

Mass Intentions**Saturday, March 27**

4:00 PM In memory of the Marron Family

Sunday, March 28, Palm Sunday

9:00 AM In memory of the Marron Family

11:30 AM Thanksgiving for Giselle Damiani
and Family

5:00 PM For the Parishioners

Monday, March 2912:10 PM Thanksgiving for Alfred Abou-Hamad
and Family**Tuesday, March 30**

12:10 PM Doug Bloomquist

Wednesday, March 31

12:10 PM Ralph L. Roberts, Jr.

Thursday, April 1, Holy Thursday

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 2, Good Friday

7:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 3, Holy Saturday

8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 4, Easter Sunday

9:00 AM Easter Mass

11:30 AM Easter Mass

Parish Support**March 20-21****Offertory****\$2,659****WE REACH OUT TO THOSE IN NEED....****Holy Thursday**

Special collection for hurricane victims in Haiti.

Good Friday

Special collection for Holy Land Shrines, to support the sacred places and the educational, charitable and peace-seeking ministries of the Church in the Holy Land.

Easter Sunday

Special collection for the retirement, medical care, and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. We ask that you give generously on behalf of the priests who have devoted their lives to faithfully serve God and the good works of the Archdiocese. On behalf of all priests, thank you in advance for your generosity.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

We start out with the account of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. In Luke's version, which is proclaimed this year, we hear the crowds repeat the refrain of the angels. In Luke, at Jesus' birth the angelic choir sang out, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests" (2:14). Today, it is the citizens of Jerusalem who shout, "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest," as Jesus rides by. Completing the circle from angelic to human to every created thing, Jesus tells the Pharisees who want him to rebuke the crowd, "If they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" (19:40). This is a day of exaltation!



But it doesn't take us long to hit the lows that are also part of this day. The story of the Passion reminds us that even though Jesus was hailed as the king riding through Jerusalem, he was also crucified under that same title: Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews. Yet even as he hung upon the cross, Jesus' words spoke of forgiveness. He prayed, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." He said to the repentant thief, "You will be with me in Paradise."

In some ways the experience of this day reflects what happens to us in everyday life. For the most part, our life is a series of ups and downs. There are days when things go well, and days when life seems to treat us badly. What is called for is a response consistent with a Christian way of living. In his darkest moments, Jesus did not give up hope. He promised the thief paradise. Jesus also did not give in to vengeance, but instead forgave. How we live through the ups and downs of life will reveal how we put into practice each day the example given to us by the Savior.

**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

Please remember Father Sheehy in your prayers as he recovers from hip surgery.



EASTER DECORATIONS

Friday, April 2, after the 7:00 PM Good Friday Service, a group will gather to help decorate our church for Easter. Many hands make light work. If you can be there, please call Fran at the rectory, or let Father Dan know.

EASTER EGG HUNT



The St. Joseph Parish Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the grounds around the church, weather permitting, after the 11:30 AM Mass next Sunday, April 4.

REQUEST FOR SPIRITUAL CARE VOLUNTEERS

Spaulding Rehab Hospital Network is in urgent need of Spiritual Care Volunteers to visit and bring Holy Communion to Catholic patients. Any hours you can contribute will be a great gift. For further information please call Chaplain John Horgan at (617) 573-2780, or send E-mail to jhorgan1@partners.org.

MEETING CHRIST IN PRAYER

As you may be aware, the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life, Archdiocese of Boston, has developed an 8-week guided prayer experience based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. This program has recently been published by Loyola Press and is now called *Meeting Christ in Prayer*. Thousands of people throughout the Archdiocese have participated in this program

The program will take place at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree, Wednesday evenings April 14 through June 2, 2010, 7:00 to 8:15 PM. Suggested donation is \$30. For more information or to register, please call Sister Anne D'Arcy in the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life, (617) 779-3648, sdarcy@rcab.org.

WATER FROM LOURDES

Because you asked....

Water direct from the Shrine of Lourdes is available from The Lourdes Center, 698 Beacon St., P.O. Box 15575, Boston, MA 02215, (617) 536-2761, at \$3 per 1-ounce bottle.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 17, 2010, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. Featuring the team from EWTN's Crossing the Goal as speakers, also adoration, Mass with Cardinal Sean O'Malley, and fun fellowship.

**SACRED TRIDUUM &
EASTER SCHEDULE**

HOLY THURSDAY – April 1



7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY – April 2



12:10pm Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY – April 3



8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass

**EASTER SUNDAY – April 4
MASS SCHEDULE**



9:00am

Easter Mass

11:30am

Easter Mass

LENT AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH

LENTEN NOVENA—This Wednesday, during the 12:10 Mass we pray our last Novena. The Novena has had a long history in our Catholic tradition and is an important prayer of thanksgiving and supplication.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Good Friday, April 2, at 12:10 pm

The Stations of the Cross are a powerful way to contemplate and enter into the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us. It involves our senses, experiences and emotions. To the extent we come to experience the love of Jesus for us, to that extent our gratitude will be deep, and deep gratitude leads to real generosity and desire to love as we have been loved.