



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.

MARCH 11 - 12, 2023

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES

Saturday	Sunday
5pm	10am
	6pm

WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES

Monday – Friday
12:05pm

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN PRAYER

All are invited to attend our **Wednesday Lenten Prayer** led by members of the **LGBTQ+ ministry**. The prayer service will be held via **Zoom on Wednesday evenings, 7-7:30pm: March 15 and 22.**

Zoom link: bit.ly/LentOnlinePrayers2023 Meeting ID: 827 2190 5689 Passcode: 366636

FINAL LAY-LED WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN PRAYER - MARCH 29 AT 7PM

Join us in person in our Chapel for the last of our Wednesday evening prayer services.

“The Truth will Set You Free”



A lay-led service of reflection and reconciliation with opportunity for individual reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The service will also be livestreamed. Link will be available next week.

COMMUNITY COFFEE

Please join us for **Community Coffee** this Sunday, March 12, in the auditorium after the 10am Mass! We **THANK** our volunteers:



Jim and Kate Stewart, Nancy Kendrick, Daria O'Conner
Joanne Williams, Hildi Keary, Helen Stein

There will be another **special Coffee on Sunday, March 26** as part of the last intergenerational racial justice education event, and there will be another **"regular" Coffee on Palm Sunday, April 2.**

Coffee Fellowship



Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 29** for our **40th Annual Paulist Center Auction**. To learn more about the Auction and access online signups, visit PaulistCenter.Org/Auction2023.

Feel free to contact **Auction Co-Chairs - Tara & Michael Rousseau and Anna Costello Duran** - with additional questions or donation information at Auction@PaulistCenter.Org. To see various ways you can volunteer, please see the flyers in the vestibule.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

This Sunday, March 12, **Grades K–6 are on the 6th floor** and **1st Communion meeting is in the 3rd floor library**. **RCIA is in Room 14 on the 6th floor**

Welcome! If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form that can be found on our [website](https://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, March 12, 10am

[YouTube Link](#)

[Order of Worship Link](#)

Sunday, March 19, 10am

[YouTube Link](#)

[Order of Worship Link](#)

SPEAK UP FOR CREATION ON TUESDAY, MARCH 21

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis encourages us to respond to the Cry of The Earth and the Cry of the Poor with spiritual conversion, responsible lifestyles and advocacy for systemic justice. Our financial systems are key players. As renowned environmentalist Bill McKibben puts it, *Money Is the Oxygen on Which the Fire of Global Warming Burns*.



To advocate for change, on **March 21**, over 50 faith based and secular organizations across the U.S. are jointly sponsoring a **Day of Action** to pressure the four largest banks actively investing in expanded fossil fuel extraction. Our Creation Care team invites us all to lend our witness and our voices to the cause. We will gather from 12-2pm, starting at the Chase branch in Downtown Crossing (425 Washington St).

There will also be events in Bedford, Lexington, Newton and Worcester, as well as 80+ protests across the country U.S. You can find details at <https://thirdact.org/national-day-of-action/>

Email us at paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com with questions.

THE SCRUTINIES

On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, at the 10am Mass, our "Elect," Claire de Lacoste and Naz Uremek, will participate in three successive rites called "the Scrutinies." These rites, with roots dating back to the early Church, take place during the Sunday Mass, each thematically linked to the Gospel reading for that Mass.



These ancient rites invite the "Elect" to examine (scrutinize) their lives. To acknowledge their struggles and failings and where they are in need of healing and grace. As we, the baptized, stand in solidarity with the "Elect," we acknowledge our own need for God's abounding mercy. Let us continue to pray for them and with them as they continue their journey toward the Easter sacraments.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

The repose of the soul of **Suzanne Collins**, wife of community member Joe Collins. Suzanne passed away on March 3rd. Please keep Suzanne, Joe and all their family in your prayers.



ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you are a baptized Catholic who received First Holy Communion but were never confirmed, please reach out to **Fr. Ed** soon! **Adult confirmation classes are at the Paulist Center on Tuesdays 7-8:30pm on March 21, March 28, April 4, April 18, with the celebration of the sacrament in Somerville, 7 pm, Tuesday, April 25.**



CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Catholic Appeal of the Archdiocese of Boston continues this weekend. We especially commend the Appeal helping to fund **Mission Grammar School** in Roxbury and the **iTHIRST** program for addiction recovery. You'll find envelopes in the vestibule. Checks should be made payable to "The Catholic Appeal." You can also give to the Appeal online. <https://bostoncatholicappeal.org/ways-to-give/>

THE THREE DAYS

Normand Gouin

Pastoral Minister of Liturgy and Music

In just three short weeks we will gather in the chapel to celebrate Holy Week. The Paschal Triduum, called the very heart of the liturgical year, contains the most solemn celebrations of the Church year. Just as Sunday gives meaning to the week that follows, so the Triduum is the focal point and very center of the Church's yearly cycle of feasts and seasons.¹

The word *Triduum*, the celebration of the Lord's passion, death and rising, means "three days." In the biblical keeping of time, great days of celebration begin on the evening before the feast. Thus, the Triduum begins on Holy Thursday evening and ends with the liturgical celebrations on Easter Sunday.

After sunset on Thursday evening, we begin the three days with the celebration of the Lord's Supper. In John's version of the Last Supper, there is no account of the institution of the Eucharist but instead the powerful—some would say shocking—narrative of Christ's washing his disciples' feet and commanding them to do the same to one another. Here at the Paulist Center, we take this command seriously by inviting the entire assembly to come forward and wash one another's feet. We know that St. Peter, himself, felt uncomfortable having Jesus wash his feet, and although you may feel uncomfortable too, we hope that you will consider taking part in this powerful ritual unique to the celebration of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.

We conclude the Mass of the Lord's Supper with a solemn procession of the Eucharist to a separate chapel of repose (set up in our auditorium) where we are invited to keep vigil – to stay and keep watch with Jesus, meditating on his time of agony in the garden.

On Good Friday, we continue our solemn fast and gather once again to hear the story of Christ's passion and death as told by John. We raise the Cross of Glory, and then come forward to adore and venerate the cross, one of the oldest devotions in the Church. It culminates with the Communion service and the removal of the Eucharist from the church. Then, the darkness sets in; the quiet overwhelms us; the time of vigil – the time of waiting – continues.

Our three-day celebration culminates with the Great Easter Vigil, which is actually four services. It brings us the Service of Light, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of Baptism, and then the Easter Vigil ends where the Triduum began on Holy Thursday – at the table, feasting together, in Communion with the One who has risen again, now, in us.

During these holy days we celebrate not only Christ's Passover, but also – joined as we are to him – our own passover, for what we celebrate are not the historical moments of Christ's life, but his saving mystery in which we participate. The symbols, rituals, music, stories that we experience over the three days, through this one continuous celebration, are our "*anamnesis*" – the remembering of our participation in Christ's victory over death. May our experience of these solemn celebrations renew in us and our entire community a sense of mystery, wonder, faith, and hope, that in the words of St. Paul, "we too might walk in the newness of life." (*Rom 6:4*)

¹ The Three Days: A Liturgical Guide, Lawrence J. Johnson, page 11. © 2011, 2012, FDLC, Washington, DC.



A CREATION-CARING LENT

Fasting From Overconsumption
and
Living More Simply



MARCH 5: WEEK THREE – CONSUMPTION / CONSUMERISM

Our Lenten practice this week is to reconsider our relationship to stuff.
(source: Lent 4.5, Passionist Earth and Spirit Center, Louisville, KY)

CONSIDER:

- “Do I need more stuff?”
- Reduce, repair, re-use; join the zero-waste movement.
- Find the “Freecycle” or “Buy Nothing” website for your town and participate in the circular economy.
- Fast from single-use containers.
- Fast from shopping-as-entertainment.
- Bigger picture: support legislation for “Extended Producer Responsibility” for post-consumer products and waste.

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 **March 11 and 12** we raise up **Health Care For All** which advocates for health justice in Massachusetts by working to promote health equity and ensure coverage and access for all.

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!**

YOUNG ADULT EVENT - MARCH 26



Saint Patty’s is around the corner - are you ready to try your luck? All those 21-39 years old are invited to join **Paulist Center Young Adults for an in-house Trivia Night and dinner on Sunday, March 26.** We’ll meet after the 6pm mass on the 3rd floor. Join us and give it a lash!

RSVP by signing up for the Paulist Center Young Adult email list: <https://tinyurl.com/PCYASignUps>.

BUSY PERSONS RETREAT

Please keep in prayer all of our community members and spiritual directors who are participating in our Busy Person's Retreat this week.

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 3rd Sunday of every month.** For the **March 19** meeting, email Jay, lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org, to receive the Zoom link.



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