



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.

LESSONS AND CAROLS ON BOSTON COMMON - DECEMBER 12TH @ 1PM

Join the Paulist Center Music Ministry for *With Joyful Hope: A Service of Readings and Carols* on the Boston Common, Sunday, December 12th at 1:00pm


If you plan on attending, please let us know by completing the registration form [here](#).

We will have enough chairs available for those who registered, but please bring a chair if you are coming without registering.

Please remain after the service to socialize and reconnect with friends. Individually-wrapped snacks and drinks will be offered.

No rain date. Check the Center website and Facebook page by 11:00am the day of if weather is questionable.

SISTER COMMUNITY FAIR TRADE CRAFT SALE - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

Finally! Our Fair Trade Crafts are **back!** And just in time for the holiday gift-giving season. 

Please take a moment and peruse the table in the elevator lobby **after the 10am Mass** and at our Lessons and Carols event in the Common at 1pm, Sunday, December 12th.



Welcome! If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form that can be found on our website. You may also call the Reception Desk at 617-742-4460. After returning the form, a staff member will contact you.

DECEMBER 11 - 12, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 18 - 19, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES

Saturday	Sunday
5:00 PM	10:00 AM
	6:00 PM

LIVE-STREAMED MASS

Sunday	10:00 AM
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WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
7:55 AM
Tuesday and Thursday

12:05 PM

LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINKS

The Sunday 10am Mass is Live-Streamed.
(available as recording at same link after 11:15am)

December 12th YouTube [Link](#)

December 12th Order of Worship [Link](#)

December 19th YouTube [Link](#)

December 19th Order of Worship [Link](#)



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Masses

Friday, December 24

5:00pm

Livestream on YouTube and Facebook

Friday, December 24

8:00pm

Christmas Day Mass

Saturday, December 25

10:00am

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 25

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm (no music)

Sunday, December 26

10:00am

Livestream on YouTube and Facebook

Sunday at 6:00pm



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★ 2021's VIRTUAL JESSE TREE ★

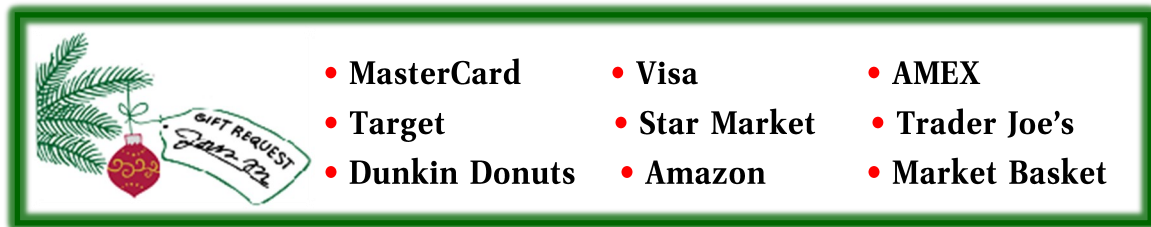
Every Advent at the Paulist Center, we host a **Jesse Tree** in our **Mary Alcove**. The Jesse Tree is a way of preparing for the coming of Jesus on Christmas Day. The Jesse Tree is named from the Scripture passage from the Book of Isaiah. [Isaiah 11:1-10]

Typically, community members take a symbol or tag off the tree to purchase a gift or gift card for the agencies and/or the individuals and families with whom they work: **SS Francis & Therese Catholic Worker House, The Agape Community, CrossRoads Family Shelter**, and this year, we are adding **Afghan refugee families** to our list of recipients.

For the sake of Covid safety measures, we are hosting a virtual Jesse Tree again. We still do not want to physically take in and deliver the large amount of gifts we typically do each year.

Instead, we are asking that you send in or drop off a gift card if you feel so moved, by Friday, December 24th.

Our agencies have identified the **following gift cards** that would benefit their work, individuals and/or families. Most popular are MasterCard/Visa/AMEX because they offer people the flexibility to purchase in lots of different places.



If you would like to support the Jesse Tree this year, you can:

Drop off gift cards at our front desk
during the week from 10:30am-4:30pm

or

Mail to: Paulist Center
Attn: Jesse Tree
5 Park Street, Boston, MA 02108

If you have questions, please contact **Susan Rutkowski** at susan@paulistcenter.org or 617-948-2426.

RACIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY GROUP MEETING: DECEMBER 14TH

The Racial Justice Advocacy Group will meet on Tuesday, December 14th at 7pm via Zoom. We will debrief the Hecker Award Celebration of Bryan Massingale and continue our visioning of what one would see at the Paulist Center if each goal of our Mission Statement were operationalized. If you would like to join in the Group's work, please contact **Tom Sharkey** at sharkey.te@verizon.net or **Susan Buta** at sue@buta.org. With your RSVP, we will send the appropriate links and our mission statement to prepare for our discussion.



2021 ISAAC HECKER AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Please submit your nominations for our 2021 award! (Bryan Massingale was the 2020 winner.) Guidelines for submissions can be found on our website under the social justice tab. Here is the [link](#). The deadline is December 31st, 2021. Questions should be directed to **Susan Rutkowski**, susan@paulistcenter.org or 617-948-2426.

WARM WEATHER ACCESSORIES FOR OUR SUPPER CLUB GUESTS



Please consider dropping off a pair of gloves or mittens, a hat, some warm socks and/or some toiletries like chapstick, moisturizer and hand sanitizer as a gift for our Wednesday Night Supper Club guests this holiday season.

Donations can be left at our front desk during the week from 10:30am - 4:30pm,



or on weekends, in the receptacle in the Mary Alcove.

PAULIST CENTER ROSARY CIRCLE INTENTION FORM

Do you have a special intention that you would like the Paulist Center Community to pray for?

Our weekly Rosary Circle (see below) is happy to include your intentions (may be anonymous).

Go [here](#) for the form.



Prayer Intentions

PAULIST CENTER ROSARY CIRCLE



All are welcome to the Paulist Center Rosary Circle, every Monday at 7:30pm.

Here's the [Zoom link](#)

Meeting ID: 487 503 158; Passcode: 021078

WELCOME (BACK!) TO OUR NEW YOUNG ADULT MINISTER, MAIREAD MURPHY



We are very happy to welcome Mairead Murphy in the role as part-time Young Adult Minister. Mairead had been a very active member and leader in our Paulist Center Young Adult Ministry for three years until she left Boston to join the L'Arche community in Seattle two years ago.



She has recently returned to Boston and is currently a candidate/pre-postulant with the Felician Sisters. While she is continuing her discernment of her vocation with them, Mairead will be in the Boston area and returned to her spiritual "home" (as she calls it!) at the Paulist Center.

We are thrilled she will be able to minister as our Young Adult Minister for the foreseeable future and she looks forward to connecting and re-connecting with folks here! You can reach her at mairead@paulistcenter.org.

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR PARENTS

There will be a preparation class for new or expectant parents who seek the Sacrament of Baptism for their child on Saturday, January 15th, 2022.

It will be offered, via the Zoom platform, from 10-11:15am.



More information can be found on the Paulist Center [website](#) or by contacting [Fr. Chuck Cunniff, CSP](#).

AN AFGHAN FAMILY IS ARRIVING SOON AND WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

A few months ago parishioners from the Paulist Center and Saint Cecilia parish began organizing to jointly sponsor an Afghan refugee family. We have agreed to sponsor two families, and have secured and furnished housing!



Now comes the challenge to welcome this family and help them navigate through complex government programs; assure their children a good education; prepare them to find work; help them learn English and understand a culture much different from theirs; and much, much more.

Eventually the families will be eligible for some U. S. government benefits, but even with those we may need to provide each family more than \$20,000 for rent alone and an additional \$25,000 for other living expenses.

To donate by check, make it payable to “*Catholic Charities*” and write on the **memo line**: “PC-SC POWIR, Afghan”.

(POWIR stands for Parishes Organizing to Welcome Immigrants and Refugees.)

Mail the check to:

Catholic Charities, 275 West Broadway, Boston, MA 02127, attention: Marjean Perhot

To donate online go to www.ccab.org and select “Donate”. Under “Designation” use the pull down list and select “Other”. In the resulting window type “Paulist Center St. Cecilia’s POWIR, Afghan”.



You can also sign up to volunteer with our refugee family at bit.ly/POWIRvolunteer

Please contact us with any questions: sc.socialracialjustice@gmail.com.

Thank you for your accustomed generosity.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & DECORATIONS

Help us decorate with a poinsettia plant and other Christmas decorations in honor of a family member or friend, living or deceased. **Suggested donation is \$10.**

You can contribute at the front desk during the week from 10:30am-4:30pm; by using the envelopes marked “Flower Donation” in the pews; or go to [Donate Online](#) on our website, and use the Flower Donation Category and note that it is “in honor of, or in memory of” in the space provided.





CREATION CARE MINISTRY - ADVENT

Emmanuel means “God is with us.” During Advent, the Creation Care ministry invites you to prepare for the celebration of Jesus’ birth with simplicity. As ‘we wait in joyful hope’, we can actively demonstrate our appreciation for the gift of God’s creation.

Each weekend, we will share a reflection, suggestions for action, and examples of what Paulist Center members are doing to ‘prepare the way of the Lord’. These stories about making personal changes to help the earth will inspire others, support others trying to make changes and are a reason to celebrate. Please keep telling us your stories.



WEEK 3 Reflection: Prayer from Pope Francis’ *Laudato Si’*

“All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe, and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.”

Suggestion:

Day to Day lifestyle choices can reflect your love of God’s creation:

Reflect on what you and your family are already doing to live sustainably.

Say No to single-use items (plastic bottles, forks, straws ...), use cloth napkins & reusable containers, ... When shopping decline unnecessary packaging (paper, plastic, boxes, bags). ... Buy local. ... Try natural vs. chemical products. ... Try LED lightbulbs. ... Wash clothes with cold water. ... Join an environmental organization. ...

Paulist Center members say:

- As a family we did a home plastic search and were amazed by how much plastic we had. When the time comes, I will replace plastics with safer and more sustainable materials. We think before we buy now.
- I worked to get a single use plastic ban in my home town.
- I’ve been vegan for a number of years and feel much healthier for it. Vegan diets have positive impact on reducing carbon emissions. (A UN report in 2019 found plant-based diets can help fight climate change.) We recycle plastic, metal and paper. We use only green cleaning products.



WEEK 4 Reflection: “For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies, Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.”

Suggestion:

Lifestyle choices continued. Decreasing your carbon footprint probably means adjusting your: utilities, transportation and food (3 of the biggest impacts for most people). Does your town let you switch your electric supply to ‘renewable sources’? Many do. All your home’s electricity might come from green sources. The Paulist Center did this. Transportation: Consider public transport, walking, biking, combining trips, or skipping the travel altogether. Eat together as a family and make it vegetarian. Check out Oxfam’s “Eat for Good” tips on how to shop and eat sustainably: <https://www.oxfamamerica.org/explore/issues/hunger-and-famine/eat-for-good/>

Paulist Center members say:

- I’m trying to educate myself about the problems- global warming, pollution, water and food scarcity and figure out what I can do about them. Our book discussion group is focusing on this area.
- At the urging of a friend of mine, I started a compost bin in my back yard. We also bought a hybrid auto 4 years ago. I have several friends who collect plastic bags for me so I can use them to clean up after my dog instead of buying more bags. We started a Monarch way station last year where we protect Monarch eggs and caterpillars until they become butterflies in order to increase their numbers as pollinators. We also have a large garden of milkweed and butterfly friendly plants. When we told friends and relatives about this, they started to do the same.

WAYS OF GIVING

Our “Community Gift” is the Paulist Center’s tradition of **giving away 5% of our weekend offerings**, averaged out over the year, to a group outside of ourselves. **We are so very grateful** for your support during this time of uncertainty and financial challenge.

The weekend of **December 11th and 12th** we designate our gift to **Preble Street**, whose mission is to help end hunger, poverty, and homelessness in Portland, Maine.

The weekend of **December 18th and 19th**, we designate our gift to **Urban Edge**, a national leader in the community development field and building affordable housing.

Two ways to give to the Paulist Center:

1. To make a one-time or recurring donation to the Center using your bank account or credit card, click on this link: <https://tinyurl.com/DonatePaulistCenter>
2. Giving by text: Text a whole dollar donation amount to **844-899-7511**; this will be designated as your “Weekend Offering.”



CALENDAR YEAR-END GIFTS TO THE CENTER WARMLY WELCOMED

As you are likely aware, your financial gifts are key to the Paulist Center’s financial sustainability. While we did not bombard you with Giving Tuesday requests, please know that we warmly welcome calendar year-end gifts, which are very helpful to our budget every year.



If you wish to donate **stock**, please be in touch with **Patty Simpson**, patty@paulistcenter.org or **617-948-2428**, for specifics on our legal name, tax ID and account information for transfers.

Thank you for ALL you give in so many ways to the Center!



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Please see our website for direct contact information.

