



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.



MARCH 2 - 3, 2024 - 3RD 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

LENTEN FAMILY SOCIAL - THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 3 AT 11:15AM

Please join us for our annual Lenten Social that will take place in the auditorium this Sunday at 11:15am.

This event will take place during the regularly scheduled religious education class time.

All community members are welcome to join us directly following the 10am Mass. Please write a name tag and help yourself to the yummy food and some drink.



This hour is a time for everyone to get to know one another better so please sit with people you don't know and introduce yourself and your family. We will then remind our children what Lent is about and enjoy a craft together to reinforce the message.



Our craft this year is a version of the resurrection garden that we've enjoyed for a few years now.

The Jr. & Sr. High teens will help lead the logistics of pots, dirt, grass seed, crosses, and rocks so please join us for this fun-filled hour!

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICES - NEXT 3 WEDNESDAYS

Please join us for the third of four **Online Lenten Prayer Services, Wednesday, March 6** at 7pm led by our LGBTQIA Ministry. The fourth

online service will be held on **March 13** at 7pm. Zoom link is

tinyurl.com/LentenPrayer2024

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

An opportunity for Individual Confession will be available.



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** at the Paulist Center in Rm 22 on the 6th floor.

Classes begin this Thursday, **March 7**, followed by **March 14, 21, 28, April 4.**

For more information and to sign up please contact **Fr. Rick** at rick@paulistcenter.org.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS DURING TIME OF UNCERTAINTY

As we announced last week, the General Council of the Paulist Fathers is currently engaged in a discernment process about which ministries they can best continue to support. While we have faith-filled optimism that the General Council will discern that the Paulists have the resources to continue staffing the Paulist Center, there is no guarantee.

As we sit in this time of uncertainty, please review this "**Frequently Asked Questions**" document prepared by the Paulist Center Pastoral Council:

<https://www.paulistcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/faq-2024-02-24.pdf>



Please see page 3 of this bulletin for a **prayer** we ask everyone in our community to pray in the upcoming days.

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, March 3, 10am

3rd Sunday of Lent

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



Sunday, March 10, 10am

4th Sunday of Lent

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



CREATION CARE MINISTRY

The next Creation Care ministry meeting is this **Monday, March 4 at 5pm via Zoom.**

Please email: paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com for the Zoom link. *All are welcome!*

CAN YOU HELP BUY SUPPLIES FOR OUR SERVICE PROJECT?

Please support the **grade 4-6 FREP class**, the **Junior and Senior Youth Groups** and the **Immigration Advocacy Group** in a **service project to create women's hygiene kits for the migrant shelters** supported by Catholic Charities in **Brighton and Newton.**

Kits will be assembled after the 10am Mass on **March 24.** We need clean reusable grocery bags, new socks, packs of hair ties, new hair brushes, new hand towels and menstrual pads to assemble **200 kits.** You can shop directly for these items on our Amazon wish list (<http://tinyurl.com/yvppcsaj>) or you can drop items off in the Mary alcove. We appreciate your help! This QR code will also bring you to the Amazon wish list!



FLOWER DONATIONS FOR THE EASTER SEASON

Help us decorate with a lily or other Easter flower in honor of a family member or friend, living or deceased. **Suggested donation is \$10.**

You can contribute:



- * at the front desk, during the week from 10:30am-4:30pm;
- * by using the "Flower Donation" envelopes in the pews;
- * or go to [Donate Online](#), and choose "Flower Donation" and note that it is "in honor of, or in memory of" in the space provided. **Thank You!**

PARENT PREPARATION FOR INFANT/CHILD BAPTISM

The Paulist Center offers a preparation session on **Saturdays, from 10am - 12pm.**



The next three (3) dates are **March 9, April 13, and May 11,** at the Paulist Center in the 3rd floor Library and in the 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.

SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, APRIL 27 — FOR THE 41ST PAULIST CENTER AUCTION,

THE OLYMPICS IN PARIS! AN EVENING SOIREE



2024 Paulist Center Auction
April 27, 2024 • 6:15 PM

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Can you be part of our winning team and help us find some amazing donations? We're collecting items for the live auction, silent auction, and dessert auction and we need you! Consider asking a friend, family member, or business you frequent if they would be willing to donate too.

Please complete the form found online at tinyurl.com/PCAuction2024 to detail your donations or to ask us to help you contact a business. The form is also available on the back of the Auction flyers which are located in the Chapel vestibule. We will accept donations until Sunday, April 7.

For more information and to purchase your ticket online please go to our website: paulistcenter.org/Auction2024 or you can email our co-chairs, **Maggie Keefe** and **Mairead Nolan** at Auction@PaulistCenter.org. **Merci!**

As the Paulist Center community continues to grapple with the recent news from the Paulist Fathers about the future of its foundations and ministries, it can be difficult to know what to pray for and we can find ourselves either at a loss for words or overwhelmed by our own emotions. In an effort to come together in a spirit of prayer and solidarity, the Worship Committee has composed a prayer to help guide us and unite us during this time of discernment and uncertainty.

A PDF version of the prayer can be found at <https://paulistcenter.org/prayer>

May the Holy Spirit continue to accompany us and console us, now and forever!

PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

A Litany to the Holy Spirit

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit,

All: fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Leader: Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,

All: and you shall renew the face of the earth.

*Reader(s): Generous and loving God, send your Spirit upon us, upon the Paulist Fathers, and all members of Paulist communities throughout the world. *(Pause)* Come, Holy Spirit.

All: Kindle in us the fire of your love.

Reader(s): Guide us as we journey together during this time of discernment and uncertainty. Help us to exist in this moment without judgement of ourselves or of the unknown future. *(Pause)* Come, Holy Spirit.

All: Kindle in us the fire of your love.

Reader(s): Help us to remain steadfast in faith - to remember your great goodness, your great love, your great strength – the peace we find in your presence. Help us to remember that nothing can separate us from You. *(Pause)* Come, Holy Spirit.

All: Kindle in us the fire of your love.

Reader(s): Enfold us in your compassion and love, especially at this moment when we are overwhelmed by our emotions. Bless us with the gift of fortitude, that we may be lifted up in this time of struggle. *(Pause)* Come, Holy Spirit.

All: Kindle in us the fire of your love.

Reader(s): Endow in us the gift of understanding, that we may always live as true followers of Christ. *(Pause)* Come, Holy Spirit.

All: Kindle in us the fire of your love.

Reader(s): Grant us the gift of right judgment, that we may use and distribute resources towards peaceful and loving ends. *(Pause)* Come, Holy Spirit.

All: Kindle in us the fire of your love.

Reader(s): Enliven us with the gift of wonder and awe, that we may always know your perfect love. *(Pause)* Come, Holy Spirit.

All: Kindle in us the fire of your love.

Reader(s): Instill in us the gift of wisdom, that we may recognize the dignity in one another and trust in your ways of mercy and love. Inspire us with the gift of knowledge, that we may always walk in your way. *(Pause)* Come, Holy Spirit.

All: Kindle in us the fire of your love.

Reader(s): Open our hearts and minds to seek you with humility and love – not giving into despair but placing all our hope in You and You alone. *(Pause)* Come, Holy Spirit.

All: Kindle in us the fire of your love. (Pause)

All: Gentle God, you sent us your Spirit to dwell with us always. May your Advocate accompany us and console us, now and forever. Amen.

* The invocations can be offered by dividing a group into two and prayed antiphonally, starting with group one and then group two and so on.

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 **March 2 and 3**, we raise up the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' campaigns to provide grants to pastoral projects in the growing **Church in Africa** and to rebuild & restore faith communities in the **Church in Central & Eastern Europe**.

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 to check out all our **Lenten offerings and liturgy schedule at: www.paulistcenter.org/lent2024**.

“FORWARD IN FAITH: 2024 CATHOLIC APPEAL”

The Archdiocese of Boston takes up the Catholic Appeal the weekends of **March 2-3 and 9-10**. In the words of Cardinal Sean O'Malley, "The Appeal is the primary means by which we carry Christ's light into darkness and care for our brothers and sisters spiritually, emotionally, and physically."

We at the Paulist Center especially commend that the **Appeal helps to fund Mission Grammar School (MGS) in Roxbury and the iTHIRST program for addiction recovery**. MGS serves children as young as three months old, offering a support system for families in an underserved community. iTHIRST has grown into a worldwide ministry, providing training and ongoing support for laity and clergy to become Certified Spiritual Companions to accompany addicted individuals and their families along the road to recovery.

You will find envelopes in the vestibule for the Catholic Appeal.

PLEASE NOTE: Checks should be made payable to "The Catholic Appeal"

You may also give electronically by going to the **Archdiocese of Boston's**

Catholic Appeal giving page: <https://bostoncatholicappeal.org/ways-to-give/>

In the "Parish" drop-down menu, select "**Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Paulist Center Boston.**"



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