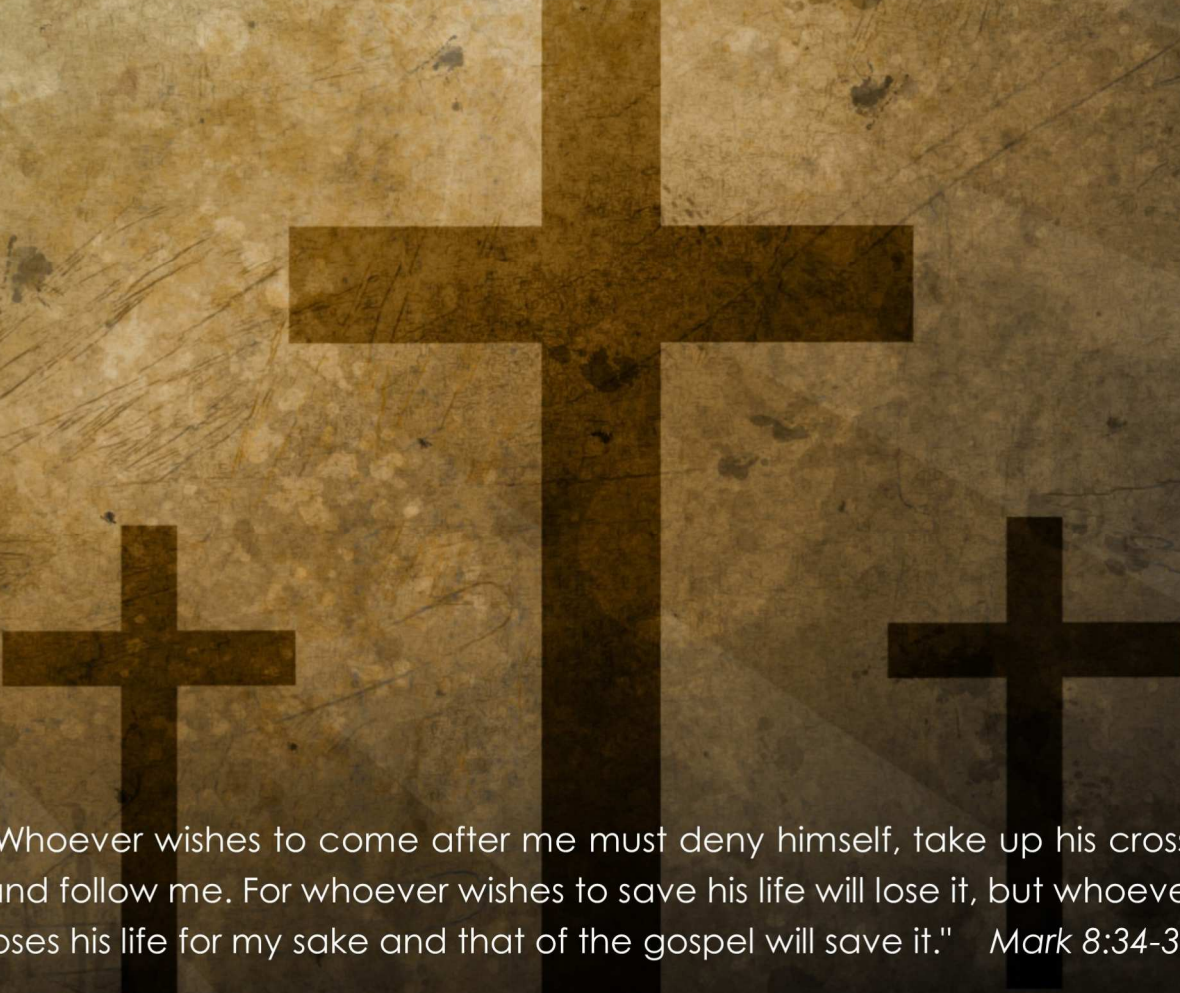


24th
Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Collaborative of
St. Francis of Assisi
& St. Joseph Parishes
Medford, MA

September 16, 2018

Discipleship



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." *Mark 8:34-35*

Collaborative of St. Francis of Assisi Parish & St. Joseph Parish

www.medfordcollaborative.org

Collaborative Mass Schedule

St. Francis of Assisi

441 Fellsway West, Medford

Daily Mass: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday - 8:30am

Weekend Masses: Saturday - 4pm

Sunday - 9am & 11am

St. Joseph

118 High Street, Medford

Daily Mass: Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 8:30am

Weekend Masses: Saturday - 4pm

Sunday - 8am, 10am & 12 noon

Collaborative Staff

Pastor: Fr. Paul V. Sullivan
Parochial Vicar: Fr. Peter Shen
Priest In Residence: Fr. Daniel Moloney (Chaplain at MIT)

Director of Finance and Operations: Laura Powers *Phone: 781-396-0423 x113*

Director of Faith Formation & Youth Ministry: Doreen Breen *Phone: 781-396-0423 x126*

Faith Formation Coordinator: Ann Carroll *Phone: 781-396-0423 x114*

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St. Joseph Music Director: Betsy Pesce *Phone: 781-396-0423 x125*
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St. Joseph Business Manager: Karen Sturniolo

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St. Francis of Assisi Email: saintfrancischurch@comcast.net

St. Joseph School

Main Office: 781-396-3636

Tuition Office: 781-396-0423 x117

Website: www.stjosephschoolmedford.com

Principal: Tim Forti

Early Childhood Learning Center Director:
Linda Iacobone 781-395-7780

September 16, 2018



Welcome to New Parishioners

No matter what your present status
in the Catholic Church,
No matter what your current family
or marital situation,
No matter what your current personal
history, age, background, race, etc.,
No matter what your own self-image; you
are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved
and respected here at
The Collaborative of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish
and Saint Joseph Parish.

If you are new to the parish,
please introduce yourself to a member of the
Parish Staff after Mass or at your convenience.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples should make arrangements with one of our
priests or deacon at least six months before the
wedding.

Pastoral Care of the Sick and Elderly

Please contact the Parish Center Office to make
arrangements, if you are going into the hospital, or
have a family member who is homebound and would
like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

If a family member cannot come to church and
would like to receive Communion at home,
please notify us.

Remembering Our Parishes

Please consider remembering St. Francis of Assisi
Parish, St. Joseph Parish or St. Joseph School when
drafting your estate plans.

For more information, please call
Laura Powers at 781-396-0423 Ext 113. Thank you.

From Fr. Paul...

Dear Friends,

Today, the Religious Education classes begin for
our Collaborative Parishes (please contact Doreen
Breen at our office to register ASAP if you have
not already done so). May these classes and
activities throughout this school year be filled
with many moments of learning, prayer, and
growth. I encourage all parents and children to
approach these classes - and also Sunday Mass -
as opportunities to encounter more deeply the
Lord Jesus Christ.

As busy as our lives are, let's make our weekly
encounter with Christ at Mass a priority. The One
who descended from heaven, Who became man,
and died for our sakes, has risen from the dead,
and lives within us by Baptism. He has promised
us, "I am with you always, until the end of
time." What strength and consolation His
promise gives us!

Father Paul

St. Francis of Assisi's September Monthly Dinner

Saturday, September 29th
following the 4pm Mass at the
St. Francis of Assisi Dining Hall



Menu:

*Lasagna & Chicken, Broccoli & Ziti
Beverages & Dessert*

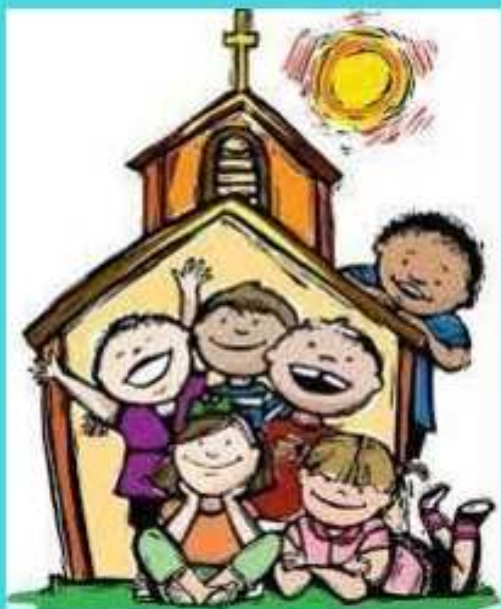
Tickets: \$10 Adult/\$5 Child

Tickets will be sold after all St. Francis of Assisi
Masses and at our Collaborative Parish Office at
the St. Joseph Rectory, 114 High Street. You can
also call the office at 781-396-0423, to reserve
tickets by Wednesday, September 26th.

As we need an accurate count, if you do not call
in advance to reserve your ticket, you will not be
able to purchase a ticket at the door.

All are welcome!

Medford Catholic Collaborative St. Francis of Assisi & St. Joseph Faith Formation



Classes start this week!

You can register online at
medfordcollaborative.org

Click on Faith Formation

Questions, email mccfaithformation@gmail.com

or call Faith Formation Office at

781-396-0423

We are still in need of few
teachers for our classes.

Come share your faith and talents
with our parish children.



The St. Francis of Assisi family rosary club *Rosary Children* visited the residents of Courtyard Nursing Home recently to pray the Rosary and sing songs with them. *Rosary Children* meets on the second Wednesday of the month from 3:30-4:30 at St Francis of Assisi's lower church. All families are welcome.

Annual Silver and Golden Anniversary Mass

If you are celebrating your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary this year, please join Cardinal Seán O'Malley on Sunday, Oct. 28 at St. Mary Parish in Waltham at 4:00PM for the annual Anniversary Mass with renewal of vows. Couples can register at bostoncatholic.org/weddinganniversarymass. For more information, contact Kelly Tolman at ktolman@rcab.org or 617-746-5803.

Weekly Scripture Readings

16 SUN Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

17 Mon 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Lk 7:1-10

18 Tue 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Lk 7:11-17

19 Wed 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 7:31-35

20 Thu 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50

21 Fri Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13

22 Sat 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15

23 SUN Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Annual Collaborative Mass of Anointing



What is a Mass of Anointing?

At this Mass our sick and elderly will be offered the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The graces of this sacrament are Strength, Peace and Courage in times of illness. We come together as a community to pray for healing for one another.

Where: Saint Joseph Church, 118 High St., Medford

When: Saturday, October 13th at 11am with Confessions at 10am

After Mass, lunch will be provided at the St. Joseph Parish Social Center next to the church. Both the church and social center have wheelchair access.

If you plan to attend, please fill out the attached form and return it by depositing it into the collection baskets at any Mass at either church or to our collaborative office at the St. Joseph Rectory by Thursday, October 4th. You may also call our office at 781-396-0423 if you plan to attend.

The Mass/luncheon is made possible by the support of the parish priests, the St. Vincent DePaul Group and YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE POOR BOXES.

I plan to attend Mass and lunch _____ St. Joseph parishioner

I plan to attend Mass and lunch _____ St. Francis parishioner

Number of guests _____ (adults only please)

Name _____



TOWN HALL MEETINGS

September 29, 2018 after 4:00pm Mass at
St. Joseph Parish Center Cafeteria

September 30, 2018 after 11:00 am Mass at
St. Francis Parish Center Dining Hall

We invite all our parishioners to attend this important meeting. It's an opportunity for us to come together as a community and participate in charting the course of our Mission.

Please join us to discuss the following agenda:

- Collaborative Pastoral Plan
- Parish & School Annual Report
- Introduction to 2018 Grand Annual Appeal

In preparation for the meeting, we encourage you to become acquainted with the Pastoral Plan, which can be found on our website www.medfordcollaborative.org. The success of this plan depends on your generosity of time, talent, treasure and prayer. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you can get involved and make a difference.

For your review and consideration, the Annual Report will be published in the bulletin the weekend of September 30, 2018, will be posted on our website by September 26, 2018 and will be available in paper form at the Town Hall meetings.

You will also receive the Grand Annual Appeal letter in the mail in the days before the Town Hall meeting. The goals, priorities and challenges we are hoping to address through this Appeal will be explained in the letter.

We look forward to seeing you and thank you for your continued support!



St. Joseph Parish Annual Concert

Sunday, October 14, 2018, at 2pm

The music ministry invites you to join us on Sunday afternoon, October 14, 2018, at 2pm in the upper church, for our St. Joseph Parish Annual Concert. Both our Adult and Youth Choirs and The Messengers (our young adult music group) will perform, and there will be an opportunity for the audience to join with us in singing!

This year's program, entitled, "**Building Bridges**", is being dedicated to **Prayer for Unity...in our communities and in the world...**, and will once again consist of a varied program of sacred, classical and popular selections. A portion of the proceeds from our concert ad book will be donated to "UnityWorks" Foundation, a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote understanding of the oneness of humanity, the value of diversity, and the need for unity - with a focus on education and schools.

*There will be a luncheon in the social center following the concert, catered by Carroll's Restaurant in Medford (kindness of parishioner, Attorney Victor Garo). **Please note: when you arrive for the concert, you will receive a voucher which will enable you to attend the luncheon.***

We urge you to take this opportunity to come and join our choirs and instrumentalists in a prayerful and playful musical celebration! For more information, please email Betsy at stjosephmusic@msn.com or call 781-781-396-0423 x125 (office) or 617-335-8155 (cell).



Loved Ones In Service

*Presently on active duty
serving our country:*

CPL Gerald P. Byrnes, Jr., US Marine Corps.

SPC Ryan Barry, US Army

Cameron Howard

Nicholas C. Lavery

2LT Richard Neil Matta, US Army

**Staff Sergeant 3rd Special Forces,
Cairo M. Prisco, US Army**

Daniel Silva

*Our prayers go out to all men and women
who are serving our country.
May God protect them.*

Welcome Home!

As a parish community, it is with great pleasure that we welcome home **Keith Conway** from his tour of duty.

We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for his service and dedication.

May God Bless him and his family!

Clergy Health and Retirement Trust Collection

The diocese-wide collection today will support the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our priests. In the Archdiocese of Boston, we are blessed to have 590 men who have devoted their lives to serving Christ and his family. Your gift to this collection will help provide our priests with an appropriate level of care and quality of life so they can continue sharing the good news, performing good works, and spreading good faith. Remember the priests who have been there in your time of need, and consider honoring them with a generous gift to this special collection. You may also make a gift online at clergytrust.org or you can donate \$25 through your cell phone by texting the word **PRIEST25** to **20222** (msg. & data rates may apply). Thank you for your generous and prayerful support of our priests



Thank You to Medford's First Responders!

This past Sunday, September 9, 2018 our collaborative parishes came together in prayer to honor the men and women in our City's First Responder departments – Police, Fire, EMT – for their dedication to the safety and well being of our citizens. Pictured above are Father Paul, our Pastor, retired Fire Chief Larry Sands and Police Chief Leo Sacco. Our parishes thank you for your service!



*Please remember the
following people who
are in need of prayers:*

Theresa O'Brien Carew, Sr. Waltrude Dennis CSJ, Pasqualina DeSimone, Jack Foley, Jeffrey Morgan, Torbert Prior, Joel Rivera, Donald & Ronald Sisson, Rob Stengel, Donna Trabucco, Bob Tringali, Pauline Vojtas & Denise Zero

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Mass Intentions

Saturday 9/15/18

8:30 am Marie A. McCabe
4:00 pm Robert and Ellen Dunn

Sunday 9/16/18

9:00 am Vincent and Mary Musto
11:00 am Diane Geehan and Harry and Elizabeth McColgan

Tuesday 9/18/18

8:30 am Henry A. Ranelli

Thursday 9/20/18

8:30 am Kathleen McAdam

Saturday 9/22/18

8:30 am Encarnaco and Ernesto Germano, Daniel Sousa and Jose Resendes
4:00 pm John and Marguerite A. Fallon and Elizabeth J. Golden

Sunday 9/23/18

9:00 am Ettore and Angela Ricci
11:00 am Rose, Joseph, Alberta and Albert Puccia and John Hoff

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday, 9:00 am - Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday morning after the 8:30 am Mass, Saturdays from 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm in the upper church confessional or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are held on the second Sunday of the month at 12:30 pm. Instruction for first time parents and godparents is held at St. Francis of Assisi on the last Sunday of every month after the 11:00 am Mass in the upper church (unless there is a schedule conflict).

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Monday at 7:00 pm in the upper church. All are welcome.

Weekly Prayer Group

The St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Group meets every Monday at 7:30 pm in the upper church to pray the Rosary. All are welcome.

Secular Franciscans

The Secular Franciscans, formerly Third Order, meet at St. Francis of Assisi on the fourth Sunday of every month at 2:00 pm in the Dining Hall. All are welcome.



September 9th Collections

Offertory: \$3,458
Monthly: \$1,886

Second Collection this week: Clergy Benefit Trust

A special THANK YOU to all those who share their talent, time, presence and support with St. Francis of Assisi Parish.



September Weddings

Please keep in your prayers these couples who will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage this month.

Philippe Henriques & Brittany Delicato
Shane Maciel & Talia Galasso
Curtis Paparin & Nicole Frattura

St. Joseph Parish

Mass Intentions

Saturday 9/15/18

4:00 pm Laurie A. Ansaldi

Sunday 9/16/18

8:00 am Agnes Salvatore

10:00 am For the People

12:00 noon Raffaella DeLuca

Monday 9/17/18

8:30 am Laurene Stagliano

Wednesday 9/19/18

8:30 am Nancy Sannella

Friday 9/21/18

8:30 am Luciano Lunardi

Saturday 9/22/18

4:00 pm Hugh Goulding and Maeve Goulding

Sunday 9/23/18

8:00 am For the People

10:00 am Nora Scali Patterson

12:00 noon Rocco Coyne

Readings: #998



This week the Sanctuary Light is lit in memory of:

Christopher DeBenedictis

The Hosts and Wine for this week's liturgies are in memory of:

Agnes Salvatore

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Friday, 9:00 am - Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday afternoon from 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm in the upper church or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm. Instruction for first time parents and godparents is held at St. Francis of Assisi on the last Sunday of every month after the 11:00 am Mass in the upper church (unless there is a schedule conflict).

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm in the lower church. (Adoration will not be held on days Medford schools are closed due to weather.)

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary meets Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the back room of the lower church. All are welcome!



September 9th Collections

Offertory: \$6,986

On-going Maintenance: \$1,980

A special THANK YOU to all those who share their talent, time, presence and support with St. Joseph Parish.



Salvatore D'Amico
Diane Ridgley

and all our deceased parishioners and loved ones.



September Weddings

Please keep in your prayers these couples who will celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage this month.

John Lee & Jessica Eddy