



# 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.*

## QUALITY TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

As the Christmas holiday season approaches with its opportunities for gatherings with family and friends, it is an appropriate time for us to reflect on what the research indicates: that it is your social connections that are most strongly associated with a long and happy life. As one of the leaders of a recent Harvard study said, "the key to healthy aging is relationships, relationships, relationships." This will be the fourth of eight monthly sessions on holistic spirituality in the ***Take Back Your Time*** series of talks by Fr. Tom Ryan, CSP. This Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:15pm in the 2nd Floor Seminar Room. Suggested donation \$10 (\$5 students). Give this session as a Christmas gift to yourself.

## A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!

There are so many people to thank for the wonderful Advent-Christmas Concert. In addition to the hard-working musicians, there were many people behind the scenes that contributed to the event. Preparations began in September with the selection, ordering, then organizing of the music. There was the set-up and environment including fluffy trees, lighting, sound, and slides. On the day of the event, there were hospitality folks, reception organizers, ticket sellers, and our many patrons. A special thanks to our generous sponsors. My deepest gratitude to one and all.

*Thank You!*



Peter Ghiloni

## YOUNG ADULT MONTHLY DINNER

All Young Adults (18-39yrs) are invited to join us this Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for our monthly community dinner in the Auditorium. Dinner Theme: Soup and Salad. Bring a side or dessert to share or \$5 to help cover costs!

**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.



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DECEMBER 16-17, 2017

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## 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

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00pm (Family Liturgy) and 8:00pm**

**Christmas Day, Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00am and 12:00pm**

## NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS TIME

**Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**

**Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

**10:00am**

## THANK YOU!

To all the children who made our annual Christmas Pageant a hit this year! You were fabulous!



## CHRISTMAS DINNER

If you find yourself betwixt and between on Christmas Day with no company for dinner, please join Fr. Bob Rivers and friends at the Paulist Center at 3:00pm on Christmas Day. If you would like to join Fr. Rivers, please email him at [rsrivers1965@yahoo.com](mailto:rsrivers1965@yahoo.com) or call 617-948-2417.



## 40+ GROUP DINNER

Looking to build community at the Paulist Center? All those ages 40+ are invited to join our group for monthly dinners after mass. Our next dinner will be this Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at a local restaurant. Walk over after mass or meet us there! All are welcome. Please RSVP to Nora Bolcon at [nora.bolcon@state.ma.us](mailto:nora.bolcon@state.ma.us).

## FAIR TRADE SHOPPING AT COMMUNITY COFFEE

Last chance to spend your gift dollars in a meaningful way. Our fair trade gifts include Nativity sets, jewelry, scarves, and stocking stuffers including soaps, ornaments, coffee, and cocoa from Equal Exchange. Profits from your purchases benefit *Hacienda Vieja*, our Sister Community in El Salvador. Looking forward to seeing you for shopping and conversation after the 10am, 12pm, and 6pm masses.



## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & DECORATIONS

Help us decorate with a poinsettia plant and other Christmas decorations in honor of a family member or friend, living or deceased. **Suggested donation is \$10.** You may contribute at the reception desk or by using the envelopes marked "Flower Donation" in the pews and racks, or go to **Donate Online** on our website, and use the Miscellaneous Donation Category and note that it is for "decorations and in honor of" in the "in honor or memory of" space. **All donations are greatly appreciated.**

## CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Our Group meets on **Wednesday nights**, usually twice a month, **from 6:00-8:00pm**. For the month of **December**, we are meeting only once, on the **20<sup>th</sup>**, for our **Group Christmas Party**, in the **3rd Floor Library**. There will be coffee, treats and prayer and socializing. Feel free to join us and to bring a friend. If you have any questions, please contact: **Nora Bolcon at 617-573-1664.**



## MULTI-FAITH PRAYER VIGIL

During the October vigil, it was very moving to stand on an overpass near the 93 Expressway and wave to ICE detainees who responded by holding signs to the windows. **"Light in Darkness," an inter-faith vigil, will be held at the South Bay House of Corrections this Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 2-3pm.** A group will leave from the Paulist Center at 1pm. Please meet at the front doors of the chapel. For more information email Paulist Center community member **Christopher Spicer** at [spicer.christopher04@gmail.com](mailto:spicer.christopher04@gmail.com) or call 617-832-5010.

## STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

	Last Week	Fiscal YTD
Weekend Collection	\$8,021	\$142,444
Budget Amount	\$11,164	\$159,087
Difference	(\$3,143)	(\$16,643)

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 **Angel Flight**, an organization that arranges free flights for those requiring access to medical care. For additional information, please visit [www.angelflightne.org](http://www.angelflightne.org). We thank you for your continued support.



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun	12/17	LWYP - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fl Library & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl Seminar Rm.	10:00am
		FREP Co-Op - 6 <sup>th</sup> Fl Rms. 13, 16, 17, 22	11:15am
		FREP Co-Op - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl Play Rm. & Seminar Rm.	11:15am
		Jr. High Youth Group - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fl Library	11:15am
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	11:15am
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	1:15pm
		Fair Trade Shopping - Auditorium	7:15pm
		Young Adult Potluck Dinner - Auditorium	7:00pm
Mon	12/18	Take Back Your Time - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl Seminar Rm.	7:00pm
Wed	12/20	Supper Club - Auditorium	6:00pm
		Charismatic Prayer - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fl Library	6:00pm
Sun	12/24	Christmas Eve Mass (Family Liturgy) - Chapel	5:00pm
		Christmas Eve Mass - Chapel	8:00pm
Mon	12/25	Christmas Day Mass - Chapel	10:00am
		Christmas Day Mass - Chapel	12:00pm
Tues	12/26	<b>Center Closed</b>	

## 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,

*Christmas, Hanukkah.* Some years, the lunar months (which Jews follow) and the solar (which Christians follow) are closely aligned. In any case, Christmas and Hanukkah are usually within a week or so of one another.

From one of the books found in the Catholic (but not Protestant) Bible, the Book of Maccabees (1 Maccabees 4:36-59; 2 Maccabees 10:1-8), we read of how, after Exile, the Jewish people were "to celebrate these days every year." What did they celebrate? The restoration of their Temple in Jerusalem. As part of that restoration, Jews were to burn the one candle each day for eight days...yet they could find pure oil to light their Menorah (eight branch candlestick) sufficient only for one day. But miraculously that small amount lasted for the required eight days. As the years went on, this special commemoration of Jewish history came to emphasize themes of light and freedom.

If you were at either of the Paulist Center Advent/Christmas concerts last week, you heard the poem "Chanukah Lights" and Peter Yarrow's rousing song "Light One Candle." What an extraordinary gift for our community that our wonderful singers, musicians, and leader Peter Ghiloni presented this constellation of reflections at this time of year. And how much we need hope, the theme of the celebration! And part of the genius of this ensemble of prayers, readings and music was the inclusion of Hanukkah reflections, both poetic and musical.

"As Christian communities throughout the world celebrate our Feast of Light, both Christians and Jews might join in praying for miracles of peace in the lands of the Bible and for mutual understanding to flourish everywhere so that people of our generation may become peacemakers in the service of God."

On behalf of the Paulist Center Community, thanks to Peter and our wonderful singers, musicians, and all who contributed to allow them to prepare for the concerts (e.g., spouses, babysitters, and so on!).

(I am grateful to my old friend Fr. Larry Frizzell of Seton Hall University for some of these insights, including the last paragraph.)

*What do you think?*

And let us pray for/with one another.

*Michael*

The Paulist Center

## GREETERS FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB

**P**lease join us in **our ministry to those who come to the Center for a hot meal on Wednesdays.** We are looking for people who are **available to be greeters on Wednesday evenings from 5-7pm.** If you can help, please contact **Susan Rutkowski** at [susan@paulistcenter.org](mailto:susan@paulistcenter.org).

## CALENDAR YEAR-END GIFTS TO THE CENTER WARMLY WELCOMED

**A**s you heard in our recent financial report, your financial gifts are key to our financial sustainability. While we did not bombard you with Giving Tuesday requests, please know that **we warmly welcome calendar year-end gifts** which are also very helpful to our budget every year. If you wish to donate stock, please be in touch with **Patty Simpson** at [patty@paulistcenter.org](mailto:patty@paulistcenter.org) or **617-948-2428** for specifics on our legal name, tax ID and account information for transfers. **Thank you for ALL you give in so many ways to the Center!**

## YOUNG ADULTS HOLIDAY PARTY

**S**ave the date for our biggest party of the year! **Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, at Hillary's place in Quincy.** Great food, yankee swap, and games. More info to come! **RSVP to Katie** at [katie@paulistcenter.org](mailto:katie@paulistcenter.org).



## UPDATE ABOUT OUR SISTER COMMUNITY- HACIENDA VIEJA

**T**his past August, Sarah Neville and Roberto Jimenez visited **Hacienda Vieja**, the Paulist Center's sister community in El Salvador, with whom we have maintained a relationship for the past three decades. The two main goals for this trip were to revitalize our sister community relationship, since the last delegation was around five years ago, and to determine how we can continue to support their basic needs while also strengthening the links between their community and ours. On **Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> after the 10am mass, and then again after the 6pm mass, Sarah and Roberto will share a video and more details about their trip.** One of the goals of the trip was to help the community raise money for a new roof for their church. Please come to the presentation to find out more about how to get involved with the Sister Community.

## MINISTERIAL STAFF

Peter M. Ghiloni     Michael McGarry, CSP

Katie Oxley     Susan Rutkowski

Patricia Simpson     Rick Walsh, CSP

## *Pastoral Council Chair*

Maggie Keefe

*Please see our website for direct contact information.*

