

## 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



John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." John 1:26-27

# December 17, 2023 Mass Readings #865

St. Francis of Assisi		St. Joseph	
Mass Intentions		Mass Intentions	
Saturday 12/16/23		Saturday 12/16/23	
8:30 am	Giuseppe Lavanga & Esterina Lavanga	4:00 pm Constantino lannaccone	
4:00 pm	John P. Dugas and John & Josephine Miele	Sunday 12/17/238:00 amAntonio Colarusso	
Sunday 12/17/23		10:00 am Ralph & Livia Biagiotti	
11:30 am	John E. Welch	Monday 12/18/23	
4:00 pm	Lucy Del Muto	8:30 am Souls in Purgatory	
<b>Tuesday 12/19/23</b> 8:30 am	Margaret "Peg" Mahoney	Wednesday 12/20/23 8:30 am John "Bia" Garrity, Jr.	
<b>Thursday 12/21/23</b> 8:30 am	Spirito, DePasquale & DeSimone Family	Friday 12/22/23 8:30 am Jerry Marchese & Vito Auterio	
<b>Saturday 12/23/23</b> 8:30 am 4:00 pm	Anita & John Turchi Tony Scaparotti	Saturday 12/23/23 4:00 pm John D. Nelson Family & Salvatore Tringali Family	
Sunday 12/24/23		Sunday 12/24/23	
11:30 am	Arlene Munro	8:00 am Charles White	
4:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass	10:00 am Beniamino Martignetti	
11:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass	4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass	

*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.

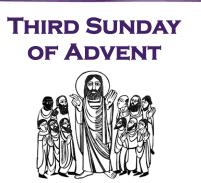
*Confessions* - Saturdays after the 8:30am Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church and Saturdays from 3-3:45pm at both St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph Churches.

*Legion of Mary* - Wednesdays, 6:30pm-8pm at the St. Joseph Lower Church Sacristy. Please email <u>adoration24sj@comcast.net</u> 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

#### Third Sunday of Advent



The Scripture readings of this third week of filled with Advent are thanksgiving, encouragement and joy, attitudes that are so needed in our lives. As you listened to the Scriptures today consider, what words reassured you, encouraged you, or gave you hope? Whatever words caught your attention, God intended them for you! Take those words to heart, and realize that, as St. Paul states in the second reading, "The One who calls you is faithful" and will do what he says!



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

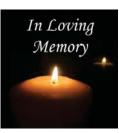
December 10 Offertory including online giving: \$7,944 Weekly Budget Requirement: \$10,000

#### Monthly Maintenance: \$2,531

This week's 2nd Collection: Grand Annual Christmas Collection: Clergy Benefit Trust

### WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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
MONDAY Dec 18	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
TUESDAY Dec 19	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
WEDNESDAY Dec 20	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
THURSDAY Dec 21	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/ Lk 1:39-45
FRIDAY Dec 22	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
SATURDAY Dec 23	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10+14/ Lk 1:57-66
SUNDAY Dec 24	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29/ Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38



Danielle Bielski Jason P. Rallo Augustine Russo Virginia L. Wilson

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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



## **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?

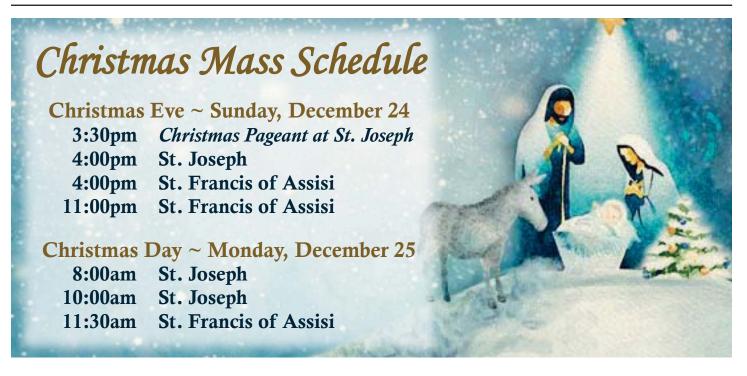
Are you an adult who was baptized in the Catholic Church as a child, never received further faith formation, and would like to pursue reception of the sacraments beyond baptism?

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 this Sunday, December 17, 2023 following the 10am Mass at St. Joseph Church.

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





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



3:30 pm Before the 4 pm Mass at St. Joseph Church Ages 3 & up

St. Joseph Practices

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 hope you will join us on Christmas Eve for the Pageant!

There was not enough participation to have a Christmas Pageant at St. Francis this year! Hoping you will consider next year.



## **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.

## **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
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St. Joseph School	781-396-3636 ext	0
Parish Fax	781-391-2919	

Third Sunday of Advent



## **Rosary Children**

We had a great time at our December meeting! In addition to praying the Rosary, we decorated Christmas cookies and. made and delivered Christmas cards to the Courtyard Nursing Home residents.

We hope you will join us for our next meeting on Wednesday, January 10 at 3:30pm at the St. Francis of Assisi Lower Church Our January meeting will be Snowflake themed!

All children and parents/guardians welcome!

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



## **GIVING TREE**

This year, our Parish's Giving Tree program is supporting the  $\sim$ 

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

Last weekend, December 9-10, we asked you to pick up a gift tag from our Giving Trees.

This weekend, December 16-17, we ask you to return your UNWRAPPED gift card donation with the gift tag attached at any of our 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!

## **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 *critical* 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 <u>\$ Collected</u> : \$46,310 % Collected : 58%

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 www.marygopmedford.com/donate or the QR code.

We ask for your prayerful consideration & generosity!



# Mary, Queen of Peace Parish Council

### Please join us in welcoming the newest members of our Parish Council! May God guide them in their mission to serve our parish.

**Ann Carroll** has been a catechist for Mary, Queen of Peace Parish since 2010, helping with the St. Joseph family Mass for two years before that. She was a core member of Medford LifeTeen/Youth Group and is currently a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and/or Altar Server at the Sunday 4PM Mass. She has received certificates in Catholic Theology; Evangelization; and Protecting God's Children Training for Facilitators 4.0 through the RCAB, and Theology of the Body - Foundations through Sacred Heart College (Petersborough, Ontario, Canada).

**Joe Plati** - I feel privileged to be considered for the Mary, Queen of Peace Parish Council. I came to St. Joe's over fifty years ago as a St. Clement High graduate to join the parish's young adults club. Over the years, I have always helped out as a collector at mass and still do when called on. I also served for awhile as a lector and/or Eucharistic Minister. Since 2018 to the present, I'm a volunteer on the Homebound Eucharistic Ministry team. I'd be honored to serve on our parish council.

**Barbara St. Germain** - I have been a member of St. Francis of Assisi for 46 years during which time I served as the Corresponding Secretary to the Women's Club; was sponsor to many events including the St. Anthony Feast, and served on various committees such as Inspiring Hope. Currently, I volunteer one day a week at the parish office. Additionally, I serve as Greeter and Usher during the 4:00 pm Sunday Mass.

**Cindy Watson** - I lived my Cursillo more than 10 years ago and try to incorporate the essential ingredients namely piety, study and action into my daily life. In addition, I subscribe to the adage, "a cheerful heart is good medicine but a crushed spirit dries up the bones". As a greeter in the Church, I strive to embrace all parishioners with a sense of joy.

**Stephanie Paradis** is a young professional who has lived in Medford with her husband for 8 years. She works as a consultant for a boutique data management firm and is co-coordinator of the Mary Queen of Peace Young Adults Group.

**Tracy Mauro** is a long-time parishioner and has brought up her children in this parish. She loves her parish and is a person of great faith. She believes in leading by example, especially with her children, to show them the importance of a life of faith. She is interested in coming up with ways to help the parish and reach everyone to involve them in the life of the parish.

**Christopher Celano** - I am a father, husband, and physician, and my family and I have been parishioners at Mary Queen of Peace Parish for the past three years. My faith, leadership experience (including currently serving on the leadership councils of two professional organizations), and professional work put me in a strong position to contribute to the parish. If elected to the parish council, I would work to enhance the liturgies of the parish, increase opportunities for parishioners to learn about and deepen their relationships with God, and help the parish to grow in faith and in number. Thank you very much for considering me for the Mary Queen of Peace Parish Council.











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