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Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:30am

Weekend Masses:

Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 8am & 10am



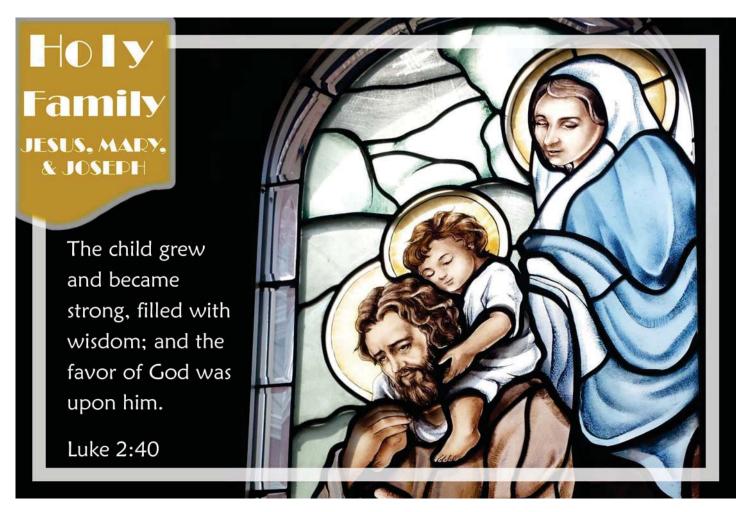
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Pecember 31, 2023 Mass Readings at #874

St. Joseph

Mass Intentio

St. Francis of Assisi

Mass Intentions

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Saturday 12/30/23		Sat	urday 12/30/23		
	8:30 am	Anna May Riminiscenza		4:00 pm	Jerry C. DeCristofaro
	4:00 pm	Elmer King III	Sur	nday 12/31/23	
Sur	nday 12/31/23		Oui	8:00 am	Frederick & Michelina Bucchi
	11:30 am	Carmine & Doris Matta		10:00 am	Helen Cataldo
	4:00 pm	Dolores Dietrich		10.00 am	rieleri Cataluo
Мо	nday 1/1/24	Solemnity of Mary	Мог	nday 1/1/24	Solemnity of Mary
	11:30 am	Mass		8:30 am	Mass
Tuesday 1/2/24		147			
	8:30 am	Rose Scaparotti & Concetta Manfra	We	8:30 am	Simeone Dominijanni
Thursday 1/4/24		Evic	lov 4/5/24		
	8:30 am	Special Intention: Dorothy Covalucci	FIIC	8:30 am	Special Intention: Yanick Louis
Sat	urday 1/6/24				
	8:30 am	Baby John Kevin Purifory and	Sat	urday 1/6/24	
	4:00 pm	Anita & John Turchi		4:00 pm	Peter Lennox Brady
	•	Helen & Edward Bockley	Sur	ıday 1/7/24	
Sunday 1/7/24				8:00 am	Special Intention:
	11:30 am	Bill Sindoni			Yvrose Allien & Family
	4:00 pm	Edna P. Bailey		10:00 am	Katherine Branley

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 adoration24si@comcast.net or 617-459-8735.

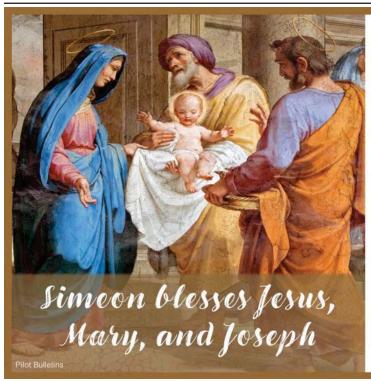
Sacrament of Baptism - Baptisms are held on the first Sunday of the month at St. Francis of Assisi Church and on the third Sunday of the month at St. Joseph Church. Instruction for first time parents and godparents is held at St. Francis of Assisi on the last Sunday of every month after the 11:30am Mass 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 adoration 24si@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: www.zoom.us - Click on join a meeting - Meeting ID: 824 8725 0708 Password: AABwf5



Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sunday, December 31, 2023

First Reading – Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14: "Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother."

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 128: "Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."

Second Reading – Colossians 13: 12-21 "And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body."

Gospel – Luke 2:22-40: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

In today's Gospel, Simeon and Anna make a startling prediction about Jesus and the life that awaits him, a life that would hold both joy and suffering. Mary and Joseph held in their hearts all they heard and remained faithful to all that God asked of them as parents. St. Paul gives powerful recommendation for parents and children alike for how to imitate the Holy Family – "Put on kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another." Because Jesus, Mary and Joseph lived in this way, they are the model for our families. Pray for your family that God will give you the grace to grow in these beautiful virtues.



Mary Abbott

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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Booking Mass Intentions

Beginning January 2, we will be booking Mass Intentions through April 2024. If you would like to book a Mass for a loved one, please contact the parish office at 781-396-0423 x 103.



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

COFFEE HOUR Sunday, January 14th

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

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

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God



New Year's Day January 1, 2024

8:30am Mass at St. Joseph 11:00am Rosary at St. Francis 11:30am Mass at St. Francis

Join us to celebrate the **The Solemnity of Mary** by praying together a

ROSARY for PEACE

January 1, 2024 at 11:00 am (Immediately before the 11:30am Mass) at St. Francis of Assisi Church

Asking our Blessed Mother's intercession to her Son to bring Peace to our world, our community and our families.

Members of our Rosary Children, Legion of Mary, Prayer Groups and Faith Formation Parish ministries will be leading us in praying the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.

All are Welcome!



Rosary Children

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



Holiday Notices

The Parish Office will be <u>closed</u> & there will be <u>no</u> Prayer Group at St. Francis of Assisi on ~

New Year's Day Monday, January 1, 2024

Wishing you all a very Blessed & Happy New Year!

Young Adults Group

The Young Adults Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm at the St. Joseph Rectory. Our 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 pshen44@yahoo.com or Stephanie at spw085@gmail.com.

St. Francis of Assisi Tree of Life

"We Remember Them"



The St. Francis of Assisi **Tree of Life**, located by the church baptistery, is for memorials, or to honor the living and great moments in our lives. Packets explaining the process of purchasing a leaf are available at St. Francis of Assisi Church. For more information, please call the Parish Office at 781-396-0423 x 103.

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Our **GIVING TREE** program raised \$4,000 in gift card donations!

Each of the charities The Home for Little Wanderers and
St. Francis House - will receive \$2,000!

Thank you for your generosity!



Next meeting of the **Parish Book Club**:

Tuesday, January 9th
7:00 pm
St. Francis of Assisi
Lower Church Hall

Our next book to read and share in discussion is:

St. Francis of Assisi By G. K. Chesterton

This book is a biography of one of the most loved saints, written by one of the best authors and profound thinkers of his time. In this book, Chesterton shows us the impulsive young man whose very impulsiveness was an important part of what made him a Saint. Francis' simplicity and love of God and His creation is made very clear by the author's well chosen words of his own wisdom, as well as the wisdom of the Saint and God.

We have a limited number of books for sale at the Parish Office at the discounted rate of \$10 each. Please call us at 781-396-0423 to get your copy, while supplies last.

If you are interested in joining the Parish Book Club, please contact the Parish Office to sign up.

We look forward to seeing you!



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.

For questions or to register, please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Peter Shen at pshen44@yahoo.com

Hosts & Wine and Sanctuary Light Memorial Donations

Mary, Queen of Peace offers a special way to honor your loved ones while supporting our parish. For a donation of \$25, you can remember your loved ones by having the *Hosts & Wine* for the week's liturgies or the *Sanctuary Light* lit in their memory.

Please call the parish office at 781-396-0423 x 103 to donate or for more information.

Have you considered **ONLINE GIVING?**

Mary, Queen of Peace offers Online Giving through our website. It's a safe, convenient and cost effective way to make your donations! You can even choose to set up recurring gifts.

To donate online, please visit our website www.MaryQOPMedford.org and click the **DONATE** tab. If you need assistance or would like more information, please call the parish office at 781-396-0423 x 103.

Reasons to sign up for Online Giving:

- No need to write checks or bring cash to church.
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- All contributions are recorded for you on your bank statement with date of settlement.
- No need to use the envelope system, thereby creating cost savings for the parish.
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"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." - 1 Peter 4:10

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



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 17 Offertory including online giving: \$7,963 Weekly Budget Requirement: \$10,000

Grand Annual: \$6,840

The December 24, 25 & 31 collection amounts will be reported in the January 14 bulletin.

Next week's Second Collection: Monthly Maintenance January 14 Second Collection: Grand Annual

Grand Annual Update



We continue to make great progress!

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!



\$ Collected: \$54,690 % Collected: 68%

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

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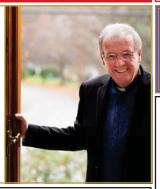
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