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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

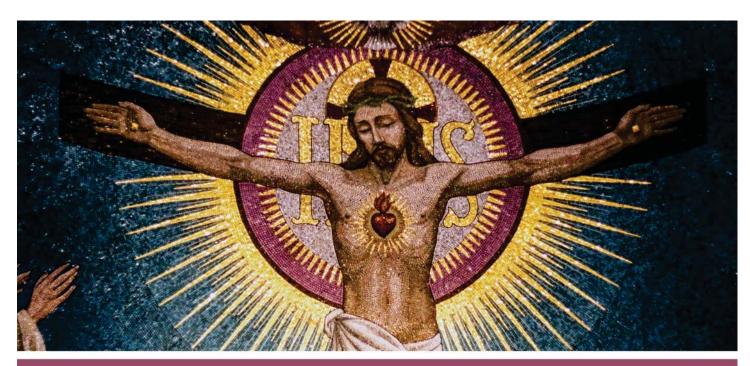


St. Francis of Assisi Church 441 Fellsway West, Medford

Daily Mass:Tuesday, Thursda

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at 8:30am

Weekend Masses: Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 11:30am & 4pm



LAETARE SUNDAY

SUNDAY OF LENT

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

John 3:16

Photo: Fr Lawrence Lew O.P.

March 10, 2024 Mass Readings at #893

St. Francis of Assisi Mass Intentions

St. Joseph Mass Intentíons

Saturday 3/9/24		Saturday 3/9/24	
8:30 am	Special Intention: Gerarda DiBenedetto	4:00 pm	Helen Alpers
4:00 pm	Elena Martignetti	Sunday 3/10/24	
	3	8:00 am	For the People
Sunday 3/10/24		10:00 am	Assunta Rossetti
11:30 am	Joanna Ricciuti		
4:00 pm	Anthony, Antoinette & Michael Dello Russo	Monday 3/11/24	
		8:30 am	John "Bia" Garrity
Tuesday 3/12/24		Wednesday 3/13/24	
8:30 am	Mass	8:30 am	Nicholas Messuri & Karen Messuri
Thursday 3/14/24			
8:30 am	Mass	Friday 3/15/24	
		8:30 am	Maurice, Dolores & David Carroll
Saturday 3/16/24			Carron
8:30 am	Mass	Saturday 3/16/24	
4:00 pm	Tony Scaparotti	4:00 pm	Joseph Fiore
Sunday 3/17/24		Sunday 3/17/24	
11:30 am	Robert Wilson	8:00 am	For the People
4:00 pm	Roy Sodano	10:00 am	Luigi Federico

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 adoration24si@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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Oftentimes at sports events, people hold up a sign "John 3:16" to be shown on a jumbotron! It's likely that many people do not know what John 3:16 is, let alone what the text says! We're given that text in today's Gospel. This text is given to us to remind us of the extent of God's love, the length to which our God went to convince us of His love. All are included in God's vast inclusive love. God loves each one of us as if we were the only one in the world to be loved. As Lent continues take a few minutes to ponder God's all-inclusive love for you. How will you respond to that love?



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

March 3 Offertory including online giving: \$8,678 Weekly Budget Requirement: \$10,000

Monthly Maintenance: \$2,891

This week's Second Collection: Winter Utilities*
*The St. Francis Furnace has been paid for through
your generosity!

Next week's Second Collection: St. Vincent de Paul

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.



John A. Hurley Carmen A. Restivo

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:

Nicholas Messuri & Karen Messuri

This week at St. Francis of Assisi Church ~

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

Anthony, Antoinette & Michael Dello Russo

COFFEE HOURS! This Sunday, 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)

READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2024 YEAR B

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT Mar 10 Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Mar 10 Epn 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

MONDAY Mar 11 Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2+4, 5-6, 11-12a+13b/Jn 4:43-54

TUESDAYMar 12

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY Mar 13 Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

THURSDAYMar 14

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

FRIDAY Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21+23/Jn 7:1-2, Mar 15 10, 25-30

Mar 15 10, 25-30

SATURDAY Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT Mar 17 Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15/Heb 5:7-9/ Jn 12:20-33

Pilot Bulletins

HOLY WEEK

at Mary, Queen of Peace Parish









PALM SUNDAY ~ March 24th

St. Joseph - Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 8am & 10am

St. Francis of Assisi - Saturday at 4pm & Sunday at 12noon & 4pm

HOLY THURSDAY ~ March 28th

9am Morning Prayer Service at St. Francis of Assisi

7pm Celebration of the Lord's Supper at St. Francis of Assisi

GOOD FRIDAY ~ March 29th

9am Morning Prayer Service at St. Francis of Assisi

2pm Stations of the Cross at St. Francis of Assisi

3pm Passion of the Lord Service at St. Francis of Assisi

7pm Passion of the Lord Service at St. Joseph

HOLY SATURDAY ~ March 30th

9am Morning Prayer Service at St. Francis of Assisi

9am - llam Confessions at St. Francis of Assisi

8pm Easter Vigil at St. Joseph

EASTER SUNDAY ~ March 31st

St. Joseph - 8am & 10am

St. Francis of Assisi - 9am & 11:30am (no 4pm Mass)



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This weekend, we are launching the **Catholic Appeal** at our parish. Father Paul and Father Peter will invite us to make a donation by completing a donation envelope at all of this weekend's Masses. As Catholics, each of us shares the responsibility of the Church community – both directly within our parish and to the greater Church. We hope to achieve 100% participation from our parishioners!

Thank you to those who have already responded generously to Cardinal Seán's invitation! Because of your early support, we have already reached 14% of our goal of \$53,400.

We are grateful for your support and for responding in faith, hope, and charity by making a gift to the 2024 Catholic Appeal. We are stronger together and your generous participation is greatly appreciated!

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



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
- Holy Saturday (March 30) 9am 11am

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

LENTEN GOSPEL GIVING

Let's support the practice of almsgiving this Lenten Season. 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.



St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's Day Dinner

Saturday, March 16, 2024 at 5pm at the St. Joseph Social Center

Join us to celebrate St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Feast Days with great food and lots of fun!

Menu: Traditional Irish Boiled Dinner with your choice of Corned Beef or Ham

Children's Menu: Cheese Pizza

Tickets: Adult \$20 / Children (under 12) \$8

Tickets on sale after weekend Masses, at the Parish Office or online at www.MaryQOPMedford.org
Tickets on sale through Wednesday, March 13.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

We hope to see you there!



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 to: mqopmedford@gmail.com
Questions? Contact Doreen at 781-396-0423 x 118

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 adoration24si@comcast.net.



The Young Adults Group would like to thank everyone who came to last Tuesday's meeting. And a special thank you to Dr. Becker for his fascinating talk on the psychology behind why we need God and faith!



Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 19 at 7pm at St. Joseph's rectory. As March is International Women's Month, we will be taking a look at the role of women in the Church. We will explore what it means to be a woman, God's purpose for us, and great examples of womanhood throughout the ages.

Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome over the age of 21.



Cornhole Tournament

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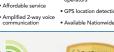


















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