



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 23 - 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Please see below for this week's schedule.



LET IT GO, LET IT GO!

Bob Bordone, member of the Pastoral Council

For those visiting the Paulist Center on Palm Sunday – **a warm welcome!** We are so glad you are with us and hope you return for the Easter Triduum!

For those who are members of the Paulist Center Community – what a Lenten season this has been! During these days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we learned that the Paulist Fathers in New York had entered a discernment process that would result in the completion of some of their national foundations and ministries. News of possible parish closings is always hard. But for many in our community, already alienated by a Church that has not lived up to the Gospel message of radical inclusion, especially for women, LGBTQ+ individuals, and divorced persons, hearing that our community of welcome and refuge might be closed hit especially painfully.

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HOLY WEEK AT THE PAULIST CENTER



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www.youtube.com/ThePaulistCenter

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HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 pm ([Link](#))

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

The Seven Last Words Of Christ

12:05 pm ([Link](#))

Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death

3:00 pm ([Link](#))

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Easter Vigil Celebration

8:00 pm ([Link](#))

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

10:00 am ([Link](#)) & 12:00 pm

EXCEPTIONS TO OUR USUAL SCHEDULE

There will be 12:05pm Masses on 3/25, 3/26, 3/27, but not on 3/28, 3/29, or 4/1. Office closed on Easter Monday, 4/1. Confessions are 11:00-11:45am on 3/25 and 4/5 or by appointment, but we apologize that no confessions are available between the evening of 3/28 and the morning of 4/2. *We wish you the blessings of Holy Week and Easter!*

THREE COMMUNITY GATHERINGS IN THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS!

Now, more than ever, we should gather for community-building events!

Palm Sunday, March 24: ★ Join us in the auditorium **after the 10am Mass** for a Community Coffee.

Thanks to Kate, Jim, and Nancy for organizing it! ★ Join us in the library on the 3rd floor **after the 6pm Mass** for a Community-Wide Potluck Dinner. If you weren't able to RSVP to tinyurl.com/YAMPotluck by Friday, please bring a dish with you or help clean up.

Holy Saturday, March 30: ★ Join us for a Reception after the Easter Vigil (around 11:15pm) in the auditorium to welcome our newly-baptized and newly-confirmed members. If you can help with cleanup, please email

rich@paulistcenter.org ASAP. Thanks!



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, MARCH 24

Palm Sunday

- Sunday at 10:00 am ([Link](#))

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At the time of each livestream,
the appropriate **Order of Worship** will be available at paulistcenter.org/order-of-worship.

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FIRST COMMUNION THIS SUNDAY - MARCH 24!

Grades 4-6, 3rd graders who have made their first communion, Jr High, and Senior High teens, will work on the **service project for lifting hands international**. Sr. High: 2nd Fl Seminar Rm. Grades 4 - Jr High: 3rd Fl Library. K-1 will meet on the 6th floor as usual.



In the auditorium, our **first communion class** will celebrate a **traditional Jewish Seder** led by our very own **Elianna Nuzum**. Although not Jewish by birth, as a child Elianna attended a Messianic Jewish congregation and school, where she learned beginner Hebrew and celebrated all of the Jewish holidays, which has added context to her Christian faith. She looks forward to sharing the traditions of Passover, the holiday that Jesus was observing with his disciples at the Last Supper, with the First Communion children to augment their Holy Week. *Thank you, Elianna!*



JOIN THE PAULIST CENTER'S IMMIGRATION ADVOCACY GROUP (IAG)!

Join the IAG at **Immigrants' Day at the State House on March 28, 9am - 1pm!** This is also Holy Thursday - what better day to stand up with and for our immigrant neighbors! We will **meet in front of the Paulist Center at 9am** and process together up to the State House, carrying signs created for us by our **FREP students**. So that we know to expect you, please RSVP to paulistcenterimmigration@gmail.com or call/text **Chris O'Keefe at 617-549-0459**.



FLOWERS: EASTER SUNDAY (MAR 31) THROUGH PENTECOST (MAY 19)

Help us decorate with flowers for the entire Easter season in honor of family members or friends, living or deceased. Three ways to do so:

1. Come to the receptionist's desk 10:30 am - 4:30 pm Mon-Fri
2. Use the envelopes in the pews
3. Select "Flowers" **here**, indicating "in honor of" or "in memory of" in the space provided

The suggested donation is \$10 per tribute. Thank you!

All donations received by Tuesday, April 2 will be listed in the April 6-7 bulletin.

All subsequent donations will be listed in the May 18-19 bulletin.



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PAULIST CENTER AUCTION UPDATE: DONATIONS NEEDED!

Our big day is approaching! We would love to have some **more** silent and live auction items. If you have something to **donate**, now is the time! If you have something that you think might be too small, please speak with us because we are often able to "bundle" smaller items into one larger offering. For example, last year one item offered was a canvas print of a lighthouse and a Nantucket basket. Stop by the **Auction table** in the elevator lobby **after Mass** and talk with a volunteer! Our **deadline** is **April 7**.



To donate or purchase tickets online, visit www.paulistcenter.org/Auction2024/. Contact Auction

Co-chairs **Maggie Keefe** and **Mairead Nolan** at auction@paulistcenter.org with questions. **Merci!**

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I'm not prone to think that the Facebook algorithm is inspired by the Holy Spirit (!), but within an hour of hearing the news that Boston might be among those ministries to be shuttered, this excerpt from Mary Oliver's beautiful poem "In Blackwater Woods" showed up in my scrolling:

To live in this world

You must be able

to do three things:

to love what is mortal;

to hold it

against your bones knowing

your own life depends on it;

and, when the time comes to let it go,

to let it go.

Immediately, this became the focus of my Lenten prayer. As I joined with many in our community to make the best possible case for why the Paulist Fathers should remain in Boston, I prayed that God would prepare my heart to let the Center go if that was where the Spirit was leading at this time. I prayed to see and understand what spiritual growth and lessons, what callings and promptings, might come if I learned that it was time to let the Paulist Center go.

Soon my prayer turned to other things I loved, that were mortal, and that need to be shed:

Prepare me, O Lord, to let go of the habits, routines, and rituals that offer me comfort but which might also hold me back from where you are leading me – from what is immortal, everlasting, and true.

When I learned the news that the Paulist Fathers will continue their missionary work here in Boston, I breathed a sigh of relief. At the same time, the focus of my prayer intensified:

"When the time comes to let it go, let it go."

There remains an urgency in my prayer around this. And as I prayed about this pastoral message, I want to share with you my belief that there should be an urgency in the discernment of each of us in our community around this question of "letting it go."

It would be a mistake, it seems to me, for our Boston Paulist Community to interpret the discernment of the Paulist Fathers in New York as an indication to 'proceed apace, doing what you have always done.' Worse than a mistake. It would dishonor the grace and opportunity we've been given in the decision to continue a Paulist presence in Boston.

After all, even as I write this, there are Paulist foundations – some over a century old -- grappling with bringing their work to completion. For them, for ourselves, for the Paulist charism of outreach and reconciliation, and for a world desperate for the love of Christ, we have a solemn obligation to do the hard work of examining what we need to let go of to make space for the possibilities of ministry and mission that await us as we build a renewed faith community here in Boston.

As I prayed over today's Palm Sunday Gospel, this line struck me in a way that it never has:

"Are you still sleeping and taking your rest?"

Though we are tired, this is not a time for sleeping or taking a rest. As Jesus continues in the Gospel, "The hour has come!... Get up! Let us go!" In this final week of Lent, I invite you to a prayer of discernment: What are the things that you love, that you hold on to, but that, in the end, are merely mortal?

With renewed energy and zeal, with an awareness that the hour has come, let us not sleep or take rest. As we journey forward as a community, transitioning to a one-priest ministry with the assistance of senior Paulist Fathers, let us ask with humility, for the grace and courage to let go of that which we must let go – and to act boldly to envision a vibrant, inclusive, and energized community full of eternal Easter joy.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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. We host events every month, and we hope you stop by! Please reach out to our Young Adult Minister, **Gus Kellerman**, at youngadults@paulistcenter.org to learn more about this Ministry, and to express interest in a 1-on-1 meeting. 1-on-1's are a great way to share your ideas and past experiences, and to talk about getting involved at the Paulist Center!



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 23 and 24** we raise up **MissionSAFE** which works with Boston's highly at-risk youth and their families to gain the skills and confidence to thrive, and to improve their community and their world.



PARENT PREPARATION FOR INFANT/CHILD BAPTISM

The Paulist Center offers a preparation session on **Saturdays**, from **10am - 12pm**. The next three (3) dates are **April 13, May 11, and June 8**, in the 3rd Fl Library and in the Chapel. Expecting parents are invited to attend before their child is born/adopted. To register, please contact **Fr. Rick** at rick@paulistcenter.org.

LGBTQIA MINISTRY

The Paulist Center welcomes LGBTQIA identified individuals and allies. The **LGBTQIA Ministry** hosts occasional events and social gatherings. In addition to bulletin announcements, information is shared via a confidential email listserv.

If you'd like to be added to the email list, contact **Bob Bordone** at bobbordone@gmail.com. All pastoral staff members are available as resources and support for anyone in the LGBTQIA community as well as friends and family members.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB

Every Wednesday night in the Paulist Center auditorium since 1969, at least **25 volunteers** serve a hot, delicious, dignified, sit-down meal for our neighbors who are hungry. Funding comes from a variety of individuals and groups, including Project Bread's Walk for Hunger. If you are interested in becoming a cook, contact **Emily Hankle**. To arrange for a group to volunteer, contact the **Supper Club Team**.

For more information or to volunteer with set-up, serving, or clean-up, please contact **Jeff Buckley**.



CREATION CARE MINISTRY

In the Creation Care ministry, Paulist Center members work on:

- * Spiritual transformation – finding God in all creation
- * Lifestyle change - walking the talk in personal choices
- * Advocacy - working toward systemic and policy change

Our next meeting will focus on the upcoming Intergenerational FREP program (which will be on Sunday, April 21).

We will meet Friday, **April 5** at 1pm by Zoom. For the Zoom link, email paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com



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