



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 29 - 30, 2023

4TH 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,

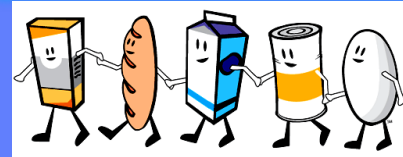
and by appointment



Project Bread's **The Walk for Hunger** May 7, starting at 9am

The 55th Walk for Hunger will be a fun-filled 3-mile walk entirely around Boston Common!

End Hunger Now!



Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/4hdsjzke>

to make a donation or join our team,

**The Paulist Center:
Home of Wednesday Supper Club**

You can also donate by
scanning this QR code.



SACRAMENT CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations to the 3 adults who made their confirmation at St. Catherine of Genoa on April 25!



**Sara Paredes Echeverri
Anne Marie Kotterer
Humberto Soares Zaccaro**

Pray also for our students preparing for First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 14 and for Confirmation on Saturday, June 10!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES - APRIL 30

No classes for Grades K-6. Jr. High is in the 2nd floor seminar room. Confirmation is in the 3rd floor library. RCIA is meeting in Fr. Ed's office for their final session.

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 30, 10am

[YouTube Link](#)

[Order of Worship Link](#)



Sunday, May 7, 10am

[YouTube Link](#)

[Order of Worship Link](#)

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 Wednesday, May 10

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. Steven Bell](#)**, 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. Steven is a Paulist priest based in Los Angeles leading missions, lectures and workshops focused on healing and reconciliation, and spent a summer living at the Paulist Center as a Paulist student doing hospital chaplaincy. 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. Steven and Patty allow their personal experiences to shape their pastoral encounters, ministry and preaching.

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.

Directions & Parking info at www.paulistcenter.org/directions-parking/

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

WE WANT **YOU** TO SERVE ON THE PASTORAL COUNCIL!

One of the most important ministries in guiding the Paulist Center this past year was the Pastoral Council, and the Council will continue to have a vital role. Would you consider serving on the Council for a two-year term starting in September 2023? Elections will be in early June, so we need your **applications by May 30**.

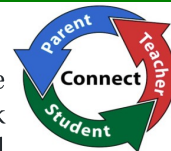


We will have 5 seats open on the Council, so we hope to have at least 7 people run for election. Would you make a good candidate? Pastoral Council members care deeply about the Paulist Center, bring a diversity of life experiences and lengths of membership at the Paulist Center, and are willing to advise Fr. Rich on a variety of issues that affect the health and viability of the Paulist Center.

WE WANT YOU!

To learn more, contact Amy Logan at alogan@erols.com.

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 from 11:15am – 12:15pm.

HERDING SHEEP — NOT SUCH AN EASY TASK!

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

Director

Our Hebrew ancestors were an earthy, practical people. They were familiar with sheep and shepherds in a way that eludes most of us today. Interestingly, Psalm 23 (“The LORD is my Shepherd”) only became popular in the United States around 1860, as our country was headed towards industrialization and civil war.

In 2001, I learned about sheep and shepherds when I spent a day on retreat at a sheep farm in Greene County, PA with the seminarians of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. I don’t know how much help we were to John and Joan, the couple who tended the sheep. But it was quite an experience!

The ancient Israelites lived when life was much more tenuous. There was no social safety net. Israel was a weak nation, living in the hope that its neighbors would not attack it. In many ways, shepherds were “on the clock” 24/7. If they did not protect the sheep every minute of the day and night, the sheep ran the risk of wandering off a cliff, being attacked by hostile animals, or being stolen by thieves. Our utter dependence on God, our utter trust in God – *that* is what all these sheep and shepherd analogies in the Bible are about.

Sheep aren’t very quick to get moving in the proper direction. But as I learned 22 years ago, you can’t really rush sheep along. When we chased the sheep, we discovered that sheep can run very fast, just not all of them in the same direction that you want them to go. When we, like sheep, go astray, we don’t always aimlessly wander away from God. Sometimes, we bolt!

And yes, shepherds really do give their sheep individual names. After the sheep had scattered, Joan invited us to call the sheep back. She told us the name of one of the sheep, and she advised us to call to it gently. We called, but the sheep didn’t move towards us. Then, Joan called the name of the sheep so softly, I didn’t think it could even hear her. Nevertheless, it immediately started walking back towards her! The sheep recognize the voice of the shepherd.

Jesus is the good shepherd. He gently *guides* us along the right path. He calls us by name to follow him. He does not push or prod. And according to Jesus’ claims in today’s gospel passage, we *can* recognize his voice.

In the ten months I’ve lived in Boston, many people have asked me how I heard Jesus inviting me to consider the priesthood. Today is not the day for me to share my story – as priesthood is just one of many ways that a person can be a pastoral leader – but let me offer two thoughts:

1. Whenever we discern God’s call, we don’t do it on our own. When a sheep follows the shepherd’s voice, it’s one of a flock of sheep being led in the same direction. Often, the Good Shepherd speaks to us through the voices of the people around us.
2. When a situation gets too dangerous, the shepherd leads the flock into the corral for protection. But in order for us sheep to graze and flourish, the shepherd must lead us back out through the same gate, away from the security of the corral. Following God often involves taking risks, but those risks can often benefit ourselves and the world. My life had more stability as an engineer, but it has more vitality as a priest!

For 3,000 years, the sheep and shepherd symbolism speaks to our needs to *trust* in God. No matter where we journey – be it through the bleached and arid Palestinian desert, across the cold and windy Pennsylvania farmland, or in the gentle warmth and greenery of a Massachusetts springtime – we have the ability to hear God’s voice.



"SPIRIT OF HECKER" AWARDS!

Congratulations once again to our LGBTQ+ Ministry for being recognized as a recipient of the Paulist Fathers’ Third “Spirit of Hecker” Awards! Congratulations also to member John Quatralo on winning the Paulist Press raffle prize!

If you missed the April 22 broadcast, you can watch it at paulist.org/heckerawards. Current Paulist Center members are featured at 1:08:30 - 1:09:30, 1:18:00 - 1:19:00, and 1:29:30-1:29:50, but if you watch the whole broadcast, you’ll see a bunch of Paulists who served here in previous decades!

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.



The weekend of **April 29 and 30** we raise up **Ignatian Spirituality Project** which offers homeless men and women in recovery from addiction the opportunity to change their lives.

CALL FOR 2023 HECKER AWARD NOMINATIONS - DEADLINE JUNE 1

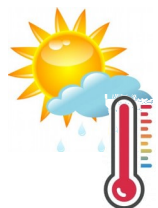
As we work through acceptances from recipients and schedules and prepare to announce our 2021 and 2022 winners of the Isaac Hecker Award for Social Justice, **we'd like to formally request nominations for 2023 so we can finally catch up by the end of this year after frustrating covid delays.**



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.**

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!



Like the HVAC controls in many old buildings in downtown Boston, the controls at 5 Park Street are difficult to switch between heat and air conditioning.

For the next several weeks, plan to dress in layers when you're in the Paulist Center as the internal temperatures will vary from day to day and from floor to floor, dependent on God's decisions regarding the outside temperature!

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!

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 after April 9 will be recognized in our Pentecost bulletin.



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