



St. Joseph Church

CHARLTON, MA

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Pastor
Reverend Bob Grattaroti

Associate Pastor
Reverend Charles Omolo

Permanent Deacons

Bill Shea
Steve Miller

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 10:00 am & 5:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am

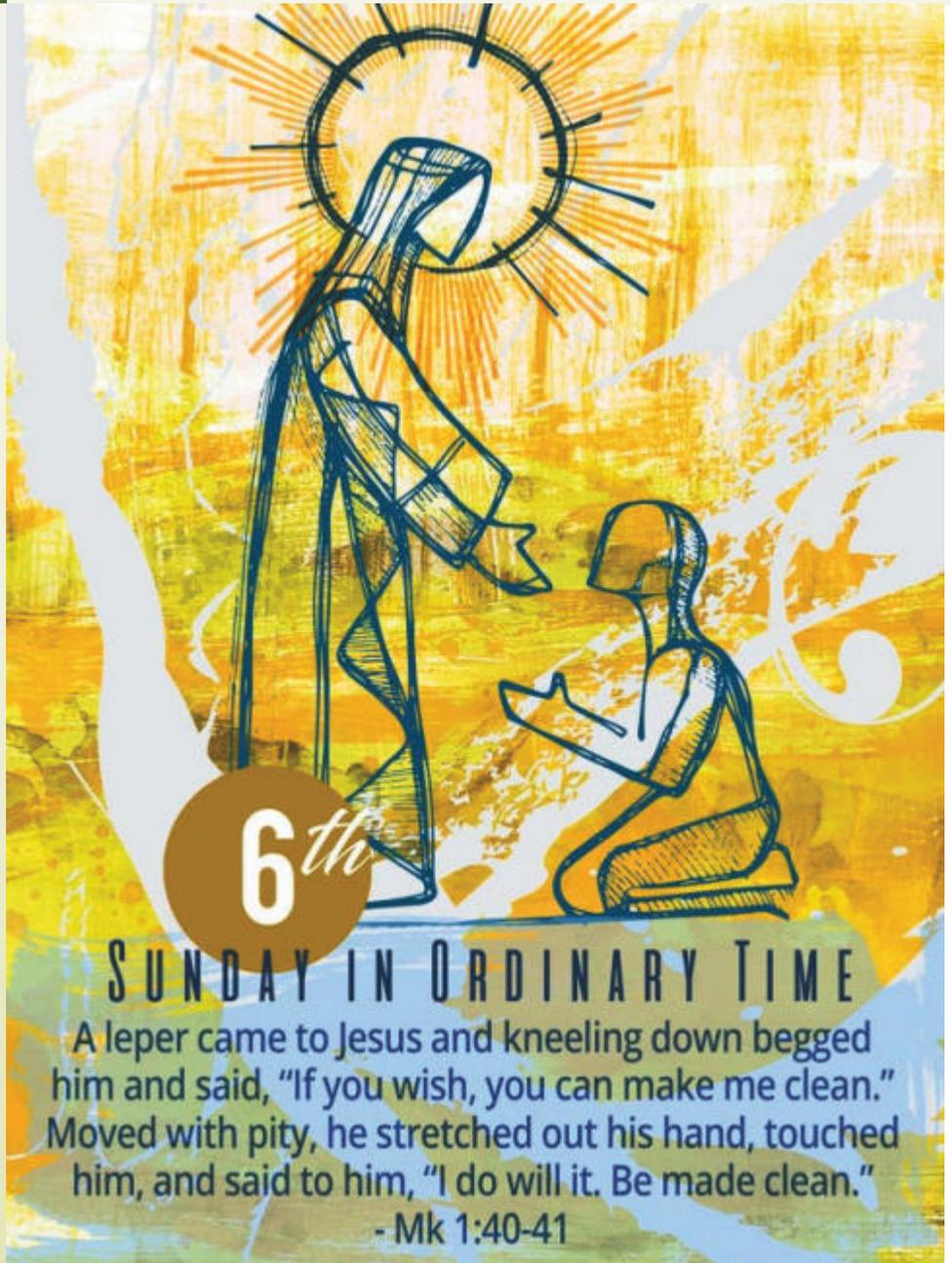
Sacrament of Reconciliation
by appointment at 508-248-7862

Sacrament of Baptism
Baptismal preparation is required.
Our next session is February 20th.

Sacrament of Marriage
Arrangements for a wedding
begin a year prior to the date.
Call Parish Office at 508-248-7862
for arrangements.

Eucharistic Adoration
The Blessed Sacrament is located
in the front second floor window
of the East wing of the building.
You are able to park and pray from
your vehicle.

Rosary
Suspended for the time being.



Parish Office: 508-248-7862
Fax: 508-248-5832
Email: stjoecharlton@aol.com
Website: stjosephscharlton.com

14
February
2021



Saturday, February 13

4:30 pm **Ann and Tony Chiusano & Jim Donahue**
by the Family

Sunday, February 14

10:00 am **Winifred Gonyea** (10th Anniv) by the Family
5:00 pm **Herb Hokanson & Ed St. Pierre** (Anniv)
by Ron and Sheila Hokanson

Tuesday, February 16

8:30 am **Stan Lawrie** by Friends

Wednesday, February 17

8:30 am **Theresa Montville** by Friends
7:00 pm **Elizabeth Horn** by Friends

Thursday, February 18

8:30 am **Fr. Norm Tremblay** by a Friend

Saturday, February 20

4:30 pm **Paul Laramee** by his Wife and Family

Sunday, February 21

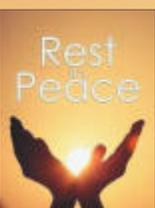
10:00 am **Helen Marie Shea** by Susan and Thomas
Montville
5:00 pm **Patricia Nylan** by the Carpentier Family

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in memory of
Fr. Norm Tremblay by a Friend.



For the Sacrament of Reconciliation
email stjoecharlton@aol.com or call
508-248-7862 to make appointment
with Fr. Bob or Fr. Charles.

Our next **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION** session
will take place next Saturday, February 20th. Please
call the parish office at 508-248-7862 to register.



Rest in Peace

DORIS GARNEY, mother of Brian. May
she rest in the arms of the Lord and may
her family find comfort in their faith.

SUSPENSION OF MASS OBLIGATION EXTENDED

Worshipping God during this time of
pandemic with social distancing and face
coverings has become the norm while we
fight Covid-19 and try to stay safe personally
as well as seeking to protect others.
Because of the ongoing presence of the Virus,
our Bishop has extended the suspension of the
obligation to attend Mass until Pentecost
Sunday, May 23rd. We are inspired by the
faith filled presence of so many who come to
the church week after week either in the
church building or in automobiles to worship
the Lord and respond to Jesus' awesome
invitation to *Do this in Remembrance of Me*. The
Lord left us His own Body and Blood in the
form of sacred bread and wine for our journey
to glory on this earth. Even that requirement
has been removed by our Bishop. The wonder
of it all is that so many do still come to
celebrate the Eucharist. Over the past four
weeks an average of 410 folks have been
present including those in their cars and those
in the church.



- LifeTeen will continue to meet remotely. Please check your emails for meeting links and more information.
- The Sacrament of Confirmation for our parish will take place Thursday, May 13th. Teens check your emails for details
- No LifeTeen February 14th and 21st.



EDGE weekly winner of the
Random Gift Card Drawing
was Devin Rowden.

MARCH BOOK CLUB

Finding True Happiness

By Fulton Sheen

Book's discussion will take on
Thursday March, 4th at 7:00 pm.
lisadiezel@aol.com.
(scan code for book purchase info)





Ash Wednesday, is February 17th.

Blessed packets of Ashes will be made available.

You are invited to place the Ashes on your own forehead. If you prefer, priests, deacons and ministers will be on hand Ash Wednesday, to place

ashes on foreheads with a Q-Tip for those who desire to receive them.

Wednesday, February 17th Ashes will be distributed at the 8:30 am

Mass, at 4:00 pm there will be a distribution but no Mass and also

at the 7:00 pm Mass.



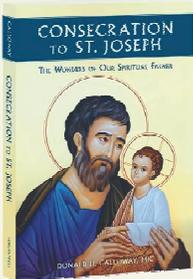
In Honor of the Year of St. Joseph

NINE SPECIAL DAYS WITH ST. JOSEPH

Join us for a Novena in celebration of the life of St Joseph and seek his intercession. Beginning Thursday March 11th concluding with Mass on his feast day Friday, March 19th. This celebration will be **live** in the church as well as

live streamed on Facebook and on our parish website.

Also, the **premier showing of the film JOSEPH** will take place on March 19th. Some of the nightly reflections will include the various virtues of Joseph, Foster Father of Jesus, Husband of Mary, Chosen by God, Patron of Families and of the family of the Church as well as of workers. Save the dates.



PARISH WIDE CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

Follow along using the daily readings in Fr. Calloway's book *Consecration to St. Joseph* (available at Marion.org/stjoseph or Amazon.com) beginning February 15th. Optional **Zoom discussions** with Susan Montville for 6 consecutive Mondays at 7:00 pm starting February 15th (use this scan code to join us weekly on Zoom). Consecration takes place on Friday, March 19th. Direct questions to Susan Montville 508-735-3269.



SHRINE IN HONOR OF ST. JOSEPH

The area around the statue of St. Joseph in the worship area has been decorated as a shrine during this year of St. Joseph. If you would like to make offerings for **fresh flowers**, please do so through our parish website stjosephscharlton.com or at



There is a general rule concerning all special graces granted to any human being. Whenever the divine favor chooses someone to receive a special grace, or to accept a lofty vocation, God adorns the person chosen with all the gifts of the Spirit needed to fulfill the task at hand. This general rule is especially verified in the case of St. Joseph."
-St, Bernardine of Siena (14th century)

St. Joseph was not only chosen to be the protector of Mary, but also the protector of Jesus--- and all of us! Jesus and Mary are in heaven but we are not. This means that St. Joseph's mission is ongoing. From heaven he watches over those entrusted to his loving care and asks the Holy Spirit to pour out gifts on His children.



SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Lent with St. Teresa of Avila

Online retreat prepared by the Discalced Carmelite friars. Begins Ash Wednesday, register at www.retreat-online.karmel.at.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at 6:30 pm beginning February 19th.

Walk with Jesus...



LifeTeen will be host a virtual **CHILDREN BIBLE STORY SESSIONS** via Zoom on Thursday's at 4:00 pm during Lent. To participate scan this code to sign up your PreK through Grade 2 child.

Go to www.wordonfire.org/bishop-robert-barron to receive a daily Lenten Gospel reflection from Bishop Robert Baron.

REGULATIONS and GUIDELINES for Fast and Abstinence during Lent

- ⇒ Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- ⇒ Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- ⇒ Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

Tired of feeling isolated?

In an effort to stay connected to everyone in the parish we are using **Flocknote** an electronic medium to email and text everyone and stay connected.

Through Flocknote we will inform you of happenings and updates in the parish. **As an added bonus**, Flocknote has joined with Bishop Barron and Word on Fire to bring us brief yet enlightening Lenten messages which you won't want to miss.

If you aren't already enrolled in the parish Flocknote, please take the time to do so now...it's so easy.

On your cell phone, go to text messages and send the word CHARLTON to 84576. Fill in your name, phone and email and you will begin to receive our emails and text messages. That's it and soon you'll feel more connected to your Church and faith community through the information we share AND receive some great messages from Bishop Barron.

(or enroll on our website)



Wake Up and Smell the Roses!

On Wednesday, March 3rd at North American Martyrs Church, Auburn Fr. Fraini will give a talk on the Sacrament of Reconciliation at 7:00 pm. This talk



will also be **livestreamed** on their website; www.namartyrsauburn.org. The talk will focus on why it is important to go to confession, as well as the many stigmas and misconceived notions about the Sacrament.

STEWARDSHIP Corner

PARISH OFFERINGS for the weekend of February 7th were \$12,035.00 with \$877.00 for our Building Fund. We are most grateful for your ongoing sharing, so reflective of love's motivation in keeping the works of our parish going.

SPECIAL ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION

to support the retired priests of our diocese who have faithfully served us over the years. Please make your check payable to: **Ash Wednesday Collection** or visit worcesterdiocese.org to make a secure donation to this collection with a credit card

The annual **PARTNERS IN CHARITY** campaign will take place next month. We are so grateful to those who have already made their gifts in response to the request from the Partners in Charity Office of the Diocese.

“For it is
in
giving
that
we
receive.”

- St. Francis of Assisi

WELCOME to St. Joseph Parish, we are glad you are here. If you are new to the Parish please contact Sr. Agnes at 508-248-7862 to register.



Scripture readings for week of February 14th

S: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1/Mk 1:40-45

M: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

T: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

W: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20 – 6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Th: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

F: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

S: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

COVID-19 VACCINE

OUR BISHOP encourages reception of the vaccine recently made available. He says: *"I join with our Holy Father, Pope Francis in rejoicing that amidst 'the darkness and uncertainty of the pandemic' this light of hope has appeared. I also join with my brother Bishops in encouraging everyone to get the vaccine whenever it becomes available to you. As both the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have made clear, the reception of the presently available vaccines is morally justifiable and ought to be seen as 'an act of charity toward the other members of our community.'"*



Merlin Enhanced Vision Reading Machine

If you have failing eye sight and would be interested in a reading machine but cannot afford one, please call the parish office. This machine has been donated and will be given to someone in need. 508-248-7862.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS- O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**



Let us stay in touch with you through texts and/or emails. Text the word CHARLTON to 84576 or visit app.flocknote.com/stjosephscharlton

Parish Ministries & Support

RCIA & RCIC

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or Children. Interested in becoming Catholic? Contact Ted or Patty Covill at tcovill@charter.net.

MARIAN PRAYER CENACLE

Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Mondays at 7:00 pm

DIVORCE SUPPORT MINISTRY

the 2nd and 4th Monday each month 7:00-9:00 pm in the K of C Room.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Contact Ellen Thibodeau at 774-696-7544 if one is needed.

CANCER SUPPORT

St. Vincent Cancer & Wellness, Worcester. 1st Thursday with Mass at 11:30 am. 508-363-6246.

CALIX SOCIETY

Catholic Support for those fighting Addictions-3rd Saturday of the month. 9:30-10:30 am 2nd floor of Emmaus Center, Webster. 508-887-2225

FOOD PANTRY

2nd & 4th Wednesdays 9:00-11:00 am.
Food donations are gladly accepted.
508-248-7862

NEXT STEP BEREAVEMENT

For parents who have lost a child.
4th Tuesday of the month, Medical Office Bldg. Harrington Hosp. Rm 4.
Sue Brunell 508-344-1564.

HOMELESS SHELTER ST. LUKE'S

stlukesguesthouse.wordpress.com

MARY MARTHA GUILD

Dedicated women serving the needs of the church community. We are always seeking new members.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

meet the 1st Wednesday of the month in the Knight's Room at 7:00 pm

SECULAR FRANCISCANS

3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm
www.stjosephscharlton.com/order-Franciscan-seculars

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

First Lights (gr. k-5)

Sr. Agnes Patricia
sisteragnespaula@yahoo.com

EDGE Youth Ministry (gr. 6-8)

Sandra Buron
mrsbedge2018@gmail.com

LifeTEEN Ministry (gr. 9-12)

Deacon Bill Shea
deaconbill@stjosephscharlton.com

Adult Faith Formation (AFF)

Susan Montville
tsmontville@aol.com

YOUTH MINISTRY

Sarah Stone
sastone1614@gmail.com

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN

Sharing experiences caring & learning about resources.
Dianne 508-764-4553

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508-434-0106 or
prayer@missionariesofmercy.net

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Joshua Somers-House to Home Real Estate
O'Malley's Truck & Auto Body (P) 508-248-5829
RPM Heating & Air 508-248-4474
Sansoucy Funeral Home 508-764-2567
Senior Link America 877-801-7772
(P) denotes St. Joseph Parishioners

Parish Mission Statement-We are a Community of Faith, called by Jesus Christ to become His hands, His feet, His heart, reaching out in love to each other, our families, our neighbors, our nation and the world.