



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.



JANUARY 13-14, 2024 - 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

CELEBRATING DR. KING, AND ADDRESSING THE WORK LEFT TO DO

In observance of **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Weekend**, there will be no Family Religious Education classes on Sunday, January 14. The Paulist Center office will be closed on Monday, January 15; there will be no 11am confessions or 12:05pm Mass that day.

Looking for an appropriate way to observe the holiday?

The Racial Justice Advocacy Group (RJAG) invites community members to **A Day of Service** at the Isabella Gardner Museum on Monday, January 15 from 11am - 4pm to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

There will be storytelling, impactful conversation, art making, and music! Artists and thought leaders will share reflections on themes of social justice, equity, art, and empowerment and invite participation in activities throughout the day.

Entrance to the museum is free but you **must register for tickets** and an estimated entrance time at this link: <https://www.gardnermuseum.org/calendar/dr-martin-luther-king-jr-day-service-01152024>.

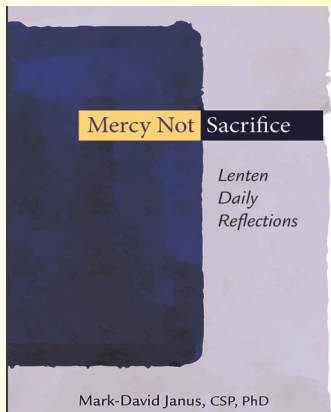
Each registration is for 2 tickets so you may have to register more than once for larger families.



SIGN UP FOR LENTEN SMALL GROUPS BY WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17!

We are excited to convene Lenten small groups for 5 sessions between Ash Wednesday (February 14) and Palm Sunday (March 24) if we can make the logistics work! We hope most of these will be in-person meetings in people's houses, or possibly online if people can offer their Zoom accounts, and possibly a few groups meeting at the Center dependent upon space availability.

Fill out the form at tinyurl.com/PCCLentenGroups2024 by **Thursday, January 17** and we will endeavor to create groups and inform everyone of the plans by January 31.



No groups will be offered on Wednesday evenings because there will be Zoom prayer services offered by our LGBTQIA group for the entire community; or on Sundays immediately following the 10am Mass because there are not spaces available during religious education classes.

We will be using the book *Mercy, Not Sacrifice* by **Paulist Mark-David Janus**. The Paulist Press link for hard-copy and e-book is available [here](#). Order to receive in time for Ash Wednesday, February 14. (Used copies may also be found online.)

We look forward to many folks participating in this prayerful, community-building Lenten opportunity.

Any questions, please reach out to **Amy Logan** at alogan940@gmail.com.

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, January 14, 10am
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



Sunday, January 21, 10am
Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)

IMMIGRATION ADVOCACY GROUP (IAG)

The Immigration Advocacy Group (IAG) invites your participation in an array of activities to support immigrants and advocate for their rights and well-being. To learn about all activities, including an upcoming training, please email paulistcenterimmigration@gmail.com and we'll get back to you!



Carol Geyer heads a "welcome circle" group of Paulist Center members preparing for the arrival of two Ukrainian families. Contact Carol for more information and/or to help: geyercarol@gmail.com, 617-816-9254.

Bill Mitchell coordinates Paulist Center members, family members, colleagues and others in supporting a newly arrived Haitian family. If you can help, and/or have questions, contact Bill; 727-641-9407, bmitch@gmail.com.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

If you're a young adult looking for community, please reach out to our Young Adult Minister, Gus,



at youngadults@paulistcenter.org to express interest in a **1-on-1 meeting**, a great way to learn more and to talk about getting involved at the Paulist Center!

Wednesday Night Supper Club: Join other young adults in service of our Paulist Center Community on **Wednesday, January 17 at 5:30pm** to serve, and/or **7:00pm** for clean-up.

Afterward, we'll go out for drinks together nearby!



OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Please join us at 7pm on Thursday, January 25 for "**You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbor as yourself,**"

a prayer service for the

Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity.

This service will be planned jointly with the Episcopal Cathedral Church of St. Paul, and we hope many Christians from other denominations will join us. Please invite your friends to join us.



There will be a light reception afterwards.

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (FREP)

Please note that there are no classes this Sunday, January 14, due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Intergenerational Event

The next time we gather will be on **January 21**, which is our **3rd Intergenerational Event** hosted by our **Racial Justice Advocacy Group** so all FREP classes will meet in the auditorium after 10am Mass that Sunday. The group will lead a conversation anchored in the book: *Love Will See Us Through*, written by MLK, Jr.'s niece, **Angela Watkins**.

Here's the link: <https://www.amazon.com/Love-Will-See-You-Through/dp/1416986936>

The format will follow other intergenerational events in that a facilitator will read the book and lead a table discussion on two follow-up questions creating an artifact to share with the overall group at the end. Our intergenerational events are part of our FREP curriculum for grades K-6 and Jr. High. Our Sr. High teens are always encouraged to join!

First Holy Communion

This is a reminder to **register** your child for our first holy communion preparation program that begins on **Sunday, January 28 from 11:15am to 12:30pm**. This is a meeting for both parents and children looking to celebrate their first holy communion on Sunday, April 7 at the Paulist Center.



1st Communion Important Dates

1/28 @ 11:15am – 12:30pm	1 st Gathering	3/24 @ 11:15am	Seder Potluck (*Tentative)
2/4 @ 10am Mass	Mass Rite of Enrollment	4/6 @ 10am – 12pm	Rehearsal
3/10 @ 11:15am – 12:30pm	2 nd Gathering	4/7 @ 10am Mass	Celebration of Sacrament

For questions, please contact **Susan Rutkowski** at susan@paulistcenter.org.

THE PAULISTS: SOME HISTORY & SOME NEWS

Fr. Richard R. Andre, CSP, *Director*

Next weekend, we welcome back Fr. **Ed Nowak, CSP!** Ed served on the Paulist Center staff 2022-2023, and he will be preaching the **Annual Paulist Appeal**. The APA helps the Paulist Fathers prepare students for priesthood, sustain national ministries, and care for senior priests. Just as importantly, the APA build connections between the Paulist Center in Boston and the larger Paulist community. You'll likely receive an APA brochure next week, but if you'd like to watch a brief video or make an early donation, you can do it at www.paulist.org/apa. Even if you can't make a donation at this time, please submit a prayer request on that same page.

For those relatively new to the Paulist Fathers and the Paulist Center, we'll share a brief version of our origin story below. We'll conclude with some recent Paulist news.

The Paulists were founded in 1858 by the first 5 American-born priests in the Redemptorist Order, including Isaac Hecker. Unlike the European-born Redemptorists who were focused on ministering to German-speaking Catholics in the United States, these 5 were interested in explaining Catholicism to their English- and German-speaking Protestant neighbors.

The Paulists have had significant influence on the American Church through the creative ways they've expressed the Gospel. They came to Boston in 1945 to establish 1 of their 7 innovative "information centers" in North America where people could learn more about the Catholic faith. With their home base at St. Ann's Parish in Back Bay, they also served as campus chaplains to Boston University, Brandeis, Harvard & Radcliffe, MIT, Northeastern, and Tufts. Cardinal Cushing built the present building at 5 Park Street for the Paulists in 1956-57.

For the next 12 years, Paulist Center Boston staff welcomed thousands of people for weekly inquiry classes about the faith. Before presbyteral ordination, every Paulist deacon came to Boston for a year of pastoral training at either the Paulist Center, a campus ministry, or St. Ann's. Today's Paulist Center Community has its roots in the intentional Sunday worshipping community founded in 1969. As a brand-new community in an established worship space, led by two priests ordained that very year, it was among the Catholic communities in the world best equipped to quickly implement the reforms of Vatican II.

Some recent updates:

- The Paulists recently began publishing a weekly e-newsletter. You can check out previous issues and sign up for the mailing list at paulist.org/ThingsToKnow. Be sure to check your spam folder, as you may already be receiving the newsletter.
- In September, Paulist students Dan Macalinao and Chris Lawton were ordained as transitional deacons in Washington, DC. All are welcome to attend their presbyteral ordination in New York City at 10 am on May 18, 2024!
- In October, Andrew Ouma became the newest Paulist novice. He is originally from Kenya but has worked for the last several years teaching English in Brazil.
- In November, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops voted to forward Isaac Hecker's cause for canonization to the Vatican.



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>, or scan the QR code.
2. 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.

The weekend of **January 13 and 14** we lift up **Boston Rescue Mission** which operates an emergency overnight shelter, offers meals, basic necessities, and helps homeless individuals achieve life skills necessary to become self-sufficient.

GOOD NEWS RE: AUCTION. STILL LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS!

One of the biggest community celebrations of the year is the Annual Auction. It's a **lot of fun**, and it's the **major fundraiser** of the year! The 2024 Auction is scheduled for **Saturday, April 27**.

This past weekend, some members offered to Co-Chair the Auction, but we'd like it if a few more could step forward, so we could organize a team of 3-4 people with complementary skill sets.

Please contact **Fr. Rich** ASAP if you can help.



If you can't serve as a Co-Chair, there are many, many other ways to help with the Auction! Please join us soon for the online Auction Kick-Off Meeting (date still TBD) when we choose the theme and start filling in subcommittees.

SCAM ALERT! EMAIL & TEXT MESSAGES



"Hello [Name], Let me know when you're available, I need your assistance with something Fr. Rich Andre"

Many of you have received scam messages similar to this one (or a more direct request to buy gift cards) in the past 18 months via email. But this week, **something new happened**: people began receiving this same message **via text messages** on their cell phones.

We apologize for the inconvenience. We want to assure you that there has not been a data breach at the Paulist Center. **We do not store your data online**. Such "spearphishing" scams have been common via email over the past decade... but spearphishing scams via cell phone are relatively new. (Scammers often impersonate clergy and banks, because many people consider them to be trustworthy.)

We reiterate once again: if you receive an email or a text claiming to be from the Paulist Center staff, check the email address or the phone number before you respond. Staff members will only email you from their "**paulistcenter.org**" addresses; the **area code for Rich's cell phone is not 617 or 774**.

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF LGBTQIA PERSONS - MONTHLY MEETING

A consortium of seven Boston Catholic communities (including the Paulist Center) hosts a support group for family and friends of LGBTQIA persons at **2pm** on the **3rd Sunday of every month**.

The topic for the 2pm meeting on **January 21**:

Visio Divina, "sacred seeing", is an ancient form of Christian prayer in which we allow our hearts and imagination to enter into a sacred image, in silence, to see and listen to what God is saying to us.

Please email lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org for the **Zoom** link.

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(See our [website](#) for staff contact information.)