



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.

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. **This Thursday, March 5th, 6-7:30pm, 3rd Floor Library.**



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. **Next Sunday, March 8th, 3rd Floor Library. Light lunch: 1pm. Retreat: 1:30 - 3:30pm.** (\$10-\$15 suggested donation) RSVP: **Trudy Macdonald, trumac@verizon.net**



FEBRUARY 29 - MARCH 1, 2020

1ST SUNDAY IN 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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

This Sunday, **March 1st**, the Church celebrates the **Rite of Election**. At this service *the Church makes its "election", that is, the choice and admission of those catechumens who have the disposition that makes them fit to take part, at the next major celebration, in the sacraments of initiation.* (Rite of Christian Initiation, 119)

This choice comes on the advice of God-parent(s) and catechists, as well as the catechumens' reaffirmation of their intention. *Catechumens are expected to have undergone a conversion in mind and in action and to have developed a sufficient acquaintance with Christian teaching as well as a spirit of faith and charity.* (RCIA, 120)

Please pray for **Holly Hawke, Judy Zhu** and **Dylan Fafard**, who seek the Sacraments of Initiation, and **Samantha Paniagua** who seeks Full Communion.



ONE-DAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

Next Saturday, **March 7th, 3-5pm**, join **Paulist Center Auction Co-Chairs Peter and Sally Sliker** and other Paulist Center members to put together the **raffle ticket mailing** for the Paulist Center Auction. No prior mailing experience is required and this is a great opportunity to contribute to the auction.

Snacks will be provided. Hope to see you there in **Room 22** on the **6th Floor**.

RSVP to **Peter and Sally, paulistcenterauction@gmail.com**



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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CONVERSATION WITH MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

The Paulist Center's LGBTQ Group, along with the Adult Ed Committee, is sponsoring Michael O'Loughlin with reflections from his award winning podcast *Plague: Untold Stories of AIDS and the Catholic Church*, at 7pm, Monday, March 9th, in the Auditorium. All are welcome. Not only will you be informed, but you will be challenged and inspired.



SAVE THE DATE!

April 25th is our 40th Annual Auction Fundraiser, *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 to get more information, please contact

Auction Co-Chairs Sally and Peter Sliker,
paulistcenterauction@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

	Last Week	Fiscal YTD (after 5% gift)
Weekend Collection	\$11,975	\$232,155
Budget Amount	\$11,164	\$275,751
Difference	\$811	(\$43,596)

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 the **Church in Africa, Central and Eastern Europe** which funds projects in 28 countries to build the pastoral capacity of the Church and to rebuild and restore the faith in these countries. We thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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
Tues 3/3	Rolling Book Club - 3 rd Fl, Library	7:00pm
	Taizé Prayer - Chapel	7:00pm
Wed 3/4	Supper Club - Auditorium	6:00pm
Thu 3/5	Lenten Retreat - 3 rd Fl, Library	6:00pm
	Pastoral Council - 6 th Fl, Rm 22	7:00pm
Sat 3/7	Raffle Ticket Mailing - 6 th Fl, Rm 22	3:00pm
Sun 3/8	Family Lenten Event - Auditorium	11:15am
	Community Coffee - Auditorium	11:15am
	RCIA/Break Open the Word - 6 th Fl, Rm 22	12:30pm
	Lenten Climate Retreat - 3 rd Fl, Library	1:00pm
	RCIA catechesis - 6 th Fl, Rm 22	1:15pm
	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,

For this *First Sunday of Lent*, I steal shamelessly from my Paulist brother Tom Ryan's list of "*Alternative Forms of Fasting*." Tom distributed these at a Twilight Retreat in 2019:

Fast with your eyes: a little less TV, video, and staring at your computer screen or smartphone; a little more introspection and reflection on your life through keeping a journal.

Fast with your ears: listen less to your iPod, radio, CDs; listen more to your own inner heart and spirit. Be keenly attentive to the words of others.

Fast with your mouth: take just one helping. Less processed foods, appreciate simple food and drink water.

Fast with your hands: back off from things that agitate you. Take time to just sit and reflect, to rest and observe.

Fast with your feet: become more attuned to the modern compulsion to be always on the "go." Offer yourself a daily quiet half-hour of reading that nourishes your spirit. Make more time available to welcome others to your home.

Fast with your body: attach less importance to external fashion and make-up. Reclaim your natural hair and skin color.

Fast from anger, resentment, bitterness: get to the bottom of why you're angry or resentful. What's the hidden demand underneath? Pray for the grace to forgive those who have hurt you.

Fast from judging others: unhook from conversations in which others are being disparaged, or contribute something positive to balance the negative things that are being said.

Fast from complaining: when you're feeling inclined to complain, stop and look at all you are blessed with and give thanks instead.

Fast from glossing over your losses too quickly: allow yourself to feel the emptiness, the ache, the absence. Take the time to do the inner work of grieving; resist the quick but superficial emotional fix, the easy fill.

What do you think?

And let us pray for/with one another.



Michael McGarry, C.S.P.

FAMILY LENTEN EVENT

The Family Lenten Event is next Sunday, March 8th at 11:15am in the Auditorium.

Please join the families of the Paulist Center to socialize, learn ways to celebrate the Lenten season as a family, and enjoy a craft together to take home.

All are welcome!



TAIZÉ PRAYER

What is **Taizé Prayer**? It is a style of Christian worship practiced by the ecumenical Taizé community in France, characterized by the repetitive singing of simple harmonized tunes, often in various languages, interspersed with readings, prayers, and periods of silence. Taizé music highlights simple phrases, usually lines from the Psalms or other pieces of scripture, repeated or sung in canon. The repetition is designed to help meditation and prayer.

All are welcome to join us for **Taizé Prayer each Tuesday in March, 7-8pm.**

Bring a cushion if you wish to sit on the floor.



ADULT CONFIRMATION

The Paulist Center is offering program to **prepare active, practicing adult Catholics** for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. It will take place on **four Monday evenings (March 16th, 23rd, 30th, and April 6th) from 7-8:30pm.**

The sessions will include a review of sacraments, especially Baptism and Eucharist, as well as the history and theology of Confirmation. Through prayer and discussion, we explore the roles of faith and the Church in our lives. These particular sessions are geared toward celebrating this sacrament on **Sunday, May 3rd at St. Catherine of Genoa Parish in Somerville.**

Contact **Fr. Chuck** for more information or to register, chuck@paulistcenter.org



PARENT PREPARATION FOR INFANT/CHILD BAPTISM

Our next session will be on **Saturday, March 21st from 10am - 12pm.** Expecting parents are invited to attend before their child is born/adopted. We do not have childcare.

More information can be found on the website.

Contact **Fr. Chuck** to register for the session, chuck@paulistcenter.org



CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

The Paulist Center's *Care for our Common Home* ministry invites you to focus your Lenten observance this year on Care for our Common Home. Pope Francis in his 2015 Letter "On Care for our Common Home" urges us to respond to "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" and 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 next Sunday, March 8th** focused on Care For Our Common Home

Watch for all these opportunities.



SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 18TH LECTURE BY JAMES KEENAN, SJ

James Keenan, SJ, a professor of moral theology at Boston College, will offer a lecture on *Vulnerability & the Formation of Bishops*.

This promises to be a very provocative and informative evening.

A light supper will be provided at **6:30pm**, followed by the lecture at **7pm**. Suggested donation is \$10.

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