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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

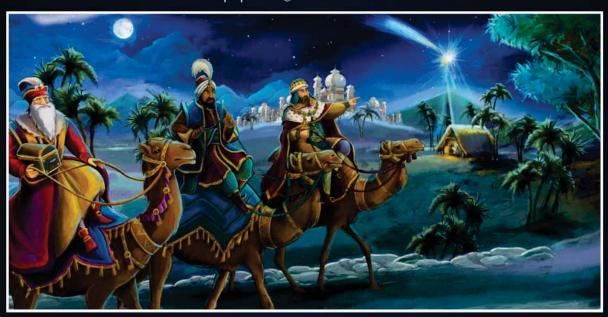
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# Epiphany of the Lord



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

Matthew 2:1-2

January 7, 2024 Mass Readings at #878

St. Joseph

St. Francis of Assisi

Mary Finocchiaro

4:00 pm

Mas	ss Intentions	Mass	Intentions
Saturday 1/6/24		Saturday 1/6/24	
8:30 am	Baby John Kevin Purifory a Anita & John Turchi	nd 4:00 pm	Peter Lennox Brady
4:00 pm	Holon & Edward Bookloy	Sunday 1/7/24	
4:00 pm <b>Sunday 1/7/24</b>	Helen & Edward Bockley	8:00 am	Special Intention: Yvrose Allien & Family
11:30 am	Bill Sindoni	10:00 am	Katherine Branley
4:00 pm	Edna P. Bailey	Monday 1/8/24	
Tuesday 1/9/24		8:30 am	Adoration Team - Living &
8:30 am	In Thanksgiving to St. Lucy St. Odilia	&	Deceased
Thursday 4/44/24		Wednesday 1/10/24	
<b>Thursday 1/11/24</b> 8:30 am	Virginia McGonagle	8:30 am	The Silvestro & Stalisi Families
Saturday 1/13/24		Friday 1/12/24	
8:30 am	For the People	8:30 am	Catherine Natola
4:00 pm	Carmela & Samuel Corrente Carmen Ventola and Josep	Caturday 1/12/2/	
	Fama	4:00 pm	Connie & Raphael Evangelista
Sunday 1/14/24			
11:30 am	John E. Welch and	Sunday 1/14/24	
	Theresa & Bill McManus	8:00 am	Joseph & Irene Plati

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 adoration24sj@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.

10:00 am

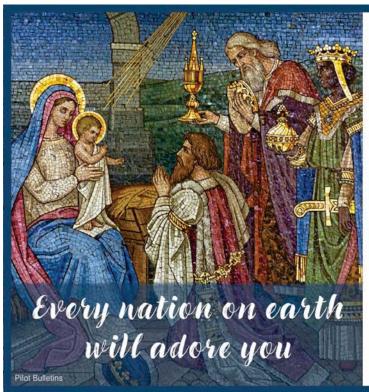
Emilia Santos-Silva

**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: www.zoom.us - Click on join a meeting - Meeting ID: 824 8725 0708 Password: AABwf5



## Solemnity of the Epiphany of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Sunday, January 7, 2024

**First Reading** — Isaiah 60:1-6: "Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD."

**Responsorial Psalm** — Psalm 72: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

Second Reading — Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6: "It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."

**Gospel** — Matthew 2:1-12: "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

In this feast of Epiphany, be open to hear anew the familiar story of the Magi. What lessons will we take from this gospel for our spiritual lives? Notice the persistence of the Magi to keep looking for Christ. See how reverent they were upon finding Him. As often happens, having encountered Christ, we like the Magi, are urged to take a different route to return to home. The Magi didn't find Christ in Herod's palace, rather they found him in a stable. Where are we being invited to see Christ today? What "route" - what "new way" might God be inviting us to embark on as his followers? Hopefully, the story's familiarity will not cause us to overlook what we are to discover anew, and what Christ desires to reveal!

### READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2024 YEAR B Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord SUNDAY Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13/Eph 3:2-3,5-6/ Jan 7 Mt 2:1-12 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1-4,6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2,3-4,3,9-10/ MONDAY Jan 8 Mk 1:7-11 or ls 55:1-11 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/ls 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mk 1:7-11 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8+1:9-20/ TUESDAY Jan 9 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:14-20+1:21-28 WEDNESDAY 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2+5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/ Jan 10 Mk 1:29-39 THURSDAY 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45 Jan 11 FRIDAY 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12 Jan 12 Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church SATURDAY 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Jan 13 Mk 2:13-17 2ND SUNDAY 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/ **ORDINARY TIME** 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42 Jan 14



# Baptisms

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

Mika L. Anderson Thomas Blaise Ancheta Ballesteros Abigail Tone Louise Lela

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

## **Booking Mass Intentions**

We are now 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.

# COFFEE HOUR Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>

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)



# **Rosary Children**

Join us for our next meeting!
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

# 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 <a href="mailto:pshen44@yahoo.com">pshen44@yahoo.com</a> or Stephanie at <a href="mailto:spw085@gmail.com">spw085@gmail.com</a>.

# 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:

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- Peace-of-mind knowing that the parish is receiving your contribution, even if you are unable to attend.
- More secure than checks by providing a 128bit encrypted secure browser connection and secure storage protected by strong firewalls and other defense systems.
- 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



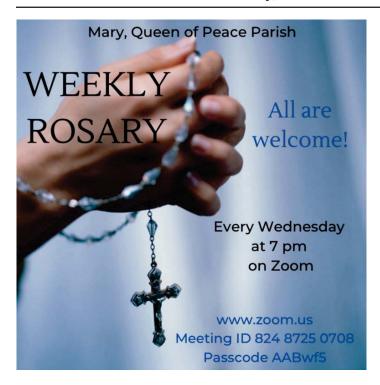
A very heartfelt thank you for your generous and continued financial support of our parish through your offertory contributions!

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

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

This week's Second Collection: Monthly Maintenance

Next week's Second Collection: Grand Annual



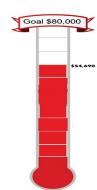
# **Grand Annual Update**

We continue to make great progress!



**THANK YOU** to all who have responded to our appeal and contributed to this campaign! This collection is <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 Goal: \$80,000

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

The campaign will be in effect until January 2024. We also offer an online donation option, for your convenience. It can be accessed with the QR code above or on our website <a href="https://www.maryqopmedford.com/donate">www.maryqopmedford.com/donate</a>

We ask for your prayerful consideration & generosity!



# 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 <a href="mailto:pshen44@yahoo.com">pshen44@yahoo.com</a>



# Happy New Year from Mary, Queen of Peace Parish!

May God Bless you & your families in this new year!

# **Prayer for My Parish**



Almighty God, my parish of Mary, Queen of Peace is composed of people like me. I help to make it what it is. It will be a friendly parish if I am friendly. It will be holy if I am holy. Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. It will do great work if I work. It will be prayerful if I pray. It will make generous gifts to various charities if I am a generous giver. It will be a parish family of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion and charity if I - who make it what it is - am filled with these same qualities. Therefore, with the help of God, I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. Bless my journey, Lord God, that I might follow Jesus and build up the Church for your glory. Amen.

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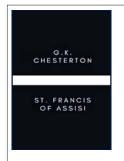
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## **Staff Contact List**

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

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Fr. Peter Shen	Parochial Vicar	108
Laura Powers	Finance & Operations	104
Doreen Breen	Faith Formation	118
Nancy Albanese	Faith Formation	105
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St. Joseph School	781-396-3636 ext	0
Parish Fax	781-391-2919	



# Next meeting of the Parish Book Club:

Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>
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!

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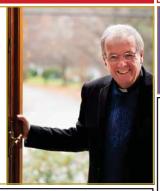


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