

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

Mighty Is The Lord



*...many who heard him were astonished.
They said, "Where did this man get all this?
What kind of wisdom has been given him?
What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!"*

✠ *Mark 6:2* ✠

July 8, 2018

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
Deacon: Deacon Bob Breen

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

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St. Joseph Parish Staff

Music Director: Betsy Pesce *Phone:* 781-396-0423 x125 *Cell:* 617-335-8155
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Office Manager: Betty Guerra

Business Manager: Karen Sturniolo

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Staff

Music Director: Jonathan Cote *Phone:* 603-479-1276 *Email:* jondcote@comcast.net

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Business Manager: Alisa O'Dowd

Collaborative Parish Office

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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 Iacabone 781-395-7780

July 8, 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,

Summer is, hopefully for all of us, an
opportunity for vacation, or at least a slower
schedule, so that we can rest and reconnect
with family and friends. May the weather be
fair, and may we have time to encounter God
in the beauty of creation and in our
relationships with others.

Psalm 19 praises God for revealing Himself in
His creation: "The heavens proclaim the glory
of God, and the firmament shows forth the
work of His hands. Day unto day takes up the
story and night unto night makes known the
message."

May these summer months be filled with rest,
recreation, reflection and prayer, and renewal
of spirit with family and friends.

Fr. Paul



Collaborative Office Summer Hours

During the summer months,
our Collaborative Office will be open:

Monday - Thursday from 9am - 3pm
&
Friday from 9am - Noon

Weekly Scripture Readings

8 SUN Ez 2:2-5/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
9 Mon Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26
10 Tue Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38
11 Wed Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7
12 Thu Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Mt 10:7-15
13 Fri Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23
14 Sat Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33
15 SUN Am 7:12-15/Eph 1:3-14/Mk 6:7-13

COLLABORATIVE PASTORAL PLAN

We are pleased to announce that Cardinal Seán O'Malley has approved the Pastoral Plan for our Collaborative. This fall, we will have a series of Town Hall meetings to discuss our plan and the many good works our collaborative intends to accomplish in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Our Collaborative Purpose

The purpose of the Medford Catholic Collaborative is to help our community know, love and serve God in this life so that we can be happy with Him forever in the next. Our goal is to be informed disciples and loving witnesses to our personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our Collaborative Values

Joy – We choose to be people who exude the love of Christ.

- We welcome all to serve God and each other
- We proclaim the The Good News of Jesus Christ with reverence and joy
- We celebrate each person's encounter with Jesus

Compassion – We seek opportunities to support one another

- We pray for those in need
- We feed the hungry
- We visit the sick, lonely and bereaved.
- We invite all those who feel separated from the Church

Prayer – We offer our minds and our hearts to God to adore Him, to thank Him, to ask His forgiveness and for all the graces we need.

- We desire to listen to God as he speaks to us and guides us.
- We strengthen our personal relationship with Jesus Christ through public and private prayer.
- We actively participate in the Sunday liturgy, the prayer of the Church.

Our Collaborative Vision

The Medford Catholic Collaborative will be a unified community that affords individuals the opportunity to know God.

- We will proclaim the joy of the Gospel.
- We will develop informed, faithful disciples.
- We will provide meaningful worship/liturgy.
- We will foster compassionate service to those in need.
- We will invite all to be brothers and sisters in Christ with patience and love.

Our Collaborative Priorities for 2018 – 2021

Over the next three years, the clergy and lay staff and parishioners of the Medford Catholic Collaborative will focus our efforts on the following three pastoral priorities and associated goals in order to fulfill the vision of our collaborative and foster the New Evangelization.

Priority: Sunday Liturgy

Focus on the liturgy in order to make it a central part of our collaborative life and ensure fuller participation through prayer, public ministry, and increased financial support of the works of the local Church.

Goal: Involve 50 new and informed liturgical ministers who will serve the collaborative by December 2018.

Strategies:

- Form a Ministry Recruiting Team of 2 members from each Parish
- Recruit and train 20 new altar servers to serve both parishes
- Select 10 Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, 10 Ushers/Greeters and 10 Lectors
 - o Offer standardized training for all three ministries
- Offer programs that inform the collaborative of the “why” of our liturgical traditions.

Goal: Increase weekend Mass attendance in the Collaborative by 5% by June 2019

Strategies:

- Parishioners will actively and intentionally invite individuals back to Mass.
- Be actively present on social media platforms.
- Quarterly press releases to local print media.
- Organized presence at Medford community events on a monthly basis.
- Enhance Family Mass by celebrating Children’s Liturgy of the Word.

Priority: Vocations

We recognize the need that every person is called to a particular vocation within the life of the Church through priesthood, religious or consecrated life, diaconate, marriage or single life. The local Church has the responsibility of fostering each of its vocations. Our Collaborative will promote vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood and a Culture of Vocations.

Goal: Engage 25 parishioners annually in a vocation awareness opportunity, with a special emphasis on the diocesan priesthood, by June 2021.

Strategies:

- Establish a Vocations Awareness Team to promote vocations to diocesan priesthood, consecrated or religious life, diaconate, marriage and single life.
- Conduct 2 vocation awareness events annually.
- Sponsor 3 young men to the St. Andrew Dinner annually.
- Actively communicate to parishioners through Collaborative Parish bulletin, website and other social media platforms.

Goal: Provide greater understanding of vocation to promote a culture of vocation at Saint Joseph School by June 2020.

Strategies:

- Actively participate in Vocations Awareness Week events.
- Invite & recruit 10 Saint Joseph School students to serve as altar servers.
- Encourage altar servers to attend the annual Altar Server Appreciation Mass.
- Yearly, nominate 1 altar server per parish to the Server Awards at the Cathedral.
- Include lesson about vocations once per year in the religion curriculum for every grade level.
- Annually, Priests of the Collaborative will each personally invite two individuals to consider a vocation to the diocesan priesthood by inviting participation in Discernment Retreats at local Seminaries.

Priority: Collaborative Community

Parishioners should feel at home at both parishes. We will be committed to breaking down any barriers that inhibit collaboration.

Goal: Celebrate collaborative liturgical events each year with 75 people attending from each parish by December 2018.

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*Continued from page 5***Strategies:**

- Continue to alternate special liturgical, prayer and faith formation events such as Holy Week Masses, Mass of Anointing, Lenten Mission, Holy Hour for Life, etc. between St. Joseph and St. Francis of Assisi Parishes.
- Celebrate one St. Joseph School Mass a year at St. Francis of Assisi Church.
- Implement the “Prayer Pals” program – parishioners offering prayers for each other across the parishes in the collaborative.

Goal: 25 parishioners from each parish to participate in a service opportunity or event annually by June 2019.

Strategies:

- Devote one weekend per year to Catholic Social teachings through homilies, bulletin announcements and speakers.
- Recruit 5 new members to the social outreach ministries of St. Vincent de Paul, Friends of Francis Food Pantry and Knights of Columbus.
- Have collaborative parishioners serve at the Bread of Life meal center semi-annually.

Goal: Increase participation and retention of individuals and families in the collaborative following sacramental moments by 20 individuals each year.

Strategies:

- Establish a collaborative outreach team of 8 collaborative members by June 2018.
- Create a process to reach out to families and individuals post sacramentally and significant moments: baptism, Rite of Christian Initiation, funeral and marriage by June 2019.
- Create a Bereavement Ministry by June 2019.



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

Thank you to St. Francis of Assisi from Mass Citizens for Life

Mass Citizens for Life would like to thank the parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi for raising \$420 during the Rose Drive this year. Rose Drives save lives! It is because of your generosity that MCFL is able to continue to protect the lives of the unborn and strive toward respect for life at all stages. Thank you!

***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**

Daniel Silva

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



Faith Formation Registration

Don't forget to register for
Faith Formation Classes.

Online registration is available at medfordcollabrative.org

Click on Faith Formation

Click on Registration

Questions, email mccfaithformation@gmail.com or call

Faith Formation Office at 781-396-0423

Disciples in Mission

We hear in today's gospel that Jesus returned to his home town but he did not receive a warm reception. In fact, people questioned his authority and were unwilling to believe his teaching. St. Paul also refers to the trials and hardships he encountered in his preaching. Despite the rejection they experienced, neither St. Paul nor Jesus did not back away from their mission. Pray for the grace to persevere in the work of being a disciple.

Welcome to St Joseph School, Principal Tim Forti!

Mr. Tim Forti was recently hired as the new principal of St. Joseph School. He has a strong personal belief in and commitment to Catholic education. We look forward to his leadership and collaboration with the School community in the coming year. His letter to the School community is printed below:

Hello St. Joseph School Community,

It is both an honor and a privilege for me to introduce myself as the new principal of St. Joseph School. St. Joseph School has a long history of academic excellence, and is a school that is steeped in rich and wonderful traditions. I am looking forward to continuing with these traditions while helping to lead this outstanding school to even greater heights.

On a personal note, I have been married to my wife Megan for almost nineteen years, and we have a fifteen year old son Timmy, who just finished his freshman year at BC High. I am a true believer in Catholic education; its importance in the long term health of our Church cannot be overstated. I am proud to say that I was educated almost exclusively in Catholic schools (as was my wife and our son).

I have a very diverse professional background. I spent many years in medical and pharmaceutical sales. I also served as an officer in the U.S. Army for several years, and have spent the last eleven years in education. My entire career in education has been with Catholic schools, including teaching high school science for eight years at Boston-area Catholic high schools, and spending the past three years as a principal in two Catholic elementary schools.

I am looking forward to the 2018-2019 school year, and particularly my first 100 days. These first 100 days, guided by my entry plan, will allow me to learn about the operation, history, culture, and most importantly, the people that make up St. Joseph School. I am excited to meet with all members of the school community, including faculty and staff, the school board, parishioners, and especially the students.

The entry plan process will begin in early July, and will involve four phases, while lasting approximately four months. The plan will be posted on the school website, in the interest of transparency. An integral part of this plan will be for me to work hand in hand with all stakeholders to make this transition as smooth as possible.

I know that change can be unsettling; I want to assure you that amidst this change in leadership, I will be committed to St. Joseph School; committed to continuing the tremendous progress that is already underway; committed to building upon the school's legacy of excellence in Catholic education; and committed to deepening my faith in Catholic education, a journey that I look forward to continuing with you.

In His Name,
Tim Forti

St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Mass Intentions

Saturday 7/7/18

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| 8:30 am | For the People |
| 4:00 pm | Gabriel, Laura, Linda & Santino Pietrolungo |

Sunday 7/8/18

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| 9:00 am | Rosemarie Alfe |
| 11:00 am | Anna & Alfred Parziale |

Tuesday 7/10/18

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| 8:30 am | Samuel & Carmela Corrente |
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Thursday 7/12/18

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| 8:30 am | Robert Consolmagno, Jr. |
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Saturday 7/14/18

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| 8:30 am | Francesca Berardi |
| 4:00 pm | Rita Thomas Gagne & Mary Thomas Buchtmann |

Sunday 7/15/18

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| 9:00 am | For the People |
| 11:00 am | Dolores & Rocco DeCaro |

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.



July 1 Collection:
Offertory: \$3,227

Second Collection this weekend:
Monthly Collection

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



The Hosts and Wine for this week's liturgies and the Sanctuary Lamp is lit in memory of:

John P. Dugas



Philippo DeBenedetto
Angie Maria Maggiotta

and all our deceased parishioners and loved ones.

St. Joseph Parish

Mass Intentions

Saturday 7/7/18

4:00 pm Richard D'Orsi

Sunday 7/8/18

8:00 am For the People

10:00 am Firmin Belfort

12:00 noon Paul Francis Mandra

Monday 7/9/18

8:30 am In Thanksgiving to the
Father, Son & Holy Spirit

Wednesday 7/11/18

8:30 am In Thanksgiving to the
Blessed Mother & St. Joseph

Friday 7/13/18

8:30 am Spera Family

Saturday 7/14/18

4:00 pm Helen & Eugene Cataldo

Sunday 7/15/18

8:00 am For the People

10:00 am Maria Crognale

12:00 noon Richard, Robert Sr. &
Robert Jr. Rosselli



July 1 Collection:
Offertory: \$6,543

*Second Collection this weekend:
On-going Maintenance*

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

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!



July Weddings

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

Ross Carman & Elise McNamara

Readings: #968



Filomena DeCrescenzo
Agnes Salvatore

and all our deceased parishioners and loved ones.