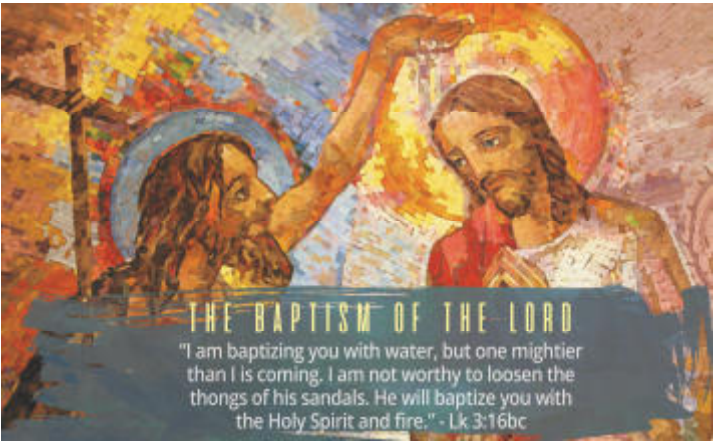




MASS SCHEDULE
 Saturday 4:30 pm
 Sunday
 8:00 & 10:00 am & 5:00 pm
 Monday - Friday at 8:30 am

PASTOR
 Reverend Robert Grattaroti
ASSOCIATE PASTOR
 Reverend Donato Infante, III
PERMANENT DEACONS
 Peter Faford, Bill Shea & Steve Miller

Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.



ILLUMINATE

Come join our Lifeteen students TONIGHT - Sunday, January 13th at 6:30 pm for a talk by Professor Kerry Cronin on *Virtuous Friendships and Relationships - How to Become the Kind of Person God Wants You to Be.*

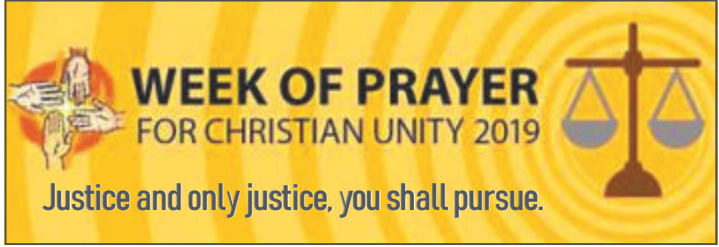


JANUARY 14-22

Join thousands as we pray a Novena for the respect of human life.

9 Days for Life is a period set aside to mark the tragic anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion. The novena will take place nationwide from January 14 through 22.

All are invited to participate by joining together with Catholics across the country in prayer for a new intention each of the nine days. Visit 9daysforlife.com to download a free app or sign up for emails or text messages with each day's prayer intention. Your prayers matter! Your sacrifices make a difference!



Rev. Jim Chase, Pastor of Charlton Federated Church will preach here Saturday, January 12th at 4:30 pm & Sunday January 13th at 8:00 am. Deacon Steve Miller will preach there January 20th at 10:30 am.



**SCHEDULE OF MASSES
MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, January 13

4:30 pm Leo Foley by Anna & Michael O'Leary

Sunday, January 14

8:00 am Fr. Norm Tremblay by the Parish

10:00 am Mary Mosher by the Family

5:00 pm Cursillo Movement by St. Faustina's Table.

Monday, January 14

8:30 am Eileen Beaudry by her Sister

Friday, January 18

8:30 am Residents & Staff of Charlton Manor by Michael D. Turpin

Saturday, January 19

4:30 pm Marie Moore by Ed & Marge Jalbert

Sunday, January 20

8:00 am Michael Stanton by Arlene & Neil

10:00 am Linda Lavalley by Diane Dabrowski

5:00 pm Frances & Stanley Znamierowski by the Znamierowski Family

DAY OF PRAYER

Please join together on February 21st in whatever form you see fit to pray for the Synod of Bishops on the Protection of Minors taking place February 21-24. Please pray that the Holy Spirit come upon the shepherds of the Church as they discern how to best move forward to ensure the safety of all the Church's vulnerable members and work toward healing for those hurt.

Here at St. Joseph Church we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament noon-7:00 pm.



Are you or a loved one a homebound parishioner who would like to have Communion brought to you at your home? Call Sr. Agnes at 508-248-7862 to be added to our list.

12 DAY PILGRIMAGE

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

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well 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

Please pray for our Lifeteen students and their chaperones as they leave for Washington, DC Thursday evening for the March for Life after a 7:00 pm Mass here.



•LIGHT HOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA CD'S are available for \$3 donation at the front door.

•FORMED.ORG-experience the faith in a new way with this FREE on-line resource for movies, books & videos for adults & children. Use parish code 7526f6.

•SPIRITUAL DIRECTION-with Sr. Barbara. Please sign up in Narthex.

•MEN'S BIBLE STUDY-Fridays at 6:30 am in the room adjacent to Coffee Room. Coffee is served.

•BOOK CLUB-the next book selection for March is *The Dolorous Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ: From the Visions of Anne Catherine Emmerich*. Available on Amazon.

•PRIEST, PROPHET AND KING BY BISHOP BARRON-3 nights of video/discussion with Fr. Donato. Mondays, February 4, 11 & 25 from 6:30-8:00 pm. Cornerstone.



MEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND
March 21-24

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. Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. Contact Sue Leighton at 508-278-3155 or sleighton1958@gmail.com.

A NIGHT WITH CHRIS AUGUST

Sponsored by the Q90.1

Christian music artist Chris August will be here at St. Joseph's Church, Thursday, March 7th at 7:00 pm for a free concert. Your free ticket must be secured in advance. Tickets are available from theq90.1.com.

VIP tickets are also available for \$20 and include early admission and a meet and greet with Chris August.



PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Oh God of all nations, the One God who is and was and always will be, in your providence you willed that your Church be united to the suffering of your Son. Look with mercy on your servants who are persecuted for their faith in you. Grant them perseverance and courage to be worthy imitators of Christ. Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations to work for peace among all peoples. May your Spirit open conversion for those who contradict your will, that we may live in harmony. Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom and to always seek your will in our lives. Through Christ our Lord. AMEN
Our Lady of Persecuted Christians, Pray for Us!

ANNUAL MASS FOR LIFE

All are invited to attend the Mass for Life Thursday, January 17th at 7:30 pm at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester when we will pray for an end to abortion and the conversion of our nation. We will pray in a special way for those who will be travelling to Washington for the March for Life. January 22nd is designated as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Human Life. Learn more at worcesterdiocese.org/jan-22-day-of-prayer.



THE GREATER WORCESTER COMMUNITY FOUNDATION College Scholarship Program.

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PARISH FINANCIAL

SUPPORT for the weekend of January 6th was \$15,101.00 with \$688.00 received into our Building Fund and \$1,710.00 received for January 1st holy day. We are most grateful for a donation of \$1,000.00 to our parish in memory of Richard Doucimo by his family.



Children's Stewardship



Alexa, Nicole, Nicholas and Vivian gave \$1.00, Abby gave \$1.00 and she gave "her heart", Nolan gave \$5.00.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Thank you to all who donated to the Winter Coat Closet this past year! Through your donations, we were able to give away 479 coats and lots of scarves, hats, gloves and mittens too! In addition, we gave 4 cases of children's coats to Catholic Charities for distribution. A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus and MTD for their donations. The generosity of so many in our communities never fails to inspire us. God bless each and every one of you!
Chris McTigue

Vita Nova Women's Retreat

Make Me a New Creation

March 8-10

Barbara C. Harris Center, Greenfield, NH

Led by Fr. Marcel Martel

Registration and information at vitanova.org
and bchcenter.org for accommodations.



Take the Child Safety Quiz

Adults who care for children face constant challenges to help keep children safer in today's fast-paced world. The NCMC offers easy to use safety resources to help address these challenges on their website www.missingkids.com. The site features an interactive quiz on child safety designed for both adults and children. On the website click on Child Safety. For particular help call the Director of Office for Healing and Prevention at (508)929-4363.

SACRAMENT & MINISTRY INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Pre-register for a baptismal preparation session at 508-248-7862. The next session is February 2nd 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
For those 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 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the coffee room.
www.stjosephscharlton.com/
order-Franciscan-seculars

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

meet on the 1st 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 3rd Saturday of month.
Ellen Thibodeau 508-248-9161

DIVORCE SUPPORT MINISTRY

the 2nd and 4th Monday each month
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. 1st 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
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

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Deacon Bill Shea
deaconbill@stjosephscharlton.com

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Cheryl Kingston
cgkingston@yahoo.com

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Sarah Stone
sastone1614@gmail.com

NEXT STEP BEREAVEMENT

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

HOMELESS SHELTER ST. LUKE'S

stlukesguesthouse.wordpress.com

NEW PARISHIONERS

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

FOOD PANTRY

2nd & 4th Wednesdays 9:00-11:00 am.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

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



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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.