



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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - AUCTION DECORATIONS

If you are looking for a fun way to get involved and contribute to the **Auction on April 25th**, consider **leading the decorating committee!**

We are **looking for one or two people** to chair this committee. Responsibilities are: determine the decorations for the night, based on the theme of **Olympic Spirit - Let the Games Begin!**; coordinate volunteers to get the decorations up on Friday night, April 24th. Decoration decisions are made in collaboration with the co-chairs. It is not necessary to have attended the auction in the past, but it helps. If interested, contact co-chairs **Peter and Sally Sliker** for more information, paulistcenterauction@gmail.com



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MARCH 14 - 15, 2020

3RD 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

CATHOLIC APPEAL

Today in every parish across the Archdiocese, Cardinal Seán calls on us to support the annual Catholic Appeal. You will find **envelopes in the pews**. Please return them **either this weekend or next**. Every gift, regardless of the size, is meaningful and can make an impact. *Thank you for your generosity and support of the 2020 Catholic Appeal this weekend.*

FIRST COMMUNION

The next gathering for the **First Communion Class** will take place **this Sunday, March 15th at 11:15am** in the **3rd Floor Library**.



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, contact **Auction co-chairs Sally and Peter Sliker**, paulistcenterauction@gmail.com

"VULNERABILITY & THE FORMATION OF BISHOPS"

Fr. Jim Keenan, SJ, of Boston College, will offer **this provocative lecture at 7pm, this 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!

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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IT JUST MAKES CENTS!

The **Jr. High Youth Group** is handing out small bags this weekend for their **Lenten service project, "It Just Makes Cents!"**

Please fill these bags with your loose change and **bring them in during Lent** and the youth group will turn them into much needed funds for those who cannot afford their heating bills this winter.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY - SMALL GROUPS

Small Faith-Sharing Groups, of 5-10 young adults (18-39yrs), **meet once a week** to support one another in their own faith journeys and talk about relevant topics.

We currently have two **different groups** that meet on either **Tuesday or Wednesday evening**.

If you are new to the Paulist Center, small groups are one of the best ways to get connected!

To get involved, email **Kristin Hauser**, kristin@paulistcenter.org



STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

	Last Week	Fiscal YTD (after 5% gift)
Weekend Collection	\$11,419	\$249,452
Budget Amount	\$11,164	\$296,962
Difference	\$255	(\$47,510)

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 **New Entry Food Hub** (formerly known as *World PEAS*), a program of the New Entry Sustainable Farming Project. New Entry aims to build economic self-reliance and food security among farmers in eastern Massachusetts and their communities, and to expand access of healthy and culturally appropriate foods in underserved areas through production of locally grown foods.

We thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun	3/15	Little People's Program - 3 rd Fl, Library	10:15am
		1 st Communion Class- 3 rd Fl, Library	11:15am
		FREP - Rms 2, 13, 16, 17, 22	11:15am
Mon	3/16	Adult Confirmation Class- 3 rd Fl, Library	7:00pm
		Paulist Associates - 6 th Fl, Rm 22	7:00pm
Tue	3/17	Taizé Prayer - Chapel	7:00pm
		Music Rehearsal - Chapel	8:00pm
Wed	3/18	Supper Club - Auditorium	6:00pm
		Fr. Jim Keenan lecture - 3 rd Fl, Library	6:30pm
Thu	3/19	Planning Comm-Alzheimer's Panel- 3 rd Fl, Library	6:00pm
Sat	3/21	3 rd Saturday Breakfast - Auditorium	9:00am
		Baptism Prep - 3 rd Fl, Library	10:00am
Sun	3/22	Personal Safety Program- 6 th Fl, Rm 22	11:15am
		FREP - Grades 5 & 6 - Rm 2, Rm 13	11:15am
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	11:15am
		RCIA/Break Open the Word - 6 th Fl, Rm 22	12:30pm
		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,

John Henry Newman (1801-1890) is one of our Paulist Fathers' patron saints. First an Anglican, Newman became a Catholic later in his life, a member of the Oratorian religious community. During our Lenten season, Newman's meditation seems especially welcome; it is a kind of dialogue between his reflections (*in italics*) and another's response:

God has created me to do him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.

May I resolve that my life be lived in such a way that, while it may never know its mission completely, it will never stand in the way of God's hope for me.

God has not created me to naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments and serve Him in my calling.

May my life and the way I live it be a voice that gently calls others to self-examination and a yearning for the Good.

Therefore, I will trust God, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him.

May I, even in perplexity or sickness or sorrow, remember always that God's trust in me survives and surmounts all my weaknesses.

God does nothing in vain. God knows what God is about. God may take away my friends. God may throw me among strangers. God may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, God knows what He is about.

May I return God's trust in me with an eagerness of confidence that, whatever the trail, I am not abandoned.

Amen.

What do you think?

And let us pray for/with one another.



Michael McGarry, C.S.P.

RCIA

SCRUTINIES

On the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent (March 15th, 22nd, and 29th), the Church celebrates with those who seek the Sacraments of Initiation a ritual called **scrutiny**. They are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. ... to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. (RCIA 141) Your continuing prayers for **Holly, Judy, and Dylan** are appreciated.

PRESENTATION OF THE CREED

As part of Tuesday evening's Taizé Prayer, those seeking the Sacraments of Initiation will formally receive the **Creed** – our Christian statement of faith. Please join us from **7-8pm this Tuesday, March 17th**.



A Journey in Faith

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:

Next Sunday, March 22nd

11:15am - 12:30pm

6th Floor, Room 22

If you have any questions, please contact:

Susan Rutkowski

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617-948-2426

DISABILITY, INCLUSION, AND BELONGING

Join community members **Jennifer Sulewski** and **Maria Cataldo-Cunniff** for a **discussion on disability and inclusion at the Paulist Center.**

We will learn about the *Ten Elements of Belonging* identified by researcher Erik Carter and discuss how our community can foster a sense of belonging among community members with and without disabilities.

Discussion will take place "between the Masses" on **Sunday, March 29th, 11:15am-12pm in the Auditorium.**



COMMENTS AND COMMENDATIONS

If you wish to give comments and commendation to any Paulist Center preacher, as we encourage thought-provoking, challenging preaching, we invite you to respond to any preacher simply by emailing the Center's general e-mail address, ***info@paulistcenter.org***, and we will see that your message is forwarded to the right preacher.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

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Please see our website for direct contact information.

