



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 18 - 19, 2023

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES

Saturday

5pm

Sunday

10am

6pm

WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES

Monday – Friday

12:05pm

CONFESSIONS

Monday and Friday

11:00-11:45am,

and by appointment

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE 40TH PAULIST CENTER AUCTION!

Can you help us rustle up some amazing donations? We're collecting items for the live auction, silent auction, and dessert auction and we need your help to get **Back in the Saddle Again!** Consider asking a friend, family member, or business you frequent if they would be willing to donate too.



Please complete the form online

TinyUrl.Com/PCAuction2023

to detail your offerings. We will accept donations until

Sunday, April 16.

For more information and to **purchase your online ticket today**, see our website: PaulistCenter.Org/Auction2023 or contact the Auction Co-Chairs at Auction@PaulistCenter.Org

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 meet at the Paulist Center in the 3rd floor Library on Tuesday evenings, 7:00 - 8:30pm: March 21, March 28, April 4, and April 18.



Celebration of the sacrament will be at 7pm on Tuesday, April 25 at St. Catherine's in Somerville.

For more information and to sign up contact Fr. Ed Nowak, CSP at ed@paulistcenter.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

This Sunday, March 19, K-6 are on the 6th floor.

Teen Confirmation is in the 3rd floor library.



RCIA is on the 6th floor, Room 14.

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 March 22, 7-7:30pm.

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. Here is the [link](#).



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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LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINKS

Sunday, March 19, 10am

YouTube [Link](#) Order of Worship [Link](#)

Sunday, March 26, 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. **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 gather from 12-2pm, starting at the Chase branch in Downtown Crossing (425 Washington St).** Details at <https://thirdact.org/national-day-of-action/>
Email paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com with questions.



YOUNG ADULT EVENT - MARCH 26

 **S**aint Paddy'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 next 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>.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Long-time community member **Jim Kolton** has recently entered hospice care. He requests the community's prayers for himself and his family during this challenging time. Jim and his daughter Laura always sat in the balcony during the 10am in pre-covid times and he, Laura and his wife Sharon were often enthusiastic "come in costume" auction attendees. His son Mike grew up in our FREP program.
Your community is praying for you and your family during this hard time, Jim.



HOLY WEEK AT THE PAULIST CENTER



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 1 at 5pm

Sunday, April 2 at 10am* & 6pm

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

(Only Mass celebrated today)

Holy Thursday, April 6 at 7pm*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm

Seven Last Words of Christ

Ecumenical Service

Good Friday, April 7 at 12:05pm*

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion with Adoration of the Cross & Communion

Good Friday, April 7 at 3pm*

Easter Vigil Celebration

Light, Word, Christian Initiation, & Eucharist

Holy Saturday, April 8 at 8pm*

Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

Easter Sunday at 10am* & 12pm

(There will be no Mass at 6pm)

**Livestreamed services*

A COMMUNIQUE ABOUT... COMMUNICATIONS

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

Director

We had a wonderful problem last weekend: we couldn't fit all the news in the bulletin! We considered several options:

1. Should we use a smaller-sized font? Not a great option for those among us who are visually impaired. (Although we provide a text-only version of the bulletin each week at paulistcenter.org/weekly-bulletin/)
2. Should we print an extra page? It's an added expense, and it destroys more trees.
3. Should we remove some graphics and trim some of the announcements? It's harder to read and leads to confusion about omitted details.

Like most other Catholic communities, the news cycle here usually peaks in Advent and Lent, and tapers to a low point in July. We'll probably be able to muddle through with option 3 for the next few weeks. When Advent approaches again, we can re-evaluate.

Communications are a continuous challenge for any organization. The proliferation of media has made it more time-consuming to disseminate information over multiple channels. Many of our staff members work on our mass communications, especially Dorothy Messenger and me. (Which is part of the reason why I'm perpetually behind on my personal communications. My most profound apologies to everyone, including all the generous donors to whom I owe thank-you notes!) Here are three ways you can help oil the gears to keep our communications humming:

- If you're planning a meeting, please email your staff liaison with an announcement, and cc: info@paulistcenter.org with your room reservation request as far in advance as possible. It's hard for PCC members to support your ministry if we don't know what you're doing! When writing, be clear about the who, what, when, where, why, and how of your news. These days, people often only read the first 2 paragraphs, the first 2 sentences, or the first 2 words of an announcement.
- Please at least skim the bulletin and electronic Missive each week. We can't announce everything at the end of Mass, and we try to limit our social media posts ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)) to once per day. Rest assured, our members read the Missive! Our average weekly readership (open rate) is an astronomical 61% with a click rate of 10%, much higher than the all-industry average of 35% opens and 1% clicks, or the faith-based organization average of 45% opens and 3% clicks.
- The obvious weak links in our communications are the website and the outdoor signage. Also, our Instagram account is lackluster. The signage rules for Beacon Hill are restrictive, and we haven't figured out how to free enough time for staff members to keep all our webpages updated. If you have expertise to offer us in any of these areas, please reach out.

Lastly, here's some other information that we'll be cramming into the bulletin in upcoming weeks:

- 7:30 pm Sat, Apr 22 – The Paulist Fathers' 3rd annual "Spirit of Hecker Awards," recognizing collaborators, friends, and associates around the country who exemplify the Paulist mission. We'll host a watch party in the 3rd floor library with light refreshments. Or watch on your own at <https://paulist.org/heckerawards/>.
- 9 am Sun, May 7 – The Walk for Hunger will be a 3-mile walk around Boston Common. Go to projectbread.org/the-walk-for-hunger and search for "The Paulist Center: Home of Wednesday Night Supper Club" to either donate or join the team.
- Fri & Sat, May 12-13 – [Dr. Jessica Coblentz](#) (former Young Adult Minister at the Paulist Center) will talk with us about faith, depression, and mental illness.

Don't forget some other events previously mentioned: adult confirmation (Apr 25), the Auction (Apr 29), First Communion (May 14), and the conclusion of the FREP year (May 21)!



A CREATION-CARING LENT

Fasting From Overconsumption and Living More Simply



MARCH 19: WEEK FOUR – TRANSPORTATION

Our Lenten practice this week is to explore alternate ways of getting around in order to reduce our carbon emissions. *(source: Lent 4.5, Passionist Earth and Spirit Center, Louisville, KY)*

CONSIDER:

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| Your next vehicle? Maybe an EV or plug-in hybrid? | Make fewer car trips. | Combine / postpone errands. |
| Share a ride; take public transport. | Ride a bike. | Skip the elevator / take the stairs. |



**WE PRAY THAT OUR MUSLIM NEIGHBORS MAY HAVE A HOLY AND HAPPY
RAMADAN, MARCH 22 - APRIL 21!**

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 18 and 19** we raise up **New Entry Food Hub** which helps beginning, immigrant, and refugee farmers in eastern Massachusetts successfully sell their produce, and to expand access to healthy foods in under-served areas through production of locally grown foods.

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!

FINAL INTERGENERATIONAL RACIAL JUSTICE EVENT - MARCH 26



Our final intergenerational FREP/Racial Justice Event will happen on **Sunday, March 26 at 11:15am** starting with **community coffee**. This event brings together the children in our religious education classes and all other community members who want to learn how to live an anti-racist way of life.

Please join us for this lively, interactive hour! Regular coffee hour will take place on April 2.



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS



Help us decorate with a lily or other Easter flower 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 “Flower Donation” envelopes in the pews;
- go to [Donate Online](#), and choose [Flower Donation](#) and note that it is “in honor of, or in memory of” in the space provided.



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Please see our [website](#) for direct contact information.