

ST. JOSEPH PARISH*Proudly Serving Boston's Historic West End & Beacon Hill Neighborhoods since 1862***Rev. Daniel C. O'Connell, Pastor****Organist-Music Director: Joseph Cipoletta****Parish Secretary: Fran Ryan****Religious Education/Faith Formation: Pat Harris****Parish Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:am-3:00pm****Reconciliation: Sat 3:15pm****Tel: 617-523-4342****FAX: 617-523-8459****Mass Intentions**

Saturday 4:00 PM	April 16 For the faithful departed through the Intercession of Mary
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	April 17 — Palm Sunday Sandra Williams & Family Family Mass Parishioners
Monday 10:00 AM	April 18 Patriots' Day Mass
Tuesday 12:10 PM	April 19
Wednesday 12:10 PM	April 20 Liliana Ciciotti
Thursday 7:00 PM	April 21 — Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday 12:10 PM 7:00 PM	April 22 — Good Friday Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday 8:00 PM	April 23 — Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:30 AM	April 24 — Easter Sunday Easter Mass 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.



