

# St. Joseph Church



**NOVEMBER 18, 2018**

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**PASTOR:** Reverend Robert Grattaroti

**ASSOCIATE PRIEST:** Reverend Donato Infante, III

**PERMANENT DEACONS:**

Peter Faford, Bill Shea and Steve Miller

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday 4:30 pm**

**Sunday**

**8:00 & 10:00 am & 5:00 pm**

**Monday ~ Friday at 8:30 am**

### Adoration

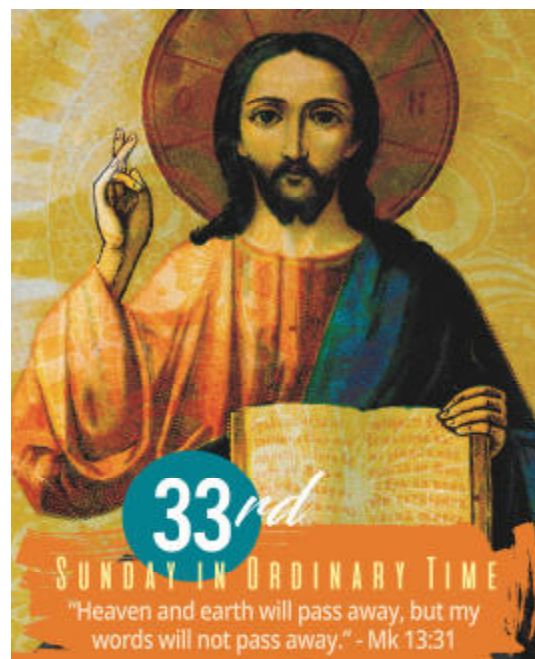
Monday noon-7:00 pm, Wednesday  
noon-6:00 pm & Friday noon-5:00 pm

### Rosary

Daily 8:00 am & Saturday 3:45 pm

### Reconciliation

Saturday 3:45 pm or by appointment



### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Pre-register for a baptismal preparation session at 508-248-7862. Next session is December 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements for a wedding begin a year prior to the anticipated date. Contact us at 508-248-7862.

**ST. JOSEPHS ORDER OF SECULAR FRANCISCANS** meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the coffee room. [www.stjosephscharlton.com/order-Franciscan-seculars](http://www.stjosephscharlton.com/order-Franciscan-seculars)

### FOOD PANTRY

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays  
9:00-11:00 am. Donations welcomed.

### MARIAN PRAYER CENACLE

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

### 24 HOUR PRAYER LINE

508-434-0106 or  
[prayer@missionariesofmercy.net](mailto:prayer@missionariesofmercy.net).  
[www.missionariesofmercy.net](http://www.missionariesofmercy.net)  
You may also indicate your intentions in the Prayer Book in the Narthex.

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit info for consideration to [cgkingston@yahoo.com](mailto:cgkingston@yahoo.com) by Monday.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

If you are new to the parish, WELCOME. If you need to register, please contact Sr. Agnes at 508-248-7862 to do so.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### FIRST LIGHTS (grades k-5)

Sr. Agnes Patricia  
[sisteragnespaula@yahoo.com](mailto:sisteragnespaula@yahoo.com)

#### EDGE YOUTH MINISTRY (grades 6-8)

Sandra Buron  
[sburon@charter.net](mailto:sburon@charter.net)

#### LIFE TEEN MINISTRY (grades 9-12)

Deacon Bill Shea  
[deaconbill@stjosephscharlton.com](mailto:deaconbill@stjosephscharlton.com)

#### ADULT FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY

Cheryl Kingston  
[cgkingston@yahoo.com](mailto:cgkingston@yahoo.com)

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

Sarah Stone  
[sastone1614@gmail.com](mailto:sastone1614@gmail.com)



Check out these ways to stay informed of happenings here at St. Joseph Church: our website [www.stjosephscharlton.com](http://www.stjosephscharlton.com) or [facebook.com/St-Josephs-Parish-Charlton](https://www.facebook.com/St-Josephs-Parish-Charlton). Find up to the minute news, schedules, pictures and ministry information along with weekly bulletins.



SCHEDULE OF MASSES  
MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, November 17**

4:30 pm **Beatrice Tully** by the Tully Family

**Sunday, November 18**

8:00 am **Souls in Purgatory** by a Parishioner

10:00 am **Frank Gard** (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv) by the Family

5:00 pm **Priests & Deacons of St. Joseph Church** by a Parishioner

**Monday, November 19**

8:30 am **Holy Souls in Purgatory** by a Parishioner

**Wednesday, November 21**

8:30 am **Jeanine Letourneau** by a Friend

**Thursday, November 22**

8:30 am **Michael John Blash, Jr.** (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv) by the Blash and Gilbeault Families

**Saturday, November 24**

4:30 pm **Helen Perron** by the 4:30 Choir

**Sunday, November 25**

8:00 am **William & Peggy Maculevich** by the Family

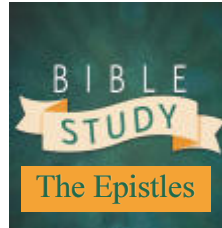
10:00 am **Margaret Bonnette & Edmund Breau** by the Family

5:00 pm **Cecelia & Robert Graham** by the Family



**Bishop Barron's THE MASS**

A walk through the Mass with Bishop Barron continues with one remaining Monday showing tomorrow evening, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30 pm in the Cornerstone.



with Deacon Steve Miller continues Tuesday 7-8:00 pm & repeated Wednesdays 9-10:00 am in the room adjacent to the Coffee Room through November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Community Thanksgiving Dinner**

Please join us after the 10:00 am Mass this Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> for a turkey dinner with all the fixings.

**PRAYER BEFORE MASS**-Loving God, Your Son calls us to ever greater trust even as He fulfilled Your will to secure our salvation. Help us to draw closer to You in faith, hope and love. **AMEN**

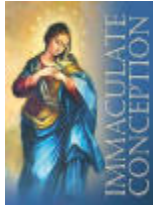


Rest in Peace **JUNE PIKUL, ANGELO TUCCIO** and **DEACON PAUL DACRI**. May they rest in the arms of the Lord and may their families find comfort in their faith.

With great joy we welcome **LOGAN JOHN ADAMSHICK** son of Stephen and Kelly, **TAYLOR RAE PAQUETTE** daughter of Paul and Heather and **AMELIA JAY COLON** daughter of Albert and Laynie who will be baptized in water and Spirit this weekend.



**Feast day of the Immaculate Conception** is celebrated with Mass on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm (Ultraya will follow) and again on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am. Our Blessed Lady, under her title of Immaculate Conception, is the Patroness of our country.



Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Methodist Church, Charlton. Deacon Bill Shea will be the preacher.



*Have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.*



**ILLUMINATE**-Join our Life Teen students tonight at 6:30 pm for Illuminate when Liz Haggerty will speak on her missionary trip to England. All are welcome.



**DRUGS, SOCIAL MEDIA & BULLYING**

Southbridge Police Chief Shane Woodson (a member of our Parish) will make a presentation on these important topics to our EDGE students and parents on Tuesday November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 pm in the church hall. For more information contact Sandra Buron at 508-248-7862.



This year's Giving Tree will be up with tags available right after Thanksgiving.

**FREE MEDICARE SEMINAR**-the ABC's of Medicare with David Weich and Mike Watson of the Charter Financial Group takes place on Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Cornerstone. This seminar consists of an overview of the different Medicare options available. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

**THE ONE THING IS THREE** group study/retreat enters into its second phase with a focus on putting mercy into action!

The group has elected to meet November 29<sup>th</sup> and December 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00 pm before the concluding session on December 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be viewing the video that goes with the book **YOU DID IT TO ME** by Fr. Gaitley. Participants should read the book by December 13<sup>th</sup>.





THE GREAT GIFTS OF GOD are our lives, our faith, God's presence and especially the Holy Eucharist. When we gather for worship it is always at an Altar Table wherein our Lord's saving death and resurrection is celebrated as we partake of a sacred meal. It was at the Last Supper, the night before he was to offer Himself as a sacrifice for our sins (St. Paul says; *In this does God show His love for us, that while we were sinners, His Son, Jesus died for us*) that this awesome mystery is re-enacted and made present at the Mass. When the priest, acting in the person of Christ, takes the bread and wine and using the very words of Jesus says; *take this all of you and eat: for this is my Body...take this all of you and drink, for this is the Chalice of my Blood*, the astounding mystery occurs. The part of the Mass, coming after the community sings the *Holy, Holy, Holy* is known as the CONSECRATION. The bread and wine are now the Body and Blood of Jesus according to His word and in fulfilment of His promise. Church protocol at this special time warrants that we remain in reverent silence holding off any unnecessary movement until we have responded in song to the priest's invitation; *Let us proclaim the Mystery of Faith*.

Some may find it astonishing and/or unbelievable that the bread and wine are truly transformed into the Body Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ. There are those in other faiths who regard this mystery in a symbolic way, but the Catholic Church has always taught that Jesus is truly present in the Flesh and Blood according to His own words; *Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me...for my flesh is real food indeed, and my blood is real drink.* (John Chpt 6).

There is also dramatic evidence of this given in the **Miracle of the Eucharist** in Argentina. It involves our Holy Father Pope Francis when he was Archbishop in Argentina. A consecrated host was found on the floor by a priest in church one day. The priest reverently placed it in the ablution cup and put in into the Tabernacle. When he later opened the tabernacle he discovered that it had turned to flesh and blood. The archbishop was informed and a portion of it was sent for examination to a New York lab. The amazing results indicated that it was heart muscle tissue of a man in his 30's. For details search Miracle of the Eucharist Argentina. Again, we are so grateful for the great gift of God, the Eucharist which is our pledge of eternal glory.



**HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES AVAILABLE NOW AT ALL MASSES**

See the celebrant or deacon before mass to request a receiver and earpiece. Please return after mass.



**Save the Date  
Life Teen Golf  
Tournament**



**Parish Support**

for the weekend of November 11<sup>th</sup> was \$14,059.00 with \$1,174.00 received into our Building Fund. In addition, we received a gift of \$1,000.00 from a parish family to use as needed. We are indeed most grateful for the generosity expressed by you, God's good people. When we make our return to the Lord for His many gifts, we receive, according to His words a hundredfold in return and everlasting life when our earthly journey ends. *Love begets love.*

**MANY THANKS** to our Parish Knights of Columbus for their recent donation of \$2,500.00 these funds will assist with the payment of our new parish heating system.

We are most grateful for the wonderful abundance of Brown Bags returned this week. If you have not yet been able to share in this way, Brown Bags are still available at the church entry.

**STEWARDSHIP MONTH**

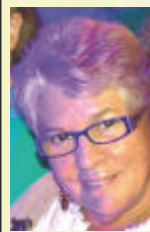
We thank Kevin Seaman for his inspiring witness on Stewardship at last weekend's Masses and welcome Cindy Rawson of St. Joseph Parish in Webster as our stewardship speaker this weekend.



Kindly remember our parish ministries are seeking people to join them, please pray on it and let us know if you'd like to share your stewardship of time and talent. Green ministry forms as contained in last weekend's bulletin may be returned at your convenience. Forms are also available in the Narthex.

*And serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God's diverse gifts. -1 Peter 4:10*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STEWARD OF THE YEAR MARTHA TOWER**



Martha has served our faith community in numerous ways including as religious educator for our youth and adults and also with her many workshops, meditations and spiritual reflections. Best wishes Martha you have our gratitude for your many years of service.



If you have signed up to receive a Thanksgiving food basket, the distribution of baskets will take place on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-2:00 pm.



LIFETEEN & YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS  
SARAH STONE-sastone1614@gmail.com

**MARCH FOR LIFE**-departs Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from St. Joseph Church following a 7:00 pm Mass and returns Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at midnight. Spaces fill up quickly. We have 16 seats reserved on the bus. For more information and/or to reserve a seat for your teen, please contact Carolyn Galgano at lifeteen@stjosephscharlton.com ASAP.  
**LIFETEEN BOTTLE/CAN DRIVE**-Please consider donating your returnables in the receptacle in the back of the church. Proceeds fund LifeTeen Activities.  
**YOUNG ADULT WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** w/Sarah For college age women (18-25) Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00 pm. Contact Sarah when you plan on attending.



Are you someone interested in becoming a Catholic? Or have a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized or was baptized, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist? For more information, contact Ted or Patty Covill at tcovill@charter.net.

**INTERESTED IN A 12 DAY PILGRIMAGE**

September 29-October 9, 2019 to Jerusalem, Rome and Medjugorje for \$4,500 inclusive of transportation, lodging and two meals daily? Contact Karen Zaleski at 774-200-0256 or karenzaleski42@gmail.com for more info or to sign up.

**MASS TO HONOR AND REMEMBER OUR CHILDREN**

Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm  
St. George Church 40 Brattle St. Worcester, MA.  
Sponsor: Pieta Support Group for Bereaved Parents  
For information call Terry Gentile at 508-434-0731 or Sue Stevens at 508-852-4887 or pieta3@gmail.com.

**ADULT Faith FORMATION**

- LIGHT HOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD'S** are available for a \$3 donation at the front door. New CD's now in!
- FORMED.ORG**-experience the faith in a new way with this on-line resource for movies, books & videos for adults & children. Use parish code **7526f6**.
- SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**-w/Sr. Barbara sign up in Narthex.
- BOOK CLUB**-Our next book is *A Father Who Keeps His Promises: God's Covenant Love in Scripture* by Scott Hahn. The date for discussion is TBD.

**PARISH & LOCAL SUPPORT GROUPS**

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**-10:00 am on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month. Ellen Thibodeau 508-248-9161  
**DIVORCE SUPPORT MINISTRY**-the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month, 7:00-9:00 pm in the K of C Room.  
**GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN**-Sharing experiences caring & learning about resources. Dianne 508-764-4553.  
**NEXT STEP BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**: For parents who have lost a child. 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Medical Office Bldg. Harrington Hospital Rm 4. Sue Brunell 508-344-1564.  
**HOMELESS SHELTER**-St. Luke's Guesthouse provides shelter for homeless people in need. stlukesguesthouse.wordpress.com  
**SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR THOSE WITH CANCER** at St. Vincent Cancer & Wellness. 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month begins with Mass at 11:30 am. 1 Eaton Pl, Worcester. Validated Parking 508-363-6246.  
**DO YOU SUFFER WITH AN ADDICTION & NEED SUPPORT?**-Fr. Bob, Fr. Donato or deacons are available to talk with. 508-248-7862.

**ASK THE PRIEST** (answered this week by Fr. Donato)

**Q:**What is God's take on Smoking? I notice some Christians, Muslim, and Jews say it's a bad thing or forbidden, but every Catholic priest I knew smoked? I've been hearing a loud voice ringing in my head and ears every time I smoke saying, *Stop!* I don't know if that's God or the devil?  
**A:**Well, the voice may be neither God nor the devil. It could be your body telling you to stop or it could be your own imagination. That's something you need to figure out, maybe in discussion with a spiritual director. The Catechism says in 2289-2291:  
*The virtue of temperance disposes us to avoid every kind of excess: the abuse of food, alcohol, tobacco or medicine. Those incur grave guilt who, by drunkenness or a love of speed, endanger their's and others' safety on the road, at sea, or in the air. The use of drugs inflicts very grave damage on human health and life. Their use, except on strictly therapeutic grounds, is a grave offense. Clandestine production of and trafficking in drugs are scandalous practices. They constitute direct co-operation in evil, since they encourage people to practices gravely contrary to the moral law.*  
Also, most priests I know do not smoke.

**Winter Coat Closet**

Holy Trinity Church, Hamilton Street, Southbridge.  
Saturdays 9:00-11:00 am until December 15th. Anyone in need of a coat can pick one out at no charge.

**ACKNOWLEDGING WITH GRATITUDE OUR NEWSLETTER/BULLETIN SPONSORS**

Advanced Water Quality, Bill Delaney	508-248-1500
Alliance Realty, Diane Dabrowski (P)	508-248-6966
Aucoin-Ryan Realty (Brenda Ryan)	508-765-9155
Bair Insurance Agency (Edward Bair)	508-248-4204
Bellanger-Bullard Funeral Home	508-764-3968
Camosse Masonry Supply (P)	508-248-4044
Carmelite Sisters of the Eucharist (P)	508-248-2936
CatholicMatch.com/MA	888-605-3977
Charlton Furniture	508-248-5566
Charlton Manor Rest Home	508-248-5136
Charlton Oil Company	508-248-9797
Charlton Optical	508-248-1188
Charlton Funeral Home	508-248-4200
Coonan Insurance Agency (P)	508-987-7122

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DiPietro Masonry, Allen DiPietro (P)	508-248-4704
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Fairway N.E. Mortgage - William Murphy (P)	508-407-8300
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Jalbert Engineering (P)	508-347-5136
O'Malley's Truck & Auto Body (P)	508-248-5829
Paul Daoust & Company, CPA	508-248-1040
RPM Heating & Air	508-248-4474
Sansoucy Funeral Home	508-764-2567
Senior Link America	877-801-7772
Storage Space (P)	508-248-6461
(P) indicates parishioner	

*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.*