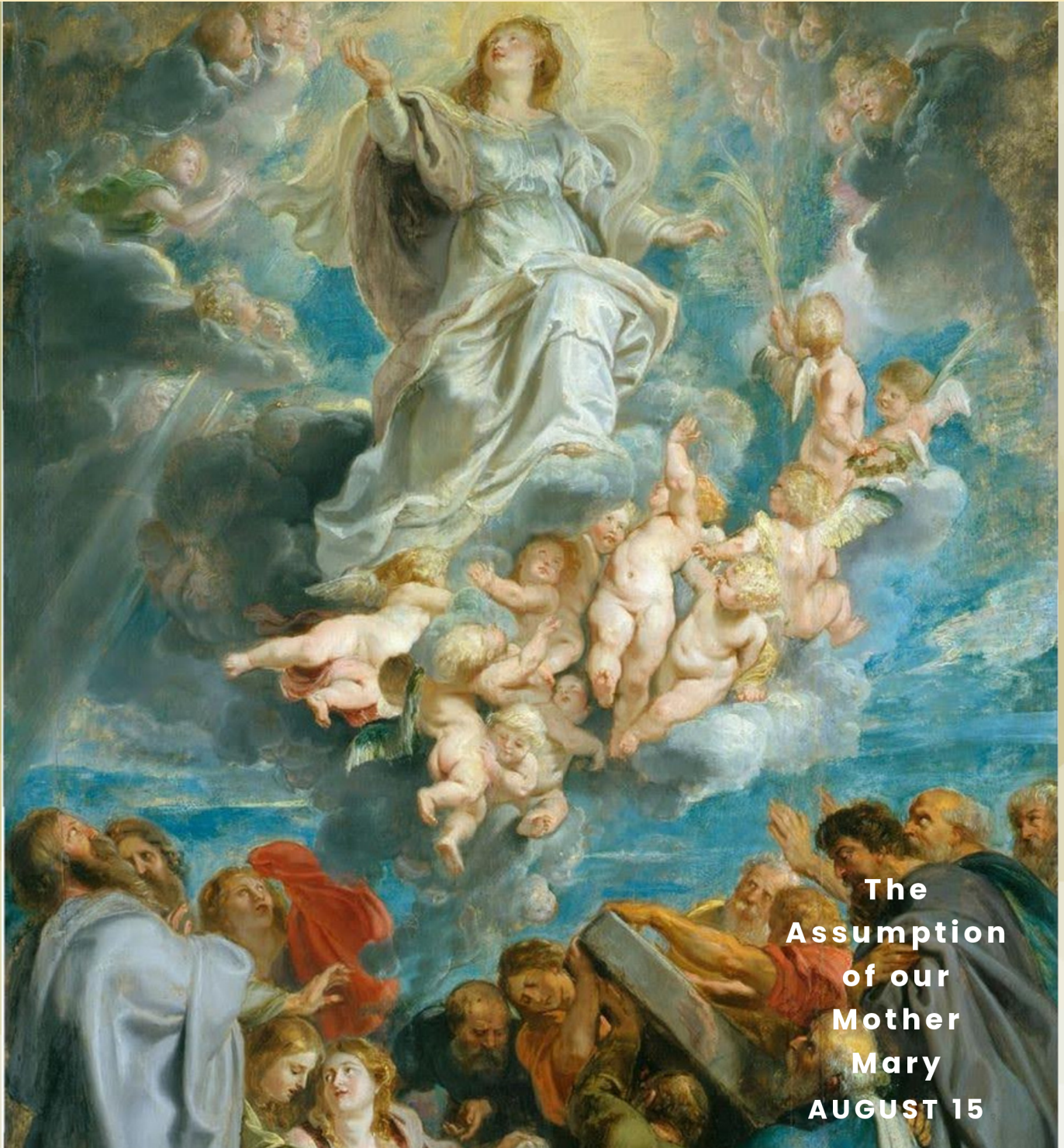


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WELCOME TO OUR
NEWSLETTER

July / August 2026



**The
Assumption
of our
Mother
Mary
AUGUST 15**

Dear Parishioners & Friends,

Summer is here – a time to relax and enjoy. I thank you for remembering my summer birthday and I cannot help but be always reminded that “in Him we live and move and have our being” Acts 17:28.

Don't forget to worship and praise our Creator when on vacation. Check out the app called “MassTimes”. All you have to do is enter in your location and you will find a church near you.

Enjoy the summer and Happy summer birthday's and Happy Every Day!

Love Fr. Bob Grattartti
Pastor



✝ 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION ✝ FATHER BOB (GRATTARTTI)

Please join us as we celebrate
Father Bob's 90th Birthday.

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

We will gather at the 10AM Mass at St. Joseph's Church
(10 H. Putnam Rd Ext., Charlton MA) A reception will follow at
The Historic Publick House - 277 Main Street, Sturbridge.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT APPROXIMATELY 12:00 PM.

Please read carefully before making your selection
We anticipate a capacity crowd, as invitations have been extended throughout the parish
and Father Bob's immediate family. Since space is limited purchase your ticket(s) early!
Sorry, tickets will not be sold at the door.

THE PUBLICK HOUSE LUNCHEON BUFFET TICKET COST IS \$30.00 PER PERSON.

Fr. Bob is so very impressed at the outpouring of response for his 90th birthday.
He wants to accommodate anyone who wishes to celebrate with him. Because
the Publick House venue is filled, there will be another gathering for those
unable to attend the July 12th celebration on Sunday, August 2nd in the church hall
following the 10:00 AM Mass.

Shining Light



This month we needed to spotlight Pat Lawrie as our Shining Light. Pat was one of this parish's Shining Lights. She was a warm, loving embrace for anyone walking in the front door. She was a listening ear when you needed one most. She wanted to share her love for Cursillo and if you hadn't lived a weekend you sure would after speaking to her. She was a gentle hand for those grieving a loved one as she helped plan the funeral Mass. She made sure everyone knew they were loved by her but more importantly by God.

She never failed to feed her soul and grow in her faith. She loved books studies, the Mary Martha Guild, Walking with Purpose, her prayer group and so much more. There is not enough room to share what she has meant to this parish. But we all know what a huge hole we have without her.





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Weekly

Weekly Adoration - Mondays Noon - 7pm & Fridays Noon - 5pm
Bible Study with Father Charlie - Mon 6:30pm & Weds 9am

Upcoming Events

33 Days of Miracles, Wonders & Grace Book Study – Weds, July 1st – 6:30pm - Hall
Knights of Columbus Meeting – Weds, July 1st - 6pm Rosary, 7pm Meeting – Knights' Room
33 Days of Miracles, Wonders & Grace Book Study – Weds, July 8th – 6:30pm - Hall
Pro-Life Ministry Meeting – Thurs, July 9th – 6:30pm St. Amelia's Room
Fr Bob 90th Birthday Celebration Sun, July 12th – Mass 10am & Reception following at Publick House
Sturbridge – advanced ticket purchase required
Order of Secular Franciscans Meeting – Thurs, July 16th – St. Amelia's Room
Mass & Ultreya – Friday, July 17th – 6:30pm Music, 6:45pm Mass, Witness & Grouping - Church
Prayer Shawl Gathering – Sat, July 18th - 9:45am – St. Amelia's Room
Lifeteen Steubenville East – Friday, July 24th – Sunday, July 26th – Please pray for all teens!!
Adorers Missionary Sisters of the Poor – Saturday, July 25th & Sunday, July 26th – All Masses
Vacation Bible School – Weds, July 29th – Friday, July 31st 9am – 3pm - Parish Hall
Fr Bob 90th BDay Overflow Event – Sun, Aug 2nd - 10am Mass & Gathering following in Parish Hall
Totus Tuus Bible Camp – Mon, Aug 3rd – Fri, Aug 7th 9am – 3pm – Parish Hall
Adult Faith Formation Meeting – Monday, August 3rd 5:30pm – St. Gabriel's Conf Room
Knights of Columbus Meeting – Weds, August 5th - 6pm Rosary, 7pm Meeting – Knights' Room
Our Lady of Guadalupe Presentation – Weds, August 5th - 7pm – Church Hall – All Are Welcome!
Eucharistic Adoration – Wed, August 12th 2:30pm – 4:30pm - Church
Prayer Shawl Gathering – Sat, August 15th 9:45am – St. Amelia's Room
Order of Secular Franciscans Meeting – Thurs, August 20th 6:30pm – St. Amelia's Room
Mass & Ultreya – Friday, August 21st - 6:30pm Music, 6:45pm Mass, Witness & Grouping – Church

Save the Date

Lifeteen Annual Golf Tournament - Saturday, September 12th – Heritage Country Club
Mary Martha Craft Fair – Saturday, September 20th – 9am – 3pm – Parish Hall
Day of Celebration for the 25th Anniversary Dedication of new church – Saturday, September 20th!

Returning in the Fall

Ordinary Men, Walking with Purpose, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults & Children, Children's Liturgy & More!

*****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!!**



To bring hope, security, faith and love to those in need. We welcome the Sisters of the Poor at all Masses July 25 & 26.



**Our Lady of Guadalupe
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COMMUNITY FUN AND HOLIDAY SHOPPING!**

VENDOR INQUIRIES CONTACT:
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**St Joseph Charlton
LIFE TEEN**
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



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

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



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to our new Growing in Faith program! We are delighted to partner with you as you guide your children in knowing, loving, and following Jesus Christ.

The Church recognizes that families are the first and most important educators of their children in the faith. It is within the "domestic church"—your home—that children first learn how to pray, experience God's love, and see the Gospel lived out every day.

What to Expect This Year:

- **All classes will take place on Sundays. Please see the registration page for more information. K-8th graders and their families are invited to join us for the 10 am Mass. Life Teen teens and their families are invited to join us for the 5 pm Mass.**
- **We will be using the new Alive In Christ program for K-4th grade. What is wonderful about this program is that the theme for each week is the same across all grades, taught differently to meet each age level where they're at. We hope this will make it easier to have faith conversations at home.**
- **5 Family Activities: We will meet twice in the fall and 3 times in the spring to participate in an engaging family activity based on the church season we are in. These will replace the normally scheduled class for that day.**
- **3 optional family activities: Oct (Rosary Walk), Feb (Stations of the Cross), April (Family Adoration).**
- **All of the family activities will keep the whole family together. We will come down to the hall after the 10 am Mass, enjoy a light snack, and move right into the activity. The family activity will be something that you can take home and continue to use or share. We will close with a prayer at 12 pm.**

We know that modern family life is busy. This new schedule may not be ideal for all families, but we are willing to work with you to find the best solution. The spirituality of the family is built on "thousands of small gestures" you are already doing in your homes, such as family meals, telling stories, learning to serve one another in chores, and learning how to offer and seek forgiveness within the household. We hope to shift religious education from a simple "classroom subject" to an everyday way of life.

Thank you for choosing to trust us with this sacred journey. We look forward to growing in Christ alongside your beautiful families.

Yours in Christ,

Kathy Wandmacher, Director of Religious Education



2026/2027

Program Registration Links

All programs begin on Sunday September 20th with a big kick off to celebrate the start of the new year and St Joseph's 25th Anniversary in our current location.

We will start with the 10 am Mass and then head down stairs and outside for a celebration! Fun for the whole family.

Elementary School K - 4th Grade



St Joseph Charlton First Lights

**First Penance & First
Communion are celebrated in
the 2nd grade**

Classes will be held on Sundays from 8:30 am to 9:45 am.

Parents are asked to walk their child(ren) to their classes on the second floor and check in with the teacher. Pick up will be in the classrooms at 9:45.

Families are invited to join us for the 10 am Mass.

Use the QR code for more information or to register your child(ren).



Middle School 5th - 8th Grade



**St Joseph Charlton
EDGE**



Edge will be held on Sundays

We will start with the 10 am Mass then move down to the hall for a light snack, provided by parents, and a fun game.

The group will then head into the Cornerstone Youth Center for a 10 minute teaching, small groups, and will close together for prayer in the church. Dismissal will be at 12:30 pm

Use the QR code for more information and to register your child(ren) for Edge.



High School 9th - 11th Grade



**St Joseph Charlton
LIFE TEEN
Leading Teens Closer to Christ**



**Confirmation is celebrated
in 11th grade**

Life Teen will be held on Sundays

We will start with the Life Teen Mass at 5 pm.

A meal will be provided by groups of parents immediately following Mass in the Hall. We start with a fun game and then the group will head into the Cornerstone Youth Center for a 10 minute teaching, then into

small groups, and close together for prayer in the church. Dismissal will be at 8 pm.

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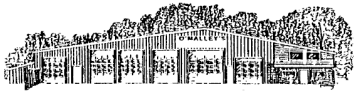
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WEEKEND MASS IS CELEBRATED

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.