

# 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

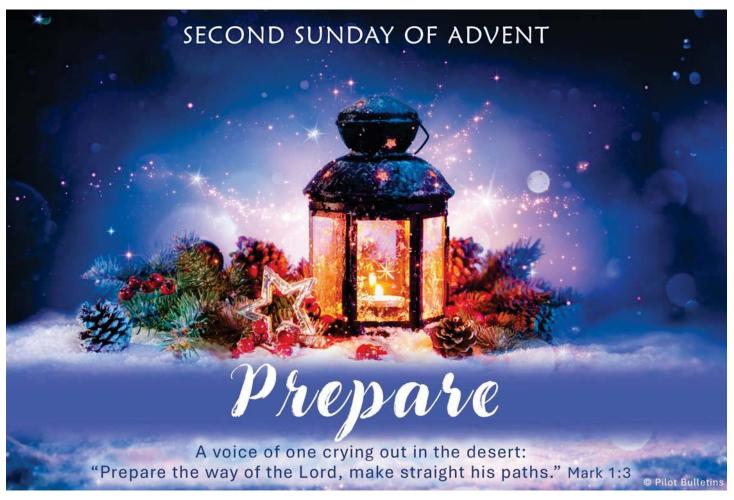
Weekend Masses: Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 8am & 10am



**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 10, 2023 Mass Readings #862

St. Francis of Assisi		St. Joseph Mass Intentíons	
Mass Intentions		Mas	s Intentions
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		Dave Dallall
		Sunday 12/10/23	
Sunday 12/10/23		8:00 am	Jun He Wu
11:30 am	Nancylee Robbins	10:00 am	Salvatore Reid and Lea,
4:00 pm	Alfred Del Muto		Asunta & Giosue Rossetti
Tuesday 12/12/23		Monday 12/11/23	
8:30 am	Phyllis Paterna & Concetta Manfra	8:30 am	Bill & Barbara Feeney
	••••••	Wednesday 12/13/23	}
Thursday 12/14/23		8:30 am	Frank & Marion Romano
8:30 am	Christopher Costarelli		& Marion Claire Romano
Saturday 12/16/23		Friday 12/15/23	
8:30 am	Giuseppe Lavanga & Esterina Lavanga	8:30 am	Lois Meinhardt
4:00 pm	John P. Dugas and John & Josephine Miele	Saturday 12/16/23	
		4:00 pm	Constantino lannaccone
Sunday 12/17/23		Sunday 12/17/23	
11:30 am	John E. Welch	8:00 am	Antonio Colarusso
4:00 pm	Lucy Del Muto	10:00 am	Ralph & Livia Biagiotti

*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

#### Second Sunday of Advent





The prophet Isaiah instructs us: "Prepare the way of the Lord." What does it mean to "prepare the way for the Lord," and what can you do differently to prepare for the Lord's coming? St. Peter give us a suggestion in our second reading, "conduct yourselves in holiness and devotion" as we await Christ's coming. Living by these words is more difficult than it sounds! Begin each day this week by making this simple prayer your own, "Come Lord Jesus, come! Come Lord Jesus. come." Grant me the grace to conduct myself in holiness and devotion.



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

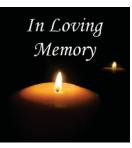
### Mary, Queen of Peace Parish St. Joseph & St. Francis of Assisi Churches

**December 3 Offertory** including online giving: **\$9,235** Weekly Budget Requirement: **\$10,000** 

This week's 2nd Collection: Monthly Maintenance Next week's 2nd Collection: Grand Annual

# WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

SUNDAY Dec 10	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14/2 Pt 3:8-14/ Mk 1:1-8
MONDAY Dec 11	Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab+10, 11-12, 13-14 Lk 5:17-26
TUESDAY Dec 12	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Judith 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
WEDNESDAY Dec 13	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8+10/Mt 11:28-30
THURSDAY Dec 14	Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1+9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
FRIDAY Dec 15	Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4+6/Mt 11:16-19
SATURDAY Dec 16	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4+6/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
SUNDAY Dec 17	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54/ 1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
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# Joan G. Colangeli Matilda Musto Virginia L. Wilson

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

## MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



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

Michael & Mary Ciaccio & Lawrence & Agnes Salvatore

*This week at St. Francis of Assisi Church* ~ The Sanctuary Candle is lit in memory of:

Mary, Helen & Peggy Buckley

The Hosts & Wine for our liturgies are in memory of:

# Hester & Carroll Buckley

# **Staff Contact List**

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

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

December 10, 2023



# **GIVING TREE**

This year, our Parish's Giving Tree program is supporting the ~

Big Wishes Gift Card Drive for the Home for Little Wanderers and St. Francis House!



The weekend of December 9-10, 2023, our Giving Trees will be set up at both churches – St. Joseph and St. Francis of Assisi. We invite you to take a gift tag from the Giving Tree. Each gift tag asks for a donation of a gift card in \$25 or \$50 denomination to one of the following stores:



The weekend of December 16-17, 2023, we ask that you return your UNWRAPPED gift card donation with the gift tag attached to the Giving Tree at the weekend Masses. Parish representatives will be there to gratefully accept your donation.

# THANK YOU for helping make a child's Christmas special through your generosity!

# **COFFEE HOUR this 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) and the 11:30am Mass at St. Francis of Assisi (Lower Church Hall).





Saturday, December 16, 2023

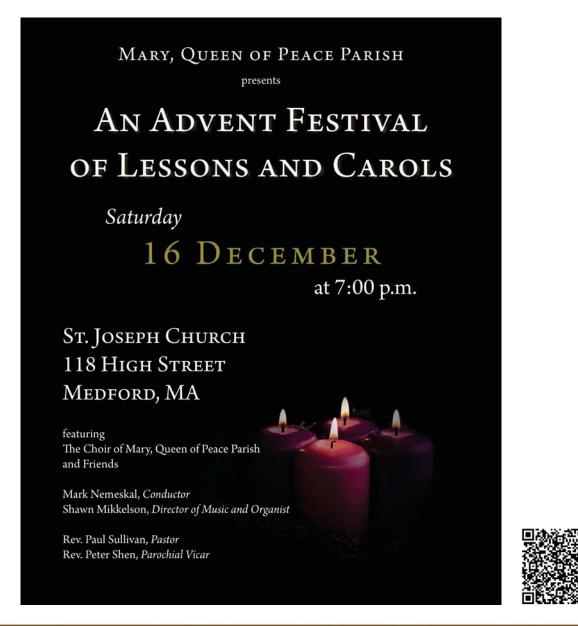
~Dinner: 5pm at the St. Joseph Social Center ~Concert: An Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols, 7pm at St. Joseph Church

> 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 using the QR code below or at <u>www.MaryQOPMedford.org</u>

We hope you will join us for this special evening!





# **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>

## Mary, Queen of Peace Parish St. Joseph/St. Francis of Assisi Churches Christmas Eve Pageants



3:30 pm Before the 4 pm Mass at both chruches Ages 3 & up



<u>St. Joseph Practices</u> 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

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



<u>St. Francis of Assisi Practices</u> 12/6/23 at 4 pm 12/13/23 4 pm 12/20/23 4 pm 12/22/23 at 3 pm

Please contact Mea Mustone 857-354-1368 Email meamustone@yahoo.com

> or Tegan Mustone tmustone04@gmail.com



# **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.

% Collected : 58%

# **Grand Annual Update**

## We are making great progress! We only have two months left to go!

**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!** 

## <u>Goal</u> : \$80,000 <u>\$ Collected</u> : \$46,310

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/donate</u> or the QR code.



We ask for your prayerful consideration & generosity!

Second Sunday of Advent











# Registration **Opens Nov. 14**



# Courses

# • Trinitarian Theology & Christology

• Faith & Reason

Spring 2024

- Ecclesiology
- and others

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





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