

*Collaborative of Saint Francis of Assisi
& Saint Joseph Parishes
Medford, MA*



March 4, 2018

Third Sunday of Lent

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

medfordcollaborative.org

Collaborative Mass Schedule

St. Francis of Assisi

Daily Mass: Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday - 8:30am
Weekend Masses: Saturday - 4pm
 Sunday - 9am & 11am

St. Joseph

Daily Mass: Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 8:30am
Weekend Masses: Saturday - 4pm
 Sunday - 8am, 10am & 12 noon

Collaborative Staff

Pastor: Fr. Paul V. Sullivan
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Music Director: Betsy Pesce *Phone:* 781-396-0423 x125 *Cell:* 617-335-8155
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Business Manager: Karen Sturniolo

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Staff

Music Director: Jonathan Cote

Parish Secretary: Marie Van Campen

Business Manager: Alisa O'Dowd

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St. Joseph School

Main Office: 781-396-3636

Tuition Office: 781-396-0423 x117

Website: stjosephschoolmedford.com

Principal: Dr. Robert Murphy

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

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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,

We are approaching the busiest time of the
year in the parishes, so fasten your seatbelts
and get ready! Later this month we will
celebrate Holy Week and then Easter on April
1. At the end of April will be Confirmation in
each parish, followed by First Communions in
early May. There are also a number of
weddings scheduled for April and May. Let's
embrace our Lenten journey, to prepare our
hearts for celebrating all the ways that our
Lord will bless us this Spring.

This weekend, March 3 & 4, is the
announcement of the **Catholic Appeal**, which
supports the Pastoral Center of the
Archdiocese and so many programs that we
benefit from every week. Commitment
Weekend for the Appeal will be on March 10
& 11.

Our annual **Parish Lenten Mission** will take
place on March 12, 13, and 14. Please make
plans to join us for one, two, or all three
nights. In our busy lives, it is essential to make
time for prayer, turning toward Him Who is
the Way, Truth, and Life. May this Mission
help us to make that commitment.

Father Paul

Weekly Scripture Readings

- 4 SUN** Ex 20:1-17/1 Cor 1:22-25/ Jn 2:13-25
5 Mon 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
6 Tue Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
7 Wed Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
8 Thu Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
9 Fri Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
10 Sat Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
11 SUN 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Eph 2:4-10/
 Jn 3:14-21

New Weekday Mass Schedule for 2018

St. Joseph

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:30am

St. Francis of Assisi

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8:30am

For your information, weekday Masses at neighboring parishes are as follows:

- *Immaculate Conception, Malden*
6:30am Monday - Friday, 8am Saturday
- *St. Clement, Somerville*
7am Monday - Saturday (also 6:30pm Thursday)
- *St. Raphael, West Medford*
8am Wednesday - Saturday



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 Family Rosary Club

All collaborative children and their parents are invited to gather together in prayer and song for our Family Rosary Club. Our Rosary Club meetings will take place the **first Wednesday of each month, from 4-5pm** in the lower church of St. Francis of Assisi.

We'll pray the Rosary, learn the Rosary song and do crafts related to the Rosary.

Our upcoming Rosary Club dates are:

Wednesday, March 7th

Wednesday, April 4th

Wednesday, May 9th (second Wednesday)

We hope to see you there with your families and friends!



Easter Flower Remembrances

In an effort to become more efficient and more lovingly honor the memory of your loved ones this Easter, the list of names of those for whom flower donations are made will not be published in the Easter season bulletins. Instead, we will place every Easter Flower envelope received in a basket near the altar and all your loved ones will be prayerfully remembered as the Special Intention and in the Prayers of the Faithful at our Easter Masses. We are grateful for your generosity and understanding.

Forty Hours Devotion at St. Joseph

You are cordially invited to St. Joseph's Church, lower Church, in celebration of our 40 Hours devotion, in honor of the Feast of St. Joseph, beginning Saturday, March 17 at 3:30 pm and concluding on Monday, March 19 at 8:15 am. Please commit to spend an hour with Jesus. To sign up please call Mary Ann at [781-391-1396](tel:781-391-1396) or email adoration24sj@comcast.net.

Loved Ones In Service

Presently on active duty serving our country:

LCPL Gerald Byrnes, US Marine Corps.

PFC Ryan Barry, US Army

Keith Conway

Cameron Howard

Nicholas C. Lavery

2LT Richard Neil Matta, US Army

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

Christopher Silva

Daniel Silva

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



Family Mass at St. Joseph

All children and parents are invited to the **10am Family Mass every Sunday** at St. Joseph. The children go to the lower church for the readings and a short talk on the Gospel of the day. Children under Kindergarten age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. We hope you & your children will join us!



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

*Patrick Edgar Brookhouser, III
James Michael Flynn, IV
Owen James Murphy
Luke Duong Nguyen*

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



St. Francis of Assisi's March Monthly Dinner

Please join us on **Saturday, March 24th** following the 4pm Mass at the St. Francis of Assisi Dining Hall for our March Monthly Dinner. All are welcome!

**Menu: Traditional Boiled Dinner
with Corned Beef or Ham**

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 may also call the office, 781-396-0423, to reserve tickets by Thursday, March 22.

Hope to see you there!

Collaborative Volunteer Appreciation Mass & Brunch

Sunday, March 18th at Noon

All St. Francis of Assisi and St. Joseph volunteers are cordially invited to join us for our Volunteer Appreciation Mass & Brunch on Sunday, March 18th. This year our volunteer celebration will take place at St. Joseph Church beginning with Mass at Noon with brunch immediately following at the St. Joseph Social Center.

If you are a volunteer at either St. Francis of Assisi or St. Joseph Parish and are planning on attending our volunteer celebration, please RSVP by calling our collaborative office, 781-396-0423, by Monday, March 12th.



St. Francis of Assisi Children's Mass



We are starting a new Children's Mass at the 9am Mass at St. Francis of Assisi. Children will go to the lower church for a reading, a Gospel reading and a child friendly talk about the Gospel. Children will then rejoin their families in the upper church for the remainder of the Mass. Children under Kindergarten age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

**Our Children's Masses for March are:
Sunday, March 4th at 9am &
Sunday, March 11th at 9am**



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March 2018

3/4	Grade 1-5	SFA Sunday Program begins with 9 AM Mass-Class follows Mass
3/4	Grades 1-8	SJ Sunday Program begins at 8:45 AM - Following class is Mass at 10 AM
3/4	Grade 9	Confirmation Class at SFA-Candidates should arrive at 6:15 PM
3/10	Grade 2	SFA Communion Retreat 9-2 PM meeting in SFA Dining Hall
3/11	Grade 1-5	SFA Sunday Program begins with 9 AM Mass-Class follows Mass
3/11	Grade 10	Confirmation Class at SFA-Candidates should arrive at 6:15 PM
3/12	Grades 6-8	SFA Edge Program - Meeting in Parish Center 6-7:30 PM
3/18	Grade 10	Grade 10 Candidate & Sponsor Reconciliation Service at SFA 6:30 PM
3/25	Grades 1-8	SJ Sunday Program begins at 8:45 AM -Following Class is Mass at 10 AM
3/25	Grade 9	Confirmation Class at SFA-Candidates should arrive at 6:15 PM

We look forward to seeing you at Mass each week!

St. Francis of Assisi



Bottles are due back!

They can be put in the bassinet at the front of church or you can drop off at our collaborative offices at 114 High St.

If you are unable to contribute at this time but still have a bottle, please make sure to return it soon. Returned bottles will help keep expenses down at Heartbeat. Currently we are short a whole box.

Thank you for your support!
 Faith Formation Office
 Confirmation Program

Attention High Schoolers! What are YOU doing for Lent?

Be the change you want to see.
 Consider joining over 100 other teens at



March 30-31, 2018
 (Good Friday & Holy Saturday)
 for a homeless experience and service retreat.

For more information visit
<https://www.stmaryslynn.com/school-life/campus-ministry/hunger-for-justice>
 or email Ann Carroll at
 mccfaithformation@gmail.com

Get inspired:
 Why we do it: <https://youtu.be/D2JWC7vi-lo>
 How we help: <https://youtu.be/7bIPDTuFR-g>

Register today and make a difference!



Stations of the Cross

St. Francis of Assisi - Mondays at 7pm in the upper church

St. Joseph - Fridays at 7:30pm in the lower church

**Please note there will be no Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.*

The Light is On For You

Confessions will be heard on **Wednesdays** from
6:30pm - 8pm throughout Lent at **St. Francis of Assisi**
 (upper church) and **St. Joseph** (lower church).

Called to Be Disciples of Christ

*Parish Lenten Mission Sponsored by the
 Collaborative of Saint Francis of Assisi and Saint Joseph Parishes
 In collaboration with the Archdiocesan Office of Spiritual Life
 March 12 through March 14, 2018 at 7:00pm*



What are the benefits of a Parish Mission?

This Parish Retreat brings parishioners together to reflect on what it means to be a disciple of Christ. It is important that we gather together, as a community, in prayer.

What will happen during the three night Mission?

This retreat will remind us of the invitation each of us has received at baptism to be a disciple of Christ. Over a span of one hour each night the community will come together to listen to the Word of God proclaimed and preached and spend some time in personal prayer.

Mark your calendar so you can join us for our Parish Lenten Mission!

Monday, March 12 at St. Francis of Assisi at 7:00pm

Liturgy of the Word & Presentation and Small Group Discussion by Mr. Chris Donohue on *Discipleship*

Tuesday, March 13 at St. Joseph at 7:00pm

Presentation by Fr. Paul Soper on *Forgiveness* followed by Confessions

Wednesday, March 14 at St. Francis of Assisi at 7:00pm

Mass with Homily by Fr. Paul Soper on *Encounter* followed by Social Gathering at the Dining Hall

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 60 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. Francis of Assisi Parish

Mass Intentions

Saturday 3/3/18

8:30 am For the People
4:00 pm Richard & Mary Ronzio

Sunday 3/4/18

9:00 am Joseph Mahoney
11:00 am Rease Campbell

Tuesday 3/6/18

8:30 am Daniel Collins

Thursday 3/8/18

8:30 am Lee Fields

Saturday 3/10/18

8:30 am For the People
4:00 pm Donna & Antoinette
Giordano

Sunday 3/11/18

9:00 am Kathleen McAdam
11:00 am Thomas Gustafson

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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.



Barbara A. Spirito

and all our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

2017 Contribution Statements

If you are on the St. Francis of Assisi envelope system and would like a copy of your 2017 contribution statement, please call Marie at our collaborative office, 781-396-0423.



February 24 & 25 Collection:

Offertory: \$4,257

Church in Africa & Eastern Europe: \$898

Second Collection next weekend:

Fuel Collection

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St. Joseph Parish

Mass Intentions

Saturday 3/3/18

4:00 pm Doris Rosen

Sunday 3/4/18

8:00 am For the People

10:00 am Maureen Maganzini

12:00 noon Arthur J. Pino, Sr

Monday 3/5/18

8:30 am Special Intention:
Heidi Sutherland

Wednesday 3/7/18

8:30 am Adoration Team - living &
deceased

Friday 3/9/18

8:30 am Special Intention:
Billy Sears

Saturday 3/10/18

4:00 pm Monaco Family

Sunday 3/11/18

8:00 am .For the People

10:00 am Jane Cangiano

12:00 noon Mary Margarita

Readings: # 890



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and all our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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!



February 24 & 25 Collection:

Offertory: \$5,583

Church in Africa & Eastern Europe: \$1,391

Second Collection next weekend:

On-going Maintenance

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