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.

March 7 - 8, 2020
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

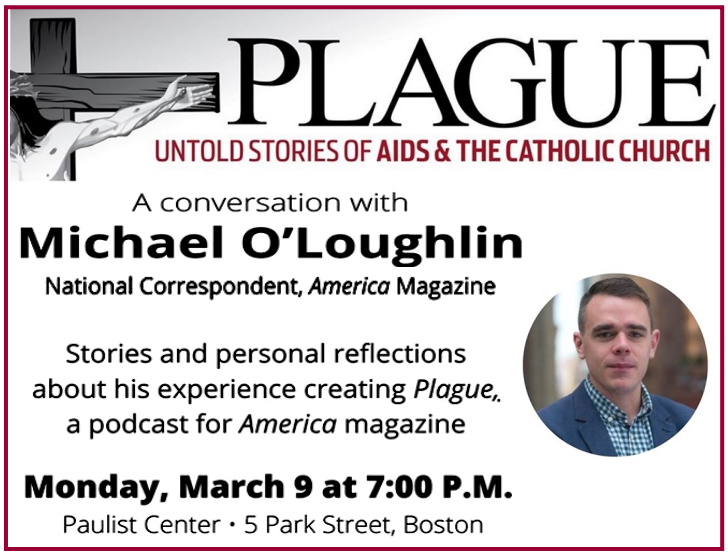
Donations Needed For The Auction

We are collecting items for the 40th Annual Paulist Center Auction: ***Olympic Spirit: Let the Games Begin!***, taking place on **Saturday, April 25th**. **You can help!**

- Ask a business you frequent if they would be willing to donate
- Donate a weekend at a vacation home owned by you, or a family member, or friend
- Perhaps you or someone you know has a special skill to share

Please consider these or other possibilities to help us provide a robust variety of items to bid on! Donations accepted until **Sunday, April 12th**.

For more information, please contact **Auction Co-Chairs Sally and Peter Sliker** at ***paulistcenterauction@gmail.com***



Catholic Appeal

This coming weekend, March 14th - 15th, the Paulist Center, along with the rest of the Boston Archdiocese, will take part in the **annual Catholic Appeal** entitled "**This is Our Church**." You will see 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 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 collection and Community gift will proceed in the usual way to that week's named organization).

Paulist Center Community Snapshots...

In 2019, the Paulist Center Community gave over $2800 to the annual Catholic Appeal. Awesome! *Thank you so much!*

Family Lenten Event

The Family Lenten Event is this 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!**

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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Fair Trade Coffee and Craft Sale

We hope our **Fair Trade** sales change the way you think about shopping. Responsible shopping involves those who make the product and who benefits from the profit.

Visit the ***Sister Community*** at **Community Coffee after the 10am and 12pm Masses this Sunday** and we will tell you about the scholarship program in our sister community, ***Hacienda Vieja,*** in El Salvador. The profit from your purchase supports two college students.

Boston Area Catholics Struggling to Stay Catholic Meetup

Our next meeting of this group will be **7-8:30pm on Thursday, March 12th** in the **3rd Floor Library**. For information or to RSVP, please contact:

Ralph Baker
sharkpac@gmail.com

"Vulnerability & the Formation of Bishops"

Fr. Jim Keenan, SJ, of Boston College will offer **this provocative lecture** at **7pm, Wednesday, March 18th in the 3rd Floor Library.** (A light supper will be provided from 6:30 pm). Suggested donation is $10.

Fr. Keenan is an internationally respected moral theologian, teacher, lecturer, and author. In 2002, he founded *Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church*, a global network of theological ethicists and practitioners.

In 2019, Fr. Keenan received the John Courtney Murray Award as the outstanding American Catholic theologian. This promises to be a most rewarding evening!

Stewardship Information

	Last Week	Fiscal YTD (after 5% gift)
Weekend Collection	$6,788	$238,604
Budget Amount	$11,164	$286,357
Difference	($4,376)	($47,753)

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 **Voice of the Faithful** whose mission is to provide a prayerful voice through which the lay faithful can participate in the governance of the Catholic Church. We thank you for your continued support.

Weekly Schedule

Sun	3/8	Family Lenten Event - Auditorium	11:15am
		Community Coffee/Fair Trade - Auditorium	11:15am
		RCIA/Break Open the Word - 6th Fl, Rm 22	12:30pm
		Lenten Climate Retreat - 3rd Fl, Library	1:00pm
		RCIA catechesis - 6th Fl, Rm 22	1:15pm
		Community Coffee/Fair Trade - Auditorium	1:15pm
Mon	3/9	*Plague* /Michael O'Loughlin - Auditorium	7:00pm
Tues	3/10	Taizé Prayer - Chapel	7:00pm
		Music Rehearsal - Chapel	8:00pm
Wed	3/11	Supper Club - Auditorium	6:00pm
Thu	3/12	Boston Area Catholics Meetup- 3rd Fl, Library	7:00pm
Sun	3/15	Little People's Program - 3rd Fl, Library	10:15am
		Parents + Children Group Meeting- 6th Fl, Rm 22	11:15am
		FREP - Rms 2, 13, 16, 17, 22	11:15am
		Jr. High - 2nd Fl, Seminar Rm	11:15am
		Sr. High - 3rd Fl, Library	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*: *This is Our Church*, next Weekend, 14-15 March**. 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 <https://bostoncatholicappeal.org>):

- Clergy Personnel
- Pastoral Planning
- Outreach and Cultural Diversity (including Black Catholic Ministries, Hispanic Apostolate, and Ministry of Persons with Disabilities)
- Risk Management Insurance
- Stronger Catholic Schools
- Faith Formation of Youth & Young Adults
- Vibrant Parishes
- Campus Ministry
- Chaplains at various institutions (e.g., prisons, hospitals, psychiatric hospitals)
- Marriage Ministry
- Healing Families in Times of Difficulty (Bereavement, Healthcare, Prisons)
- Pro-Life Ministry
- Faith Community Nursing and Palliative Care
- Support for Various Ethnic Ministries
- Immigration Services to welcome new members to our community
- And many others… (but **NOT** financial settlements and counseling/mediation costs for victims of clergy sexual abuse).

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As Cardinal Seán says, "*When you participate in the Catholic Appeal you help to strengthen our parish communities, our Catholic schools and enable us to continue living our faith together through the beauty and joy of the Gospel. I am truly grateful for your support.*"

Please be as generous as you can be with our fellow Catholics.

What do you think?

And let us pray for/with one another.

Michael McGarry, C.S.P.

Dear Paulist Center Parents,

From the earliest days of the sexual abuse crisis, we have understood the paramount importance of assuring the protection of children and ensuring that the sexual abuse crisis is never repeated. We must be ever vigilant for the protection of children in order to keep safe our most vulnerable and restore the confidence of the faithful in the Church. While progress has been made on many fronts, we continue to work diligently to ensure that our protection and prevention efforts are strengthened and that the healing process is fostered.

Toward that end, one of the pillars of prevention is a standard **personal safety curriculum** for our children. This educates children about appropriate and inappropriate contact with adults, and helps them to develop the skills to communicate with parents and caretakers.

We are aware that children are taught about personal safety at home and oftentimes in school. However, children learn more about safety and are more likely to follow safety rules when they have multiple opportunities to practice and talk about these matters. Therefore, in cooperation with the **Archdiocese of Boston's Office of Child Advocacy**, we are holding a **personal safety program**:

Grades 1 - 4: Sunday, March 22nd
11:15am – 12:30pm
6th Floor, Room 22

If you have any questions, please contact **Susan Rutkowski, Pastoral Minister, Family Religious Education** at ***susan@paulistcenter.org*** or **617-948-2426**.

Authentic Integration

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 & Welcome**
5. **Authentic Integration**

This week, we focus on our final theme, **Authentic Integration**.

Roundtable Discussion participants noted that our Paulist Center community sponsors many programs and engages in many activities. Rather than adding to these, participants emphasized that our community needs to enhance existing programs through **Strengthening Activities, Lay Leadership Involvement,** and **Communication/Advertisement:**

- **Strengthening Paulist Center Activities** – To strengthen and interconnect existing programs, we see benefit to focusing on and enhancing activities that are relationship-based and promote personal interaction (e.g., Small Groups). As an intentional community, our members are geographically spread out. For this reason, we strive to develop and use tools – including physical spaces, social media, and virtual meetings – to provide additional means for participation, connection, education, and feedback.
- **Lay Leadership Involvement** – We strive to have an active, alive, involved, and invested church community. Organizing our resources and volunteers effectively is vital to advancing this goal. We see benefit to having an overall coordinator who also provides structure, tools, resources and marketing. We also see benefit to having stronger partnership among members of the Paulist Center community and staff; this can be supported by staff member introductions during services and by their availability for questions and discussion.
- **Communication/Advertisement:** We strive to build communal excitement and connection – while promoting opportunities, such as to Marriage Prep participants and other visitors to the Paulist Center. This can be promoted via multimedia, such as slideshows and videos, that share:
  - ⇒ Involvement opportunities
  - ⇒ Stories about how the Paulist Center contributes to the community
  - ⇒ Individual testimonies
  - ⇒ Ministry information and updates

To deepen our commitment to Authentic Integration, we need to engage members in this work by:

- ⇒ **Sharing information** about the many existing opportunities for involvement
- ⇒ **Personally inviting** fellow members to join in the effort to build relationship-based activities
- ⇒ **Pooling our resources**, including our experiences, skills, and knowledge, to further encourage members to take leadership roles

In Other Communities...

Grief Support Series

The Women's Table of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston will host a **5-week Grief Series** for women experiencing loss. Five consecutive Thursdays, **March 12th through April 9th, 10-11:30am.**
Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse, 637 Cambridge Street, Brighton. To register: Linda Boothroyd, CSJ Agrégée, **617-746-1603**. For more information: Mary Rita Weschler, ***maryrita.weschler@csjboston.org***

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