



# 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.*

**DECEMBER 25 - 26, 2021**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**JANUARY 1 - 2, 2022**

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES**

**Saturday** 5:00 PM

**Sunday** 10:00 AM

6:00 PM

**LIVE-STREAMED MASS**

**Sunday**

10:00 AM

**WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES**

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday**

7:55 AM

**Tuesday and Thursday**

12:05 PM



**A BLESSED CHRISTMAS  
AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR TO ALL!**



**MAY THE PEACE AND JOY OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
BE YOURS**



**FROM THE PAULIST CENTER STAFF AND  
THE PAULIST FATHERS**



## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



### 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**

**Order of Worship [Link](#)  
Livestream [Link](#)**

*(available as recording at same link after 11:15am)*

**Sunday at 6:00pm**

## THE EPIPHANY - SUNDAY, JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>



**The Sunday 10am Mass is Live-Streamed.** *(available as recording at same link after 11:15am)*  
**January 2<sup>nd</sup> YouTube [Link](#)**

**January 2<sup>nd</sup> Order of Worship [Link](#)**

## STILL ACCEPTING JESSE TREE GIFTS!

**We** are gratefully accepting Jesse Tree gifts up until **Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.**

Our recipients are: SS Francis & Therese Catholic Worker House; the Agape Community; CrossRoads Family Shelter; the Afghan family we are sponsoring. Gift cards that our agencies have identified that would benefit their work, individuals and/or families: MasterCard; Visa; AMEX; Target; Star Market; Trader Joe's; Dunkin Donuts; Amazon; Market Basket.

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



**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.



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## URGENT DEADLINE FOR 2021 ISAAC HECKER AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE!

**F**riday, December 31<sup>st</sup> is the **last** day to 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**.

Questions should be directed to:

**Susan Rutkowski**  
**[susan@paulistcenter.org](mailto:susan@paulistcenter.org)**  
**617-948-2426**



Thank you in advance for putting forth your nominations.

## LAST CALL FOR FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASSES!

**I**f you have not registered your child for **First Holy Communion**, please fill out the registration form at this **link**.



Virtual classes **begin mid-January** (schedule forthcoming).

The sacrament will be celebrated in **May**.

For questions, contact Susan Rutkowski, **[susan@paulistcenter.org](mailto:susan@paulistcenter.org)** or 617-948-2426.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY - VIRTUAL EPIPHANY GATHERING



**P**ull out your ugly Christmas sweater one last time or that Christmas party outfit that you're still waiting to wear! Don't take down the decorations just yet!  
**We are not done celebrating Christmas!**

**Join us Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm on Zoom for our virtual Epiphany Gathering**

Feel free to pour yourself a beverage and share what has given you joy this Christmas season. Has it been inflatable lawn decorations, a new Christmas album, Hallmark Christmas movies, or simply just gathering in-person with loved ones?

**Join us as we welcome Mairead** and connect with new friends and even old friends from afar! If you are new to the Paulist Center we would love to meet you! If you've been connecting with us virtually from out of state we'd love to see you, too!



Email **[mairead@paulistcenter.org](mailto:mairead@paulistcenter.org)** for the Zoom link!



### *Prayer Request ...*

Please pray for the repose of the soul of longtime Paulist Center member **Bob Hope** who died on December 15<sup>th</sup>.



*May he rest in peace!*



### INFANT BAPTISM PARENT PREPARATION

To assist new/expecting parents as you begin the responsibility of sharing your faith with your children, the Paulist Center offers a session about the **Sacrament of Baptism**.

Using the baptism ritual, we look at the history and theology of baptism; the signs and symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism; and we talk about the roles of parents and Godparents.

The next preparation class will be offered on **Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am**. In light of the pandemic and health concerns, our classes are held **via the Zoom platform**.

Please contact **Fr. Chuck** for more information or to register.



### ADULT CONFIRMATION

The Paulist Center will be offering a preparation program for active, practicing adult Catholics who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

It will take place, **via the Zoom platform**, on four Monday evenings; February 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, from 7-8:30pm.

The sessions will include a review of the 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.

**The sacrament will be celebrated on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> in Somerville.**

Contact **Fr. Chuck** for more information or to register.



### HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT BEING MARRIED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Whether a visitor or a member of the Center Community, **please feel free to contact Fr. Chuck** to chat about your questions or concerns about developing a plan to be married in these days that call for a lot of flexibility! *[No strings attached!]*

More information can be found **here**.



### I'M THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC...



Contact **Fr. Chuck** to see how we may answer your questions and assist you in your ongoing journey of life and faith.

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

**N**ow 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 successfully sponsor these families, contributions are urgently needed. **If you would like to contribute financially, donations can be mailed to:**

**Catholic Charities of Boston**

**275 West Broadway**

**Boston, MA 02127**

Please make your check payable to *Catholic Charities*,  
and, on the memo line, write **Paulist Center/St. Cecilia POWIR, Afghan**

### **To donate online:**

Go to the Catholic Charities of Boston website: [www.ccab.org](http://www.ccab.org)

Click the "Donate" button

Under "Designation" select "Other".

In the space provided under "Other" enter: "Paulist Center/St. Cecilia POWIR, Afghan".

Fill out contact/billing information

(POWIR stands for **P**arishes **O**rganizing to **W**elcome **I**mmigrants and **R**efugees.)

**POWIR** is a program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. For more information, use this [link](#).

**You can also sign up to volunteer with our refugee family at [bit.ly/POWIRvolunteer](http://bit.ly/POWIRvolunteer)**

Please contact us with any questions: [sc.socialracialjustice@gmail.com](mailto:sc.socialracialjustice@gmail.com).

**Thank you for your accustomed generosity.**

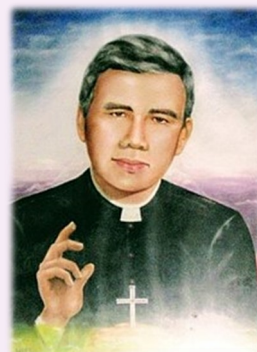
## MESSAGE FROM OUR SISTER COMMUNITY

**T**he SHARE Foundation in El Salvador will be celebrating the beatification of Father Rutilio Grande.

Father Grande was assassinated in 1977 and was a close friend of Saint Oscar Romero.

SHARE has planned a delegation, January 18<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, to join the beatification ceremony and visit the communities where he worked. This is an opportunity to enjoy and understand the struggles and courage of the people of El Salvador.

For more information call 978-729-7222.





## 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 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, we designate our gift to **Mother Caroline Academy and Education Center**, a tuition-free independent school for girls in grades 3-8, serving traditionally under-resourced Boston neighborhoods.

The weekend of January 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, we designate our gift to **Penelope’s Place**, an emergency shelter for families and individuals fleeing domestic violence.

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](mailto: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!*

### MINISTERIAL STAFF

Chuck Cunniff, CSP	Normand Gouin
Michael McGarry, CSP	Mairead Murphy
Susan Rutkowski	Patricia Simpson

### Pastoral Council Chair

Amy Logan

*Please see our website for direct contact information.*

