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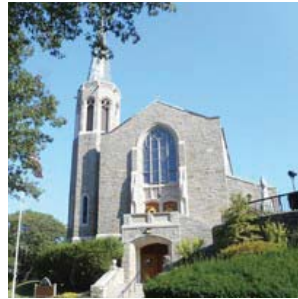
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**St. Joseph Church**  
118 High St, Medford

**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 9am & 11am

Dear Parish Families,

Cardinal Sean O'Malley has approved my request to name our newly merged Parish as "Mary, Queen of Peace." I made this request after our survey of parishioners in late July and early August. Although the voting was close, "Queen of Peace" received the most votes. It seems providential to me that this name (which was suggested by several parishioners) received the most votes during this time in which we are struggling with a pandemic and also with social and political turmoil in our country. Our nation, our community, and our families need the peace that the Lord gives, through the intercession of His Mother Mary.

The title, Queen of Peace, was added to the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1917 by the pope in the midst of World War I. This Litany is traditionally prayed at the end of the Rosary. Since she is the Mother of Jesus the Prince of Peace, let us all ask her to keep our Parish and our families close to her Son and give us peace.

"O Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, you who stood at the foot of the cross, obtain from your Son pardon for our sins; you who never doubted the victory of his resurrection, sustain our faith and our hope; you who are enthroned as Queen in glory, teach us the royal road of service and the glory of love. Amen." (from a prayer of Pope Francis in 2016)

Father Paul

## **We welcome all to our public Masses!**

**If you are attending Mass, please review the following guidelines issued by the Archdiocese of Boston to ensure everyone's safety:**

- To allow for social distancing, we have limited capacity at our churches.
- **If you plan to attend weekend Mass, please sign up in advance** by visiting our website at [www.MedfordCollaborative.org](http://www.MedfordCollaborative.org) or by calling our office at 781-396-0423 x 103 by Friday at Noon.
- Please wear a mask, and practice social distancing.
- For your safety, surfaces are sanitized regularly.
- If you are not feeling well, please stay at home.
- **The dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation will continue for the foreseeable future.** Cardinal Seán strongly encourages people in vulnerable populations, especially the elderly and those with complicating physical conditions, to continue to watch Mass from their homes.
- **Sunday Masses will continue to livestream on our website on Sunday at 10am.**

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 6, 2020**

### *Can you help?*

We are looking for volunteers to join our Mass Hospitality Committee to help as greeters and ushers at our weekend Masses. We would be so grateful for your participation in making every Mass a welcoming, safe celebration. If you would like to help out at one of our Masses, please call our Parish Office at 781-396-0423 x 103. Thank you!



### **Mary, Queen of Peace Parish St. Joseph & St. Francis of Assisi Faith Formation**

Faith Formation Registration is now open  
for grades 1-10!

To register, please visit our website at  
[www.medfordcollaborative.org](http://www.medfordcollaborative.org)  
under Faith Formation - Registration 2020-2021

Questions? Please contact us at:  
781-396-0423 (Doreen x 118 or Nancy x 105)  
[mccfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:mccfaithformation@gmail.com)



Congratulations and welcome to the newest members of our parish, who were baptized in the month of August.

*Vivian Ann DeMaio  
Adelina Maria DeVita  
Michaela Cristina LaPosta  
Aria Evarline Marchetti  
Mia Marjorie Mercurio  
Brielle Lyn Spencer*

May God continue to bring to fulfillment the great work He has begun with them.



**Russell Rossi  
Michael A. Sciarra**

*We remember in our prayers, Russell, Michael and all our parishioners who have passed away during this difficult time. May they rest in peace.*

**Please note: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.**

### **Parish Merger Update**

Cardinal Sean O'Malley approved our request to merge our parishes and issued a Decree of Merger, which made our union effective on August 1, 2020. As a result, our two parishes have come together to form a new entity for canonical, sacramental, financial and legal purposes so that we can be **stronger together** as a Catholic Community. Recently, Cardinal Sean O'Malley approved our newly merged Parish name as "Mary, Queen of Peace."

When making financial donations to our new Parish, please continue to make checks payable to: *Saint Joseph – Saint Francis of Assisi Parish*. Parishioners who use the envelope system will receive their envelopes with the new Parish name in the coming days. In the meantime, please continue to use the envelopes you have.

During this transitional time, our on-line giving systems will remain unchanged. In the coming weeks, our on-line giving system will also merge and will change. We will reach out to all those who participate in on-line giving to guide you through this change.

Please don't hesitate to contact our Parish Office by phone at 781-396-0423 or by e-mail at [lpowers.stjoseph.stfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:lpowers.stjoseph.stfrancis@gmail.com) if you have any questions or need assistance.



**A very heartfelt thank you for your generous and continued financial support of our parishes through your offertory contributions!** Your donations help us continue our ministry and service to our parish community during these challenging times.

**Please consider Online Giving** if you don't already do so - it is safe and easy to do - by visiting our website and clicking on the "Online Giving" tab. Or, you can send your donation in the mail or put it through the mail slot in the front door at our Parish Office at 114 High Street, Medford.

#### **St. Francis of Assisi**

**August 30 Offertory including Online Giving: \$3,369**  
**Weekly Budget Requirement: \$4,615**

#### **St. Joseph**

**August 30 Offertory including Online Giving: \$3,442**  
**Weekly Budget Requirement: \$7,560**

## St. Francis of Assisi Mass Intentions

### Saturday 9/5/20

8:30 am Joseph Prendergast  
4:00 pm Sabatino Amatangelo

### Sunday 9/6/20

9:00 am For the People  
11:00 am Rita Chiodo

### Tuesday 9/8/20

8:30 am Maryann Chisholm

### Thursday 9/10/20

8:30 am Walter Ford

### Saturday 9/12/20

8:30 am  
4:00 pm John P. Dugas and  
John & Josephine Miele

### Sunday 9/13/20

9:00 am  
11:00 am

## St. Joseph Mass Intentions

### Saturday 9/5/20

4:00 pm Henry Clarke

### Sunday 9/6/20

8:00 am For the People  
10:00 am Francis Doherty

### Monday 9/7/20

8:30 am Special Intention: 30th  
Wedding Anniversary

### Wednesday 9/9/20

8:30 am Tony Pelusi & Marilyn Miceli

### Friday 9/11/20

8:30 am John & Esther Prowse and  
Daniel J. DeMichaelis

### Saturday 9/12/20

4:00 pm Agostino Bairos, Manuel  
Bairos & John Minchello

### Sunday 9/13/20

8:00 am Anges Salvatore  
10:00 am For the People

**Adoration at St. Joseph Church** - Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 9am - 8pm (lower church)

If you are a returning adorer, or have never spent time in Eucharistic adoration before, we hope you will prayerfully consider committing one hour per week to our Lord. In order to open and maintain Adoration, we need a commitment of two adorers per hour to ensure the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone. If you are interested in volunteering for a time slot, please contact Mary Ann Harold at [maryannharold@comcast.net](mailto:maryannharold@comcast.net).

**Confessions** - Saturdays after the 8:30am Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church and Saturdays from 3pm-3:45pm at both St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph Churches.

**Legion of Mary** - Wednesdays 6:30pm-8pm at St. Joseph (lower church meeting room)

**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 for Peace, Healing & Health** - All adults are welcome. Feel free to invite a friend! Every Wednesday Night at 7pm. Great community to learn and grow in the devotion to the rosary! Meeting on zoom: Go to: [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) - Click on join a meeting - Meeting ID: 898 8639 1043 Password: 253482 For more information, please email [mccfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:mccfaithformation@gmail.com) or call the office at 781-396-0423 x 118

**September Mass Intentions** - We are now booking Mass Intentions for September only. If you would like to book a Mass Intention for a loved one, please call the office at 781-396-0423 x 103.

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**This September, you can support the CHRT's mission by giving to the special collection at Masses on September 19/20.** Every gift makes a difference and is a symbol of gratitude for all our priests who don't just observe need in our communities; they seek it out so they can respond.

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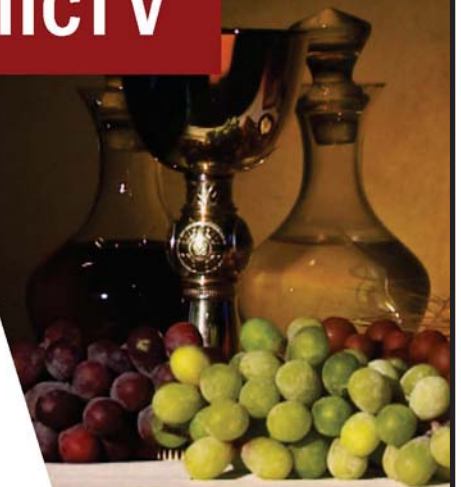
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