ST.JOSEPH PARISH

Proudly Serving Boston's Historic West End & Beacon Hill Neighborhoods since 1862

Rev. Daniel C. O'Connell, Pastor

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Parish Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:am-3:00pm Reconciliation: Sat 3:15pm

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Mass Intentions

Saturday April 16

4:00 PM For the faithful departed through the

Intercession of Mary

Sunday April 17 — Palm Sunday 9:00 AM Sandra Williams & Family

11:30 AM Family Mass 5:00 PM Parishioners

Monday April 18

10:00 AM Patriots' Day Mass

Tuesday April 19

12:10 PM

Wednesday April 20 12:10 PM Liliana Ciciotti

Thursday 7:00 PM April 21 — Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday April 22 — Good Friday 12:10 PM Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Saturday April 23 — Holy Saturday

8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday April 24 — Easter Sunday

9:00 AM Easter Mass 11:30 AM Easter Mass

OUR PARISH SUPPORT

Offertory - April 10

\$4,103



SANCTUARY LAMP - MONTH OF APRIL

Our prayer in memory of - George MacKool

WE REACH OUT TO THOSE IN NEED....

Holy Thursday

Special collection for The Children in Haiti.

Good Friday

Special collection for the Holy Land, in the words of Paul VI, "not only for the Holy Places, but above all for those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities."

Easter Sunday

There is one collection next week on Easter. It 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. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity.

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Sports fans have seen it repeatedly. It seems that there is a team in the early part of a season that is unstoppable. They have everything going for them. And then the inevitable happens: a key player gets injured, or opposing teams figure out the weak spots, or a few defeats in a row demoralize the team.



The liturgy of Palm Sunday can feel a little bit like that sports experience. We start out with the Gospel story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem filled with roaring crowds and exultant shouts. And then the liturgy plunges us into the passion and death of Jesus. But Matthew's Passion narrative points to seeds of hope even in the telling. Pilate's wife calls Jesus a righteous man. Those who jeer at him speak of the three days, the length of time he will spend in the tomb. Matthew tells us that the saints awake and appear after Jesus' resurrection.

In sports, it is only at the end of the season that the outcome is known. Even as we celebrate the Lord's passion and resurrection each year, we know the outcome of the story. That is why so many will be baptized at the Easter vigil. That is also why those of us who are baptized continue to believe.

PALM SUNDAY APRIL 17 2011

SACRED TRIDUUM & EASTER SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY – April 21



7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY – April 22



12:10pm Stations of the Cross

7:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY – April 23



8:00pm **Easter Vigil Mass**

EASTER SUNDAY - April 24





EASTER DECORATIONS —BEAUTIFY HIS HOUSE

Friday, April 22, 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 24.

PARISH COUNCIL There will be a Parish Council meeting Monday, April 25, 2011, at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL will meet on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. **********

ST. JOSEPH'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY
Please come to the first meeting of the 150th anniversary committee on Monday, May 16 from 6:30 PM to 7:30
PM in the Parish Hall to begin planning our year-long celebration. We want to hear your ideas and suggestions. There also are many small but meaningful opportunities for your participation. If you cannot make the meeting but are interested in being involved, please email the committee chair, Denise Tompkins at dentomp@aol.com or let Fr. Dan know of your interest. ST. JOSEPH'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEV

"... There will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The angels are rejoicing because ten of our Religious Education students made their First Penance last Sunday. As they continue on their journey toward First Communion please keep them in your prayers -- John Cassedy, Andrew Chan, Cameron Demerski, Margaret Fleck, Riley Leetch, Nico Morreale, Caitlin Poltack, Kelsie Rizzo, Jonathan Vilms, and Theodore Wilson.

Our Family Mass – April 17 at 11:30 Palm Sunday Mass **Religious Education** – This Sunday, April 17 and our last class Sunday, May 1.



Paul Batterton, Kenneth Canaan, Neil Ranney, and Shawn Williams continue to prepare themselves for the amazing grace that will come to them as they receive the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Keep them in your prayers.

PATRIOTS' DAY

On Monday, April 18, Mass will be celebrated here at St. Joseph's at 10:00 AM.



EASTER FLOWERS Envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church for those who wish to donate plants or flowers for Easter in memory or honor of their loved ones - a beautiful way to symbolize their new life. Suggested donation is \$10. Please let us ... have the names before April 18.



CATHOLICS COME HOME

Our Lenten journey is nearing an end. We are at the beginning of the most solemn week in our Church calendar. Some people joined us six



weeks ago on Ash Wednesday and perhaps there are people here today who have not been with us each week. It is good for us to be together! We pray that each of us will be open to the working of the Holy Spirit within us, that each of us will develop a well-trained tongue that will rouse the weary and invite and welcome people home to the practice of the faith.

www.CatholicsComeHomeBoston.org