



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.



APRIL 15 - 16, 2023
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

† SACRAMENT CELEBRATIONS †

At the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 8, five people completed the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic Church. Congratulations to:



Morgan Corniquel
Claire de Lacoste
Murphy Page
Naz Uremek
Kristyn Wasikowski

We warmly welcome you as full members of the Catholic Church, and particularly as members of the Paulist Center!

Mark your calendars to celebrate others receiving sacraments of initiation in the next two months. **Adult Confirmation** will take place at St. Catherine's in Somerville at 7pm on Tuesday, April 25. **First Communion** and **Teen Confirmation** will both be here, at 10am on Sunday, May 14 and at 5pm on Saturday, June 10, respectively.

JOANNE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SERVICE

A hybrid lay-led memorial service for Joanne Williams will be held this Sunday, April 16, at 4pm.



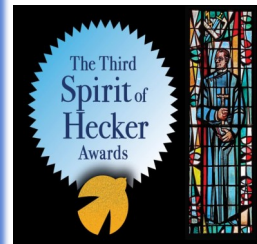
The memorial will follow the Zoom Family Liturgy of the Word format that Joanne so loved, and also allow time for the community to reflect on Joanne's life and legacy.

The entire community is invited to attend the memorial **via Zoom**, through this [link](#).

THIRD ANNUAL "SPIRIT OF HECKER" AWARDS

The Paulist Fathers will broadcast the Third Annual "Spirit of Hecker" Awards at 7:30pm next 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!

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.

YOUNG ADULT GAME NIGHT

Everyone ages 21-39 is welcome to our monthly Sunday night dinner at the Paulist Center! Join us for our game night after the 6pm Mass next Sunday, Apr 23. Dinner will be provided.

Please sign up for our young adults newsletter at tinyurl.com/PCYASignUps.

Contact Anna at youngadults@paulistcenter.org



to share your favorite game or to set up a 1:1 conversation.



IN OBSERVANCE OF PATRIOT'S DAY, THERE IS NO FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ON SUNDAY, APRIL 16, AND THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, APRIL 17. THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS OR MASS ON MONDAY, APRIL 17.

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, April 16, 10am

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

Saturday, April 22, 5pm

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



WE PRAY FOR OUR MUSLIM NEIGHBORS CELEBRATING EID-AL-FITR, APRIL 21-22.
MAY THEY HAVE A BLESSED FEAST!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We have revived many ministries in the past 6 months, and we have hopes to do even more in 2023-24! **Would you be able to offer your time and talents in new ways, especially as health issues have sidelined others?** We hope to revamp our whole volunteer recruitment methods in the next year. In the mean time, here are some of the ways our community would benefit from more help:



Immediate needs:

- Are you passionate about the mission of the Paulist Center, open to listening to a variety of viewpoints, and willing to offer advice to Fr. Rich? [Contact Amy](#) about running for **Pastoral Council**. (Election details coming soon!)
- Do you like meeting new people and helping behind the scenes? Contact [Norm](#) to discern about being a **hospitality minister**.
- Do you see the face of Christ in our less fortunate neighbors? Do you like cooking? Contact [Susan](#) about being a **greeter or a sous chef for the Wednesday Night Supper Club**.
- Are you passionate about liturgy, yet flexible and attentive to detail? Contact [Norm](#) to discern about being a **sacristan**.

Longer-term needs:

- Can you be here consistently after the 10am Mass during the academic year? Contact [Susan](#) to see **if there's a way you can relieve her administrative load during our Family Religious Education Program**, so she doesn't have to be *Everything, Everywhere, All At Once!*
- Are you dynamic, passionate about sharing the faith, and do you like working with teens? Contact [Susan](#) about **working with our high school students**.
- Are you a couple with at least two years of marriage under your belt? Contact [Fr. Ed](#) to join our **wedding preparation team**.
- Do you have patience, organizational skills, and the ability to come to the office in the middle of the day? Perhaps we can find a way for you to assist [Susan](#), [Norm](#), or **one of the priests** with their **administrative tasks** to free them up to do more pastoral ministry.
- Do you like helping people at our 10am Mass get to know one another? Or are you in an existing ministry that desires to educate our community and/or drum up more support? Contact [Fr. Rich](#) about **running one or more of our Community Coffees in the 2023-24 academic year**.
- And please let [Patty](#) know what other skills and expertise you have. We never know when we could benefit from someone who can help us out as a **graphic artist or a CPA**, for example.

PAULIST CENTER AUCTION ON APRIL 29: BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN

Jiminy crickets! It's time to buy tickets! Our 40th Annual Paulist Center Auction is fast approaching and seat tickets are selling like hotcakes. Visit PaulistCenter.org/Auction2023 for seat tickets and Auction FAQs today!

Looking to get tickets with cash or check? Meet our amazing volunteers at the **Auction table in the elevator lobby after each Mass this weekend (April 15 & 16)**. The Auction table is a one-stop shop to become a financial sponsor, buy seat and raffle tickets, and sign-up to volunteer or donate! You can also purchase seat tickets from Sal at the front desk during the week, 10:30am-4:30pm

Please sponsor the Auction by April 20 so we can include your name in the program. Contact co-chairs to **donate items by April 20**. For more information, or to let us know that you can help, please contact Auction Co-Chairs Tara & Michael Rousseau and Anna Costello Duran at Auction@PaulistCenter.Org.



FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM PARENT MEETING

On Sunday, May 21 all parents are invited to an hour-long session to dream, strategize, and give constructive feedback on how the program went for you and your family this year after coming back from the 3-year absence due to covid. Included topics: schedule of classes, the intergenerational sessions, and curriculum/content of classes. Parents will meet down in the auditorium during the last class hour from 11:15am - 12:15pm.

BY CHRIST'S WOUNDS, WE ARE HEALED

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

Director

When Jesus appeared to the disciples in the Upper Room on Easter Sunday, was he suffering pain from standing on feet that had been shattered during his crucifixion? Or were Jesus' wounds merely cosmetic, to help the disciples recognize who he is? I don't know.

We suffer from all kinds of wounds – personal flaws, damage from sins we've committed, harm from sins committed by others against us, and circumstances that aren't sinful but just make life difficult. It's a disconcerting but fundamental truth for each of us: whether or not we still suffer from our wounds, they continue to define who we have become.

One of the most influential books I've read is *The Wounded Healer* by Henri Nouwen. The title comes from a Jewish fable: the Messiah sits among the wounded, for the Messiah is himself wounded. The difference between the Messiah and the others is that the Messiah tends to his own wounds in a such way that he can quickly jump up and tend to others, if needed.

As uncomfortable as it sounds, Nouwen argues that all of us need to understand **ourselves** as wounded healers. Fifty-one years ago, Nouwen wrote this paragraph that seems to describe these past three years of pandemic:

What are our wounds? They have been spoken about in many ways by many voices. Words such as "alienation," "separation," "isolation," and "loneliness" have been used to name our wounded condition. Maybe the word "loneliness" best expresses our immediate experience and therefore most fittingly enables us to understand our brokenness.

The central premise of *The Wounded Healer* is that **loneliness** is the fundamental wound that all human beings carry. It's not caused by sin. It's a circumstance that results from God creating each of us with an individual identity that is distinct from the rest of the universe.

When we deny our loneliness, we expect that something or someone else can fill up the emptiness inside of us. We will judge every project and relationship by the merits of what we can **receive** from it. We may become cynical or bitter. If we **accept** our loneliness, we can spend our lives compassionately supporting one another in this wound we share, rather than viewing others as a means to escape the wound that we think we alone possess.

As Jesus displayed his wounds to the disciples who had so recently betrayed him, saying "Peace be with you... whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained," the disciples probably felt overwhelmed by God's divine, limitless mercy. As Nouwen quotes from that Jewish fable, "The [Messiah] is coming – not tomorrow, but today, not next year, but this year, not after all our misery is passed, but in the middle of it, not in another place but right here, where we are standing."

Our wounds give us three things: knowledge of ourselves, compassion for others, and a deeper faith. All three are necessary to have communion with our loving God. May we be so overwhelmed by God's mercy that we feel compelled to share it with others for the remainder of our days!

EASTER SEASON FLOWER DECORATING CONTINUES!

Help us continue to decorate with **flowers** for the Easter season in honor of a family member or friend, living or deceased. Envelopes are in the racks in the chapel and reception area vestibules. You may also donate at the front desk during regular office hours or **online at our website**, using the flower donation line and noting who they are in memory of and who they are from in the comment section (*please remember to do this!*). See the insert, which lists the donations we have already received. Any additional donations will be published in our Pentecost bulletin.

Thank you for helping to beautify our chapel this Easter season!



HEALTH UPDATE – FR. CHUCK

Fr. Chuck Cunniff, C.S.P. was the Associate Director of the Paulist Center 2018-2022. He is currently on a medical leave of absence - while still living at the Paulist Center - as he battles cancer. He offers this update:



My thanks to everyone for your spiritual and physical support (prayers, flowers, emails/notes of concern) as my stage 4 prostate cancer journey continues. The Church's liturgical celebration of the Triduum and Easter Sunday had such a different meaning to me this year as I now deal with a new aspect of my cancer journey. The initial prescriptive regimen (Sept.-Dec.) had good results, but in January my PSA began to increase incrementally. Tests showed a DNA mutation in my prostate cancer, so I am now taking a targeted drug (thank you AstraZeneca charitable foundation!).

Best explanation: it stops the cancer cells from growing. A metastasis in my right thigh has made it weak. I use a cane for balance and safety. I began taking the new drug (along with a pain management regimen) 10 days ago. I am feeling better. Regular blood work and tests will gather information and we will see.

Again, thank you for your ongoing prayers and physical/emotional support! You are in my daily prayers

-frchuck

STEWARDSHIP

The Paulist Center receives no funding from outside sources. All costs to operate our ministries for both members and the wider Boston community, maintain the building, and pay our staff are supported solely by your financial donations. **We are so grateful for your financial support!** Unfortunately, **we are projecting a deficit of approximately \$173,000** for our fiscal year ending August 31, 2023. To learn more about why, **watch this 4-minute explanation, starting at 1:05:00.**

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."

COMMUNITY GIFT

The Paulist Center gives 5% of our annual offertory to 52 other charitable organizations with missions consonant with our own. These organizations receive an equal amount from our annual offertory, but we highlight one of them each weekend.

The weekend of **April 15 and 15** we raise up **Annunciation House** which provides shelter to economically poor immigrants and refugees at several houses of hospitality in El Paso, Texas, and Juarez, Mexico.


SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISING TEAM FOR THE MAY 7 WALK FOR HUNGER

In 1969, a group from the Paulist Center Community, led by Patrick Hughes, established the very first pledge walk in the country. An estimated 2,000 people walked 29.6 miles through Quincy, raising \$26,000. The Walk had two purposes: 1) raise funds to help people experiencing hunger and 2) stand together for social justice and social change that would eventually eliminate hunger. After being virtual for the last 3 years, one of Massachusetts' most iconic events is back in Boston! The 55th Walk for Hunger will be held in person and take the form of a fun-filled 3-mile walk entirely around Boston Common. Registration is free! Will you join our effort to get food relief to hungry kids and families in Massachusetts?

Please click at <https://tinyurl.com/4hdsjzke> to join our team – "The Paulist Center: Home of Wednesday Supper Club," or make a donation. Thank You!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! FRIDAY EVENING & SATURDAY DAY, MAY 12-13

The Paulist Center is hosting an event exploring issues of **faith, depression, suicide and mental illness** in a prayerful, pastoral setting with **Dr. Jessica Coblentz**, **Dr. Elizabeth Antus** and **Paulist Fr. Stuart Wilson-Smith**, facilitated by our own **Patty Simpson, MDiv**.



The event will include communal prayer, sharing of the presenters' personal and faith call to their work, presentations on their work, time for attendees' private personal reflection, a breakout session, and a concluding conversation with our presenters. Jessica is an associate professor at St. Mary's College, and a former young adult minister at the Paulist Center. Elizabeth is an assistant professor at Boston College. Stu is an associate pastor at Old St. Mary's Parish in Chicago, and served here for a summer as a Paulist student. In addition to her work as Pastoral Administrator at the Center, Patty is the denominational counselor to Catholic students at Harvard Divinity School and an Instructor in Ministry there. All four share vulnerably and are motivated in their work from their personal experiences and their faith. Jessica and Elizabeth are producing ground-breaking theological work in the areas of faith and depression and suicide. Stu and Patty allow their personal experiences to shape their pastoral encounters, preaching and social media shares. More details and a registration link next week, but we hope you will join us around this important topic that impacts so many lives today.

Please note that this will be a pastoral and educational setting, but not a professional/clinical counseling setting.

The event will be in-person only (not hybrid), but is open to all.

EARTH DAY MOVIE SCREENING OF *THE LETTER*

The Paulist Center Creation Care Ministry and Saint Cecilia Climate Justice group will hold a free movie screening of *The Letter*, discussion, and pizza on Saturday, April 22 at 6pm in the St Cecilia Parish Hall, 18 Belvidere Street, Boston. A reflection on *Laudato Si'* through the stories of people living with the climate crisis.

For more information email: sc.climatejustice@gmail.com or trumac@verizon.net

GROUP ART THERAPY

Free group art therapy experience - *Exploring Loss Through the Arts* - St. Anthony Shrine (100 Arch Street), 12:30pm on Sunday, April 30 for people who have experienced loss. Please contact Dani Gallagher at 617-542-2964 to inquire or sign up. All supplies will be provided.



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