



Paulist Center Boston

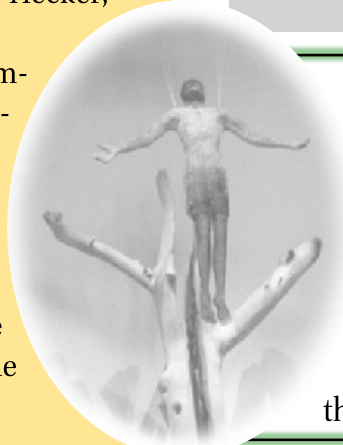
Attentive to the Holy Spirit and nourished by vibrant liturgy, we are a Catholic community that welcomes all, fosters healing and reconciliation, and acts for justice.

ROLLING BOOK CLUB

Come discuss the book *Isaac Thomas Hecker: Spiritual Pilgrim* next Sunday, March 1st, following the 10am Mass and on Tuesday, March 3rd at 7 pm. Paulist John Behnke wrote this short and easy-to-read book about Isaac Hecker, founder of the Paulists.

Paulist Associate and community member Paula Cuozzo will lead the discussion (she wrote her thesis on Hecker!).

Books are available for only \$10 after all the liturgies this weekend, February 22nd - 23rd. Books are also available at the reception desk during the week.



FEBRUARY 22 - 23, 2020

7TH 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

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

Masses with Distribution of Ashes

7:00am 7:55am

12:05pm 1:05pm 5:15pm

Evening Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes

7:00pm



TAIZÉ PRAYER FOR LENT

All are welcome to join us for Taizé Prayer on the Tuesdays of Lent beginning March 3rd, 7-8pm: a time of repetitive chants, scripture, prayer, intercessions and meditative silence around the cross. Bring a cushion if you wish to sit on the floor.



2020 BOSTON PRIDE PREPARATIONS

Meeting to discuss how the Paulist Center can take part in 2020 Boston Pride (Saturday, June 13th).

Meeting time: Next Sunday, March 1st, 7pm in the 3rd Floor Library

Each year, the Paulist Center partners with other local parishes to sponsor a booth at the Boston Common (formerly on City Hall Plaza). For many Center members, it has been an enriching and moving experience to be a welcoming presence to the Boston LGBTQ+ community.

We invite all to help us staff the booth during this year's 50th anniversary celebration of Boston Pride!



VISITING PAULIST NOVICE

Christopher Malano is a Paulist novice and will be with the Paulist Center throughout Lent and Holy Week. Exploring ways to enthusiastically live out the image of "co-workers in the vineyard of the Lord" through fruitful collaboration among ordained and lay ministers of the Church has been a passion for Chris since he was a teenager. One of his favorite quotes of Paulist founder, Fr. Isaac Hecker, comes from his diary: "He that seeks for a work will never find it, but he that submits himself to the Creator will always be at work."

Chris has spent more than 15 years in campus ministry with the International Movement of Catholic Students – Pax Romana and at the Newman Center at the University of Hawai'i – Mānoa.



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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SAVE THE DATE!

April 25th is our 40th Annual Auction Fundraiser, *Olympic Spirit: Let the Games Begin!*



Olympic Spirit
Let the Games Begin!

Are you interested in getting to know other members of the Paulist Center community? Are you looking for a single event that offers several different ways to contribute your time, talents, or treasures to support the Paulist Center?

You're in luck! The Paulist Center Auction, our largest annual fun and fundraiser is coming soon! The theme for the 40th annual goods and services auction and dinner is *Olympic Spirit: Let the Games Begin!* Ways you can help:

- * Donate an item or service to the auction.
- * Volunteer leading up to, or, on the day of the auction.
- * Sign up to be a sponsor.
- * Purchase a ticket to attend. **Tickets will go on sale on March 28th.**

Bulletin insert for donation and volunteer information is available now in hardcopy and at <https://tinyurl.com/PCAuction-2020>.

To make a donation, sign up to volunteer, or simply to get more information, please contact **Auction Co-Chairs Sally and Peter Sliker** at paulistcenterauction@gmail.com

LENTEN RETREAT - WHAT WILL BRING ME TO LIFE MORE FULLY THIS LENT?

Lent originally referred to a lengthening of light and increased light brings new things into life. The Giver of Life wants to give us an 'aliveness' to others, our responsibilities, and to the reality of ourselves and the deep energizing



joy of our loving God. Join **Fr. Tom Ryan, CSP**, for a time of quiet reflection and prayer as you begin Lent 2020. **Thursday, March 5th, 6-7:30pm, 3rd Floor Library.**

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

	Last Week	Fiscal YTD (after 5% gift)
Weekend Collection	\$6,424	\$220,779
Budget Amount	\$11,164	\$265,145
Difference	(\$4,740)	(\$44,366)

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 **Food Link**, a non-profit that delivers nutritious food to organizations that serve low income people in the Arlington area. We thank you for your support.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sat	2/22	Rolling Book Club sale - Elevator Lobby	6:00pm
Sun	2/23	Rolling Book Club sale - Elevator Lobby	11:00am
		RCIA-Break Open The Word - 6 th Fl, Rm 22	12:30pm
		RCIA-Catechesis - 6 th Fl, Rm 22	1:15pm
		Rolling Book Club sale - Elevator Lobby	1:00pm
		Rolling Book Club sale - Elevator Lobby	7:00pm
		Young Adults Dinner - Auditorium	7:00pm
Wed	2/26	Supper Club - Auditorium	6:00pm
		Evening Prayer with Ashes - Chapel	7:00pm
Sun	3/1	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 - 3 rd Fl, Library	11:15am
		Rolling Book Club - Auditorium	11:15am
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	11:15am
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	1:15pm
		LGBTQ Meeting - 3 rd Fl, Library	7:00pm

PRAYER REQUEST ...

For community member **Catherine Koletsky** who is recovering from surgery.



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,

Ash Wednesday is on the near horizon, marking the beginning of the Church's season of Lent. Old-time Catholics will remember a time when giving up candy was a typical Lenten practice, a self-induced deprivation to discipline oneself during this season of penance. Recent years have suggested more positive practices, How about these?

1. Make a commitment to read the Sunday readings *before* you go to Mass. A way of experiencing Sunday worship more deeply.
2. Use a daily reflection book (get one at the Center Chapel entrance) to center yourself and guide yourself during the 40 Days of Lent.
3. Online daily reflections from Jesuit Creighton University: <<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/daily.html>>
4. Join us at the Paulist Center for **Taizé Prayer, Tuesdays, 7pm**
5. We can see the portrait of our soul through **the lens of our wallet**: think about what you usually spend your money on. Clothes? Lattés? Dinner out? Pick one type of expenditure that you'll "fast" from during Lent and then give the money you would usually spend to a local charity.
6. Or bigger: **where do you spend your time?** The average American spends about 4½ hours/day on their smart phone. Why not take something on – 40 days of letter writing, 40 acts of kindness, 40 phone calls to the important people in your life?
7. If you don't have a crucifix in your room, buy a simple one and put it in your bedroom.
8. Read the entire Gospel of Mark <www.usccb.org/bible/mark/1> in one sitting. As the shortest Gospel, it is the most concise story of Jesus' life, and the Cross plays an even more prominent role than in the other Gospels.
9. Our Young Adult Ministry is going to lead the community in the **Stations of the Cross on Friday, 10 April, 7pm** (www.bustedhalo.com/ministry-resources/what-are-the-stations-of-the-cross-2, if you don't know!).

10. Consider **a habit that has kept you from being who God** is calling to be. Consciously give up that habit for Lent.
11. Spend at least one weekend or evening volunteering that benefits the poor.
12. Make a commitment to **fast from insensitive, cruel comments** about others. So, no gossiping or going down the Twitter rabbit hole.
13. As part of your Lenten almsgiving, make a point to learn more about a particular social issue (immigration, abortion, human trafficking, racism, the environment, public education, child poverty, housing, prison reform, hunger, pornography). Give money to an organization related to your chosen issue that supports the dignity of the human person.
14. Pray for someone *by name*. Be mindful of Philo of Alexandria's wise words: "Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a great battle."

(Most of the above I shamelessly stole from Paulist Fathers' online ministry *Busted Halo*).

What do you think?

And let us pray for/with one another.



Michael McGarry, C.S.P.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

The Paulist Center's *Care for our Common Home* ministry invites you to follow Pope Francis in his 2015 Letter "**On Care for our Common Home**." He urges us to respond to "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor". Lent is a fine opportunity to do this.

During Lent, the Paulist Center is providing numerous opportunities to assist your Lenten observance including:

- **bulletin inserts**
- **two-hour retreat on Sunday, March 8th** focused on Care For Our Common Home

Watch for all these opportunities.



OPENNESS AND WELCOME

Five key themes emerged from our roundtable discussions, when community members shared their hopes and visions about how we might best live out our mission:

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



*This week, we focus on **Openness and Welcome***

With great consensus around a central goal of strengthening the Paulist Center, participants addressed Openness and Welcome at the Paulist Center, the Church, and the broad community by:

- Developing Small Group prayer & community; these may structure around generations, geography, and themes
- Address the difficult question of access; outside the building (parking?) and inside (lots has been done, but what more needs to be done?)
- Reach out to other Catholic, Christian, and social justice organizations to work in cooperation rather than parallel efforts
- More staff to work on inviting those OUTSIDE the building, in addition to when they get INSIDE the building. Particularly reach out to persons of color
- Become more savvy in our media and social media outreach
- Give training and encouragement for personal testimony: person-to-person
- Monitor our efforts by establishing metrics for evaluation

Feedback? Contact a member of the Pastoral Council or Fr. Mike

GIVE LIGHT: SPIRITUAL SUPPORT FOR CLIMATE ACTIVISM

As we come to understand the gravity of climate disruption, it's easy to become disheartened. How do we maintain equanimity and compassion for ourselves and others while sustaining effective activism? The *Care for Our Common Home* Ministry invites you to join us for an **interactive, multi-faith Retreat** led by **Rev. Fred Small**, Climate Justice Minister at the Arlington Street Church. We will be guided into meditation, reflection, conversation, and song, to fortify our spirits and deepen our resolve in the struggle for climate justice.

Sunday, March 8th in the 3rd Floor Library
Light lunch: 1pm Retreat: 1:30 - 3:30pm
(\$10 - \$15 suggested donation)

For more info and to RSVP contact
Trudy Macdonald at trumac@verizon.net



SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 9TH

Please join **Michael O'Loughlin**, National Correspondent, *America* magazine, who will lead a conversation entitled, **PLAGUE: Untold Stories of AIDS and the Catholic Church**. The presentation will include stories and reflections about his experience creating PLAGUE, a podcast for *America* magazine.

This event **will be facilitated by community member Bob Bordone**. All are most welcome.
Monday, March 9th at 7pm in the Auditorium

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