

St. Joseph Church

Charlton, MA



FEBRUARY 10, 2019

PASTOR

Reverend Robert Grattaroti

ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Reverend Donato Infante, III

PERMANENT DEACONS

Peter Faford, Bill Shea & Steve Miller

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays 4:30 PM

Sundays


8:00 & 10:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Monday - Friday at 8:30 AM

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

- Lk 5:10-11

Love is patient, love is kind. 

It does not envy, it does not boast,
it is not proud. It does not dishonor others,
it is not self-seeking, it is not easily
angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil
but rejoices with the truth.

It always protects, always trusts,
always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails.

-1 Corinthians 13:4-8



MARY MARTHA GUILD 20/20 RAFFLE

Tickets will be sold after
Masses this weekend



“HAVE A HEART” BABY SHOWER

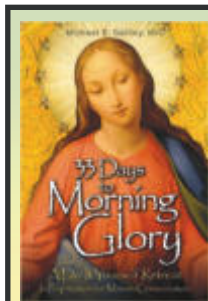
to benefit Problem Pregnancy
in Worcester takes place this
month. Tags are available and gifts may be
returned unwrapped with the tag attached
during the month of February.

Thank you and God Bless You.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Lord Jesus Christ, I am before You today with a
heart full of love for You. I ask You, Lord, to be
merciful to me in my weaknesses, faults and sins.
Forgive me, O Lord, and help me to forgive others. I
thank You for Your many gifts – the gift of life, the
gift of faith, the gift of family and loved ones. Bless
me and my loved ones. Prepare my heart to receive
You worthily in Holy Communion as I renew my
covenant of love with You.

Amen



You are invited to make a
Marian Consecration or
re-consecrate at a special
Mass on the Feast of our
Lady of Lourdes This
Monday, February 11th
at 7:00 PM.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 9

4:30 PM Irene Tully by the Family

Sunday, February 10

8:00 AM Gloria Fortier by the Family

10:00 AM Michael Tarasiak (11th Anniv)
by the Family

5:00 PM Ovide "Kookie" Cournoyer
by the Family

Monday, February 11

8:30 AM John Graves by David Dumais

Tuesday, February 12

8:30 AM Michael Brissette by David Dumais and
Barbara Maciejewski

Wednesday, February 13

8:30 AM Fr. Norm Tremblay by A Friend

Friday, February 15

8:30 AM R. Patricia Harrison by the Family

Saturday, February 16

4:30 PM Tony and Ann Chiusano by the Family

Sunday, February 17

8:00 AM Charles Adcock by the Family

10:00 AM Ted and Rita May by Bill and Erin May

5:00 PM Thomas and Lillian Rodger by the
Znamierowski Family



SANCTUARY LAMP

burns this week for
ANN CHUISANO, by her Daughter



WITH GREAT JOY WE WELCOME

CARTER JAXON TRAUB,
son of Edward and Tiana
who will be baptized in water
and Spirit this weekend.

IN YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE REMEMBER



**JOHN "JACK" BACON AND
PATRICIA BAZYDLO**

May they rest in the arms of the Lord and
may their families find comfort in their faith.

**PRIEST, PROPHET AND KING
BY BISHOP BARRON** with Fr. Donato.

THIS MONDAY, February 11th
from 6:30-8:00 PM in the Cornerstone.

A D O R A T I O N

in the Church on Thursday, February 21st from Noon
until 7 PM. This is to pray for: "The Synod of
Bishops on the Protection of Minors (taking place
February 21- 24). Please pray that the Holy Spirit
comes 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 towards healing for those hurt."

Sign-up in the Narthex.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

the first Saturdays of March, April, May
and June from 9:30-10:30 AM.

Come and pray for the needs of the world.

What Is Intercessory Prayer?

A selfless prayer rendered for people to God in the
name of God for the salvation of souls and the glory of
God. Intercessors are motivated by Christian Love for
the purpose of higher values. Intercessors stand
between a person in need of prayer and God; praying
for God's special Graces on that person. Through the
ministry of intercession, one participates actively in
the redemption of the world, in seeking all of the
children of God.

ASK THE PRIEST (answered by Fr. Donato)

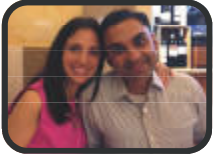
Q: Despite attending CCD since 1st grade, our teenager recently said that there's no proof that God exists, that going to church is a waste of time, and that he doesn't believe in God. Apparently most of his friends' families aren't religious, and I'm fearful that the ever-present distractions in life that are vying for our attention are luring him away from God. This feels like potentially my biggest failure in life, and I could use some good advice on approaches / resources to consider. Many thanks.

A: First of all, this is not your failure. In today's climate, this is the reality of what teens are hearing. Questioning is also normal. Questioning is different from doubting. Theology itself is defined as faith seeking understanding, so this might be a positive experience of growth for him. Therefore, my first words of advice to you are do not panic. Truth is on your side, and if you come across as panicked, it will give the impression that you are not confident. You may not have all the answers, but you should be confident the answers are out there. Further, realize that this might just be a phase, but begin praying for your son and his friends. Over time, if he brings it up, ask him, "Well, why do you think that?" He most likely won't have great arguments because he is a teenager, but he will have sincere questions. It is good to be able to respond to his questions. Encourage his learning, and do not be afraid to say, "Great question. Let me find out for you and get back to you." Now, he does have one thing right: if there is no God, going to church is a waste of time, but if there is a God, it is as relevant as acknowledging that the law of gravity exists and living in accord with that truth. There are numerous good books out there you might look at showing that it is likely that God does exist, such as "Did Jesus Really Rise from the dead?" on Formed.org, or the "Handbook of Christian Apologetics" by Kreeft and Tacelli. There is also a more academic book called "Five Proofs for the Existence of God" by Ed Feser that might be helpful, but it is not the easiest read. As he asks more specific questions, you can find out more resources for him. Pray, and check out Formed.org

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITY!

Adult Servers are needed to serve at the 10:00 AM Mass on the 1st Sunday of each month. If you would like to be a part of this ministry please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

PARISH MISSION



Our Parish Mission will take place Sunday and Monday night, March 10th & 11th. The mission begins with a presentation at Mass Saturday and Sunday March 9th & 10th. John and Ashley Noronha from Rome will present the Mission. The theme will be *Spirituality for today's Catholic Christian*

WINE NIGHT

Saturday, February 23rd
Proceeds to benefit our Life Teen Program.



Register online at <https://stjosephscharlton.com/wine-tasting>

LIFETEEN & YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

SARAH STONE-sastone1614@gmail.com

LITTLE AUDREY SANTO CHAPEL

Our Life Teen Students have an opportunity to visit the Little Audrey Santo Chapel, 64 South Flagg Street, Worcester, MA on Saturday, February 16th. Fr. Bob will celebrate Mass. The teens will also learn about the process of Sainthood. To sign up or for more information, please contact Deacon Bill Shea 508-254-8512.

ST JOHN'S FOOD FOR THE POOR

Our Life Teen students have an opportunity to volunteer at St. John's Food for the Poor, 20 Temple Street, Worcester, MA on Saturday, March 9th from 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM.

To volunteer or for more information please contact Deacon Bill 508-254-8512.

STEUBENVILLE EAST

July 12th - 14th
See Deacon Bill or Sarah to sign up

CAMP SUNSHINE

SIGN-UPS BEGIN
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27th
SEE DEACON BILL OR SARAH

Parish Giving

Parish Support

for the weekend of

February 3rd :

\$14,203.00 was received for parish and \$1,103.00 for our Building Fund.

Thank you for all your kind returns to the Lord.



Kick off begins February 23rd and 24th with an

In-pew presentation.

This year's goal is \$77,500.00.

FREE CONCERT

Chris August will be at St. Joseph's Charlton, Thursday, March 7th at 7:00 PM.

Your free ticket must be secured in advance.

Tickets are available at

<https://www.itickets.com/events/411643>

Get yours before they are gone.



12 DAY PILGRIMAGE

September 29th - October 9th to Jerusalem, Rome and Medjugorje for \$4,500. Contact Karen Zaleski at 774-200-0256 or karenzaleski42@gmail.com.

STEPHEN J. MCKENNA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

"The Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph's Council #11379 is pleased to announce that the Stephen J. McKenna Memorial Scholarship Application is now available. Application deadline is March 31, 2019. For more information, please contact Dennis C. Lataille, Deputy Grand Knight, by phone (508-612-2629) or by email, latailledenn@aol.com. "

9th ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE
at Assumption College on Saturday, April 6th.
go to www.firstmensconf.org

The Catholic Free Press

The Catholic Free Press is our Diocesan newspaper and it gives us news of parish and diocesan events, as well as news of Catholic interest from the U.S. and the world. Sign-up subscription month is February, at \$39 for a one-year subscription. Simply fill out the Catholic Free Press envelope from your envelope packet, include \$39, and return it in the collection basket.

Extra subscription envelopes are available in the narthex.

SACRAMENT & MINISTRY INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Pre-register for a baptismal preparation session at 508-248-7862. The next session is March 9th 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

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. 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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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
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CatholicMatch.com/MA	888-605-3977	O'Malley's Truck & Auto Body (P)	508-248-5829
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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, out in love to each other, our families, our neighbors, our nation and the world.