



# 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.



FEBRUARY 3-4, 2024 - 5<sup>TH</sup> 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

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7: JOIN US FOR THE AUCTION KICK-OFF!

Please join us online **this Wednesday evening at 7pm** for our **Auction Kick-Off Meeting!** At this meeting we will meet the various committee chairs, hear about the many opportunities to help and, most fun of all, pick this year's theme! *All are welcome!*



<http://tinyurl.com/Auction2024Kickoff> MeetingID: 862 2057 2607 Passcode: 369677

If you can't make the meeting, please email **Mairead** and **Maggie**, this year's Auction Co-Chairs at [auction@paulistcenter.org](mailto:auction@paulistcenter.org). We would love to hear from you.

Mark your calendars and invite your friends: the Paulist Center Auction will be on the evening of **Saturday, April 27!**

## "UNDERSTANDING NARRATIVE & NUANCE IN ISRAEL/PALESTINE"

Join us in the auditorium after the 10am Mass **this Sunday, February 4** for **Community Coffee** and an excellent in-person conversation with Jerusalem-based teacher, historian, & activist **Jared Goldfarb** about the competing narratives contributing to the Israel-Hamas War. Jared — a long-time collaborator on interfaith relations with former Paulist Center Director **Mike McGarry** — led a fascinating online discussion with approximately 45 PCC members in late November. We'll pause for a few minutes at 12:15pm for anyone who needs to pick up children from the Family Religious Education Program, and then we'll resume for anyone who wants to keep the conversation going.



Let us continue to pray for deep, lasting peace to break out in the Holy Land, where all people will have the opportunity to flourish.

## WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 10-11: ANOINTING OF THE SICK

February 11 is the **World Day of the Sick**. (It's also the anniversary of the first appearance of Mary to St. Bernadette in Lourdes, France in 1858.)

We will **celebrate the Anointing of the Sick** with anyone who wishes to receive the sacrament **after each Mass on the weekend of February 10-11**. For more information on this beautiful-but-widely-misunderstood sacrament, we recommend reading Fr. Chuck's pastoral reflection on page 3 of this bulletin or visiting <https://bustedhalo.com/video/anointing-of-the-sick-who-its-for>.



## CALL FOR MUSICIANS

The Paulist Center Music Ministry Program is already gearing up for the celebrations of **Holy Week**.



Singers and instrumentalists are invited to consider joining us for this year's **Triduum** (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil).

Rehearsals will be held on **Thursday evenings beginning on February 8 from 7-9 pm** in the Chapel.

Please contact **Norm Gouin** at [norm@paulistcenter.org](mailto:norm@paulistcenter.org) for more information on how to get involved.

## WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING FOR LENT THIS YEAR?

**A**t 4pm next **Saturday, February 10** in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor library, **Paulist Father** (and author of 20 books) **Tom Ryan** will lead us in refreshing/deepening a few spiritual practices considered as pillars in Christian spirituality, and how our challenge is to keep these practices dynamic and ever fresh. The session will help get you off to a life-enriching Lenten season. For this session, please enter the building after 3:45 pm, through the double doors.



*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 LITURGY LINKS

**Sunday, February 4, 10am**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



**Sunday, February 11, 10am**

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



**Wednesday, February 14, 7pm**

Lay-Led Ash Wednesday Prayer Service

YouTube [Link](#)

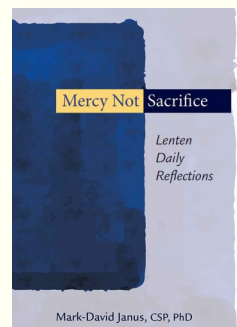
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### CREATION CARE MINISTRY

The next Creation Care ministry meeting is on **Monday, February 5 at 5pm on Zoom**. For the Zoom link email: [paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com](mailto:paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com). *All are welcome.*

### RACIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY GROUP (RJAG)

The next RJAG meeting is on **Tuesday, February 13 at 7pm on Zoom**. For the Zoom link email **Tom Sharkey** at [sharkey.te@verizon.net](mailto:sharkey.te@verizon.net). *All are welcome.*



### LENTEN SMALL GROUPS

Lenten Small Groups will be beginning soon! If you signed up, you should have received an email confirming your assignment in one of seven groups meeting for a five-week period.

You will hear from your group facilitator by Ash Wednesday with the final details for your group's meeting logistics. And we'll be using *Mercy Not Sacrifice* by **Paulist Mark-David Janus**, so a friendly reminder to order your copy if you haven't yet done so!

If you did not previously register but would like to participate, please email **Amy Logan** ([alogan940@gmail.com](mailto:alogan940@gmail.com)) for possible registration based on availability.

## SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

**L**ent is just around the corner, starting with Ash Wednesday on Valentine's Day! Please join us on February 14:

**7:55 am Mass** (spoken)

**12:05 pm Mass** (with music)

**5:15 pm Lay-Led Service** (with music)

**7:00 pm Lay-Led Service** (with music and livestreamed)

All four liturgies include the imposition of ashes.

### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



**Schedule a 1-on-1 Meeting with Gus:** If you're a young adult (ages 18-39) looking for community, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/PCI-on-1> to express interest in a 1-on-1 meeting with **Gus**, our **Young Adult Minister**. 1-on-1s are a great way to learn more about Young Adult Ministry, to share your ideas and past experiences, and to talk about getting involved at the Paulist Center.

**Young Adults Lenten Bible Study:** On **Thursday, February 15**, young adults (18-39) are invited to join us for a Lenten Bible study from 6 - 7pm in room 13 on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the Paulist Center. Feel free to come by any time after 5:30pm for **light snacks and conversation!** If interested, please email **Gus** at [youngadults@paulistcenter.org](mailto:youngadults@paulistcenter.org) in advance that you're coming. Walk-ins are welcome!

**Wednesday Night Supper Club:** Come join other young adults in service of our Paulist Center Community on **Wednesday, February 21** at 5:30pm to serve, and/or 7:00pm for clean-up. Afterward, we'll go out for drinks together nearby! Busy on February 21? Supper Club happens every week and we'd love your help!

**Young Adult Ministry Hosts Sunday Potluck:** On **Sunday, February 25**, the young adults Ministry will host a community potluck in the auditorium after the 6pm Mass, **open to all** who bring a dish (**not just young adults**). Don't forget to RSVP by February 23 by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/YAMPotluck>. If you forget to RSVP, bring a dish or stay after to clean up!



## EXPERIENCING GRACE THROUGH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Fr. Chuck Cunniff, C. S. P.

Associate Director, 2018-2022

"Would you like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick?"

"Oh, no... I'm not in danger of death."

Unfortunately, too many Catholics still orient their understanding of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as a last anointing before death.

The words the priest says, as he anoints the person's forehead, "*Through this holy anointing, may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit,*" and then their palms, "*May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up*" reminds us that this sacrament is about love, mercy, and freedom. This sacrament is not about miraculous healing – it is about realizing that even in illness or our dying time that we are not alone. The Sacrament of the Sick brings us assurance that God and the community of faith is with us – physically and spiritually.

When I began my cancer journey 18 months ago, my brother Paulists here in Boston celebrated this sacrament with me. I received this sacrament in October while on a retreat and will receive it again after Mass on February 10 or 11 as part of the Paulist Center Community's celebration of the sacrament. In receiving the sacrament, I have sensed *special help of God's grace in a time of anxiety*. It has helped me as I deal with my very human *fear of death*. And I have been *sustained by trust in God, strengthened against temptation* to just give up. (Source: General Introduction, Pastoral Care of the Sick.)

Do I have times of anxiety? Yes. Do I continue to fear of death? Yes, because I am a human being who has control issues; I like things 'my way, my time.' But I am learning, in all aspects of life, to let go and let God. This learning brings me an abiding knowledge that I am not alone... that God is with me via people, prayer, sacraments.

Who can receive the Sacrament of the Sick? This sacrament is for those who suffer from a chronic health condition (which may or may not be visible/known to others); an addiction; aging; cancer or other life-threatening diseases; before having major surgery; or in an emergency health crisis. Someone who struggles with depression, addiction and other physical/emotional issues that impact one's overall health may seek the sacrament early in their journey to sobriety/health as well as from time-to-time to help them through rough times – an assistance that may keep their thinking/actions on a healthy life path. Like all sacraments, the person receiving is the one who determines whether they need it or not.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is not magic. It is not a medicine cabinet for what ails us. It is a prayerful/graceful encounter with the love of God. Over the years of my ministry, I've told people (in this kind of situation and others) that *All will be well*. My health journey may not "turn out" the way I want it, but this sacrament reinforces my belief *that all will be well*.

### FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (FREP) - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

**G**rades K & 1 are in room 16 on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. Grades 2 & 3 are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Grades 4 - 6 are in room 17 on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor.

### PARENT PREPARATION FOR INFANT/CHILD BAPTISM

**T**he Paulist Center offers a preparation session on **Saturdays, from 10am - 12pm**. The next three (3) dates are **March 9, April 13, and May 11**, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Library/Chapel.



Expecting parents are invited to attend before their child is born/adopted.

To register for the session, please contact **Fr. Rick** at [rick@paulistcenter.org](mailto:rick@paulistcenter.org).

### ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

**I**nterested in receiving the Sacrament Of Confirmation? **In-person Confirmation classes for adults** will be held on 5 consecutive **Thursdays** at the Paulist Center, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Rm 22.

**Class dates:**

March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4.

The classes will be from **7-9pm**.

For more information and to sign up

please contact **Fr. Rick** at [rick@paulistcenter.org](mailto:rick@paulistcenter.org).





## 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 **February 3 and 4** we raise up **Bethany House Ministries**, an organization that provides support to prisoners, ex-prisoners, and their families.



## ON-THE-FLY APPLE PAY AND GOOGLE PAY DONATIONS NOW POSSIBLE!

Starting no later than February 10, visitors or members will have an option to scan a QR code and use their **Apple Pay** or **Google Pay** to make a donation to the collection with minimal clicks and data entry. See the **red cards** in the vestibule and pews. All donations made this way will go to support our **general operations**.

The only receipt you receive will be the electronic one you receive at the time of your donation. Donations made via this method **will not be entered into our giving database for inclusion on a member's year-end giving tax record**.

If you give electronically on a recurring basis, we ask you to continue to use the electronic giving signup option on our website, which will be entered into our member giving database.

We are hoping this method will enable visitors or those who wish to give on the fly and don't use cash or checks, to have a way to support our ministries.

*Thank you, as always, for your generosity to the Center in all its forms!*

100% of the support of our ministries is from our members and donors.



## Around the Community

## SPEAK UP FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE!

Two interfaith organizations with which the Paulist Center has a loose affiliation are asking us to support large-scale demonstrations the first weekend of March. **The Poor People's Campaign of Massachusetts** will have a rally of some kind on **Saturday, March 2** and **Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO)** will be speaking up for housing justice on **Sunday, March 3**.

We will share time and location information as it becomes available.

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