

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If you wish, you can make me clean."

Mark 1:40



February 11, 2024 Mass Readings at #944

St. Francis of Assisi		St. Joseph		
Mass Intentions		Mass Intentions		
Saturday 2/10/24		Saturday 2/10/24		
8:30 am	For the People	4:00 pm	Carol Ann Hynes	
4:00 pm	Terry Marchino, Avelino, Helen & Frank Valeri & Deacon Frank & Kay Valeri	Sunday 2/11/24 8:00 am	Andrea Parrella	
Sunday 2/11/24				
11:30 am	Joseph & Angelina Mancuso	10:00 am	Giosue Rossetti	
4:00 pm	James Daniel Shanahan	Monday 2/12/24		
Tuesday 2/13/24		8:30 am	Judith Granara	
8:30 am	Angelo, Theresa, David & Peggy Leone	Wednesday 2/14/24	Ash Wednesday	
Wednesday 2/14/24	Ash Wednesday	8:30 am	Mass	
4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Service Mass	12:00 noon	Mass	
Thursday 2/15/24		Friday 2/16/24		
8:30 am	Francie Lyons	8:30 am	Cornelius "Connie" Murphy	
Saturday 2/17/24		0.1.1.0/47/04		
8:30 am	Mass	Saturday 2/17/24 4:00 pm	Billy Huckins	
4:00 pm	John P. Dugas	4.00 pm	Dilly Huckins	
Sunday 2/18/24		Sunday 2/18/24		
11:30 am	Wayne L. Gray	8:00 am	For the People	
4:00 pm	Special Intention: Bill Murray	10:00 am	Joan Colangeli	

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 Dear Members of the Parish,

I have some surprising news to share with you. St. John's Seminary in Boston has asked me to become a full-time spiritual director there, beginning on June 1, 2024. Unfortunately, this means that I will be leaving the Parish at that time.

For the stability of a parish, it is usually beneficial for a priest/pastor to stay in place for a long time. Yet, the Church in the Archdiocese of Boston has many needs, and priests have to be ready to go and respond to those needs.

I was very surprised to receive this new assignment. I had assumed that I would remain in parish ministry until I retired. Nevertheless, I appreciate the critical importance of this new work: giving spiritual guidance and other assistance to seminarians who will be our future parish priests.

My transfer to St. John's Seminary won't take place until June, but I am announcing this news now, so that the Personnel Office of the Archdiocese can begin interviewing any priests who might be interested in becoming the pastor here. With the assistance of the Personnel Office, Cardinal Sean O'Malley intends to appoint a new pastor at Mary Queen of Peace Parish by June 1.

Change is not easy. I will miss this Parish and the many generous and faithful people here. We can ask the Lord to bring good results out of this transition, even though we might prefer that nothing changes. Let us pray for each other, and also begin praying for whomever will be the next pastor of Mary Queen of Peace Parish. Thank you to Fr. Peter, Fr. John, our staff, and all parishioners who make this Parish a community that loves the Lord and loves one another.

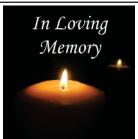
Fr. Paul Sullivan

COFFEE HOURS! This Sunday, February 11th



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

Coffee Hours follow: ~ the 10:00 am Mass at St. Joseph (Cafeteria) ~the 11:30 am Mass at St. Francis (Lower Church)



Patricia Carbone Violet C. Lucia Lawrence Pastore

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:

The Pefine & Pedro Families

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

John & Josephine Miele

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6 [™] SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME Feb 11	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/ Mk 1:40-45
MONDAY Feb 12	Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13
TUESDAY Feb 13	Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21
	Ash Wednesday JI 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14+17/ 2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
THURSDAY Feb 15	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
FRIDAY Feb 16	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
SATURDAY Feb 17	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
1 st SUNDAY OF LENT Feb 18	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Pt 3:18-22/ Mk 1:12-15
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February 11, 2024

St. Francis of Assisi Church Furnace Replacement Update

The St. Francis Church furnace project was successfully completed on January 13, 2024. So far, the new system has been operating well and more efficiently.

The total cost of the project is \$78,000. The Finance Council repurposed the use of the funds available in the Inspiring Hope Campaign, \$40,000, to pay for part of this project. The parish is looking to raise at least the remaining balance of \$38,000, for which our vendor, Cubby Oil, extended 12 months interest free financing.

We are so very grateful for your generous response to our appeal! To date, you have contributed \$24,276 toward the cost of this project. That's 64% of the remaining balance! And, we have seen parishioners from both churches step up to help. THANK YOU!

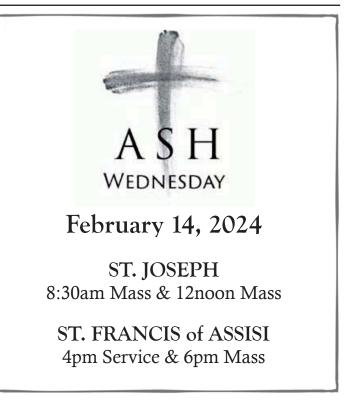
Remaining balance needed \$38,000

Donations received	24,276
Donations needed	<u>\$13,274</u>

If you haven't made a donation, we ask you to prayerfully consider contributing to this project. Over the next few months, we will

have special collections at Masses. You can also make a donation online through our website <u>www.maryqopmedford.org</u> or by scanning the QR code.





Lenten Regulations

Abstinence: Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligations of abstinence. *Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent*. Meat should not be consumed on days of abstinence.

Fasting: Catholics from the age of 18 to 59 are bound to the obligation of fasting. *Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting*. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain one's strength, may be consumed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Paul's words in the second reading today are clear but not necessarily the easiest to do: "whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." This reading is a good attitude for us as we head into the Lenten season this week. Make it your prayer this week that in all things large and small, in your words and in your

actions, your prayer and your intentions will be to give glory to God. Each evening, look back over your day. Notice when you were aware of your intention to do things for God's glory and when you were not. Pray for the grace to act with right intentions in the coming day. As Lent begins, try to maintain this practice and notice the positive difference it makes in your life.

Let's support the practice of almsgiving this Lenten season. We encourage you to participate in our					
	Lenten Gospel Giving Each weekend, members of the parish are asked to bring one NEW item, as suggested based on the readings of the day seen below				
lst Sunday of Lent	"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the dessert," Collecting New toothbrushes, full size toothpaste, hairbrush, full size soap, shampoo, feminine care items, razors, shaving kits, & hand sanitizer for New England Center and Home for Veterans . (Faith Formation organizing)	Feb 17-18			
2nd Sunday of Lent	" and his clothes became dazzling white, " Collecting New Men's white t-shirts all sizes for St. Francis House (Children & Adult Choir organizing)	Feb 24-25			
3rd Sunday of Lent	"Jesus said to her, 'give me a drink" Collecting water & juice boxes for Medford Family Life (Girls & Boys Basketball organizing)	Mar 2-3			
4th Sunday of Lent	"I am the light of the world" Collecting New Full & Queen bed sheets, blankets, comforters, baby diapers, and pull up of all sizes for Home for the Little Wanderers (Young Adult Group)	Mar 9-10			
5th Sunday of Lent	"The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth" Collecting New Women & Men's hats, gloves, & mittens for Bread of Life (Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers organizing)	Mar 16-17			
Palm Sunday Lords' Passion	"Many people spread their cloaks on the road" Collecting only New Men's sweaters, flannel shirts, sweatshirts & hoodies all sizes for St. Francis House . (Children's & Wednesday Zoom rosary, and Monday prayer group organizing)	Mar 23-24			
Holy Thursday -Easter Sunday	"He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet" Collecting pairs of New white athletic socks for Bread of Life (St. Vincent De Paul organizing)	Mar 28-31			

February Wedding

Please keep in your prayers

Arthur Huang S Gabrielle Nguyen

who will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage this month.

Celebrate St. Valentine's Day at our FEBRUARY DINNER!

Saturday, February 17, 2024 5:00pm at the St. Joseph Social Center

> Menu: Roast Beef Dinner with salad, beverage & dessert

Children's Menu: *Cheese Pizza* with chips, beverage & dessert

Tickets: \$18 Adult; \$7 Children under 12

Tickets on sale after weekend Masses, at the Parish Office or online using the QR Code below or at <u>www.MaryQOPMedford.org</u>

Tickets on sale through Wednesday, February 14th. Tickets will <u>not</u> be sold at the door. **All are welcome!**



Young Adults Group ~February Meeting~

February 27 at 7pm at the St. Joseph Rectory

Guest speaker Dr. Brian Becker of Lesley University will join us to discuss psychology being why we need God and how we can lean into faith to help us through stressful, anxious and difficult times. All who may be interested are encouraged to join us.

Email: medfordyag@gmail.com Instagram: maryqueenofpeacemedford



Parish Book Club

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 7pm at the St. Francis Lower Church Hall

Our next book to read and share in discussion is:

The First Phone Call From Heaven By Mitch Albom

One morning in the small town of Coldwater, Michigan, the phones start ringing. The voices say they are calling from heaven. Is it the greatest miracle ever? Or some cruel hoax? As news of these strange calls spreads, outsiders flock to Coldwater to be a part of it. Moving seamlessly between the invention of the telephone in 1876 and a world obsessed with the next level of communication, Mitch Albom takes readers on a breathtaking ride of frenzied hope.

We have a limited number of books for sale at the Parish Office at the discounted rate of \$12 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!*



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

February 4 Offertory including online giving: \$9,138 Weekly Budget Requirement: \$10,000

St. Joseph School Support: \$2,122

This week's 2nd Collection: *Monthly Maintenance* 2/14/24 Ash Wednesday Collection: *Catholic Charities* 2/18/24 2nd Collection: *St. Francis Furnace*

2023 Contribution Statements

If you would like to request a 2023 Contribution Statement of your donations to Mary, Queen of Peace Parish, please contact the Parish Office by email at <u>MedfordCatholic@gmail.com</u> or phone 781-396-0423 x 103.



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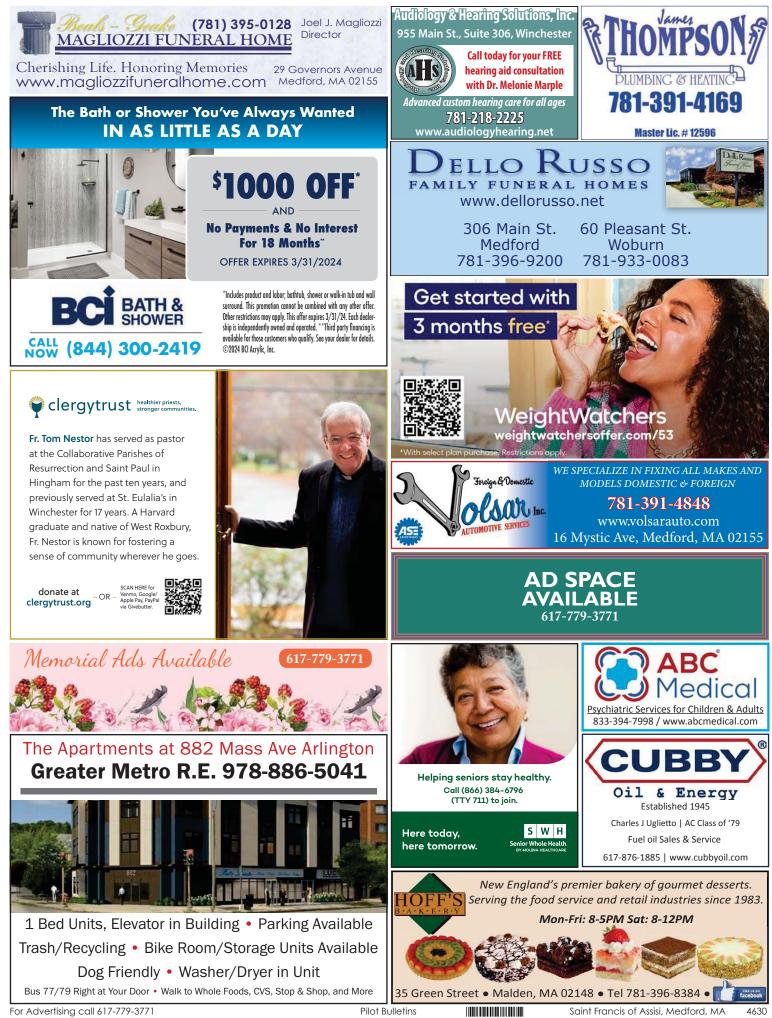




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