



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.

ROSES IN DECEMBER - THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

On December 2, 1980, lay missionary **Jean Donovan** and three American nuns were murdered by members of El Salvador's security force. *Roses in December* chronicles Jean's life, from her affluent childhood in Connecticut, to her decision to volunteer with the Maryknolls in El Salvador, to her tragic death. *Roses in December* is both an eloquent memorial to the commitment of this courageous young woman and a powerful indictment of US foreign policy in Central America. Please join the Paulist Center's *Sister Community* at one of two screenings, **this Sunday, 11:15am or 7:15pm in the 3rd Floor Library.**



SHINE THE LIGHT!

Advent/Christmas Concert

Saturday, December 7 7:30pm

Sunday, December 8 2:30pm

Tickets are now on sale after Mass.

We hope you will join us!

Advance Tickets:

Adult \$15
Youth (5-17) \$ 5
Under 5 free

At Door Tickets:

Adult \$20
Youth (5-17) \$10
Under 5 free

Celestial Choir sponsorships:

Seraphim	\$150	Cherubim	\$100
Archangel	\$ 50	Angel	\$ 25

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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NOVEMBER 16 - 17, 2019

33RD 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

THANKSGIVING EVE MASS

Please join us on **Wednesday, November 27th, at 7pm** for the **Thanksgiving Holiday Mass**, to give thanks to God for the year's many blessings. We encourage you to **bring any bread** to be used at your own Thanksgiving tables for a **special blessing at the liturgy.**



DAY OF REMEMBRANCE VIGIL - THIS SUNDAY

The Transgender Day of Remembrance is an annual observance in November that honors the memory of those whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. **The LGBTQ Group will be attending a vigil and related events at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont St.) this Sunday, November 17th from 5-8pm.**



Members of the Paulist Center LGBTQ group and friends who wish to attend will **meet in front of the Paulist Center at 4:45pm** in order to walk over together.

Questions email **Rebecca** at rsheils@hotmail.com.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

The second gathering of the First Reconciliation class is this Sunday, November 17th, 1:15-2:30pm. This gathering is for parents **AND** children and will take place on the **6th Floor in Room 22.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE

Classes will be held on November 17th and 24th and then off on December 1st, Thanksgiving weekend. (The brochure incorrectly states that we are meeting that Sunday.)

WWW.PAULISTCENTER.ORG
FACEBOOK.COM/PAULISTCENTER
TWITTER.COM/PAULISTBOSTON
INSTAGRAM.COM/PAULISTCENTER

THE SAFE COMMUNITIES ACT

The Paulist Center Immigrant Advocacy Group (IAG) urges you to **contact your State Representative and Senator** in support of the **Safe Communities Act**.

This weekend and the next two weekends IAG members will be available after Mass to provide you with **postcards ready to send to your elected officials**. Learn more about the **Safe Communities Act** by visiting the table!

For more information contact:

- **Chris O'Keeffe, 617-549-0459, cmokeeffe@gmail.com;**
- **Jackie Rafferty, 617-538-9008, jackie.rafferty@icloud.com; or**
- **Ed Marakovitz, 617-306-9726**



STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

	Last Week	Fiscal YTD (after 5% gift)
Weekend Collection	\$10,267	\$93,110
Budget Amount	\$11,164	\$116,664
Difference	(\$897)	(\$23,554)

We remind you that it is only through the generosity of your resources that makes the activities of the Paulist Center possible. 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. 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.

We thank you for your continued support!



FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT COMMUNITY COFFEE



A Fair Trade gift is one that gives to many, plus, the profit supports the scholarship fund for our sister community, **Hacienda Vieja**, in El Salvador.

Visit us at **Community Coffee** after the **10am and 12pm Mass** this Sunday.



WELCOME TO THE PAULIST CENTER!

The Paulist Center warmly welcomes new member:

Kathleen Brekka ~ Boston



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun	11/17	Little People's Program - 3 rd Fl, Library	10:15am
		FREP - Rms 2, 13, 16, 17, 22	11:15am
		Jr. High - 2 nd Fl, Seminar Rm	11:15am
		Sr. High - 2 nd Fl, Rm 2	11:15am
		Roses in December - 3 rd Fl, Library	11:15am
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	11:15am
		RCIA/Break Open the Word - 6 th Fl, Rm 17	12:30pm
		1 st Reconciliation Class - 6 th Fl, Rm 22	1:15pm
		RCIA catechesis - 6 th Fl, Rm 17	1:15pm
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	1:15pm
		Roses in December - 3 rd Fl, Library	7:15pm
Tues	11/19	Prayer of Heart and Body - 3 rd Fl, Library	5:45pm
		Christmas Concert Rehearsal - Chapel	7:00pm
Wed	11/20	Supper Club - Auditorium	6:00pm
		Young Adult Ministers - 6 th Fl, Rm 22	6:30pm
Thur	11/21	RCIA - Inquiry Class - 6 th Fl, Rm 22	7:00pm
Sun	11/24	FREP - Rms 2, 13, 16, 17, 22	11:15am
		RCIA/Break Open the Word - 6 th Fl, Rm 22	12:30pm
		RCIA catechesis - 6 th Fl, Rm 22	1:15pm
		Young Adult Dinner - Auditorium	7:00pm

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,

There is a story of a vibrant young religious community founded by likeminded folks in, of all places, Boston. Eager to follow Jesus' teaching of feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, and healing the brokenhearted, they thrived for many months, taking on new, eager members. Animated by charismatic song leaders and talented dancers and singers, "unremitting joyfulness" was the only way to describe their community. Happy were they in energy, creativity, and blessings.

It so happened that a wealthy member gave them a beautiful spit of land not far from Marblehead, just twenty miles north of the grit of downtown Boston. The new two-acre area was marked by spectacular views of Massachusetts Bay and other coastal communities north and south. Good stewardship required taking care of the land, and, alas, some restrictions as to who could use it. So good stewardship and the good feelings of fellowship moved them to erect some fences. Enlightened care of their common legacy made it difficult for many of the downtown folks to make it to the North Shore, but good stewardship required that more and more of the downtown community's resources be shifted to maintaining the beautiful getaway which was held in trust for all...even if all couldn't take advantage of it.

Slowly those who had been around a long time, often reminding the newcomers that maintaining this special getaway was a particularly cherished part of the community's self-understanding. Some of the newcomers did not understand this, but they accepted it as part of the whole landscape. Those who challenged the way things have always been done eventually tired of the issue and moved on.

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I was reminded of this unfinished story as I reflected on the columns from the last two weeks, also reminding me of Diana Butler Bass's observation that "Hospitality is the practice that keeps the church from becoming a club, a members-only society." The social forces signaled by the

data in the last two columns and the internal perennial temptations to atrophy are always the companions of Christian community.

So it is no surprise that we at the Paulist Center Community are tempted in the direction that Butler Bass warns about the community that takes care of its own and accepts that "this is the way we do things here": a message to any newcomer that her/his insights are going to have an uphill fight. Anyone who reflects on the data I shared with you over the last few weeks has to ask, I believe, the question "What kind of outreach community are we going to be?" and not, "How can we preserve the community that I depend on to nourish me?"

Jesus' view of his followers, which we have been following in the Gospel of Luke this year, is one that is always reaching out beyond its comfort zone to invite others to be part of this wonderful, but not-yet perfect community. The danger of becoming a club, a place of refuge from the world, is perennial for the Christian community.

Our roundtable discussions of 5-6 October is moving us to think in new directions. The Pastoral Council is continuing thinking in this direction...

What do you think?

And let us pray for/with one another.

Michael

The Paulist Center

PRAYER REQUEST ...

For community member **Dottie Manganaro** who will be undergoing back surgery this week.



YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY
THANKSGIVING DINNER AND DISCUSSION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, 7PM

Come downstairs to the **Auditorium** after the **6pm liturgy next Sunday** for good food and even better company.

While our Thanksgiving Dinner is primarily social in nature, we will take some time to discuss what we're thankful for this year!

Please bring \$5 to help cover the cost of the meal or something to share!

Sign up at:

<https://tinyurl.com/t5g3sx5>

**All young adults (18-39)
are welcome to attend!**



MASS INTENTIONS

Please stop by the reception area during the week or call 617-742-4460, if you would like to arrange to purchase a Mass card in memory of someone who has died,



in honor of a special occasion for yourself or a loved one, for birthdays, or for Thanksgiving.

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, or
- go to [Donate Online](#) on our website, and use the Miscellaneous Donation Category and note that it is for "decorations" and note "in honor of, or in memory of" in the space provided.

All donations are greatly appreciated!



IN OTHER COMMUNITIES...

THE MORAL CRISIS AT OUR BORDER WITH MEXICO

Carolina Velazquez, a graduate student at Boston College, will share her experiences of spending time at a Catholic Worker center in El Paso. **Dr. Egmont** of the BC School of Social Work will focus on the human needs and social services of newcomer communities, immigrant rights, and the complex dynamic two-way process of immigrant integration.

Monday, November 18th, 7-9pm at St. Susanna Hall, 262 Needham Street, Dedham.

There will be a refreshments break. There are no fees, there is no charge for refreshments, and there is no pre-registration requirement. Free Will offerings are gratefully accepted to cover costs.

MINISTERIAL STAFF



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Please see our website for direct contact information.