



# 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 11 - 12, 2023

6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES

Saturday  
5pm

Sunday  
10am  
6pm

WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES

Monday – Friday  
12:05pm

## We're Having An Auction!

### SAVE THE DATE!

After a three year pandemic halt, we are **VERY** excited to announce that our Auction will be returning the evening of **Saturday, April 29**.

Please mark your calendars and plan to volunteer or attend!

A **kick-off meeting**, for anyone interested in volunteering, will be held on **Zoom** on **Thursday, February 16** at 7pm.

Please email Anna at [anna@paulistcenter.org](mailto:anna@paulistcenter.org) if you would like to receive the link. **Those who attend the meeting will help choose our theme!**

Thank you to **Tara and Michael Rousseau** for agreeing to co-chair, **Dave Coughlin** for agreeing to head up the meal, **Ben Markham** for returning as our auctioneer, and to the many others, past and new **volunteers and attendees**, who we hope will make this the fun and fund-raising community-building event it has always been!

Stay tuned for more information and plan on attending the kick-off meeting on February 16 by requesting the link!



## COMMUNITY COFFEE - THIS SUNDAY

Our Community Coffee this Sunday, is sponsored by the **Creation Care ministry**. Come have a snack and socialize! There will be information related to sustainable practices, advocacy opportunities, solar panels, and creation care in general. There will be no formal presentation, just information available to browse and **Creation Care ministry volunteers** to speak with and answer questions.



## LENT AT THE PAULIST CENTER JOURNEY WITH US

### Ash Wednesday ~ February 22

7:55am Mass with Distribution of Ashes

12:05pm Mass with Distribution of Ashes

5:15pm Mass with Distribution of Ashes (*Live-streamed*)

7:00pm Service of the Word with  
Distribution of Ashes

### Daily Reflections for Lent

The daily reflection series for Lent and Easter Week, "**Daybreaks**" by the world-renowned spiritual writer **Fr. Ron Rolheiser**, provides scripture readings and meditations for each day of Lent and Easter Week.

Booklets will be available in the chapel **beginning Sunday, February 19**.

The suggested free-will offering is \$3.00.



See enclosed insert and website for many additional Lenten prayer and retreat opportunities.

**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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## LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINKS

Sunday, February 12, 10am

[YouTube Link](#)

[Order of Worship Link](#)



Sunday, February 19, 10am

[YouTube Link](#)

[Order of Worship Link](#)

## FREP

**F**irst Communion Rite Of Enrollment will take place this Sunday, February 12 at the 10am Mass. Please join us in praying for and supporting the thirteen children who will celebrate their first holy communion this year on May 13.



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...



Please pray for long time community member and Paulist Associate **Peggy Lavoie**, who is nearing the end of her time with us on this earth and has specifically asked the community to pray for a peaceful passing for her.

Peggy was a decades long leader in our feeding programs, member of a lector team and a Paulist Associate, among many other things. A pillar of our community.

*Your community is praying for you, Peggy.*



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WINTER BREAK

**T**here are no religious education classes on Sunday, February 19 and Sunday, February 26 due to winter break.

## RACIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY GROUP

**T**he next meeting of the Paulist Center's Racial Justice Advocacy Group will be held on Tuesday, February 14 at 7pm via Zoom.

Please email Tom Sharkey at [sharkey.te@verizon.net](mailto:sharkey.te@verizon.net) for meeting link and information.

## YOUNG ADULT MARDI GRAS DINNER

**A**ll those 21-39 years old are invited to the young adult community dinner following the 6pm mass next Sunday, February 19.

Join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor for fellowship and conversation.

We'll celebrate **Mardi Gras** with some games and prepare for Lent with reflection and prayer.

If you can, [please RSVP here](#). We look forward to seeing you and growing together in community! For more information, please contact Anna Costello Duran, our Young Adult Minister, at [anna@paulistcenter.org](mailto:anna@paulistcenter.org).



## THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW: STILL TOO RADICAL A VISION?

**Rev. Richard R. Andre, C.S.P.**

*Director*

The Gospel of Matthew shares 80% of its material with the Gospels of Mark and/or Luke. Nevertheless, it still holds a place of privilege in Christianity, laying out Jesus' teachings in the most systematic fashion of the 4 gospels. Matthew presents Jesus as the new Moses, proclaiming his teachings over 5 discourses. It is no coincidence that Jesus gives the first of these discourses on a mountaintop, just as Moses received the 5 books of the Law from God on Mt. Sinai.

In Matthew, both Jesus' life and his teachings explain "the kingdom of heaven" breaking into the world in this new and final age of humanity. This kingdom is ushered in especially through Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection, but it has been foreshadowed by all that has come before it. The stunningly powerful Sermon on the Mount is Jesus' programmatic address detailing the precepts of that kingdom.

Matthew contrasts this realm with "the kingdom of Satan," led by the scribes and Pharisees who plot to kill Jesus. The dramatic turning point occurs at 12:22-27, after which the disciples form a community separate from those who oppose Jesus. Such a conflict would have resonated with Matthew's audience, whom we believe were the Jewish Christians of Antioch in the 70s and 80s. These believers felt rejected by the growing Greek Christian majority because they were Jewish, and rejected by their fellow Jews because they were Christian.

But even with such conflict, Matthew's Jesus makes it clear that it is not the place of believers to decide who belongs to which kingdom. Matthew repeatedly includes admonitions not to judge and exhortations to reconcile. It makes me think about Kurt Vonnegut's lamentation in *A Man Without a Country*. Many Christians have fought long and hard for the Ten Commandments to be posted in government buildings – harsh statements about what not to do. Yet few people have advocated for posting the Beatitudes, which speak instead of the values more central to the kingdom of heaven. Just imagine, as Vonnegut did, if we posted "Blessed are the merciful" in courtrooms and "Blessed are the peacemakers" in the Pentagon!

Perhaps a lot of us are uncomfortable identifying too closely with a kingdom outlined by Matthew 5-7. Two weeks ago, I led a group of Paulist pilgrims to a place in Galilee commemorating Jesus giving the Sermon on the Mount. Ironically, even though the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-12) are posted many times on the property, in multiple languages, there are no plaques commemorating any of the remaining 97 verses of the Sermon on the Mount.

Even now, the kingdom of heaven is not fully realized. But as scripture scholar Arland J. Hultgren wrote, "As the dawn precedes the rising of the sun... its effects can be seen as lighting up the present." While we await the kingdom of heaven, we must endeavor to treat every person with the love, humility, mercy, and forgiveness of Jesus (5:3-12; 9:35-38; 11:28-30; 20:26-30), making disciples of all nations (28:19).

## CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS - SPRING SCHEDULE

This program is designed to prepare active, practicing adult Catholics for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. The sessions will include:

- review of sacraments, especially Baptism and Eucharist
- history and theology of Confirmation

Through prayer and discussion, we explore the role of faith and the Church in our lives.

**In-person classes are at the Paulist Center in the 3rd floor Library, Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30pm.**

The dates for the **Spring Confirmation classes** are:

- **March 21**
- **March 28**
- **April 4**
- **April 18**



**Confirmation will be on Tuesday, April 25, 7pm, at St. Catherine's in Somerville**

Those to be confirmed will need a copy of their baptism certificate from their church of baptism as well as a confirmation sponsor who has been confirmed themselves.

For more information and to sign up contact **Fr. Ed Nowak, CSP** at [ed@paulistcenter.org](mailto:ed@paulistcenter.org)

## COMMUNITY GIFT

Our **Community Gift** is the Paulist Center's tradition of **giving 5% of our annual offertory to other charitable organizations.**

The weekend of **February 11 and 12** we raise up **The Massachusetts Bail Fund**, an organization that posts bails for people who can't afford to pay their own bails in Massachusetts.

**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 to **844-899-7511**; this will be designated as your "Weekend Offering"

*Thank you*

## FAMILY & FRIENDS OF LGBTQ+ PERSONS - MONTHLY MEETING

A consortium of seven Boston Catholic communities (including the Paulist Center) hosts a support group for family and friends of LGBTQ+ persons at **2pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month.**



To receive the Zoom link for the **meeting on February 19**, please email **Jay** at [lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org](mailto:lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org)



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