



Paulist Center Boston

Attentive to the Holy Spirit and nourished by vibrant liturgy, we are a Catholic community that welcomes all, fosters healing and reconciliation, and acts for justice.

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all those who took part -- by their financial contribution, prayers, support, attention -- in our **Annual Paulist Appeal** last weekend. **Fr. Dave Dwyer, C.S.P.**, was immensely gratified by your warm welcome. Thank you so much for your generous response!



FIRST COMMUNION MEETING

The first gathering for the sacrament will take place this Sunday, February 4th at 11:15am in the 2nd Floor Seminar Room. If you would like to register your child for this sacramental preparation program, please fill out the registration form found in the Family Ministry Brochure that are in the racks in the vestibule. Or, you may register on line on the Center website: www.paulistcenter.org. Questions: contact Susan Rutkowski, 617-948-2426 or susan@paulistcenter.org.

PRESENTATION BY THOMAS STEGMAN, SJ

The Adult Education Committee at the Paulist Center invites everyone to join **Thomas Stegman, SJ**, Dean and Associate Professor of New Testament at Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, this Thursday, February 8th, 7-8:30pm, in the 3rd Floor Library. His presentation, *Seek Justice That You Might Live: Social Justice and Gospel Values*, will focus on how we can appropriate and integrate a vision of God's justice into our own commitments.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH

Masses with Distribution of Ashes

7:00am	7:55am	8:45am
12:05pm	1:05pm	5:15pm

Word Service with Distribution of Ashes

7:00pm



Welcome! If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form, found in the welcome brochure at the entranceway to the chapel or on our website. You may also call the Reception Desk at 617-742-4460. After returning the form, a staff member will contact you.

FEBRUARY 3-4, 2018

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

5:00 PM

Sunday

10:00 AM

12:00 PM

6:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday—Friday

7:55 AM

12:05 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation on

First Fridays from 11–11:45 AM

and by appointment

MASSSES OF PRAYER AND PENANCE

All masses this Sunday, February 4th, are being offered for Prayer and Penance at the request of Cardinal Seán. This is in response to a call from Pope Francis for a worldwide Day of Prayer and Penance in recognition of harm done by clergy sexual abuse within the church.

This is an opportunity to seek repentance for the sins of the church, to pray for all those who were abused, and to pray for continued healing for all those impacted by the abuse including those who were abused, families, members of our church, and the community at large. If you know of anyone who has been sexually abused by clergy or a member of the church, please let them know that the Office of Pastoral Support and Outreach is there to help. To report abuse or get help, please call 617-746-5995.

THE PAULIST CENTER AUCTION IS COMING!

The annual Paulist Center Auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 28th at 6:15pm. Community members Marisa and Joe Janack will be co-chairing the event this year. This is our largest fundraiser and it is a great success because of the involvement of the entire community. Later this spring we will be selling tickets and soliciting auction items, but it all begins this Monday, February 5th at 7pm with a kickoff meeting in the 3rd Floor Library. Join our co-chairs and learn the various ways to get involved in supporting this event. At the kickoff, we will also be deciding on a theme for this year's auction so come and vote or, if you can't make it in person, email paulistcenterauction@gmail.com with your theme ideas. See you on the 5th!



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COMMUNITY COFFEE



Please join us **this Sunday** for Community Coffee **after the 10am and 12pm masses** in the **Auditorium**.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY HAPPY HOUR

Young Adults are invited to meet up for **Happy Hour** at **Buttermilk & Bourbon** in **Back Bay** from **7-9pm this Tuesday, February 6th**. All are welcome for casual conversation, food, and fun!



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY OPEN MIC NIGHT

Young Adults, brush up on your guitar skills or bring your best storytelling, we'll have a fun and fantastic **open mic night on Saturday night, February 10th from 7:30-9pm at the Paulist Center**. Bring some snacks to share and your best act. All types of talents welcome! To sign up for a slot or to display artwork, email **Eric** at averion@gmail.com. **Walk-ins also welcomed & encouraged!** Come and enjoy the show!



LENTEN TWILIGHT RETREAT

All are invited to join us for an evening of prayer and reflection as we enter the season of Lent. **Tuesday, February 20th, 7-8:30pm in the Chapel**. Come immerse yourself in beautiful music. Ponder the season with reflections on seeking authenticity, honesty, and intention on the journey. Enter into prayer individually and communally with prayer stations and tangible embodied opportunities and symbols to make your own map for the season of Lent.



This will be the kickoff of our regular Tuesday Lenten Taizé services. All Taizé nights will be on **Tuesdays from 7-8pm in the Chapel**. Come join us for the kickoff and start a great weekly rhythm you can

enjoy all Lent long!

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

	Last Week	Fiscal YTD
Weekend Collection	\$7,680	\$207,745
Budget Amount	\$11,164	\$233,328
Difference	(\$3,484)	(\$25,583)

As always, we remind you that it is only the generosity of your resources that makes the activities of the Paulist Center possible and weekend collections are the "bread and butter" of our operating budget. If you wish to make an offering, please make checks payable to the Paulist Center and mail to 5 Park Street, Boston, MA 02108, or even better, **sign up to give electronically through our website!** We thank you for your generosity.



5% COMMUNITY GIFT

We give 5% of our total fiscal-year weekend collections to various organizations. This weekend we designate our gift to **Church in Latin America** which provides support for pastoral projects in financially poorer dioceses in Latin America and the Caribbean. We thank you for your continued support.

Thank You

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun	2/4	FREP Co-Op – 6 th Fl Rms. 13, 16, 17, 22	11:15am
		FREP Co-Op – 2 nd Fl Play Rm. & Seminar Rm.	11:15am
		Jr. High Youth Group – 3 rd Fl Library	11:15am
		First Communion Meeting-2 nd Fl Seminar Rm.	11:15am
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	11:15am
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	1:15pm
Mon	2/5	Auction Kickoff Meeting – 3 rd Fl Library	7:00pm
Wed	2/7	Supper Club – Auditorium	6:00pm
		Charismatic Prayer – Chapel	6:00pm
Thurs	2/8	Thomas Stegman – 3 rd Fl Library	7:00pm
Sat	2/10	Open Mic Night – Auditorium	7:30pm
Sun	2/11	LWYP – 3 rd Fl Library & 2 nd Fl Seminar Rm.	10:00am
		FREP Co-Op – 6 th Fl Rms. 13, 16, 17, 22	11:15am
		FREP Co-Op – 2 nd Fl Play Rm. & Seminar Rm.	11:15am
		Sr. High Youth Group – 3 rd Fl Library	11:15am
		Community Coffee – Auditorium	11:15am
		Community Coffee – Auditorium	1:15pm

PARKING AT THE PAULIST CENTER

One Beacon Street Garage \$12.00

Turn left at the bottom of the ramp. All weekend and after 4pm on weekdays. Validate your own ticket with the stamp on the shelf in the chapel vestibule during masses or in reception weekday evenings.

Boston Common Garage \$10.00

Purchase single tickets in the reception office weekday evenings or purchase a 20 ticket booklet at the garage office. Valid after 4pm weekdays and all weekend as long as you exit before 8am the next day.

DIRECTOR'S REFLECTION

Dear Companions on the Journey,

This weekend, Cardinal Seán has called for all to be of Prayer and Penance for those affected by Clergy Sexual Abuse. Pope Francis requests churches around the world to pray and do penance for the harm done by clergy sexual abuse in the church. Thus we seek repentance for the sins of the Church, we pray for those who were abused, and we pray for continued healing for all those impacted by the abuse, including those who were abused, families, members of our church, and the community at large.

Here at the Paulist Center, we will be including prayers during the weekend masses. Like Catholic Churches everywhere, we seek to be a community of healing, of honesty about our own sins, and a place of safety for all. Through the years – long before I returned here in 2014 – our Administration has sought to be a healing community, including listening and healing sessions, supporting Voice of the Faithful (who sought to be a grassroots movement for reform in the church), and, most important, complying with the new guidelines and expectations to be a community safe for children...and for all. This has not always been easy, as some have replied, "Oh, come on, this is just common sense." Well, some requirements for me as a priest and for all ministers in the Church have to go beyond what was considered in 1960 "common sense." Many Church leaders were negligent, naïve, and even dismissive of new norms, sometimes not understanding them, sometimes feeling that "since I'm not a pedophile, I don't have to follow these." I don't think personnel at the Paulist Center have ever felt that, but I have heard such sentiments among other priests. *We cannot be vigilant enough* when it comes to our children's safety, even if the new norms may feel burdensome at times.

Most importantly we need to be a community on the watch – as they say in many cities, "if you see something, say something." And we must be a community of healing for those who have been abused by Church leaders and for the families who have experienced the disruption and pain of sexual abuse. And we pray for those victims who have died, especially those who died through suicide or addiction, unable to cope with the pain, that they may now live in peace with Christ.

We're not there yet, but I pray that we are on the way, on the journey. As Flannery O'Connor once said, "You will have found Christ when you are concerned with other people's sufferings and not your own." We are on the road and we need to be patient and gentle with one another.

What do you think?

And let us pray for/with one another.

Michael

The Paulist Center

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Our Group meets on **Wednesday nights**, usually twice a month, in the **Holy Spirit Chapel**, from **6-8pm**. We share time in worship, song and praise together, and discuss various scripture passages and topics that have powerfully moved us. For the month of **February**, we are meeting on the **7th and the 28th**. All are welcome to join us for a joyous time of worship. If you have any questions, please contact: **Nora Bolcon** at **617-573-1664**.

FAIR TRADE VALENTINE SALE

Next **Sunday, February 11th**, please visit our table during **Community Coffee, after the 10am and 12pm masses**. Our equal exchange products will feature soapstone hearts from Haiti. Send your love on Valentine's Day to Haiti and **Hacienda Vieja**, our Sister Community.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHOOL BREAK

There are **NO religious education classes** at the Center on **Sunday, February 18th and Sunday, February 25th due to school break**. Classes resume on **March 4th**.

SAVE THE DATE: PRAYER OF HEART AND BODY

Come try **meditation and yoga** in a Christian context. The invitation is to a refreshing and powerful way of praying with the whole of your being: body, mind, heart, and spirit. Each session culminates in movement to music, engaging with a variety of postures that give bodily expression to song-prayers, followed by a period of quiet sitting in centering prayer. **Instructor: Fr. Tom Ryan, CSP**, certified yoga instructor and author of numerous books on spirituality; see www.tomryancsp.org. **Seven-week series: Six Tuesdays (February 27th-April 10th), one Monday (March 5th), 5:30-7:15pm in the Auditorium. \$12 per session (\$6 for students)**. Registration forms available on rack in the back of Chapel, or at reception office, 617-742-4460.

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Please see our website for direct contact information.

