

# St. Joseph Church Charlton, MA



DECEMBER 23, 2018

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 pm  
Sunday  
8:00 & 10:00 am & 5:00 pm  
Monday - Friday at 8:30 am

## PASTOR

Reverend Robert Grattaroti

ASSOCIATE PRIEST

Reverend Donato Infante, III

PERMANENT DEACONS

Peter Faford, Bill Shea & Steve Miller

It is the Fourth Sunday of Advent and our preparation for Christmas is almost finished. In previous O antiphons our cry was directed to the Messiah as He manifested Himself to the Chosen People, to the Gentiles, and in nature; now He is addressed in person and asked to remain with us as Emmanuel. The very term Emmanuel, *God with us*, reveals the kindly, human heart of Jesus.



## Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Monday December 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm Main Church children's pageant

4:00 pm down stairs in the Church Hall

10:30 pm with Holy Family Tableau-Chorale at 10:00 pm

Christmas, Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am & 10:00 am (no 5:00 pm Mass)

## New Year's Masses

New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 pm

New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am

St. Joseph Church Vocal and Bell  
Choirs Present

## A CHRISTMAS CHORALE

a half hour of musical selections

Christmas Eve at 10:00 pm

(before the 10:30 pm Mass)



Are you a Catholic adult seeking to be Confirmed? On Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> the Diocese will host a Confirmation ceremony specifically for adults at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. Registration is necessary so you can attend the Confirmation Retreat taking place on January 27<sup>th</sup>. Contact Barbara Ramian at 508-929-4308 to register.



Rev. Jim Chase, Pastor of Charlton Federated Church will preach here Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am and January 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm. Our priests preach there January 20<sup>th</sup>. The theme is: *Justice and only justice, you shall pursue.*



SCHEDULE OF MASSES  
MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 22

4:30 pm Stuart M. Tully by the Tully Family

Sunday, December 23

8:00 am Frank H. Duzak by Blake & Ellen Duzak

10:00 am Fr. Norm Tremblay by a Friend

5:00 pm Ovide "Kookie" Cournoyer (Happy Birthday) from his Family

Monday, December 24

4:00 pm (up) Emily Dabrowski by the Family  
(down) Residents & Staff of Charlton Manor by Michael Turpin

10:30 pm Arthur & Jeanine Letourneau by their Children

Tuesday, December 25

8:00 am John & Ina Shea by the Family

10:00 am Jason Falke by the Znamierowski Family

Saturday, December 29

4:30 pm Patrick Lovett by Mary Lovett

Sunday, December 30

8:00 am Eugene Ide by the Ide Family

10:00 am Fr. Norm Tremblay by a Friend

5:00 pm Jadwiga Perczak by the Perczak Family

The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week for  
Fr. Norm Tremblay by a Friend.



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](mailto:tcovill@charter.net).



We are expanding our communication tools, using text and email, to keep you better informed. It's a tool called Flocknote. It will make it easy for you to stay connected to only the ministries or groups that you care about, is secure and you can unsubscribe at any time. Text the word CHARLTON to 84576 or follow the link on our homepage.

<https://app.flocknote.com/stjosephscharlton>

**PRAYER BEFORE MASS:**

Lord God, Your Son came into the world to be its Light and to bring to faith in You all who would believe. Increase our faith and help us show forth the light of Your truth. May we believe in the One whom You have sent and may faith lead us to eternal life. -AMEN



With great joy we welcome JACKSON MICHAEL CARROLL son of Shane and Amanda and MICHAEL MARTIN RICHARD FOSTER son of Andrew and Bridget who will be baptized in water and Spirit this weekend.

Rest in the arms of the Lord  
**RAYMOND LEHNER.** May his family find comfort in their faith.



*Rest In Peace*

**HELPING HANDS ARE NEEDED**



It takes a lot of people working behind the scenes to keep our facility neat and organized. We are reforming a ministry from years ago to assist with keeping things running smoothly. We seek volunteers to help keep supplies stocked, closets organized and to perform odd jobs and make small repairs. Volunteer an hour or two whenever you can. If you are interested contact Melissa Jadin at [helpinghandssjp@gmail.com](mailto:helpinghandssjp@gmail.com) or at 774-329-5566.



**MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND**

This short course in Christianity is an uplifting and educational experience. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and facilitate discussion. The next men's weekend is March 21-24 and held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. Contact Sue Leighton at 508-278-3155 or [sleighton1958@gmail.com](mailto:sleighton1958@gmail.com).

Oplatek Christmas Wafers and Blessed Straw are available in the Narthex along with the handout **I'm Spending Christmas with Jesus this Year.** Please take one. **2019 Calendars** are also available in the Narthex. Please take one.







WELCOME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS ONE & ALL  
A happy and blessed Christmas to all.

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Joseph's:  
When Jesus was born in Bethlehem almost 2000 years ago, the Evangelist St. Luke tells us that angels appeared to the shepherds in the fields who were watching their flock by night with the message; *Today a Savior has been born for you in the city of David, who is Christ, the Lord.* Then they sang: *Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace to men and women of good will.* And the shepherds went to Bethlehem to see what the angels had revealed to them and they told everyone of this Heavenly birth and all were amazed. To be people of good will is a great gift and this is what we are called to be. Christmas so tenderly helps us to do this for the majesty of God the Creator is given to us in the tender birth of His Son Jesus. Just as the stable was the human welcoming place for His arrival, so may our hearts always enshrine Him and His love for us as we seek to live in good will with all.

In my name and in the name of Fr. Donato, our Deacons: Peter, Bill and Steven as well as our entire staff, we thank you most sincerely for your kind remembrances of us at this Christmas time. Your greetings, your prayers, your gifts, your support are deeply appreciated and we are most grateful. We pray God's special blessings upon you and your loved ones at this tender time of the reminder of our salvation and we ask the Lord to continue to bless you each in the New Year.

*In the peace, joy and love of the Lord, Fr. Bob Grattaroti,*

**ASK THE PRIEST**

(answered this week by Fr. Donato)

**Q:** Why are shells used for baptism, when did it start?

**A:** Father Bob and I both did not know what the origin of this was. After research, there seemed to be multiple theories. The one I am finding the most likely is that some early paintings of baptism in the Catacombs show John the Baptist using a shell, so people began to do imitate that as the norm, even though John is thought to have baptized by immersion. Another possible theory found was that it is just more practical than using one's hand.

**PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

for the weekend of December 16<sup>th</sup> was \$12,852.00 with \$732 received for the Building Fund. Also a donation came in from a former out of state parishioner in the amount of \$1,000.00. God's blessings to all. Please note correction: the gift from the Local 322 to our food pantry was \$400.00.



**CONSIDER ELECTRONIC GIVING-Why ?**

Convenience of course. You won't need to remember to make up your weekly donation because you can't make it to Mass due to travel or inclement weather.

**How to enroll?** Choose the Electronic Giving link on our homepage or use your financial institution's Bill Pay option adding St. Joseph's as the payee and your envelope number as the account number.

[www.stjosephscharlton.com/electronic-giving](http://www.stjosephscharlton.com/electronic-giving)

The Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem wish to thank you for supporting their sale of Bethlehem Olive Wood Art last weekend.



Amber Grybowski thanks Deacon Bill and Mimi Shea, Alex Diaz, Fr. Bob, Fr. Donato and members of Lifeteen as well as the parishioners who donated supplies and money for the Active Military Care Package Project she did as a community service project last month. 13 packages were sent and the remaining supplies donated to Veterans Inc. in Worcester, along with t-shirts, socks and underwear that were purchased with the remaining funds. It was a wonderful experience seeing everyone support the Project!

**INTERESTED IN A 12 DAY PILGRIMAGE**

September 29-October 9, 2019 to Jerusalem, Rome and Medjugorge for \$4,500 inclusive of transportation, lodging and two meals daily? To date 19 people are registered.

Contact Karen Zaleski at 774-200-0256 or [karenzaleski42@gmail.com](mailto:karenzaleski42@gmail.com) if you are interested.

## SACRAMENT & MINISTRY INFORMATION

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Pre-register for a baptismal preparation session at 508-248-7862. The next session is February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 pm.

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:45 pm or by appointment

### RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults  
If you are interested in becoming Catholic. Ted or Patty Covill  
tcovill@charter.net

### ADORATION

Monday 12-7:00 pm, Wednesday 12-6:00 pm & Friday 12-5:00 pm

### ROSARY

Daily 8:00 am & Saturday 3:45 pm

### MARIAN PRAYER CENACLE

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

### ST. JOSEPH ORDER OF SECULAR FRANCISCANS

meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the coffee room.  
www.stjosephscharlton.com/  
order-Franciscan-seculars

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month in the Knight's Room. Begins with Rosary at 6:30 pm, followed meeting at 7:00 pm.

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

10:00 am on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of month. Ellen Thibodeau 508-248-9161

### DIVORCE SUPPORT MINISTRY

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

### GRANDPARENTS RAISING

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

### SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR THOSE

WITH CANCER at St. Vincent Cancer & Wellness. 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of month with Mass at 11:30 am. 1 Eaton Pl, Worcester. 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.

### 24 HOUR PRAYER LINE

508-434-0106 or  
prayer@missionariesofmercy.net.

### BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Submit info for bulletin to Cheryl Kingston at  
cgkingston@yahoo.com by Monday.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### FIRST LIGHTS (gr. k-5)

Sr. Agnes Patricia  
sisteragnespatricia@yahoo.com

#### EDGE YOUTH MINISTRY (gr. 6-8)

Sandra Buron  
sburon@charter.net

#### LIFE TEEN MINISTRY (gr. 9-12)

Deacon Bill Shea  
deaconbill@stjosephscharlton.com

#### ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Cheryl Kingston  
cgkingston@yahoo.com

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

Sarah Stone  
sastone1614@gmail.com

#### NEXT STEP BEREAVEMENT

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.

#### NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome, if you need to register, contact Sr. Agnes at 508-248-7862

#### HOMELESS SHELTER ST. LUKE'S

stlukesguesthouse.wordpress.com

#### FOOD PANTRY

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

#### HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

If you need communion brought to your home call 508-248-7862.



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

Please ask an usher  
for a device.

10 H. Putnam Ext.  
P.O. Box 338, Charlton City, MA 01508  
email: stjoecharlton@aol.com  
website: stjosephscharlton.com  
508-248-7862 FAX: 508-248-5832

### Low Gluten Hosts

are available. Please let the Priest, Deacon or Communion Minister know your desire for this form.

## ACKNOWLEDGING WITH GRATITUDE OUR NEWSLETTER & BULLETIN

Advanced Water Quality, Bill Delaney	508-248-1500	Daniel T. Morrill Funeral Home	508-764-7922
Alliance Realty, Diane Dabrowski (P)	508-248-6966	David Barbale Home Improvement	508-248-6709
Aucoin-Ryan Realty (Brenda Ryan)	508-765-9155	DiPietro Masonry, Allen DiPietro (P)	508-248-4704
Bair Insurance Agency (Edward Bair)	508-248-4204	Elliot Burlingame & Sons, Inc. (P)	508-248-5076
Bellanger-Bullard Funeral Home	508-764-3968	Fairway N.E. Mortgage - William Murphy (P)	508-407-8300
Camosse Masonry Supply (P)	508-248-4044	Harrison Landscaping	508-248-5488
Carmelite Sisters of the Eucharist (P)	508-248-2936	Jalbert Engineering (P)	508-347-5136
CatholicMatch.com/MA	888-605-3977	O'Malley's Truck & Auto Body (P)	508-248-5829
Charlton Furniture	508-248-5566	Paul Daoust & Company, CPA	508-248-1040
Charlton Manor Rest Home	508-248-5136	RPM Heating & Air	508-248-4474
Charlton Oil Company	508-248-9797	Sansoucy Funeral Home	508-764-2567
Charlton Optical	508-248-1188	Senior Link America	877-801-7772
Charlton Funeral Home	508-248-4200	Storage Space (P)	508-248-6461
Coonan Insurance Agency (P)	508-987-7122	(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.*