

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

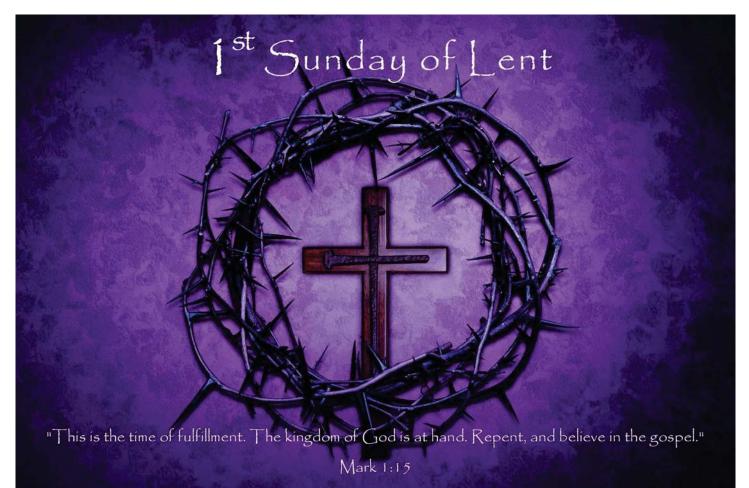
Weekend Masses: Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 8am & 10am



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



February 18, 2024 Mass Readings at #884

St. Francis of Assisi		St. Joseph Mass Intentíons	
Ma	ss Intentions	Mass Intentions	
Saturday 2/17/24		Saturday 2/17/24	
8:30 am	Mass	4:00 pm	Billy Huckins
4:00 pm	John P. Dugas		
		Sunday 2/18/24	
Sunday 2/18/24		8:00 am	For the People
11:30 am	Wayne L. Gray	10:00 am	Joan Colangeli
4:00 pm	Special Intention: Bill Murray		
		Monday 2/19/24	
Tuesday 2/20/24		8:30 am	Souls in Purgatory
8:30 am	Anita & John Turchi		
		Wednesday 2/21/24	4
Thursday 2/22/24		8:30 am	Rick Pelusi
8:30 am	Special Intention: Dorothy Covalucci		
		Friday 2/23/24	
Saturday 2/24/24		8:30 am	Sister Flora DeGuglielmo
8:30 am	Rease Campbell		
4:00 pm	Rosetta DeVita & the DeVita	Saturday 2/24/24	
	Family and Adelina & Aldo Scarpelli	4:00 pm	Joseph lantosca
Sunday 2/25/24		Sunday 2/25/24	
11:30 am	Alfonso & Carmela Rizzo	8:00 am	For the People
4:00 pm	Tony Scaparotti	10:00 am	Jerry C. DeCristofaro

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

First Sunday of Lent



In today's first reading we are given a beautiful reminder that every time we see a rainbow in the sky, God is reminding us of his covenant, his promise, to be with us. Like Christ, we will experience times of temptation to ignore the need for prayer, fasting and alms-giving. Our scriptures are meant to help us remember God's promise of fidelity so that we don't succumb to the temptations of ignoring the call to change our ways. To remember God's promise to be with you, place a rainbow in a prominent place to remind you that you can overcome any temptation, because God is with 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 11 Offertory including online giving: \$8,101 Weekly Budget Requirement: \$10,000

Monthly Maintenance: \$2,925

This week's 2nd Collection: *St. Francis Furnace* Next week's 2nd Collection: *Church around the World*

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. In Loving Memory

Edward Gaffey Robert Nicholson

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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



This week at St. Francis of Assisi Church ~

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

The Prior & McCune Families

Booking Mass Intentions

We are now booking Mass Intentions through May 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

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
MONDAY Feb 19	Presidents' Day Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
TUESDAY Feb 20	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
WEDNESDAY Feb 21	Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
THURSDAY Feb 22	Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
FRIDAY Feb 23	Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
SATURDAY Feb 24	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
2 ND SUNDAY OF LENT Feb 25	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
12.00	Pilot Pulloting

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will be <u>closed</u> on Monday, February 19, 2024 in observance of Presidents' Day.

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 \$25,126 toward the cost of this project. That's 66% of the remaining balance! And, we have seen parishioners from both churches step up to help. THANK YOU!

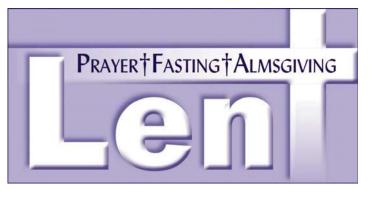
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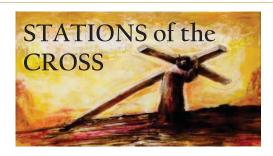
If you haven't made a donation, we ask you to prayerfully consider contributing to this project.

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.







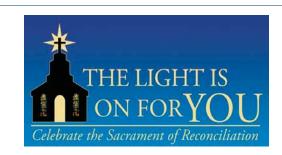


St. Joseph (lower church)

• Fridays at 7pm (February 23 - March 22)

St. Francis of Assisi (upper church)

- Mondays at 7pm (February 19 March 25)
- Good Friday, March 29 at 2pm



CONFESSIONS

St. Joseph Church

• Saturdays 3pm - 3:45pm

St. Francis of Assisi Church

- Saturdays at 9am and 3pm 3:45pm
- Wednesdays during Lent, 6:30pm 7:30pm (February 21 March 27)
- Holy Saturday (March 30) 9am 11am

LENTEN GOSPEL GIVING

Each weekend, members of our parish are asked to donate one NEW item, as suggested, based on the readings of the day.

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

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.



Children Join us for our next meeting! Wednesday, March 6 3:30pm St. Francis of

Rosary

Assisi Lower Church

At our March meeting, in addition to praying the Rosary, we will learn about Saint Patrick, have a Leprechaun Hunt and do a craft.

All children and parents/guardians welcome! For more information, please contact Nadia at kevinandnadia1@verizon.net

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

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
Shawn Mikkelson	Music Director	116
Joe Sestito	Maintenance	115
Pat Cappucci	School Tuition Office	117
St. Joseph School	781-396-3636 ext	0
Parish Fax	781-391-2919	

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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Consider a Priestly Call...Take a risk for God! Enter the mission field where **bold** action meets lasting outcomes. Over 750 priest alumni discerned a sacred call later in life. Maturity with God's grace can move mountains. Can you leave it all to follow Christ? Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary, Weston, MA is offering the latest in its "First Friday Visits" program on March 1, 2024, at 5:00 pm. Holy Hour and Evening Prayer. Option to attend in person or virtually. In person includes dinner with the seminarians and a tour. Virtual includes a Zoom visit following Holy Hour. Make a resolution to be courageous. Consider a priestly call. Contact: msgr.fay@psjs.edu or 781.899.5500 ext. 134. www.psis.edu



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