

Mass Intentions

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

Monday April 5
12:10 PM

Tuesday April 6
12:10 PM In memory of the Marron Family

Wednesday April 7
12:10 PM Clare & Maura Hayes - Good Health

Thursday April 8
12:10 PM The Ball Family - Good Health

Friday April 9
12:10 PM Marie Snizewicz

Saturday April 10
4:00 PM Ann Holland and Mary Ellen Debaggis -
Special Intention

Sunday April 11
9:00 AM Swithen and Jolyon Rodrigues
11:30 AM Mary Colleen Nelson
5:00PM Parishioners

Parish Support

March 27-28


Offertory

\$3,799



EASTER SUNDAY

The Easter Collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church and you. Please be generous to this important collection.



OUR EASTER CANDLE
This year our beautiful Easter Candle is a gift to St. Joseph Parish from Anne Lazzaro in loving memory of Mary Ann McLaughlin. The candle will be used at all Masses during Eastertide, during all Masses in November and during the rest of the year at Funeral Masses and Baptisms.



IN MERORIAM
Please remember in your prayers Albert Rossi, a long time parishioner, whose funeral Mass will take place here at St. Joseph Parish on Tuesday, April 6, at 10:00am.

EASTER SUNDAY

At the Easter Vigil, the deacon sings the great hymn of light, the "Exsultet." He calls on the heavenly powers, the earth, and the church to rejoice and exult (hence the name for the hymn) because Christ has conquered death and vanquished darkness forever. This is a song of faith! We believe that the risen Christ is more powerful than evil, greater than sin, and stronger even than death itself-that ancient enemy to which we all fall victim.

In renewing our baptismal commitment this Sunday, we profess our own belief in the communion of saints and the resurrection of the body. All of us who are baptized-those in the past, and those living today-are united beyond death by the power of the risen Lord. By uniting ourselves to him in baptism, we are already sharing in his risen life. His Spirit, "dwelling within us, gives us on earth the hope of unending joy" (Preface 34).

The rebirth of the natural world each spring puts our faith in context. God continually renews creation, bringing to birth that which seemed dead and lifeless. And God does the same for us. Even though sin may have taken hold of our lives, through Christ we are renewed and saved from our sinful past. Through repentance and conversion we are brought to new life, rejoicing again in our baptismal innocence. And, through our faith in Christ, we are saved from that final death that comes at the end. We believe that Jesus will raise up our mortal bodies to be like his own in glory. Just as that which seems to be dead comes back to life in the spring, so too, do we believe that those who have gone before us will also rise to share in the fullness of life in Christ. This is the day in which God has won the victory, and his people rejoice and are glad!

**REFLECTIONS FROM
FATHER CHARLES SHEEHY**

Do I have to? It is quite normal for children to protest the will of their parents. Yet often the child is grateful for the mother or father who insisted on certain rules. "Catholic Church" may simply mean a building; being a Catholic should mean following the commandments of the Church. These commandments have meaning for us if they offer and give true worth and blessing. It certainly seems that Catholic teaching must begin with Jesus Christ and offered to those who follow these teachings, a great blessing. The apparently silly "you can't have your cake and eat it too." can have very helpful meaning.

Once we recognize and believe that Jesus Christ suffered and died for us, we reach a conclusion: do we follow Him devoutly or decide to form out our own decisions.

We can be certain that Jesus Christ will never ask us to do anything that will hurt ourselves or others. The big question become our own sincerity when answering the question, What would Christ want from me?



EASTER DECORATIONS

Thanks to all who donated to our Easter Flower Offering to help beautify our church and allow us all to keep our beloved ones in our prayers.

We wish to thank all those who helped with our Easter decorating to make our church look so beautiful. Job well done!



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 this 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.

LITTLE WHITE BOOKS

Each book contains readings and meditations for the Easter Season. They are available at the church entrance and cost \$2.00 each. They invite us to give the Lord six minutes a day.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH
Pastor
Rev. Daniel C. O'Connell
In Residence
Rev. Robert Reed, Rev. Celestino Pascual

Organist-Music Director: Joseph Cipoletta
Parish Secretary: Fran Ryan
Accountant: Lucia McCune

Church Hours: Mon-Fri 11:30am -1:30pm
Parish Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:am-3:00pm
Sacrament of Penance: Sat 3:30pm-4pm

Tel: 617-523-4342 **FAX: 617-523-8459**

FEEDING THE HOMELESS

On Monday, March 29, a group of parishioners hosted a dinner of lasagna, meatballs, Italian string beans, rolls, butter, and ice cream sandwiches to approximately 150 homeless and hungry people. Thank you for your continuing support of this needy project as part of Neighborhood Action outreach.

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.

During the next couple of months we would ask that you keep our First Communion class in your prayer as their learning continues and their time to meet Jesus in a Sacramental way get closer.

FIRST COMMUNION PRAYER

Dear Jesus, through bread and wine at the Last Supper, and by your holy word, you gave the Eucharist to your church. You transformed common food and drink into your Body and Blood, and offered us a share in your life in ways we still cannot fully understand. Grant now that these young people will always treasure the gift they have in you. Give them the grace to be faithful to you and to remain in communion with your church. As they receive their first Communion, the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation, make them always aware of the hope they have for eternal life in you.



**END OF BULLETIN
ANY TEXT OR GRAPHICS ON THIS PAGE
WILL NOT APPEAR IN THE PRINTED BULLETIN**

Church Name: St. Joseph's

Church City: Boston, MA

Routing Code: Y

Run Number: 8

File Name: 03-0845

**Phone Number: 617-523-4342-
Fax Number:**

Editor/Contact: Fran

Current Format: prn

Comments: