Deacon Bill Shea (Director), Kathy Wandmacher (Youth Minister), Steve McGrath, Aaron Powell, Laurinda Ralph, Christine Drisco, Shawn O'Donnell, Kathy Duval-Znamierowski, Katie Ferris, Catherine Doyle, Tom M., and Deb and Kevin Seaman.

St. Joseph's Parish Confirmation

Thursday May 14th, 2026

Nolan "St Benedict" Barton
Auguste "St Padre Pio" Bellerose
Sophia "St Dymphna" Bellerose
Emerson "St Peregrine" Bernard
Kayleigh "St Elizabeth" Bissell
Colden "St Gregory" Blackwell
Daniel "St Jerome" Burgos
Aidan "St Patrick" Carmel
Dylan "St Hyacinth" Carmel
Sinead "St Mary" Ennis
Julia "St Valentine" Gard
Erin "St Elizabeth" Gormley
Marissa "St Dymphna" Grieco
Sara "St Teresa" Hennigan

Alianna "St Melanie" Johnston
Abigail "St Joan" Korenda
Alexander "St Luke" Kowalski
Stephanie "St Thérèse" Krog
Alexis "St Philomena" Moore
Jewels "St Thérèse" Normandin
Sarah "St Thérèse" O'Donnell
Ruby "St Francis" Paradis
Kolby "St Michael" Pecore
Elena "St Anthony" Powell
Elyse "St Teresa" Resener
Violet "St Michael" Romanelli
Giselle "St Francis" Rosado
Andrew "St Andrew" Weeden

Congratulations on your Confirmation!

"Sealed with the Holy Spirit,

we are configured more closely to Christ and strengthened to bear witness to Him in our world.

*May each of us grow in gratitude for the gift received at our Confirmation
and open our hearts ever more fully to the creativity of the Spirit who makes all things new."*

- Pope Francis



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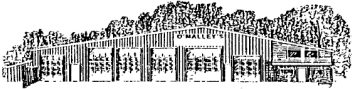
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Ascension of the Lord is a Holy Day

Mass will be on Wednesday, May 13th at 7pm & on Thursday, May 14th at 8:30am

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.