

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

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Mass Intentions

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
Monday 12:10 PM	April 25 Janet Ryan
Tuesday 12:10 PM	April 26 In Honor of Our Mother of Good Counsel
Wednesday 12:10 PM	April 27 Agnes White Brian - (1st Anniversary) and Patricia McCarthy Brian
Thursday 12:10 PM	April 28 Florence Faucher
Friday 12:10 PM	April 29 For Peace in the World
Saturday 4:00 PM	April 30 MaryAnn McLaughlin
Sunday 9:00 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	May 1 Al Rossi John & Nora Shea Parishioners

OUR PARISH SUPPORT

Offertory - April 17 **\$3,972.**



SANCTUARY LAMP - MONTH OF APRIL

Our prayer in memory of - George MacKool

OUR EASTER CANDLE

This year our beautiful Easter Candle is a gift to St. Joseph Parish in loving memory of the DelVecchio family. 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.



TO GIVE THANKS!

EASTER COLLECTION-CLERGY BENEFIT TRUST

There is one collection this week. 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.

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord

Easter symbols are all about life. The lilies that bloom radiate living beauty. Easter eggs symbolize the life that breaks out of the tomb. The Easter candle burns brightly as a sign that light conquers darkness, a light that brings life to all. Water is needed by every living thing. Even secular symbols like rabbits and chicks point to abundant life.

The cross that graces so many Easter cards as well as the Easter candle itself, also reminds us that Easter is about death-and transformation.

This is the hard truth of the Easter message. Life comes at a price, and eternal life at the costliest price of all: the death of the only-begotten Son. Christ's death brings life, and is so radically transformative that even the very instrument of his death is seen today as a sign of life for all. The newly baptized are sealed with a cross of chrism on their forehead, a fragrant transformation of the ashes that graced us all at the beginning of Lent. The newly baptized died to sin in the bath of water and rose to life in Christ, and the rest of us renewed our baptismal commitment to follow Christ faithfully through life. This Easter day is a celebration and a commitment, a promise to leave the past behind and to walk in the newness of life.

