

MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE CATHOLIC PARISH

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH & ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

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St. Joseph Church 118 High St, Medford

Daily Mass: Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:30am

Weekend Masses: Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 8am & 10am



St. Francis of Assisi Church 441 Fellsway West, Medford

Daily Mass: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at 8:30am

Weekend Masses: Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 11:30am & 4pm



December 3, 2023 Mass Readings #859

St. Francis of Assisi Mass Intentions		St. Joseph Mass Intentions	
Saturday 12/2/23		Saturday 12/2/23	
8:30 am	Frank & Josephine Brindisi	4:00 pm	Eleanor Selvitella
4:00 pm	Bussolari, Ghiloni & Vocino Families	Sunday 12/3/23 8:00 am	Elisa & Carmine DeSimone
Sunday 12/3/23 11:30 am	Bob MacInnis	10:00 am	Anthony & Laurie Ansaldi
4:00 pm	Charles S. Costello & Family	Monday 12/4/23	
Tuesday 12/5/23		8:30 am	Elizabeth Burce
8:30 am	Angelo, Theresa, David &	Wednesday 12/6/23	5
Thursday 12/7/23	Peggy Leone	8:30 am	Legion of Mary - living & deceased
8:30 am	John Trainor	Friday 12/8/23	Immaculate Conception
Friday 12/8/23 6:00 pm	<i>Immaculate Conception</i> Holy Day Mass	8:30 am 12:00 noon	Holy Day Mass Holy Day Mass
Saturday 12/9/23		Saturday 12/9/23	
8:30 am	Patricia Williams	4:00 pm	Gene & Nancy LeBlanc and Dave Balian
4:00 pm	Nicholas DeMattia	0	
Sunday 12/10/23		Sunday 12/10/23 8:00 am	Jun He Wu
11:30 am	Nancylee Robbins		-
4:00 pm	Alfred DelMuto	10:00 am	Salvatore Reid and Lea, Asunta & Giosue Rossetti

Adoration at St. Joseph Church - Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 9am - 8pm (lower church) (Adoration will not be held on days Medford schools are closed due to weather.) If you are interested in volunteering for a time slot, please contact <u>adoration24sj@comcast.net</u> or 617-459-8735.

Sacrament of Baptism - Baptisms are held on the first Sunday of the month at St. Francis of Assisi Church and on the third Sunday of the month at St. Joseph Church. Instruction for first time parents and godparents is held at St. Francis of Assisi on the last Sunday of every month after the 11:30am Mass in the upper church (unless there is a schedule conflict). Please call the office to register.

Confessions - Saturdays after the 8:30am Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church and Saturdays from 3-3:45pm at both St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph Churches.

Legion of Mary - Wednesdays, 6:30pm-8pm at the St. Joseph Lower Church Sacristy. Please email adoration24sj@comcast.net or call 781-391-1396 for more information.

St. Francis of Assisi Marion Movement of Priests Prayer Group - meets Mondays at 7pm at St. Francis of Assisi (upper church) for Adoration and to pray the Rosary.

Weekly Rosary - Wednesday nights at 7pm on Zoom. All are welcome! Go to: <u>www.zoom.us</u> - Click on join a meeting - Meeting ID: 824 8725 0708 Password: AABwf5

1st Sunday of Advent



1 ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jesus sets the tone for how we are to approach this Advent with these words in today's Gospel, "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." The Church gives us Advent as the season of waiting and preparing for the coming of Christ at the end of time. Yet preparations for Christmas occupy our time leaving little or no time for reflection on Christ's admonition. This Advent, let us strive to make it a daily practice to take ten minutes each day to turn your attention to Jesus and to his presence. What change can we make or what practice can we adopt in our daily lives that will help ready us for the time when Christ comes to take us home?



Irene Devaney Carmen Ferrante, Jr. Roseann MacKillop Nicolina Matarazzo Ruth Anne Sullivan Anna R. Tinker Donald O. Wilson

We remember in our prayers our deceased parishioners & loved ones.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/1 SUNDAY Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37 Dec 3 MONDAY Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11 Dec 4 TUESDAY Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24 Dec 5 WEDNESDAY Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37 Dec 6 THURSDAY Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1+8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27 Dec 7 FRIDAY Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/ Dec 8 Lk 1:26-38 Day of Obligation Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ SATURDAY Dec 9 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8 Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/ SUNDAY Dec 10 Mk 1:1-8 Pilot Bulletins



Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule

Friday, December 8, 2023

St. Joseph ~ 8:30am & 12noon St. Francis of Assisi ~ 6pm



This week at St. Joseph Church ~ The Sanctuary Candle is lit and the Hosts & Wine for our liturgies are in memory of:

Anthony & Laurie Ansaldi

This week at St. Francis of Assisi Church ~ The Sanctuary Candle is lit and the Hosts & Wine for our liturgies are in memory of:

Pellegrino Ragosa



Baptisms

Congratulations and welcome to the newest members of our parish, who were baptized in November.

Marco Robert Giaimo Luke William McDonough Jack Alexander Reilly

May God continue to bring to fulfillment the great work He has begun with them.

Grand Annual Update

We are at the halfway point in our campaign!



THANK YOU to all who have responded to our appeal and contributed to this campaign! This collection is <u>critical</u> to maintaining the financial stability of our parish. Our Weekly Offertory alone doesn't cover all our operating expenses, so our Grand Annual collection is the bridge that allows us to do so. Especially at this time of year, this collection helps us meet the increased utilities and maintenance costs associated with the cold months coming ahead. **Your help in reaching our goal is needed and most appreciated!**



Goal :\$80,000\$ Collected :\$41,644% Collected :52%

The campaign will be in effect until January 2024. We also offer an on-line donation option, for your convenience. It can be accessed through our website at <u>www.maryqopmedford.com/</u><u>donate</u> or the QR code above.

We ask for your prayerful consideration & generosity!



A very heartfelt thank you for your generous and continued financial support of our parish through your offertory contributions!

Mary, Queen of Peace Parish St. Joseph & St. Francis of Assisi Churches

November 12 Offertory including online giving: \$7,480 November 19 Offertory including online giving: \$6,406 November 26 Offertory including online giving: \$7,149 Weekly Budget Requirement: \$10,000

Retired Religious Sisters: \$2,750

Next week's 2nd Collection: Monthly Maintenance

Booking Mass Intentions

We are now booking Mass Intentions through March 2024. If you would like to book a Mass for a loved one, please contact the parish office at 781 -396-0423 x 103.



Christmas Dinner & Concert

Saturday, December 16, 2023

~Dinner: 5pm at the St. Joseph Social Center ~Concert: Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols 7pm at St. Joseph Church

Menu: Lasagna with salad, beverages & dessert Children's Menu: Cheese Pizza with chips, beverage & dessert

Tickets: \$18 Adult; \$7 Child

Tickets on sale through Wednesday, December 13 after weekend Masses, at the Parish Office or online at <u>www.MaryQOPMedford.org</u>

We hope you will join us for this special evening!

MARY, QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH

AN ADVENT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Saturday

16 DECEMBER

at 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Church 118 High Street Medford, MA

featuring The Choir of Mary, Queen of Peace Parish and Friends

Mark Nemeskal, Conductor Shawn Mikkelson, Director of Music and Organist

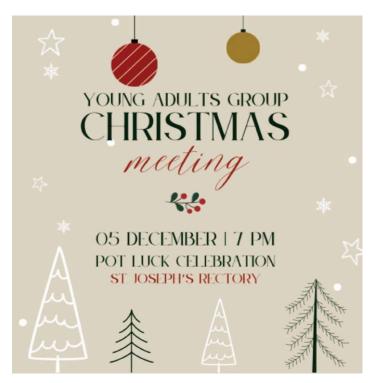
Rev. Paul Sullivan, Pastor Rev. Peter Shen, Parochial Vicar

1st Sunday of Advent



THANK YOU!

The Brown, Kenney, and Regan families made a significant donation for the new parish and school signs, in memory of Jim and Madelyn Brown, and in gratitude for all they have received from the parish and school.



Young Adults Group meetings are open to all, ages 21 and over. Our mission is to build faith through community and community through faith. Please join us for scripture, snacks, and laughs!

For more information, please contact Father Peter at <u>pshen44@yahoo.com</u> or Stephanie at <u>spw085@gmail.com</u>.

Next COFFEE HOUR Sunday, December 10th!

We hope you will join us for our Coffee Hour on the 2nd Sunday of every month!

- Coffee Hours will follow:
- ~the 10am Mass at St. Joseph (Cafeteria)
- ~the 11:30am Mass at St. Francis of Assisi (Lower Church Hall).



All are welcome!



RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you an adult who has not yet been baptized and would like to explore the possibility of being baptized?

Are you an adult who was baptized in a non-Catholic Christian community and would be interested in entering into full communion with the Catholic Church?

Are you an adult who was baptized in the Catholic Church as a child, never received further faith formation, and would like to pursue reception of the sacraments beyond baptism?

Are you an adult who did not complete your Religious Education and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?

If any of these descriptions applies to you, please consider participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – RCIA. The RCIA is the process of spiritual and catechetical formation through which adults decide to be baptized or enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. You are welcome to pass this notice on to a family member or friend.

We will have an introductory meeting on Sunday, December 17, 2023 following the 10am Mass at St. Joseph Church.

For questions or to register, please contact the parish office or Fr. Peter Shen at <u>pshen44@yahoo.com</u>

Baby Shower Thank you!

We the staff and residents of Friends of the Unborn are touched to the core of our hearts, by the sacrifice and generosity of so many parishioners of Mary, Queen of Peace Parish by your recent Baby Shower. Our maternity home will house over seven babies and their moms by January, and all the infant clothing for winter, along with the diapers and wipes, were very timely and the cause of great joy. The home goods you poured into our home help keep our costs low at this time of rising prices and we wish to thank you and the St. Vincent de Paul Society for your thoughtfulness and abundance in this regard. It is an honor to partner with you to serve the precious women and infants God has placed in our care. Warmest thanks for your kind hearts, dedication, and hard work on their behalf. ~Friends of the Unborn



Rosary Children

Wednesday, December 6th 3:30pm at St. Francis of Assisi Lower Church

Our December meeting will be Christmas themed! In addition to praying the Rosary, we will decorate Christmas cookies and make Christmas cards for the Courtyard Nursing Home residents. All children and parents/guardians welcome!

For more information, please contact Nadia at kevinandnadia1@verizon.net

Staff Contact List

To reach a member of our staff, please call 781-396-0423 and dial the following extension:

Fr. Paul Sullivan	Pastor	121
Fr. Peter Shen	Parochial Vicar	108
Laura Powers	Finance & Operations	104
Doreen Breen	Faith Formation	118
Nancy Albanese	Faith Formation	105
Alisa O'Dowd	Office Manager	103
Shawn Mikkelson	Music Director	116
Joe Sestito	Maintenance	115
Pat Cappucci	School Tuition Office	117
St. Joseph School	781-396-3636 ext	0
Parish Fax	781-391-2919	

Wreath Sale **This Weekend!**

Medford's Boy Scout Troop 416 will be selling wreaths and swags at our churches:

Saturday, December $2^{nd} \sim$ before and after the 4pm Masses at both churches

Sunday, December 3rd ~

St. Joseph - after the 8am Mass, before and after the 10am Mass St. Francis - before and after the 11:30am Mass

Prices are ... Decorated Wreath - \$25, Undecorated Wreath - \$15, Decorated Swag - \$25

To order online, please visit www.maryqopmedford.org

Orders placed online can be delivered to your home or picked up at St. Francis of Assisi Church. Please make checks payable to "BSA Troop 416"

Questions? Contact Laurie at 617-694-3392 or email bsatroop416fundraiser@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for your support!

Mary, Queen of Peace Parish St. Joseph/St. Francis of Assisi Churches **Christmas Eve Pageant**



Make sure to scan the OR code and sign your child up for the pageant prior to practice.

3:30 pm Before the 4 pm Mass Ages 3 & up

St. Joseph Practices: 11/27/23 at 5 pm 12/6/23 at 5 pm 12/10/23 after 10 am Mass 12/20/23 at 5 pm 12/24/23 at 3 pm

> Please contact Caitlyn Murphy 617-875-5718 or Melissa DeMeo at 617-678-9833

We are still hoping to have a Christmas Pageant at St. Francis, please let us know if your interested in leading.















Registration **Opens Nov. 14**



Courses

• Trinitarian Theology & Christology

• Faith & Reason

Spring 2024

- Ecclesiology
- and others

www.sjs.edu/the-theological-institute 617-779-4104





Pilot Bulletins

Saint Joseph, Medford, MA 4632