



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 22 - 23, 2023

3RD 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

PAULIST CENTER AUCTION: WE'RE GETTING BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN!



We hope you can join us for our 40th Annual Paulist Center Auction, **Back in the Saddle Again, Saturday, April 29.** It will be a shindig to remember! Whether you're new to the Paulist Center, returning, or beginning to come back to in-person events, we are excited to celebrate with you!



Lend a keen eye to this week's bulletin insert for some of the big ticket items to look forward to. More generous donations have rolled in that will be available for bid on the night of the Auction! We'll publish the program electronically next week with the finalized list of auction items.

If you have yet to **purchase tickets**, head over to our website to get them online today at PaulistCenter.Org/Auction2023! Yessiree, we reckon you're the ace in the hole that'll make this ol' rodeo one for the books. (*That's cowpoke talk for "we need you there!"*)

If you're unable to attend this Saturday, you don't have to be present to win one of our amazing raffle prizes, like a \$1,000 prepaid credit card. **To ensure participation:** Stop by the Center front desk to buy and/or drop off tickets by Friday, April 28. Or, mail completed ticket stubs and payment by Monday, April 24 so that they can be delivered to the Paulist Center by April 28.

You can also arrange for absentee bids on your behalf for auction items of interest.

Please email the Auction Co-chairs at Auction@PaulistCenter.Org by noon this Friday, April 28.

Include your contact information, a confidential desired bid, and maximum bid.

The auctioneer will be given this information in two sealed envelopes that will be opened before a winning bid is announced.

It's time to saddle up and head on down to the Auction for a rootin' tootin' good time!

We hope to see you there! ~Tara, Michael & Anna



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS

Everyone ages 21-39 is welcome at our monthly Young Adult Dinner at the Paulist Center! Join us **this Sunday, April 23** for a game night theme. Gather with Vicky at the back of the church, or Sam near the elevator, **after the 6pm Mass** so we can head up to dinner together!

GAMES

Curious? Contact Anna at youngadults@paulistcenter.org with questions or to set up a 1:1 conversation.

Can't make it this time? **Sign up for our young adults newsletter** at tinyurl.com/PCYASignUps and we'll keep you in the loop for upcoming Young Adult events!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Grades K-6 and RCIA will meet on the 6th floor in their regular classrooms, and are **OFF** next Sunday, April 30. Jr. High Youth Group and Teen Confirmation class **WILL** meet next Sunday, at 11:15am.



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

Saturday, April 22, 5pm

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



Sunday, April 30, 10am

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)

Please pray for the three adults we've prepared for the sacrament of confirmation this past month. They'll be receiving the sacrament at 7pm Tuesday, April 25 at St. Catherine of Genoa Church in Somerville.



SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISING TEAM FOR THE MAY 7 WALK FOR HUNGER

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 on Sunday, May 7, starting at 9am! Registration is free!

The Paulist Center Community has joined Project Bread's The Walk for Hunger (2023) to help get food relief to kids and families across Massachusetts.



Will you join our effort to get food relief to hungry kids and families in Massachusetts?

Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/4hdsjzke> to join our team –

“**The Paulist Center: Home of Wednesday Supper Club**” - or make a donation.

You can also donate by scanning this QR code.



IT'S NOT JUST YOU, IT'S EVERYBODY:

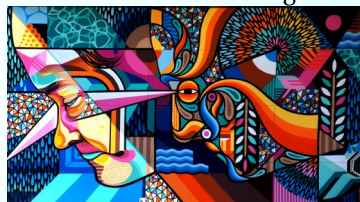
GETTING REAL ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AND OUR FAITH - A SACRED SYMPOSIUM

Friday, May 12, 6:30 - 9pm ~ Saturday, May 13, 10am - 3:45pm

Suggested Free-will Offering: \$50 (All are welcome, with or without a donation.)

Register [here](#) by May 7

Mental health is as integral to our health as physical health. Yet social stigmas and lack of scientific knowledge about how our brains work have historically resulted in silent suffering, shame, and secret-keeping in secular society. Our religious institutions have too often labeled our mental challenges as sins. Both the sufferer and those who love them are hurt by these stances. Our Covid-19 experience has laid bare the prevalence and breadth of our individual and collective trauma. As Catholic Christians, we are called to practice radical mercy and compassion with ourselves and others, and to normalize "not being OK" in our churches and our society.



Join us for a sacred symposium on a host of issues around the intersection of faith, mental health, and challenges we all face in a prayerful, pastoral setting with **Dr. Jessica Coblentz**, **Dr. Elizabeth Antus** and **Paulist Fr. Stuart Wilson-Smith**, facilitated by our **Pastoral Administrator, Patty Simpson**. Our time 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, possibly a breakout session (depending on the size of our group), and conversation with our presenters.

Jess 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.

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.

Snacks provided. Lunch is on your own or bring your own.

Questions? Contact Patty Simpson at patty@paulistcenter.org or 617-948-2428.

THE PATH OF LIFE

Fr. Ed Nowak, C. S. P.

Associate Director

Our responsorial psalm for the third Sunday of Easter proclaims, “Lord, you will show us the path of life.” In the gospel story for this weekend, the two disciples were walking along the road to Emmaus. Their life’s path had taken a sudden and devastating turn because Jesus, in whom they had put all their hope, had been crucified. On top that, his body was missing. They had probably spent the past three days in Jerusalem with the other disciples dealing with their grief and wondering where to go and what to do next. Then Jesus comes along and, without their knowing who was talking to them, gives them direction. Jesus explains that the *path of life* treads through self-sacrifice, suffering and death. A life free of difficulties is not what following Jesus to resurrected life entails. Hardship, difficulty, and pain are most likely if we love as Jesus loves.

How do we know the path that God desires for each of us? For the disciples on the road to Emmaus, their path was made known by Jesus himself as he explained the scriptures to them. God’s Word in our sacred scriptures is also shared with us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, our hearts will burn with insights the scriptures give to us regarding God’s desire for our path of life. The scriptures tell us of God’s immense, unconditional love and forgiveness for each of us. It is a love so great that Jesus willingly suffered and died so that we might know that the path of redemptive suffering that leads to life. It is this path we are called to follow.

In my ministry as vocation director, I came across a wonderful definition of a vocation. A vocation is *when your heart’s greatest desire meets the world’s greatest need*. In other words, God calls us to do something that we will be passionate about, something that will resonate with our hearts. That is certainly a key factor in discerning God’s path of life for us. It is something that we will enjoy doing even though it will entail challenges and making sacrifices.

God calls us to walk the path of life daily. That means not only discerning our vocation on a large scale but also discerning how God is calling us to relate to the world around us on a daily basis. God shows us the path of life through our daily life of prayer, the daily reading of scriptures and our daily relationships with friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, and members of our faith community. As we walk the path of life that God shows us, we are guided and supported by our community of faith.

The disciples came to recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread. When we authentically gather each week for our celebration of the Word and Eucharist, may we be open to being transformed, so that we are better able to recognize Jesus in each other. As we pray together, may our hearts be open to God’s desires for us to know and live passionately His love, forgiveness, and guidance as we follow the *path of life*.

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM PARENT MEETING

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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.

EASTER SEASON FLOWER DECORATING CONTINUES!

Thank you to everyone who has already made a donation towards our beautiful Easter flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one! (Names are listed [here](#).) We hope to continue decorating the chapel with flowers throughout the Easter season, so you still have the opportunity to make a donation.

To do so, there are envelopes 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!*).

All donations received for the rest of the season will be recognized in our Pentecost bulletin.



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!**

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.



Greater Boston

The weekend of **April 22 and 23** we raise up **Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston**, an organization dedicated to building simple low-cost homes by forming partnerships with low-income families in need of decent and affordable housing.

TWO EVENTS ON SATURDAY EVENING, APRIL 22 (IN CASE YOU'RE READING THIS EARLY!)

- **C**reation Care is hosting a screening of the movie "The Letter" at St. Cecilia's (18 Belvidere St) at 6 pm with pizza and discussion. Email trumac@verizon.net for more details.
- **T**he Paulist Fathers are broadcasting the Third "Spirit of Hecker" Awards at 7:30 pm. Watch at paulist.org/heckerawards, or join us for a watch party here on the 3rd floor, starting at 7 pm.

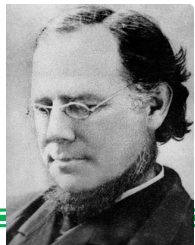
GROUP ART THERAPY

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. All supplies will be provided.

Please contact Dani Gallagher at 617-542-2964 to inquire or sign up.

CALL FOR 2023 HECKER AWARD NOMINATIONS - DEADLINE JUNE 1

As we work through acceptances from recipients and schedules and prepare to announce our 2021 and 2022 winners of the Isaac Hecker Award for Social Justice, **we'd like to formally request nominations for 2023 so we can finally catch up by the end of this year after frustrating covid delays.**



Therefore, **please send your nomination** (guidelines [here](#)) **for an outstanding North American Catholic committed to building a more just and peaceful world.**

All nominations should be sent to **Susan Rutkowski** by **June 1**, either via email at susan@paulistcenter.org, or mailed to Susan's attention at the 5 Park Street address.



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