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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

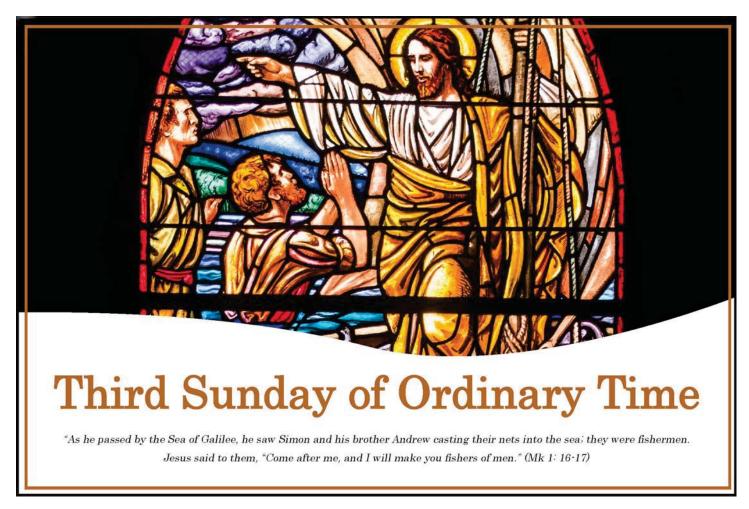
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January 21, 2024 Mass Readings at #935

St. Francis of Assisi Mass Intentions

St. Joseph Mass Intentions

| Saturday 1/20/24 | | Saturday 1/20/24 | |
|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------|------------------------|
| 8:30 am | Anthony Bono | 4:00 pm | Thomas & Dorothy Mawn |
| 4:00 pm | John Miele | | |
| · | | Sunday 1/21/24 | |
| Sunday 1/21/24 | | 8:00 am | Johnny Cassidy |
| 11:30 am | Anthony Federico & Family and Donato DiCenso | 10:00 am | Jerry C. DeCristofaro |
| 4:00 pm | Jimmy Resendes & Jose Resendes | Monday 1/22/24 | |
| | | 8:30 am | Kim Baxter |
| Tuesday 4/22/24 | | | |
| Tuesday 1/23/24 8:30 am | Anna Gaudio | Wednesday 1/24/24 | |
| 0.30 am | Allia Gaudio | 8:30 am | Carmine Ferrante |
| Thursday 1/25/24 | | | |
| 8:30 am | Jamie Trainor | Friday 1/26/24 | |
| | | 8:30 am | Victoria Dominijanni |
| Saturday 1/27/24 | | | , |
| 8:30 am | Anna & Ralph Gaudio | Saturday 1/27/24 | |
| 4:00 pm | Tony Scaparotti | 4:00 pm | Helen Mignosa |
| Sunday 1/28/24 | | Sunday 1/28/24 | |
| 11:30 am | Alfonso & Carmela Rizzo | 8:00 am | Lillian & John Cassidy |
| 4:00 pm | Madeline Albanese | 10:00 am | Francis Doherty |
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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 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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Today's gospel gives us another version of the call of the disciples. Again, it starts with an invitation. Jesus invites the disciples to "come after him" that is, to come to friendship with him and imitate him. They did just that and therefore were able to bring others to Christ. What Jesus did with those first disciples, he does for us, if we are willing to come to friendship with him. Now, the challenge before us is - will we take the next step, to share our friendship with Christ with others. It's time to put aside our lack of confidence and to hear what Jesus says to us today, "come after me and I will make you fishers of men [and women]" How will you respond? What action will you take?



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

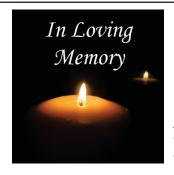
Mary, Queen of Peace Parish St. Joseph & St. Francis of Assisi Churches

January 14 Offertory including online giving: \$6,927 Weekly Budget Requirement: \$10,000

Grand Annual: \$4.483

This week's Second Collection: St. Francis Furnace

Next week's Second Collection: Church in Latin America



Joseph Blake Alice Driscoll Elvira T. Moore Evelyn Mottola Teresa Poli

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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



This week at St. Francis of Assisi Church ~

The Sanctuary Candle is lit and the Hosts & Wine for our liturgies are in memory of:

Margaret "Peggy" McGillivray (Leone)

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.

READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2024 YEAR B

3RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME AND 4:444-20 Mk 1:14-20 Jan 21

MONDAY Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Jan 22 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30 TUESDAY

Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35 Jan 23 WEDNESDAY Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Jan 24 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle THURSDAY Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/ Jan 25 Mk 16:15-18

FRIDAY Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 4:26-34 Jan 26

SATURDAY Saint Angela Merici, Virgin Jan 27

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 4:35-41 4TH SUNDAY

ORDINARY TIME Dt 18:15-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28 Jan 28

Holy Hour for Life

With Exposition of the Holy Eucharist

St. Francis of Assisi Church Sunday, January 21, 2024 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM



"... that I should not lose anything of what he gave me..." John 6:39

The Boston Deacons for Life, working in collaboration with the Pro-Life Office, are sponsoring an Archdiocesan wide Holy Hour for Life in recognition of the inherent dignity of all human life. This Holy Hour will be held Sunday, January 21, 2024, from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

The Holy Hour will be prayed that week at over 200 parishes, college campuses, hospitals, and convents. Please join us this Sunday, January 21 at Saint Francis of Assisi Church.

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

Grand Annual Update

Our Campaign ends this month!

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

<u>\$ Collected</u>: \$64,735
<u>% Collected</u>: 80%

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

We ask for your prayerful consideration & generosity!



St Francis of Assisi Church Furnace Replacement



Old St. Francis furnace



Joe Sestitio & Charlie Uglietto from Cubby Oil with the new furnace

Dear Members of the Parish,

As you know, the furnace in St. Francis of Assisi Church began to fail in mid-December, and our vendor, Cubby Oil, recommended that we replace this 40+ year old furnace as soon as possible. The replacement project, which began on January 8th, is completed.

Paying for the New Furnace - We need your help!

The cost to install the new furnace is almost \$78,000. The small amount of savings that the Parish has cannot pay for this. Therefore, the Finance Council voted unanimously on December 21 to use money from the "Inspiring Hope" Capital Campaign fund that was intended to make upgrades in the St. Francis Parish Center HVAC system. We will use \$40,000 from this fund to help pay for the new furnace in the church, since this is urgently needed.

Cubby Oil Co. will allow the Parish to pay the remainder, about \$38,000, over the next 12 months interest-free. So, I am asking the people of the Parish to please give what you can in some special collections we will have during the next few months. You can also send donations directly to the office, or online at our Parish website www.maryqopmedford.org. I am inviting people who normally attend St. Joseph Church to also contribute to this collection. We are one Parish and have the duty to care for all of our buildings. (Note: the 2nd collection this Sunday, January 21 will be for the furnace replacement fund, which will take the place of the snow removal collection.)

Thank you!

Thank you for your patience while the furnace was being replaced, and thank you for any contributions that you can make to pay for this unexpected and urgent project.

Fr. Paul Sullivan, Pastor

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.
- 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.
- IT COSTS YOU NOTHING!

"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

New Choir Members Welcome!



We are always looking for new choir members. We are just starting regular rehearsals and hope that you will join us.

Come hear us sing at the 11:30am Sunday Mass at St. Francis, and talk to Music Director Shawn Mikkelson to learn more. You can contact him in person or at mikkelson_shawn@yahoo.com. It is never too late to join us!

Save the Date! February Dinner

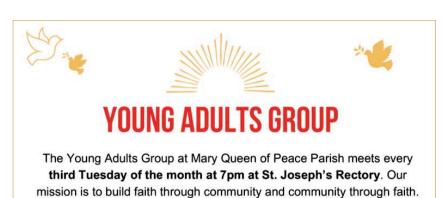
Saturday, February 17 at 5pm

Menu & Ticket information coming soon!



Would you like to be an Altar Server?

Being a Altar Server is one of the best ways to serve God! If you have received First Holy Communion and are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please contact Chris Donelan at pho71@yahoo.com or Melissa DeMeo at mcspoohbear83@aol.com.



Meetings are open to all - whether you are young or young at heart - but please, a minimum age of 21 is requested. Please join us for scripture, snacks, and snacks!



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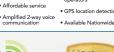


















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