



**AN INVITATION TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING GOD'S MERCIFUL LOVE**

**W**elcome! If this is your first time visiting us, or if it's your first time in a long time, we're glad that you're here. The Paulist Center Community includes Catholics and non-Catholics alike.



For nearly 80 years, thousands of Bostonians – including nonprofit leaders, medical personnel, artists, justice advocates, teachers, journalists, entrepreneurs, and politicians – have walked through the doors at 5 Park Street.

They have been inspired not only by the salvific message of Jesus Christ, but also by our community members striving to live out Christ's message in their daily lives.

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**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

**A**fter each Mass **this weekend**, we will offer the **Anointing of the Sick** for anyone who wishes to receive the sacrament.



To learn more, check out last week's reflection by Paulist Father **Chuck Cunniff** (Associate Director here, 2018-22): <https://www.paulistcenter.org/category/pastoral-reflections/>.

**LAISSEZ LES BONS TEMPS ROULER!**

**O**n this final Sunday before Lent, join us for a **Community Coffee** after the 10am Mass on Sunday, February 11! Be sure to introduce yourself to someone you don't know, and then introduce them to someone you do know.

Many thanks to **Jim, Kate, Nancy, & Daria** for organizing this!



**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.



*Lent at the Paulist Center - 2024*

**B**e sure to check out this weekend's **bulletin insert** with prayers, information, activities, and our liturgy schedule for Lent. This information can also be found on our website at <https://www.paulistcenter.org/lent2024/>

**Welcome!** If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form that can be found on our [website](https://www.paulistcenter.org). You may also call the Reception Desk at 617-742-4460. After returning the form, a staff member will contact you.

## LIVE-STREAMED LITURGY LINKS

**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](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



**Sunday, February 18, 10am**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)

### 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!

### YOUNG ADULTS LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Young adults (18-39) are invited to join us for a **Lenten Bible study** from 6 - 7pm Thursday, **February 15** in Rm 13 on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. Feel free to come by any time after 5:30pm for **light snacks and conversation!** Walk-ins are welcome!


### 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 **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month**.

Please email [lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org](mailto:lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org) for the Zoom link for the meeting on February 18.

### ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Interested in receiving the Sacrament Of Confirmation? **In-person Confirmation classes for adults** will be held on 5 consecutive **Thursdays, 7-9pm**

 in Rm 22 on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor. **Class dates:**

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

For more information and to sign up please contact **Fr. Rick** at [rick@paulistcenter.org](mailto:rick@paulistcenter.org).

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Larry Kessler**, who died on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Larry was connected to the Paulist Center Community in many ways. He was our Social Justice Minister 1973-1979, overseeing the Walk for Hunger and Project Bread. Larry later started the very effective and prophetic AIDS Action Committee, for which we awarded him the Hecker Award in 1987.



To read more about Larry, see the [Boston Globe's memorial on February 4](#), or the [Wikipedia page dedicated to Larry](#).

Larry's funeral Mass is scheduled for 11am on Friday, February 16 at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, 18 Belvidere St.

### FROM OUR RACIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY GROUP: BLACK HISTORY MONTH

**Black History Month** began as "Negro History Week" in 1926. It was first established by Dr. Carter G. Woodson - a Harvard graduate and African American historian, to celebrate Black Americans' 400-year-long record of history, lives, and contributions in America. It was changed to a month-long celebration in 1976. He founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and Black History (ASALHP) which now leads the nation in the celebration of Black History Month.

February was chosen because it is the birth month of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The 2024 theme is "African Americans and the Arts", celebrating Black Americans' wide-ranging contributions to the visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary and other forms of cultural expression.

How can we celebrate this month? Check out what is going on in the Boston area at: [boston.gov/equity-and-inclusion/black-history-month](https://boston.gov/equity-and-inclusion/black-history-month). Get connected to the "Black Is..." book list at the Boston Public Library, Boston parks named for famous black Americans, City Hall galleries, support for black and brown-owned businesses, black-founded and black-led arts and cultural groups, the Black Heritage Trail virtual tour, activities through the Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Museum of African American History events.

Let's celebrate together that **BLACK LIVES MATTER**.

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## AN INVITATION TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING GOD'S MERCIFUL LOVE

The word "Lent" comes from an old Dutch and German word for *springtime*. It's a season of growing in our relationship with our loving, merciful God. We may take on disciplines during Lent to simplify our lives, but there is absolutely no requirement for us to be sad, sorrowful, or humorless for the next 40+ days. All of us are in different phases of our faith journey, living in different circumstances. Lent can be whatever we need it to be as we seek to deepen our relationship with the divine. Be sure to check out the insert titled "**Lent at the Paulist Center**" for a variety of resources to enhance our individual Lenten journeys and for a full listing of special events in which we share our collective journey.

Over the next 6 weeks, many members of the Paulist Center will gather weekly in small groups to reflect on the book **Mercy Not Sacrifice**, written by Paulist Father Mark-David Janus. As he writes about Ash Wednesday: "*Wearing ashes doesn't mean we are sinners or saints. It means that we believe in the mercy of God.... This is the beating heart of the gospel.*"

We in the Paulist Center Community believe in the mercy of God, and we continually strive to share God's mercy with others. With our time, talent, and treasure, we endeavor to build a world that is more just and equitable — reaching out to the hungry, caring for creation, and advocating for racial equity and immigration reform. We uphold the full dignity of divorced & LGBTQIA people and women who seek positions of leadership within the Church. We emphasize God's mercy in the curriculum we use in our Family Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation Programs. We promote God's mercy by paying higher utility rates for recycling and green energy. But it's not just in the programs we run, the advocacy we promote, and the people we serve. Everything we do is immersed in our witness of God's merciful love for us, a love Christ compels us to share with others.

No matter whether you identify as a practicing Catholic, as a lapsed Catholic, as a Christian of another denomination, as a believer of another faith, or as someone skeptical of organized religion, please know that this is a place where you are always welcome to grow, to contribute, to question, and to belong. Won't you join us?

**We welcome you, as you are!**

*R.R. Andre, C.S.P.*

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

## FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (FREP) - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

This Sunday, all the FREP classes and groups are meeting. Grades K & 1: 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Rm 16.  
Grades 2 & 3: 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Grades 4 - 6: 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Rm 17. Jr. High: 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Rm 13. Sr. High: 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Library.  
There are no classes 2/18 or 2/25 due to the winter break. Classes resume 3/5.

## WELCOME TO YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY!

We are a community of young adults (18-39 years old) focused on living out our faith through community, service, and spirituality. Even if you don't consider yourself Catholic, we'd love to welcome you into our community! If you're interested in learning more, please reach out to our **Young Adult Minister, Gus**, by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/PCI-on-1>.

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



On Sunday, **February 25**, Young Adult Ministry will be **hosting our monthly Paulist Center 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 visiting <http://tinyurl.com/YAMPotluck>. If you're planning on coming, please RSVP by Friday, February 23!

## 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 10 and 11** we raise up **The Massachusetts Bail Fund**, an organization that posts bails for people who can't afford to pay their own bails in Massachusetts.

## NEW WAY TO DONATE AT MASS!

Visitors and members can now use **Apple Pay** or **Google Pay** to give on the fly! Use the QR code on the **red cards** in the pews (or the QR code right here) or visit [donorbox.org/paulistcenter](https://donorbox.org/paulistcenter). All donations made this way will go to support our general operations.



Please note that the only receipt you will receive when you give this way is the electronic receipt that comes at the time of your donation. These donations will not be included in your year-end giving tax record.

If you give electronically on a regular basis, we ask you to continue using the electronic giving signup option on our website. *Thank you, as always, for your generosity to the Center!*

## Around the Community

The **Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) Spiritual Care Department** is looking for **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** to administer Holy Communion to patients and families in the hospital. This is a wonderful volunteer ministry, and there is a great need.

Requirements: One-year commitment to serve at least one day a week for 2 - 3 hours, and a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing.

If you are interested, please email **Br. Jeff Shackleton, OFM**, at [jshackleton@mg.harvard.edu](mailto:jshackleton@mg.harvard.edu) or call the **MGH Spiritual Care Department** at (617) 726-2220.

Join the **Massachusetts Poor People's Campaign:**

A **National Call for Moral Revival** at the Massachusetts State House on **Saturday, March 2**.

We will march and rally to bring the demands of poor and low-wealth people for *living wages, healthcare, housing, education, environmental justice, and voting rights* directly to our lawmakers.

Please note that the actual rally is scheduled for 11am - 1pm, but organizers are asking people to arrive by 9:30am.

Please RSVP for the event at

<http://tinyurl.com/MPPCMarch2>.

Join other members of the Paulist Center at Greater Boston Interfaith Organization's **rally for housing justice** at 3 pm Sunday, **March 3** at the **Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center** in Roxbury.



**HOUSING JUSTICE CAMPAIGN**

Please register at [bit.ly/gbiomarch3](https://bit.ly/gbiomarch3) as a guest of **Hillel Bnai Torah**, and email [sharkey.te@verizon.net](mailto:sharkey.te@verizon.net) to let us know that you're going.

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