St. Joseph Church

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Pastor
Reverend Bob Grattaroti

Permanent Deacons
Bill Shea
Steve Miller

CURRENT MASS SCHEDULE

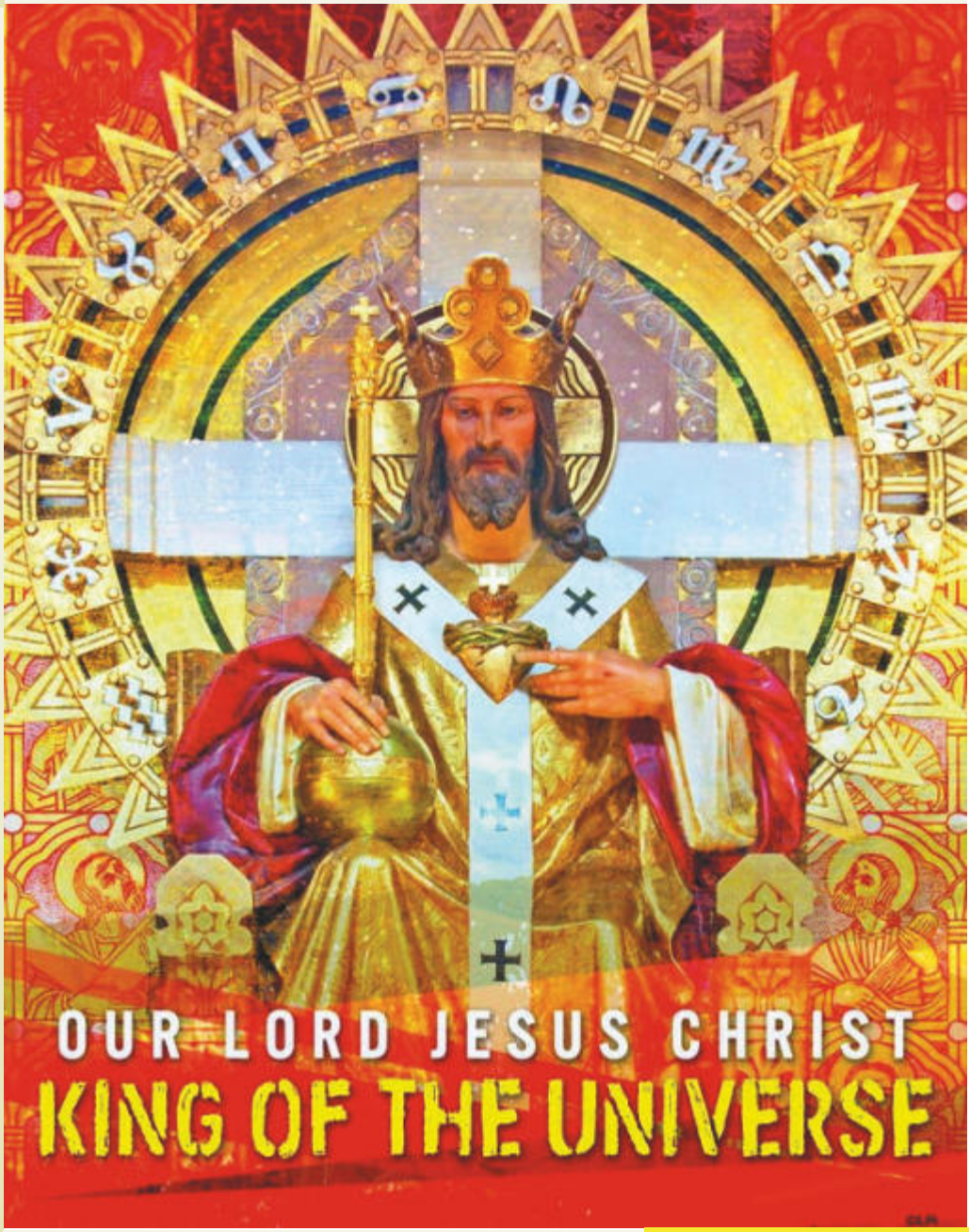
Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 10:00 am & 5:00 pm
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Available by appointment, call Parish Office at 508-248-7862.

Sacrament of Baptism
Baptismal preparation is required. Our next session is January 9th. Call to register at 508-248-7862.

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Eucharistic Adoration is located in the front 2nd story window of the East wing of the building. Park and pray from your vehicle at any time.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 20
4:30 pm **Kevin McDonald** by Mom & Dad
Sunday, November 21
10:00 am **Jennifer Coutemanch** (1 yr Anniv) by Mike & Teresa
5:00 pm **Allan Trumelle** by David Dumais
Tuesday, November 23
8:30 am Communion Service
Thursday, November 25
8:30 am Communion Service
Saturday, November 27
4:30 pm **Kevin McDonald** by Mom & Dad
Sunday, November 28
10:00 am **Frank Gard** (5th Anniv) by the Family
5:00 pm **Joseph Paquin** by his Wife

The **Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service** is today November 21st at 7:00 pm at the Federated Church on Main St., Charlton.

Interested in becoming Catholic? OR do you have a child over the age of 7 who has not yet received the Sacrament of Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation? To find out more, contact Ted or Patty Covill at tcovill@charter.net.

RCIA
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

With great joy we welcome **TANNER PATRICK O'CONNER** child of Kyle & Emily who will be baptized in water and Spirit this weekend.

Our next BAPTISMAL PREPARATION session will take place Sunday, January 9th after the 10:00 am Mass. Registration is required. Please scan the QR code to pre-register or call 508-248-7862.

Saturday Evening, December 18th for a St. Joseph Church Advent experience which will include the 12 Trees of Christmas and a Candle Light Concert. Watch for details.

St. Joseph Church Knights of Columbus are selling Christmas Trees for $45 each

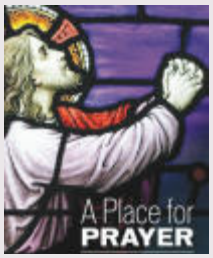
Trees may be purchased December 4-5th, 11-12th or 18-19th from 10:00 am to 6:00pm. Anyone wishing to purchase a tree at some other time may contact Dennis Lataille, Grand Knight, at (508) 612-2629.

A WALL OF REMEMBRANCE & HEALING

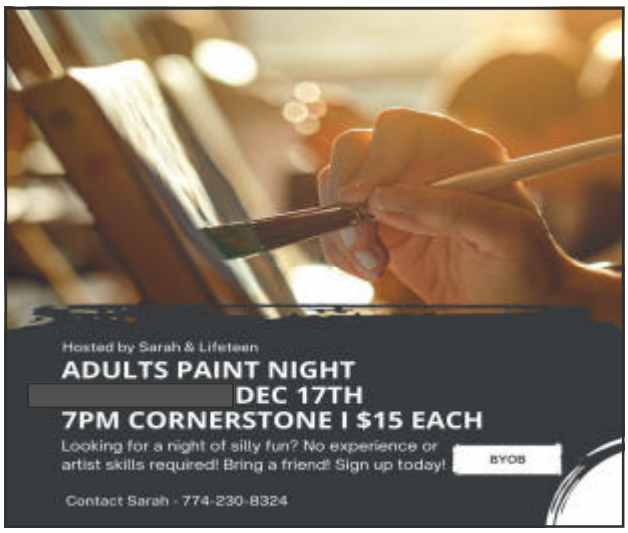
To acknowledge and remember the heartache COVID has inflicted on us as a community and begin healing together, we have at the church entrance a *Wall of Remembrance and Healing*. Although, this is primarily for COVID related deaths we would like to include any one of your loved ones who have passed away.

Today through Thanksgiving we invite you to take a paper heart & fill a it with pictures of loved ones lost or greatly affected by the pandemic. Pictures may not be returned and may be subject to weathering. Please use the adhesive provided in the basket on the St. Joseph table in the Narthex to prevent damage to the wall, thank you.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL



is always available for personal private prayer; the chapel is located adjacent to the work Sacristy. Use the steel door to the left of the Tabernacle then take an immediate right.



Light Up Charlton

Residents, families or community organizations can decorate a tree with lights on the common.

The Common will be staked out with numbered spaces. The trees can be any size, real or artificial. They must be in a stand & lights for the tree must be solar or battery powered. Trees do not need to be decorated, but if you wish to decorate even better! Once you registered you are welcome to decorate. Decorate November 26th thru December 1st only.

December 7, 14 and 21st from 4-6:00 pm, all are invited to walk around & enjoy the lights/activities. There will be photos with Santa, hot chocolate stations, candy, holiday cookies.

Decorations must be picked up by January 6th.

To register for a space call Cathryn Sipsey-Lefevbre at 508-434-2318.

Come spend one hour a week with JESUS! At the

Blessed Sacrament Perpetual Eucharistic

Adoration Chapel, 17 E. Main St., Webster, MA

We also need dedicated adorers for the following hours:

Sundays 2-3:00 am , 8-9:00 am, 3-4:00 pm

Tuesdays 3-4:00 pm, 10-11:00 pm & Wednesdays 4-5:00 am & Fridays 11:00 pm to 12:00 am

Saturdays 12-1:00 am, 1-2:00 am, 4-5:00 am, 10-11:00 am, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm & 3-4:00 pm.

Also please consider being placed on our Substitute Call List.

Jeanne Guerin (508) 208-9064, Barbara Avery (508) 943-1489, Nancy Kudzal (508) 864-6147.

The Year of St. Joseph ends on December 8th

Wednesday, December 8th the Feast of the Immaculate Conception we will have an evening Mass and a final consecration to St. Joseph. We invite all those who have been consecrated to join us and re-consecrate.

After Mass there will be a special showing of *Joseph* a film created and directed by parishioner Alex Diaz with a reception to follow. All are welcome to attend.

FREE WINTER COATS

The Winter Coat Closet at Holy Trinity Church, Southbridge is open through December 18th 9:00-11:00 am. Masks required, 1 coat per person.

Donations of clean, winter coats can be dropped off in the basket in the Narthex? We are in need of adult coats and baby/toddler sizes. We have a plenty of coats for children's 8-16.

Chris McTigue 508-248-4726

an ecumenical mission sponsored by area churches

New 2 You Thrift Shop /Furniture Annex First Annual Holiday Bazaar

Saturday. December 11th
9:00 am-3:00 pm at 759 Main St, Leicester

Enjoy a day of shopping, with 20% off all purchases in the thrift shop and annex. Children can purchase a gift and have it wrapped. With raffles, face painting food & more.

Giving the Gift of Science to Trinity Catholic Academy

Trinity Catholic Academy is participating in # Giving Tuesday, the international GIVING DAY to give back.
Our ambitious goal is to update our Science Lab from the 1964 to the 21st century, to enhance our commitment of consistent education options for each of our students.
Easy online donations can be made Nov. 15-30
Please visit: www.trinitycatholicacademy.org, to find out more/participate.
Your support, to "GIVING THE GIFT OF SCIENCE TO TCA", regardless of the size, will make a difference for TCA students now and for generations to come to increase the impact of the quality education for which the school is known.

SPHEROS	- Supporter: $30
MICROSCOPES & LAB STOOLS	- Member: $100
SUNLIGHT STORAGE	- Advocate: $275
ELECTRICAL & PLUMBING Projects	- Mentor: $500
WORKSTATIONS & STORAGE	- Leader: $1500

#GIVING TUESDAY

You may also mail your **Giving the Gift of Science** participation to: Trinity Catholic Academy, 11 Pine Street, Southbridge, MA 01571 ck. memo: *Giving Tuesday*

Follow our progress at: www.facebook.com/TCAbobcats
Thank you to all who support this effort!
Trinity Catholic Academy Bless you!

FINDING THE PEACE OF PUTTING GOD FIRST IN YOUR FINANCES

December 6th at 6:00 pm
St. Joseph Church

Join Joe Galloway, Catholic author and speaker as he explores a fresh perspective of our beliefs and attitude toward money. This event includes an engaging *"What the World Says vs. What God Says"* exchange that challenges commonly held ideas about success, happiness and retirement. Session begins with a luncheon. All are welcome.

November is Stewardship Month

7 Reasons Why Christians Give

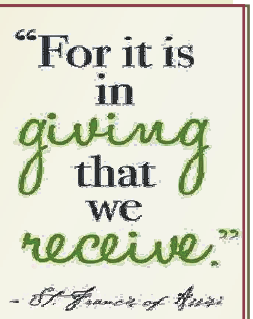
The world is full of generous people, who give for a variety of reasons. But as Christians, our motives for giving come from a Biblical perspective on wealth and generosity.

1. We know our wealth isn't really ours anyway. It all belongs to God. (1 Chronicles 29:11)
2. We believe the Bible tells us to give. (2 Corinthians 8:7)
3. The Bible tells us that giving is good for us. (Acts 20:35)
4. We know God is pleased with us when we give. (Hebrews 13:16)
5. We take care of one another within the family of God. (Romans 12:13)
6. When we give to others, it's as if we're giving to Jesus himself. (Matthew 25:40)
7. We know we can't keep it forever anyway. (Psalm 49:10)

Stewardship *A way of living*

The truth is, more never made anyone happy.

Stewardship Corner



PARISH OFFERINGS for the weekend of November 21st were $13,059.00 (includes $36.00 from EDGE students and a $1,000.00 anonymous donation) with $511.00 for our Building Fund. Many thanks and God bless you for your continued sharing. We are inspired when many of you have made up your offerings to the Lord when you have been away. Also, please consider your parish in your wills and estate planning, thank you.

Our thanks to Judy and Brian Brosnihan and the great team of helpers for preparing and serving our community Thanksgiving meal. God Bless you all.

Many thanks to our Religious Education ministries and all who contributed food items for the making of our Thanksgiving Food Baskets for those in need in our community. It would not be possible without your considerate donations.

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Joseph Church,

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and concern for my well being. As I think of all that has happened, I cannot help but be reminded of how fragile we are and how much we are encouraged to rely on God. My quarantine ends this Monday. Again, please continue to keep me in your prayers. You are in my prayers as well and these days I have a lot more time to enter more deeply into prayer.

In his peace, love and joy, Father Bob

Help a family in need this Christmas!

Our annual Giving Tree will in the Narthex after Thanksgiving. Please consider taking a tag and buying a gift for someone less fortunate this season.

Scripture readings for week of November 21st

M: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52-56/Lk 21:1-4
T: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11
W: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62-67/Lk 21:12-19
Th: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69-74/Lk 21:20-28
F: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75-8181/Lk 21:29-33
S: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82-8787/Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

PRAYER BEFORE MASS-Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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. **–AMEN**

Let's Connect

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

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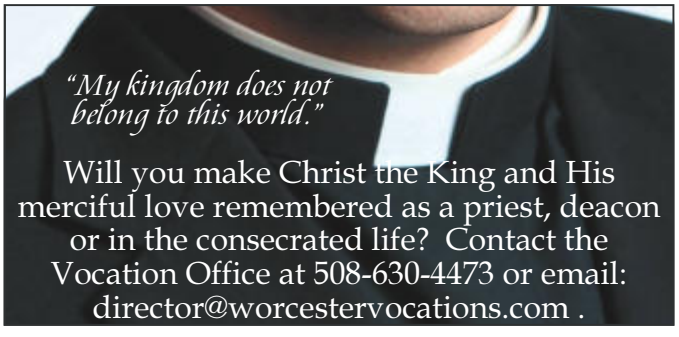
Parish Bulletin

Requests for bulletin submissions should be sent by Monday to cgkingston@yahoo.com.



Will you make Christ the King and His merciful love remembered as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at 508-630-4473 or email: director@worcestervocations.com .

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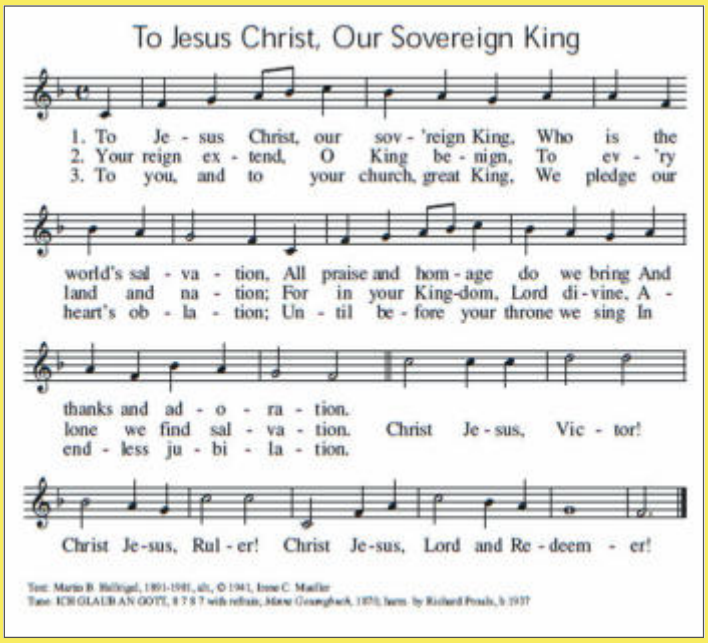

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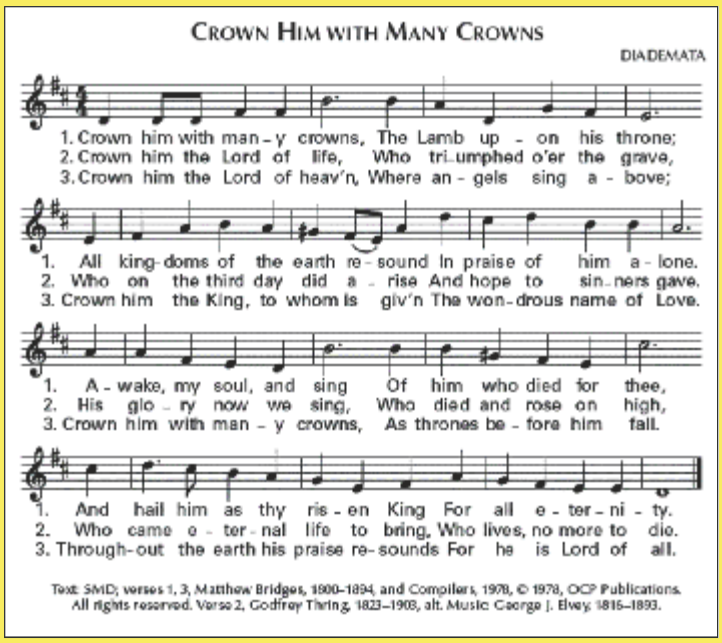

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