



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.

PRESENTATION ON OUR SISTER COMMUNITY, THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH AT 11AM & 7PM

This 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 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. **This Sunday, January 7th after the 10am mass in the Auditorium, and then again after the 6pm mass in the 3rd Floor Library, Sarah and Roberto will share a video** they created with interviews with community members and images of daily life in the community, along with 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 our Sister Community.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The first gathering for the sacrament will happen at the **end of January**. 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 online on the Center website: www.paulistcenter.org. Any questions, please contact **Susan Rutkowski**, susan@paulistcenter.org or 617-948-2426.



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.

JANUARY 6-7, 2018
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

THANK YOU!

To all of our **community members** who so generously donated to the needs of our **Jesse Tree recipients!** You made many people **very happy on Christmas day!**



COMMUNITY COFFEE AND FAIR TRADE SALE

Equal Exchange is featuring the new Sister Blend organic coffee with beans from Nicaragua and Peru which honors the work of women and gender equality. You might enjoy our spicy cocoa with a kick, delicious chocolate with chili and cinnamon. Visit us **this Sunday in the Auditorium at Community Coffee after the 10am and 12pm masses**. All profit from your purchases will support **Hacienda Vieja**, our Sister Community in El Salvador.



ANNUAL PAULIST APPEAL

This year, the **Paulist Fathers celebrate 160 years of ministry** to our Christian communities around the country. **On January 28th-29th, the Paulist Center will take part in the Annual Paulist Appeal** where we will ask you for your help in contributing to the longevity of the Paulist Fathers. If you would like to give in advance, visit paulist.org/apa and if you have any questions please contact development@paulist.org or call **202-269-2504**.



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ASSISTANCE NEEDED WITH MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE MINISTRY

Perhaps you made a New Year's resolution to help one of the Paulist Center's ministries? **Fr. Rick is looking for people to assist him in providing hospitality to the many couples who attend our monthly marriage preparation course, *Transformed in Love*.** This will require setting up the materials our guests will need as well as food and drink; **Friday evenings (January 12th, February 9th, March 10th, April 13th, May 11th, June 1st).** We **also need more couples to present the material** to the many engaged couples who come to the Center monthly for this program. The more couples we have to help, the less work for everyone. It is necessary that any presenter attends a training session. **Please contact Fr. Rick at rick@paulistcenter.org if you are either interested or have any questions.**

MAKING SPACE FOR YOUR CREATIVE ENERGY

One of the ways we reflect God's image is that we have creativity. We paint, we garden, we build, we write, we sew, etc. But normally getting your career established and raising a family doesn't leave much space for those endeavors. And with the passing of the years, those energies are like water in a kettle, steaming "let me out!" Are you listening? It's important for your mental, psychological, and spiritual health to make the space and time. **The Creator's gift to us is creativity; our gift in return is to use it.** This will be the 5th session in the seven-month ***Take Back Your Time* series in holistic spirituality** offered by Fr. Tom Ryan, CSP. **Wednesday, January 17th, 7-8:15pm, 2nd Floor Seminar Room.** Suggested donation \$10 (\$5 students).

YOUNG ADULTS HAPPY HOUR

Young Adults are invited to meet up for **Happy Hour** this month at **Haven JP from 7-9pm on Friday, January 12th.** All are welcome for casual conversation, food, and fun!

YOUNG ADULTS MONTHLY DINNER

All Young Adults (18-39yrs) are invited to join **us Sunday, January 21st at 7pm** for our monthly community dinner in the **Auditorium.** Dinner Theme: Curry and Rice. Bring a side or dessert to share or \$5 to help cover costs!

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

	Last Week	Fiscal YTD
Weekend Collection	\$9,141	\$167,823
Budget Amount	\$11,164	\$190,904
Difference	(\$2,023)	(\$23,081)

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 **Friendship Works**, an organization that works to reduce social isolation, enhance quality of life, and preserve the dignity of older adults in Greater Boston. For further information, please visit www.fw4elders.org. We thank you for your continued support.

THANK YOU!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun	1/7	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
		Sister Community Video - Auditorium	11:15am
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	1:15pm
		Sister Community Video - 3 rd Fl Library	7:15pm
Tues	1/9	Pastoral Council Meeting – 6 th Fl Rm. 22	7:00pm
Wed	1/10	Supper Club - Auditorium	6:00pm
		Charismatic Prayer - Chapel	6:00pm
Mon	1/15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Center Closed	

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,

The cold, the gray, the long nights remind me of one of Howard Thurman's meditations:

DESPITE THE DULLNESS AND BARRENNESS of the days that pass, if I search with due diligence, I can always find a moment left, illuminated by some former radiance that I had forgotten.

At the time, it was full-orbed, glorious and resplendent. I was sure that I would never forget. In the moment of its fullness, I was sure that it would illumine my path for all the rest of my journey.

But I have forgotten how easy it is to forget.

There was not intent to betray what seemed so sure at the time. My response was whole, clean, authentic. But little by little, there crept into my life the dust and grit of the journey.

Nothing overwhelming, nothing flagrant, just wear and tear. The day to day...the routine, the sunset turned beige...If there had been some direct challenge to my voice of the genuine, the authentic, a clear and cut issue, I would have fought it to the end, and beyond.

So, in the quietness of this place, in this group, in this particular moment, on this particular evening, surrounded by the all-pervading presence of the Holy, my heart whispers to me: Keep fresh before me the moments of my Highest knowing, that in fair weather or foul, in good times, or in tempests, in the days when the darkness and the foe are nameless or familiar, in the mix of voices, mine and others, in my fears and frets, my weakness and my love, I may not forget that to which my life is committed.

What do you think?

And let us pray for/with one another.

Michael

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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 **January, we are meeting on the 10th and the 24th**. All are welcome to join us for a joyous time of worship. Questions: contact **Nora Bolcon** at **617-573-1664**.

MULTI-FAITH PRAYER VIGIL

The Paulist Center Immigrant Advocacy Group will lead a **prayer vigil at the Suffolk County House of Corrections on Sunday, January 21st, 2-3pm**. These monthly prayer vigils provide an important opportunity to join with immigrants detained at the House of Corrections in prayer and in expression of immigrants' rights. The prayer vigils are conducted by faith communities under the auspices of the Massachusetts Community Action Network (MCAN). The immigrants held at the House of Corrections are waiting for court dates related to immigration. For questions, or to express interest, contact Paulist Center community member **Ed Marakovitz** at **edmarakovitz@yahoo.com** or **617-306-9726**.

TAX DONATION LETTERS

If you gave to the Center in an identifiable way this past calendar year, you will be sent a tax donation letter by the start of February. There is no need to specifically request a letter unless you don't receive one by early February. If you have any questions, contact **Patty Simpson** at **patty@paulistcenter.org** or **617-948-2428**. Thank you so much for your generosity to the Center. **We are greatly appreciative!**

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual Direction is an opportunity for one to reflect and share one's life and prayer experience and be guided in one's search for God. Spiritual Direction is available at the Center from **Sister Kathleen Hagerty, CSJ**, and **Christopher O'Rourke**. **Sister Kathleen** can be reached at **617-755-9729**. **Christopher** can be reached at **617-817-3977**.

MONTHLY PRAYER NIGHT



The **Young Adults** invite the wider **Paulist Center Community** to a monthly prayer night where we will open up space to connect with God. Please join us this month on **Thursday, January 25th, 7-8:30pm** in the **3rd Floor Library**. **January Focus: Prayer through Art**. No need to be a skilled artist. All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

Peter M. Ghiloni Michael McGarry, CSP

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Please see our website for direct contact information.

