



# 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.*

## ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS FOLLOW-UP

Last fall, community members gathered for Roundtable discussions to reflect on the mission of the Paulist Center Community and on how we might best continue to live out our mission.

After studying all the responses, the Pastoral Council reports that the following **five themes** have emerged from the hopes and visions expressed for our community:

1. **Liturgy and Spirituality**
2. **Authentic Integration**
3. **Social Justice**
4. **Openness and Welcome**
5. **Vision and Leadership**

The Council will continue to reflect on these findings with the ministerial staff and a small group of community members next week, preparing the way for conversation with the community and development of an action plan for next steps. Look for additional details in a bulletin insert later this month. *Many thanks again to all who have contributed so meaningfully to this important process.*

## COMMUNITY COFFEE

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



*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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**JANUARY 11 - 12, 2020**

**THE BAPTISM 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

## PRAY FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

**B**oston's Annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins in two weeks. **The Paulist Center Community**, together with our neighbors at The Cathedral of St. Paul, and other downtown Churches, will gather **here** on **Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm**, to demonstrate and pray for the unity of Jesus' followers.

To be sure, we Christians don't always agree – and that's why we pray together for wisdom and courage.

**Please join us and bring your friends.**



## ANNUAL PAULIST APPEAL

Last year, the Paulist Fathers observed the bicentennial year of Founder Isaac Hecker's Birth. On the weekend of **January 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>**, the Paulist Center will take part in the **Annual Paulist Appeal** where we will ask for your help in contributing to the longevity of the Paulist Fathers. **Paulist Father Charlie Donahue, C.S.P.**, will be preaching at all the Masses.

If you would like to give in advance, visit [paulist.org/apa](http://paulist.org/apa).

If you have any questions, please contact [development@paulist.org](mailto:development@paulist.org) or call **202-269-2504**.

Thank you so much!



## FIRST RECONCILIATION

**F**ifteen of our children will be celebrating their **First Confession this Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:15-2:30pm.**

All community members are **welcome** to join us in the **Chapel** to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation.**



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**T**he first gathering will take place on **Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:15am** in the **3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Library.**

If you would like to **register** your child for this Sacrament, please use the **registration form in the Family Ministry Brochure**, or contact **Susan Rutkowski** at [susan@paulistcenter.org](mailto:susan@paulistcenter.org).



## TAX DONATION LETTERS

**I**f 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](mailto:patty@paulistcenter.org) or **617-948-2428.**



**Thank you so much** for your generosity to the Center. **We are greatly appreciative!**

## STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

	Last Week	Fiscal YTD (after 5% gift)
Weekend Collection	\$12,088	\$168,494
Budget Amount	\$11,164	\$201,510
Difference	\$924	(\$33,016)

**W**e 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

**W**e give 5% of our total fiscal-year weekend collections to various organizations. This weekend we designate our gift to **Bridge Over Troubled Waters**, an organization dedicated to transforming the lives of runaway, homeless, and high-risk youth through supportive relationships and innovative services that guide them toward self-sufficiency.

We thank you for your continued support.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun	1/12	FREP - Rms 2, 13, 16, 17, 22	11:15am
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	11:15am
		RCIA/Break Open the Word - 6 <sup>th</sup> Fl, Rm 22	12:30pm
		RCIA catechesis - 6 <sup>th</sup> Fl, Rm 22	1:15pm
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	1:15pm
		First Reconciliation - Chapel	1:15pm
Wed	1/15	Supper Club - Auditorium	6:00pm
Thur	1/16	Pastoral Council - 6 <sup>th</sup> Fl, Rm 22	7:00pm
Sat	1/18	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday Breakfast - Auditorium	9:00am
		Baptism Prep (Parents) - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fl, Library	10:00am
		Adult Ed Committee - 6 <sup>th</sup> Fl, Rm 22	4:00pm
Sun	1/19	RCIA/Break Open the Word - 6 <sup>th</sup> Fl, Rm 22	12:30pm
		RCIA catechesis - 6 <sup>th</sup> Fl, Rm 22	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,

I've reflected on this famous quotation from Pastor Martin Niemöller before:

*First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—*

*Because I was not a Socialist.*

*Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out—*

*Because I was not a Trade Unionist.*

*Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—*

*Because I was not a Jew.*

*Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.*

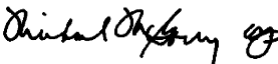
There are lots of ways of coming at this powerful reflection on the consequences of not addressing evil in its roots, at its beginning. But the foundation of this powerful reflection is, What will happen to me? if I don't act.

The Massachusetts Council of Churches, in the wake of numerous recent antisemitic incidents, began their statement (to which many of us put our names) with *Jewish* welfare, not ours:

"As Christian faith leaders, we reach out to share our sense of horror and disgust at the terrifying rise in violence against Jews and increasing public expressions of antisemitism. Our hearts, prayers, and tears join yours as we bear witness to tragic events in Monsey, New York, here in Massachusetts, and elsewhere. As Christians whose tradition has been and continues to be the source of so much antisemitic terror in history, we carry a particular responsibility to identify, condemn, and resist antisemitism in any and every form.

"When we encounter it in our own sacred texts and liturgy, it's on us to call it out. When we teach Christian history, it's on us to name our forebears' complicity and to call them out. When we see it in the media or in everyday interactions with our peers, it's on us to speak up, push back and demand awareness of the harm that even unintended or casual slights may cause. And when we see antisemitism borne out in acts of aggression on the streets or subways or in vicious and deadly violence in Jewish homes or synagogues, it's on us to go public, to cry out in the strongest possible terms that such actions are anathema to our most deeply held values of respect for human dignity and love our neighbors...and that they are anathema to the God we worship."

*What do you think?*



Michael McGarry, C.S.P.



## PRAYER REQUESTS ...

Please remember in your prayers **Cynthia Scott**, who passed away last week, and her husband Ken, one of our most dedicated Supper Club volunteers, and their family, during this time of loss.



Please remember in your prayers **Annemarie Strazzullo**, former Paulist Center Community member, who passed away recently.



*May they rest in peace.*



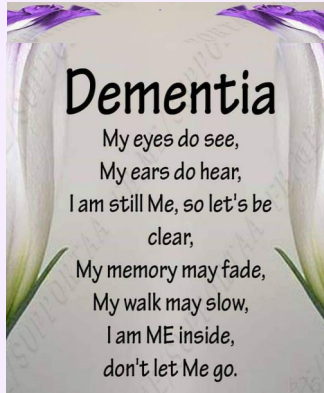
### ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE SPONSORED PANEL

A Methodist bishop once said: *One of the greatest tragedies for people with dementia is not that they forget; but it's that they are forgotten.*

How can we make sure this doesn't happen? Come and learn from a panel led by Community member, **Jennifer R. Gatchel, MD, Ph.D.**, who will address issues for families and care givers providing support for **walking the journey of Alzheimer's and Dementia.**

**Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>,  
10am-12pm,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Library**

Pre-registration suggested; please call the **Front Desk** at **617-742-4460**. A donation of \$10 is gratefully accepted.



### YOUNG ADULTS DINNER AND DISCUSSION

**J**oin us for our monthly community **Dinner and Discussion!** Whether you're new to the Paulist Center Young Adult Group, or have been with us for years, our **Dinner and Discussion** is the best place to meet new young adults in our community!

Bring a side, dessert, or drink to share, or \$5 to help cover the cost of the meal.

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

**Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>  
7-8:30pm  
Auditorium**



### BOSTON AREA CATHOLICS STRUGGLING TO STAY CATHOLIC MEETUP

**O**ur next meeting of this group will be 7-8:30pm on Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup> in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Library.



For information or to RSVP, please contact:

**Daria O'Connor**  
[dariaoconnor@gmail.com](mailto:dariaoconnor@gmail.com)

### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

**S**piritual 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 **Paulist 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**.



### IN OTHER COMMUNITIES...

*A Faith that Does Justice* is sponsoring a **panel discussion** on the "Effect of the Environmental Crisis on the Poor and the Vulnerable"; **6:15-8pm, Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, Courtyard Boston Downtown Marriott**; 275 Tremont Street, Boston. Register for free at:

<http://bit.ly/climatecrisis2020>

### MINISTERIAL STAFF

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*Please see our website for direct contact information.*

