



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 17-18, 2024 - 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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



Lent at the Paulist Center - 2024



Here at the Paulist Center the richness of our liturgical celebrations, the many prayer and faith sharing opportunities, and most especially our commitment to being companions and witnesses to those preparing for sacraments of Easter, are all ways for us to enter fully into this time of reflection, recommitment, and renewal – a chance for us to remember who we are and where we have come from and why.

For detailed information on how to enrich your lenten journey be sure check out our Lenten Bulletin Insert for all our **lenten offerings and liturgy schedule**. This information can also be accessed online at: www.paulistcenter.org/len2024. Lenten inserts are also available in the Chapel foyer.

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> to schedule a 1:1 conversation.



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!



LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES ON THE NEXT 5 WEDNESDAYS

Please join us for the first of four **Online Lenten Prayer Services** this coming **Wednesday, February 21** at 7:00pm led by our LGBTQIA Ministry. The next three online services will be held on **February 28, March 6, and March 13** at 7pm. Zoom link is tinyurl.com/LentenPrayer2024



On **Wednesday, March 20**, please join us in the Chapel for a **Lay-led Service of Reconciliation and Reflection** at 7:00pm.

An opportunity for Individual Confession will be available.

YAM HOSTS **COMMUNITY** POTLUCK - NEXT SUNDAY, FEB 25!

Next Sunday, **February 25**, Young Adult Ministry (YAM) will be hosting the monthly **Community Potluck** in the auditorium after the 6pm Mass. Open to **all** who bring a dish (**not just young adults**). **The theme for February is Comfort Food**, so bring a dish that makes you feel at home! Don't forget to RSVP by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/YAMPotluck>.

If you're planning on coming, please RSVP by Friday, February 23!



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

Sunday, February 18, 10am

1st Sunday of Lent

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



Sunday, February 25, 10am

2nd Sunday of Lent

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



ADVOCACY



Catholic Social Justice teaches us that we have a responsibility to participate in politics out of a concern and commitment to the good of the community. This means that we cannot be bystanders who scoff at the political process. Instead, we are called to vote, to inform ourselves about the issues of the day, to engage in serious conversation about our nation's future, and to learn to listen to different perspectives with empathy. The work of justice advocacy is best accomplished by rallying large numbers of people to demand the attention of government legislators and executives. We encourage you to add your voice (and physical presence) to two large interfaith and interracial rallies on the first weekend of March, advocating for legislation in line with Catholic Social Teaching:

POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN:

Come to the Massachusetts State House on **Saturday, March 2** as part of the national **Poor People's Campaign!**

Founded by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1967, PPC will march & rally to bring the demands of poor & low-wealth people for *living wages, healthcare, housing, education, environmental justice, and voting rights* directly to our lawmakers.



The actual rally is scheduled for **11am to 1pm**, but organizers are asking people to **arrive by 9:30am**.

Please [RSVP here](#).

GREATER BOSTON INTERFAITH ORGANIZATION:

Our Racial Justice Advocacy Group invites other Paulist Center Community members to join them at **Greater Boston Interfaith Organization's** housing justice rally at the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center in Roxbury at 3pm on **Sunday, March 3**. An expected 1,500 people — Black and White, Christian, Jewish, and Muslim — will make urgent appeals to state leaders about *public housing, affordable home ownership and rentals, and housing assistance for individuals returning from incarceration*.

More information at bit.ly/gbiomarch3.

Register as a guest of **Hillel Bnai Torah**, and email **Tom** at

sharkey.te@verizon.net to let him know that you're going.



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 6th 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.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Fr. Rick is preparing to contact several couples to assist this important ministry to the Archdiocese of Boston. We are looking at having several couples offer as little as **two hours of their time once per year**. This will be a great opportunity to meet other couples at the Paulist Center and help develop a much-needed and worthwhile outreach to those preparing for marriage.



You don't have to wait for **Fr. Rick** to reach you. Please call him (617-948-2424) if you are able and willing to join him and other couples.



GET EXCITED! WE'LL BE ROLLING OUT DETAILS FOR THE AUCTION NEXT WEEKEND!

The Olympics will be in Paris this year and our Auction will usher in the summer festivities at our **April 27 Olympics in Paris: An Evening Soiree!**

Mark your calendars! Gather your friends to join your table! Consider being a sponsor! Donate an item or experience! Bake a dessert! Volunteer to help decorate or clean up!

Lots of opportunities will be available. We need you! Stay tuned for more details next week!

DAYS OF HOPE, MYSTERY, AND... CHOCOLATE?

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

Director

Far too many Catholics associate the season of Lent solely with its “bookend” days. Lent is so much more than the personal imperfections we confront on Ash Wednesday, or the horror of crucifixion on Good Friday. Lent is, first and foremost, a season about **relationships**. Our relationship with God. Our relationships with our friends and acquaintances in the local community. Our relationships with unknown people throughout the world who are affected by our economic, political, and spiritual choices.

So, it’s perfectly OK to wish people “Happy Lent!” Lent is a season of growth, of renewal, of resolving to improve our relationships with God and the people mentioned above. Yes, Lent asks us to confront our failings, and to ask for God’s help... but Lent should also celebrate how we already reflect Christ’s sacrificial love in all of our relationships, too. (After all, the main point of Good Friday is God’s love, not the crucifixion.) Lent is a season to sink more deeply into the grace and mercy of God.

Some people call the first four days of this season the “porch” of Lent. Before we rush headlong into choosing what we’re going to “give up” or “take on” for Lent, it’s beneficial to pause on the threshold of this season. It’s a time to take stock on our relationships... and prayerfully contemplate:

What could be strengthened in me?

Where am I especially in need of God’s grace?

May the answers to these questions guide us in choosing our disciplines for Lent 2024. (Unless chocolate is holding us back in our relationships with God, we can have as much chocolate as we want this Lent!)

In this upcoming week of Lent, let us journey into the desert with Jesus. And may we remember: even in the desert...

... the starkness provides its own kind of beauty, and

... we are not alone, for

... God is present.

Paulist Fr. Ricky Manalo reflects these realities in his simple Lenten hymn, “Beyond the Days”:

*Beyond the days of hope and mystery
we see a light of faith renewed,
and in our longing we thirst for guidance
to walk with you day by day.*

*In your hands, O God,
we feel the touch of your guidance.
Keep us safe in your care:
may your gentleness be there.*

*Not on bread alone
are we to walk on this journey.
Speak the words that give life
to the yearnings of our hearts.*

*On our Lenten path
we see the dawn of a new day.
Be our vision of hope;
be the promise of our lives.*

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS



Low-gluten hosts are available upon request. Please see the presider in the Chapel or Sacristy fifteen minutes before Mass and indicate where you will be seated in the Chapel so the communion minister in that section will have the low-gluten host for you at communion.

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!*

See paulistcenter.org/give/ways-to-give for a variety of ways to give to the Paulist Center. Two options include:



Give a one-time or recurring donation using your bank account or credit card by visiting tinyurl.com/DonatePaulistCenter or scanning the **QR code on this page outlined in blue**. You can use this method for donations for specific programs, too, and, if you are a registered member with us, these donations will be included in a year-end tax statement sent to you for any donations that are tax deductible per IRS regulations. Giving by this method helps us with our budgeting and stewardship efforts.



Use **Apple Pay** or **Google Pay** by visiting donorbox.org/paulistcenter, scanning the QR code on the red cards in the pews, or scanning the **QR code on this page outlined in red**. Please note that these donations will **not** be included in any year-end giving tax records, and they solely support our general operations.

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 17 and 18** we raise up **Black and Native American Missions** which help diocesan communities in need across the country by providing grants to build churches and schools, and to preach the Gospel.

PAULIST CENTER ROSARY CIRCLE INTENTION FORM

Do you have a special intention that you would like the Paulist Center Community to pray for? Our weekly **Rosary Circle** (*see below*) is happy to include your intentions (*may be anonymous*). Go [here](#) for the form.



PAULIST CENTER ROSARY CIRCLE

All are welcome to the Paulist Center Rosary Circle, every Monday at 7:30pm. Zoom link - <http://bit.ly/RosaryCircle> Meeting ID: 487 503 158 Passcode: 021078

Around the Community

LGBTQIA MORNING OF LENTEN REFLECTION

The St. Anthony Shrine LGBTQIA Ministry will be hosting a morning of Lenten Reflection led by [Dr. John McDargh, PhD](#), professor at Boston College. The retreat will be Saturday, **February 24** from 9am to 1pm in the Friary Chapel.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org.

The Massachusetts General Hospital 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@mgh.harvard.edu or call the MGH Spiritual Care Department at (617) 726-2220.

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