



# 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.*



**FEBRUARY 19 - 20, 2022**

**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FEBRUARY 26 - 27, 2022**

**8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES**

**Saturday**      **Sunday**  
5:00 PM      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

## HOPE FOR THE FUTURE CAMPAIGN

**The Hope for the Future campaign is now underway, and the generosity of our Paulist Center community is clearly apparent.** To date, our campaign has already **raised \$148,000** toward our **\$856,000 campaign goal**.



**Thank you** to the donors who have given so generously in the early stages of our campaign. While there is much to celebrate, there is also much work to be done.

In the coming weeks, volunteers will be reaching out individually to members of our community. Please keep in mind the following:

- **Volunteers – Dual Donation**

The volunteers who are contacting families are just that – volunteers. They have graciously agreed to donate their time and talent for the betterment of the Paulist Fathers. They are serving in this role because they believe in the Paulist charism and are passionate about their future. Please thank them for helping the Paulists in this important capacity.

- **Personal Touch**

Paulist President Fr. Eric Andrews and I have asked each of our campaign volunteers to personally follow up with members of our community. If you receive a call, I kindly ask that you:

- Take the call or return the message. Please don't avoid talking to our volunteers. It makes their job more difficult and puts them in a position where they must keep calling in an attempt to reach you.
- Discuss the campaign either by phone, video conference or in person – however you are comfortable. If you are asked to visit about the campaign, please give our volunteers 15 minutes of your time. They are not trying to twist your arm, they simply would like to briefly explain the campaign goals, answer your questions and invite you to support the campaign.

- **Your Gift Matters!**

Remember, while the letter you received from Fr. Eric Andrews includes a financial request, it is not an expectation. It is an *invitation*. I invite you to pray about this campaign. You may not be able to give what was asked. You may be able to give more than asked. Whatever that decision is, know that your commitment is deeply appreciated and a true blessing to the Paulists! (And our Community volunteers do not know what that "ask amount" is.)

**Thank you for your cooperation, your consideration and your support of Paulist Fathers!**

**Welcome!** If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form that can be found on our [website](http://www.paulistcenter.org). 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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### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Normand Emile Gouin**, father of our Pastoral Minister of Liturgy and Music Norm Gouin, who passed away on February 8<sup>th</sup>.



*May he rest in peace.*

Please keep Norm and his family in prayer during this time of loss.

### PRAYER REQUEST ....

Please pray for **Bernice Born**, mother of community member Martha Born, who recently had a stroke.



Both Martha and Bernice appreciate your prayers during this time.

### LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINKS

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

February 20<sup>th</sup> YouTube [Link](#)

February 20<sup>th</sup> Order of Worship [Link](#)

February 27<sup>th</sup> YouTube [Link](#)

February 27<sup>th</sup> Order of Worship [Link](#)

### PAULIST CENTER ROSARY CIRCLE INTENTION FORM

**D**o 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.

### PAULIST CENTER ROSARY CIRCLE

**A**ll 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

### WAYS OF GIVING

**O**ur "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 **February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>** we designate our gift to **Hamilton-Garrett Music and Arts**, a non-profit affiliated with the historic Charles Street A.M.E Church in Roxbury, which is committed to the development of Boston's next generation of innovative artists through the celebration and preservation of Black music.

The weekend of **February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>** we designate our gift to **Black and Native American Missions** which helps diocesan communities in need across the country by providing grants to build churches and schools, and to preach the Gospel.

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."



## LGBTQ+-LED VIRTUAL PRAYER FOR LENT

The Paulist Center LGBTQ+ Ministry will be leading our Wednesday night prayer in Lent. Beginning the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, and continuing until April 6<sup>th</sup>.

The prayer will be held over Zoom from 7:00pm - 7:30pm.

To access the prayer sessions each Wednesday, use this Zoom [link](#):

*All are welcome.*



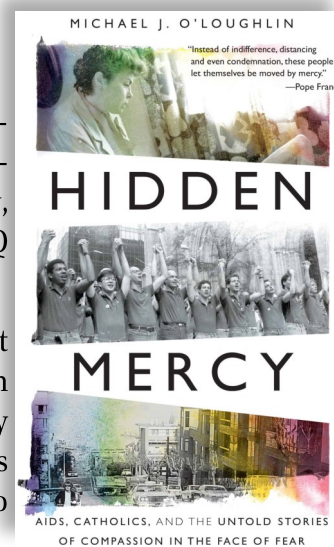
## HIDDEN MERCY BOOK DISCUSSION

All in the wider Paulist Center community are welcome to attend a book discussion on Michael O'Loughlin's new book, *Hidden Mercy*, Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7pm via Zoom.

The discussion will be facilitated by Young Adult Minister, Mairead Murphy. Email [Mairead](#) for the Zoom link!

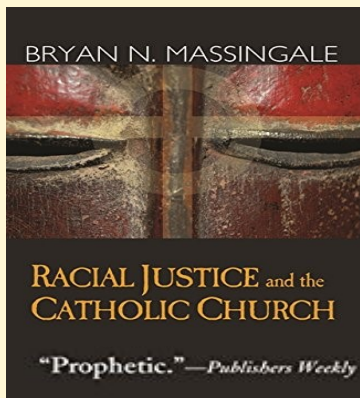
Set against the backdrop of the HIV and AIDS epidemic of the late twentieth century and the Catholic Church's crackdown on gay and lesbian activists, journalist Michael O'Loughlin searches out the untold stories of those who didn't look away, who at great personal cost chose compassion—even as he seeks insight for LGBTQ people of faith struggling to find a home in religious communities today.

This is one journalist's--gay and Catholic himself--compelling picture of those quiet heroes who responded to human suffering when so much of society--and so much of the church--told them to look away. These pure acts of compassion and mercy offer us hope and inspiration as we continue to confront existential questions about what it means to be Americans, Christians, and human beings responding to those most in need.



## BOOK CLUB - "RACIAL JUSTICE AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH"

The Paulist Center's Racial Justice Advocacy Group and friends are hosting a 3 session Book Club on sections of Fr. Bryan Massingale's "RACIAL JUSTICE and the CATHOLIC CHURCH". Our goal is to spur personal reflection on racism and growth in our faith community towards broader change.



**WHEN:** Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>  
**TIME:** 7:30pm - 8:30pm via ZOOM

Books are available to purchase from the Paulist Center. We are acquiring additional copies from Frugal Bookstore, a black-owned bookstore in Nubian Square.

Please complete the Google Form [here](#), so we have a view into the number of participants. Please sign up even if you may not be able to attend every session.

## JOIN OUR DYNAMIC WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB MINISTRY!

**W**e are currently looking for interested individuals to join our fabulous team that creates a delicious meal every single Wednesday evening to over a hundred guests a week.

**Do you enjoy cooking?** Please come and join our prep and cook team every Wednesday in the afternoon to plan, cook and have fun with our amazing sous chefs.

**Are you an organizer?** Help put together stations and fill bags with all of the tasty meals the prep and chef team prepares every week.

**Are you a people person?** Join us in greeting our guests as we meet them at our Chapel doors with a take away bag filled with yummy food.



### Not sure what you want to do?

Please be in touch and say so - we'll help you figure it out!  
We're a friendly and welcoming group!

Please contact **Sharon Touw** at [supperclubfood@gmail.com](mailto:supperclubfood@gmail.com) or  
**Susan Rutkowski** at [susan@paulistcenter.org](mailto:susan@paulistcenter.org)

## OUR TWO AFGHAN FAMILIES

**W**e are pleased to announce that **both of our Afghan refugee families are settling into their homes and neighborhoods.** All children in our first family have started school and have been welcomed by talented and caring educators. Our second family is settling in and getting to know their neighborhood (and Boston weather!).



Volunteers have already helped so much: supporting home furnishing; school registration; benefits applications; shopping and English language development.

Our "How to Help" document also provides instructions for making gift card donations and volunteering. Gift cards are tremendously important, as they allow families to make essential purchases on their own, increasing their level of independence. We welcome anyone interested to fill out our **volunteer form**, but we especially need volunteers who live in or near Quincy.

Finally, our friends at Temple Israel, who are also a POWIR site, are compiling a master list of potential job opportunities for Afghan refugees. **If you know of a job lead with a particular organization that is willing to hire those with little-to-no English, please email [afghanjobsma@gmail.com](mailto:afghanjobsma@gmail.com).**

**Thank you again for your generosity and kindness!**

\*POWIR stands for "Parishes Organizing to Welcome Immigrants and Refugees"





## A CREATION-CARING LENT



### INTRODUCTION - A CREATION-CARING LENT Fasting From Overconsumption And Living More Simply

**O**ur goal this Lent is to fast from over-consumption and to live more simply. The Paulist Center *Creation Care ministry* invites us all to a **Creation-Caring Lenten practice**, using the traditions of fasting and prayer to focus on our relationship with God's creation.

Today humanity is using God's creation faster and more extensively than ever before. In 1970, humanity's ecological footprint was about equal to the planet's biocapacity (what the earth can regenerate). Today, humanity is consuming more than one and a half times that capacity.

**Pope Francis' Letter "Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home"** exhorts us 'to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.'

**This Lent, each week's bulletin will highlight a different opportunity for fasting and for embracing a simpler lifestyle.**

The challenge of simplicity is to live counter-culturally, not by popular standards. Lent is an opportunity to adjust our consuming patterns and increase our joy in the gifts of Life.

From *Laudato Si'*:

"Christian spirituality proposes an alternative understanding of the quality of life, and encourages a prophetic and contemplative lifestyle, one capable of deep enjoyment free of the obsession with consumption ... and the capacity to be happy with little."

**Action:** Remember Lent as a child? The challenge and satisfaction of fasting from something that was important to you? This year, try fasting from over-consumption and living more simply. Each week you'll have the opportunity to experiment with choices that are more sustainable and just.

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