



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.

FEBRUARY 24-25, 2018

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Next weekend, the Paulist Center, along with the rest of the Boston Archdiocese, will take part in the **annual Catholic Appeal**. This will be done by way of envelopes in the pews which Paulist Center members may use to contribute to this **annual collection to support the many central ministries of the archdiocese**. These ministries include aid to poorer parishes, aid to immigrants and refugees coming to this city, addiction relief services, Catholic Charities, inner city schools, seminaries, sacramental preparation, and much more. Thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information as to how the funds are used, see www.bostoncatholicappeal.org (the Paulist Center Community and the Community Gift will proceed in the usual way).

PAULIST CENTER ROSARY CIRCLE

The Paulist Center Rosary Circle meets **every 1st Sunday of the month after the 10am mass, starting on March 4th**. We gather in the Auditorium, then find a quiet place to pray. The Rosary Circle is **open to all**, so whether you are new to the rosary, or an old-time bead buster, come join us. It's a great way to pray with others, and a great spiritual practice. Extra rosaries always available. If you have any questions or would like the Rosary Circle to pray for a specific intention, please email **Vincent Rocchio** at vfrocchio@gmail.com.



TAIZÉ PRAYER FOR LENT

All are welcome to join us in the Chapel for **Taizé Prayer for Lent on Tuesdays, 7-8pm, beginning February 27th** – a time of repetitive chants, scripture, prayer, intercessions and meditative silence around the cross. Bring a cushion or pillow if you wish to sit on the floor.



FASTING: A FRESH LOOK

Ever tried to explain the Catholic regulations on fasting to a Muslim, Jew, or a Hindu? Save yourself the smirk that says, "You've got to be kidding!" Somehow "one full meal and two lesser ones not equaling it" doesn't cut it as a "fast day". Perhaps their response helps explain why the practice is no longer taken seriously by many Catholics. **Join us for a fresh look at an old practice**—one that finds a place in every religion of the world, and has a powerfully distinctive "spin" in its Christian expression when better understood. **This Thursday, March 1st, 7-8:15pm, in the 2nd Floor Seminar Room**. This will be the sixth session in the seven-month **Take Back Your Time** series on holistic spirituality offered by **Fr. Tom Ryan, CSP**. Suggested donation \$10 (\$5 students).



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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PRAYER OF HEART AND BODY

Looking for a life-giving Lenten practice? **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. **A great lead-up to Easter's celebration of the resurrection of the body!** **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 in rack in the back of Chapel, or at reception office, 617-742-4460.



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. Our second meeting for the month of **February is this Wednesday, the 28th**. Please note that on February 28th, we will meet in the 3rd Floor Library. 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.



Praise the Lord

THERE WILL BE NO COMMUNITY COFFEE THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25th.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHOOL BREAK

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

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

	Last Week	Fiscal YTD
Weekend Collection	\$9,654	\$235,437
Budget Amount	\$11,164	\$265,145
Difference	(\$1,510)	(\$29,708)

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 our **Sister Community in El Salvador, Hacienda Vieja**. We have journeyed with them for decades in their advocacy, fundraising, and overall support for their community. We thank you for your continued support.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Tues	2/27	Prayer of Heart and Body – Auditorium	5:30pm
		Lenten Taizé Prayer Service - Chapel	7:00pm
Wed	2/28	Supper Club - Auditorium	6:00pm
		Charismatic Prayer - 3 rd Fl Library	6:00pm
Thurs	3/1	Fasting: A Fresh Look - 2 nd Fl Seminar Rm.	7:00pm
Sun	3/4	LWYP –2 nd Fl Seminar Rm. & 3 rd Fl Library	10:00am
		Jr. High Youth Group –3 rd Fl Library	11:15am
		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
		Rosary Circle - Auditorium	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,

Please prayerfully consider **giving to the annual Catholic Appeal: Living Our Faith Together next Sunday**. This will not be a usual "community gift" (5% of our collection; there will be another group who receives that next Sunday), but rather an opportunity for Paulist Center community members to give to this annual appeal from our archdiocese for many of the Central Services from the Archdiocese. **The Catholic Appeal** funds, among others, the following (see <http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/?q=node/2341> for the full list):

- Clergy Personnel;
- Pastoral Planning;
- Outreach and Cultural Diversity (including Black Catholic Ministries, Hispanic Apostolate, and Ministry of Persons with Disabilities;
- Risk Management Insurance;
- Catholic Schools;
- Faith Formation of Youth & Young Adults;
- Campus Ministry;
- Marriage Ministry;
- Healing Families in Times of Difficulty (Bereavement, Healthcare, Prisons);
- Pro-Life Ministry;
- Promoting a Culture of Life (including Palliative Care);
- Various Central Offices;
- Immigration Services to welcome new members of our community;
- And many others... (but NOT financial settlements and counseling/mediation costs for victims of clergy abuse).

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For a **wonderful array of Lenten Resources**, see the Paulist Center's website: Getting Involved > Young Adult Ministry > Resources for Young Adults [and everyone!].

What do you think?

And let us pray for/with one another.

Michael

The Paulist Center

PRAYER REQUEST ...

Please remember in your prayers the **repose of the soul of Richard Paul Aucoin**, brother of Paulist Center member Julie Ladner. May he rest in peace.



BOOK DISCUSSION: WHAT THE QUR'AN MEANT

On Monday, April 9th, at 7pm, community member **Denis Hurley** will lead a discussion on *What the Qur'an Meant: And Why It Matters* by **Garry Wills**. This is an excellent opportunity to examine, with other community members, some of the tenets and values of Islam compared with those of Christianity and Judaism.



The Paulist Center Rolling Book Club holds sessions discussing fiction and non-fiction works. If you have a book you would like to discuss with other community members, let the Adult Education Committee know. To learn more contact **Mary Burke** at paddysniece@verizon.net.

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**.



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