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Daily Mass:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:30am

Weekend Masses:

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



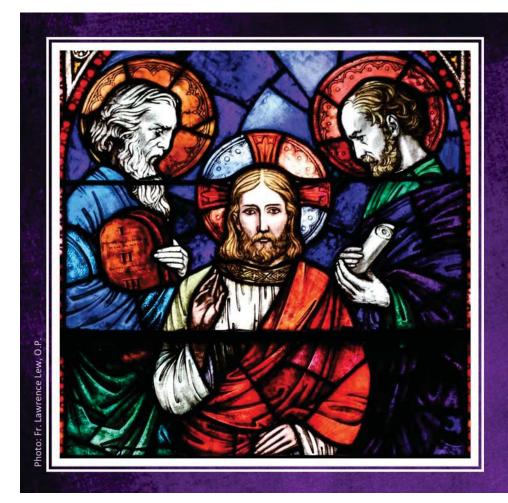
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2ND SUNDAY

OF LENT

THE
TRANSFIGURATION
OF JESUS

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Mark 9:7

February 25, 2024 Mass Readings at #887

St. Francis of Assisi Mass Intentions

St. Joseph Mass Intentíons

Saturday 2/24/24		Saturday 2/24/24	
8:30 am	Rease Campbell	4:00 pm	Joseph lantosca
4:00 pm	Rosetta DeVita & the DeVita Family and Adelina & Aldo Scarpelli	Sunday 2/25/24 8:00 am	For the People
Sunday 2/25/24		10:00 am	Jerry C. DeCristofaro
11:30 am	Alfonso & Carmela Rizzo	Monday 2/26/24	
4:00 pm	Tony Scaparotti	8:30 am	Special Intention: Sister Evelina DeGuglielmo
Tuesday 2/27/24			
8:30 am	Alfornsina Longo	Wednesday 2/28/24	
	-	8:30 am	John Anthony Deyeso, Jr.
Thursday 2/29/24			
8:30 am	Melanie & Christopher	Friday 3/1/24	
	Purifory	8:30 am	Adoration Team - Living & Deceased
Saturday 3/2/24			
8:30 am	Rosina & Frank Fonte	Saturday 3/2/24	
4:00 pm	Vinny DiClemente	4:00 pm	Ivona Longo
Sunday 3/3/24		Sunday 3/3/24	
11:30 am	Kuo-Shyong Chang	8:00 am	For the People
4:00 pm	Katherine Herrett & Francine D'Andrea	10:00 am	Thomas M. Zero, Sr. & Mary D. Zero

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 adoration 24sj@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



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

The readings this week deserve to be read and reread and pondered. "God put Abraham to the test." Those words have an ominous sound, ones that sound worrisome. about what is feels like to say God put (insert YOUR name) to the test. What might that test look like in your life? How are you tested? How do you respond to difficult situations God asks you to face? In our Gospel, we hear God speak "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." As you begin this second week of Lent, listen attentively to what Jesus speaks to you, or asks of you. The important message in our readings today is that God is faithful no matter the circumstances and trials we face.



This week at St. Francis of Assisi Church ~

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

Rosetta DeVita



Members of our parish and their sponsors at the *Rite of Election* at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on Sunday, February 18, 2024. Please pray for them as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation at our Easter Vigil this year.



Ellen "Josie" Maloney Anne M. Mecrones Edward F. Othmer Concetta "Tina" Ranieri Robert J. Reagan

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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2024 YEAR B

2ND SUNDAY Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, OF LENT 18-19/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10 Feb 25 MONDAY Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38 Feb 26 TUESDAY Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Feb 27 Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21+23/Mt 23:1-12 WEDNESDAY Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28 Feb 28 **THURSDAY** Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31 Feb 29 Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, FRIDAY Mar 1 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/ SATURDAY Mar 2 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 3RD SUNDAY Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/ OF LENT 1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 Mar 3 Pilot Bulletins

All Night Eucharistic Vigil

9pm Friday, March 1 - 5am Saturday, March 2, 2024 at St. Joseph Church

The intentions of this vigil is for increased **Adoration and Devotion to the Holy Eucharist**. The theme will be **Divine Mercy Devotion.** Blessed Divine Mercy 8x10 pictures will be distributed to all who attend. Refreshments will be served throughout the night.

- 9pm Mass of the Scared Heart of Jesus -Fr. Paul Sullivan
- 1:30-2:30am Various spiritual exercises
- 3am Divine Mercy Chaplet and Stations of the Cross
- 5am Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary -Fr. Joseph Akilo

For more information or in case of inclement weather, please contact: 978-453-7446 or Helentherese@comcast.net

COFFEE HOURS! March 10th

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)



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 18 Offertory including online giving: \$7,218 Weekly Budget Requirement: \$10,000

St. Francis Furnace: \$4,221

Ash Wednesday for Catholic Charities: \$2,105

This week's 2nd Collection: Church around the World Next week's Second Collection: Monthly Maintenance

2023 Contribution Statements

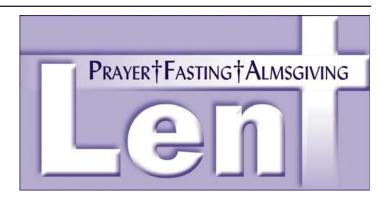
If you would like to request a 2023 Contribution Statement of your donations to Mary, Queen of Peace Parish, please contact the Parish Office by email at MedfordCatholic@gmail.com or phone 781-396-0423 x 103.

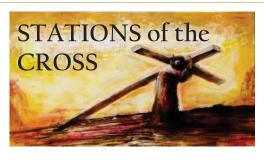


Looking for Photos of Fr. Paul Sullivan!

Do you have any photos of Fr. Paul? We are putting together a slideshow for his going away party and would love to add any photos you would like to share.

Photos can be emailed: mqopfrpaul@gmail.com Questions? contact Doreen at 781-396-0423 x 118



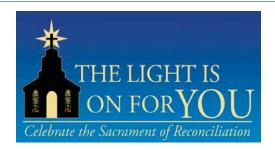


St. Joseph (lower church)

• 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

Let's support the practice of almsgiving this Lenten Season. We encourage you to participate in our

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.



Lenten Regulations

<u>Abstinence</u>: 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.

<u>Fasting</u>: 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.

Lourdes Water ~ The Legion of Mary has a limited supply of Water from Lourdes, the holy place in France where the Virgin Mary appeared in 1858. Donation is \$3 per bottle and can be sent directly to: The Lourdes Center, 698 Beacon St, Boston, MA 02215. Limit 2 bottles per person. Please call 781-391-1396 or email adoration24sj@comcast.net.

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 \$29,347 toward the cost of this project. That's 77% 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 29,347

Donations needed \$8,653

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 www.maryqopmedford.org or by scanning the QR code.



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	



Parish Book Club

Rescheduled due to inclement weather:

Tuesday, February 27 at 7pm St. Francis Lower Church Hall

Our next book to read and share in discussion is: The First Phone Call From Heaven by Mitch Albom

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!*

Young Adults Group

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 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

Rosary Children

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

Booking Mass Intentions

We are now booking Mass Intentions through May 2024. If you would like to book a Mass for a loved one, contact the parish office at 781-396-0423 x 103.



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