



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 25 - 26, 2023

5TH 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

MOURNING THE LOSS OF TWO DEAR AND LONG-TIME COMMUNITY MEMBERS THIS PAST WEEK



We thank them both for their presence, commitment and contributions to our community over many years and will miss them both immensely. Service arrangements for both are pending.



Our sincere condolences go out to their families in this time of profound loss.

REST IN PEACE ...

Joanne Williams transitioned to eternal life Monday evening after a two-year battle with breast cancer. Joanne has been an integral part of the Paulist Center community for over 15 years, mostly as an advocate for children finding God through music. Joanne was an extraordinary children's music teacher who lent her talents to the young children in our little peoples program, liturgical ministries program, family masses, indeed, any way that she could support children lifting their voices in song. A loving wife to her husband Stephen, and a devoted mother to her children--Michael, John, and Caroline--Joanne was a regular fixture at our Sunday 10 AM. Her children were a part of our FREP program, and our ministries, and along with their mother, were very involved in the family retreats as well the recent family zoom liturgies.

Jim Kolton passed away on Wednesday morning. 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.

FINAL LAY-LED LENTEN EVENING PRAYER - THIS WEDNESDAY

Join us in our Chapel for the last of our **Wednesday evening prayer services, March 29 at 7pm:** **"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](#).



HOLY WEEK AT THE PAULIST CENTER



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 1 at 5pm

Sunday, April 2 at 10am* ([Link](#)) & 6pm

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

(Only Mass celebrated today)

Holy Thursday, April 6 at 7pm* ([Link](#))

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm

Seven Last Words of Christ

Ecumenical Service

Good Friday, April 7 at 12:05pm* ([Link](#))

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

Good Friday, April 7 at 3pm* ([Link](#))

Easter Vigil Celebration

Light, Word, Christian Initiation, & Eucharist

Holy Saturday, April 8 at 8pm* ([Link](#))

Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

Easter Sunday at 10am* ([Link](#)) & 12pm

(There will be no Mass at 6pm)

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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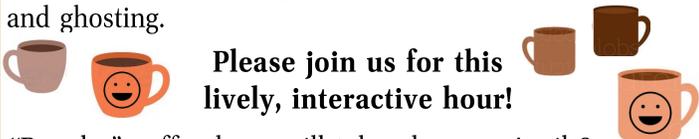
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LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINK
Sunday, March 26, 10am
 YouTube [Link](#) Order of Worship [Link](#)
Consult front page for April 2 links.



ALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (GRADES K-6 & JR. HIGH YOUTH TEENS) WILL MEET IN THE AUDITORIUM THIS MORNING FOR THE FINAL INTERGENERATIONAL FREP AND RACIAL JUSTICE EVENT. NO CONFIRMATION CLASS THIS WEEK.

FINAL INTERGENERATIONAL RACIAL JUSTICE EVENT - THIS SUNDAY!
Our final intergenerational FREP/Racial Justice Event will happen this Sunday, March 26 at 11:15am starting with community coffee. In this session, we will explore the more subtle ways racism lives in our society: microaggressions, cancel culture, labeling and ghosting.



Please join us for this lively, interactive hour!

“Regular” coffee hour will take place on April 2.

JOIN US FOR TRIVIA NIGHT THIS SUNDAY!
The Paulist Center Young Adult community is growing and we’re ready for some friendly competition with a sober and fun evening of trivia, dinner, and community-building.

We'll meet on the 3rd floor after the 6pm Mass.



Contact Anna with questions:
YoungAdults@PaulistCenter.Org



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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Eunice T. Kelleher**, mother of community member Jean Mackey, Jean's Mom passed away recently.

**PAULIST CENTER AUCTION UPDATES:
 SPONSOR THE AUCTION AND BUY SEAT & RAFFLE TICKETS!**

Financial sponsors are key to the Auction’s success and we need your help!
All sponsorships - humble and grandiose - are appreciated and will be recognized in the program if received by April 20.




Both Seat tickets and Raffle tickets are **on sale now**. Get ‘em while they’re hot! Seat tickets are \$50 and can be purchased **online or after Masses this weekend, April 1 & 2, and April 14 & 15**. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

To sponsor and buy tickets visit PaulistCenter.org/Auction2023. Please contact Auction Co-Chairs Tara & Michael Rousseau and Anna Costello Duran at Auction@PaulistCenter.Org with any questions.

RESURRECTED LIFE NOW

Fr. Ed Nowak, C.S.P.

Associate Director

The gospel readings we have been proclaiming over these last three Sundays of Lent have been building up to this climax of Jesus' seventh and last sign in John's gospel. In the action of calling Lazarus to new life, Jesus does three things. He commands the stone to be removed; he calls Lazarus forth; and he commands that Lazarus be unbound.

Jesus invites us to remove the stones of the tombs that keep us from fully engaging in life. There are aspects of ourselves, of our society that we keep in self-made tombs rather than bring into the light and presence of Jesus. However, when we bury decay and corruption, it does not go away; it only gets worse. True life occurs when we have the courage to roll away the stone and deal with what we would rather keep buried. Only by rolling away the stones that keep us from hearing Jesus' call can we experience the glory of God, here and now.

Jesus commands us to come out of our protective tombs. Sometimes it seems easier to stay upset, angry, or depressed or to allow an unjust situation to continue because it is something familiar. Yet Jesus calls Lazarus as he calls us to new life, out of apathy, out of selfishness, out of the fear of risking love.

Jesus commands Lazarus to be unbound. In what ways are we bound by low self-esteem, by peer pressure, by unforgiveness, by addictions, and by fear and prejudices? In what ways do we bind others through force, fear, guilt, manipulation, or oppression? Jesus calls us to unbind one another so that we may experience life in its fullness.

The resurrection experience happens in the context of community and friends. We are constantly finding ourselves in need of being called to resurrection. One such time for me happened during winter term in my junior year at Penn State. During that time, I became depressed with all that was happening and not happening in my life. One day a friend of mine asked, "Ed, what's wrong, I never see you smile any more. Why not?" Her question woke me out of my self-made tomb of depression as I tried to remember the last time I did smile. Why not smile? I did not really have an answer. Upon reflection I knew that smiling and putting my trust in God rested upon my shoulders in a much better way than I was handling life. The difficulties of school and relationships did not vanish, but as I put more of my trust in God, I did not feel as overwhelmed. My friend was Jesus to me, saying, "Lazarus come out!"

Being a disciple of Jesus means being constantly called out of experiences of death to experiences of resurrection. As a community, we are called to roll away stones that block people from hearing Jesus' call. We are called to be the voice of Jesus calling one another out from self-made tombs. We are called to unbind one another from constraints that inhibit our ability to experience the glory of life in Jesus. As we do these things, we live the resurrected life that God calls us to every day.



A CREATION-CARING LENT

Fasting From Overconsumption and Living More Simply



MARCH 26: WEEK FIVE – ENERGY

Our Lenten practice this week is to consume energy more efficiently and to access more Clean energy. *(source: Lent 4.5, Passionist Earth and Spirit Center, Louisville, KY)*

CONSIDER:

Consider transitioning your home heating from fossil fuels to all electric. Many towns offer the option of sourcing your electricity with Green energy; the Paulist Center did this several years ago and some fellow Paulist Center members have as well. Revisit your programmable thermostat.

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 25 and 26** we raise up **MissionSAFE** which works with Boston's highly at-risk youth and their families to gain the skills and confidence to thrive, and to improve their community and their world.

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!

THIRD ANNUAL "SPIRIT OF HECKER" AWARDS

The Paulist Fathers will broadcast the Third Annual "Spirit of Hecker" Awards at 7:30pm on Saturday, April 22.

As part of this broadcast, the Boston Paulists will honor the Paulist Center's LGBTQ+ Ministry for exemplifying the Paulist mission.

Please join us for a **watch party starting at 7pm in the 3rd floor library!** If you can help with technology or hospitality, please email rich@paulistcenter.org by **Wednesday, April 12** with **subject line "Spirit of Hecker."**

Whether you watch with us or on your own, please visit paulist.org/heckerawards to make a donation to cover the broadcast costs and to enter a raffle.



HOLD THE DATE

For the first in-person Adult Education Program in three years!

Dr. Jessica Coblentz, Associate Professor at St. Mary's College at Notre Dame will facilitate a presentation focusing on Mental Health.

It will be held on May 12- 13. Details to follow.



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