



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 30 - 31, 2024
EASTER SUNDAY

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



*He is risen!
Alleluia!*

*Happy Easter to All!
From the Paulist Center Staff
and the Paulist Fathers*



STAYING WITH JESUS EVERY DAY

Deb Heimel, Pastoral Council Chair

Welcome and thank you to everyone joining in celebration at the Paulist Center this week! Holy Week and Easter are the essence of our Catholic Christian faith and personally, these days are my favorite time of year. I know Easter Sunday is the triumphant resurrection, but over the years I have come to appreciate the days of Holy Week the most.

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WE CANNOT SAY IT ENOUGH: THANK YOU!



On behalf of the entire Paulist Center Community, we offer an extremely heartfelt "Thank You!" to the large number of community members and staff who contributed in many ways to make our Lenten and Holy Week celebrations so spiritual and prayerful.

To our musicians, lector team coordinators and lectors, our dance ministry, our sacristans, greeters, bread bakers, livestream technicians, presiders, the children and all who assisted with the footwashing logistics, the folks who helped clean the chapel and execute the many art and environment transitions, our LGBTQ+ ministry for leading us in prayer the Wednesdays of Lent, our lay reflectors and our guest reflectors who helped us to pray on the Wednesdays of Lent and on Good Friday, the post-Vigil reception team, and our support staff who handle lots of additional tasks during this season: your generosity of time and talent and your prayerful participation in your ministries makes this a truly communal effort and a truly communal celebration. ***Our community is blessed and extremely grateful. Alleluia!***

But most of all, we thank one person without whom the season would have not been nearly as rich for the rest of us: **Norm Guin**, our phenomenally talented **Pastoral Minister of Liturgy and Music**. Not only have you channeled the Holy Spirit in creative ways, Norm, you have done the painstaking work of planning and coordinating all the rest of us in this endeavor to praise Jesus Christ our Savior. ***We are so blessed to have you among us!***



PAULIST CENTER AUCTION UPDATES!



Our Auction is quickly approaching! We hope you'll join us on **April 27 for Olympics in Paris: An Evening Soiree!** Buy your **raffle tickets!** Grand prize: \$1000 American Express gift card! **You don't need to be present to win.**



If you'd like to purchase raffle or seat tickets, or donate seat tickets, please visit:

www.paulistcenter.org/auction_2024/

We would love to have some more **silent auction items**. We are often able to "bundle" smaller items into one larger offering. For example, last year, one item offered included 2 Red Sox hats paired with a ball signed by a former Red Sox pitcher and a private VIP tour for up to 10 at the TD Garden Sports Museum.

Our deadline is April 7.

Contact Auction Co-charis **Maggie Keefe** and **Mairead Nolan** at **Auction@PaulistCenter.org** with questions. ***Merci!***

The office is closed for Easter Monday, April 1. There will be no 11:00-11:45 am confessions or 12:05 pm Mass.

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 31, 10am

Easter Sunday

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



Sunday, April 7, 10am

2nd Sunday of Easter

(Children's First Communion)

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



PRAYERS FOR OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Please pray for the 13 children preparing to celebrate the sacrament of first holy communion on **April 7** at the 10am Mass.

All are welcome to the celebration and reception to follow!

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. 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 Kellerman**, by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/PCI-on-1>.

We'd love for you to join us in giving back to our community at **Wednesday Night Supper Club** by providing meals for those who are hungry. Stop by on Wednesday, **April 17** at 5:30pm to serve, and 7:00pm for clean-up. Supper Club has been a Paulist Center ministry for almost six decades, and it happens every week!



We'll have a **Bible Study** 6-7pm on Thursday, **April 25**. Come by any time after 5:30pm to hang out. (We'll have Trader Joe's takis!) Walk-ins are welcome, but please email youngadults@paulistcenter.org if you know in advance that you're coming.

Our next **Monthly Dinner** (open to people of **any age** who bring a dish) will be after the 6pm Mass on Sunday, **April 21**. Please RSVP at tinyurl.com/YAMPotluck by Friday, April 19.



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 Family Religious Education 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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For me, solemnity means sitting in the truth and emotion of an experience and it is my craving for the solemn that draws me to the Triduum. I attend the 3:00 service on Good Friday every year because I need the time to be present with the reality of the crucifixion – to feel the suffering, and grief, and anxiety.

For many years on Good Friday I have re-visited a poem by Scott Surrency O.F.M. because it calls me to reflect on the truth of a Catholic Christian life. The introduction to the poem offers that “Triduum gives us the space to find Jesus walking with us, too — in our quiet sufferings, lingering griefs, and anxieties about the future. There is new life at Easter — just as there is new life at the far end of pain — but on Good Friday, we do well to stay with Jesus.”

Staying with Jesus means being present in the pain and fear and uncertainty of life. We are called to do this for each other every day, and throughout this Lenten season, we are reminded of how hard it truly is *and* how transformative it is. We may not be deciding whether we will stay at the foot of the cross, but we do decide how to be present for the people in our lives. Every day we make decisions about how to sit with a friend going through chemo or hold a loved one while they grieve.

In her book “Take This Bread: A Radical Communion,” Sara Miles asks a gay friend of hers how he has stayed with Christianity when so many want to kick him out. He replies, “Honey, I know who my Shepherd is.” I laughed when I read this because I could hear friends of mine saying the same thing. But the line resonated deeply and continues to resonate to this day. That phrase has come into my head countless times over the years as I struggle with decisions or actions of people in church leadership, whether locally or in the Vatican. I appreciate worshipping at the Paulist Center because I know many people here are open about this same challenge – and are willing to hold the tension of it: the tension between our human failings and the world Jesus calls us to. We do well to stay with Jesus.

Is it easier for us to stay with Jesus on Good Friday because we know Easter is coming? Are we willing to feel the fear and uncertainty of the crucifixion only because we know the ending? We don’t stay with Jesus in Good Friday; we move with Him into Easter. We experience grief and uncertainty – and also Love.

Sitting in the truth and emotion of life also means embracing the joy. Even when we are in the hard times, Love is present. When we don’t know the outcome, Love sits with us through it all.

I know we are all experiencing uncertainty and grief in so many ways in this world and I hope you have found something in our celebrations this weekend to renew your witness, wherever that is. We are all trying to focus on the life and call of Jesus and to do so with support and challenge from each other as fellow Christians. Love is our guide. We do well to stay with Jesus every day.

RESTORING THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE THE PRECIOUS BLOOD



Starting on **Holy Thursday, March 28**, everyone will have the opportunity, if they feel comfortable doing so, to **partake of the Precious Blood** during the communion rite.

This decision was reached by the Worship Committee in consultation with our lector teams and resources from the CDC. Please be sure to check out **the insert** from last weekend’s bulletin, and don’t hesitate to **contact the Worship Committee** with your questions or concerns.

RACIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY GROUP

The **Racial Justice Advocacy Group (RJAG)** seeks to **promote racial equity** through events and programs within our Paulist Center Community and also through involvement in racial justice work within Greater Boston.



Meetings take place the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm via Zoom. Our next meeting is **April 9**. **All are welcome!**

Contact **Tom Sharkey** at sharkey.te@verizon.net for the **Zoom link** and more information.

IMMIGRATION ADVOCACY GROUP

The **Immigration Advocacy Group (IAG)** members volunteer to **help resettle** Afghan, Ukrainian, Haitian and other **refugees** and **asylum seekers**.

Additionally, we **advocate** for state and federal **policies** that support immigrants. If you’d like to know more, email paulistcenterimmigration@gmail.com, or checkout our **page** on the Paulist Center website.

We are also looking to update and expand our list of supporters. Please give us your name, address, and email using **this form** (information will not be shared with others).



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 30 and 31** we raise up **Holy Land Shrines** to support the sacred places and the educational, charitable, and peace-seeking ministries of the Church in the Holy Land.

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

The Paulist Center teams up with the **Greater Boston Food Bank** to collect food for a **nominal fee**. Three **volunteer shoppers** make weekly visits. The food pantry is on the first floor, two doors down from the reception area. There, **four volunteer** on **Tuesdays from 1:00 - 2:30pm**, distribute food that **three different volunteers** have previously shelved and bagged. We give out bags of groceries that feed **over 500 people a month**.



Please contact **Raoul Vincent** at karlenevincent@gmail.com for more information.

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.

FLOWERS: EASTER SUNDAY (MARCH 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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! COMMUNITY MEETING ON MAY 11!

The Pastoral Council and Pastoral Staff invites everyone to join us for a very important community meeting the afternoon of Saturday, May 11. More details will follow in the upcoming weeks.

Pastoral Staff: Rich Andre, CSP; Normand Gouin; Gus Kellerman; Susan Rutkowski; Patricia Simpson; Rick Walsh, CSP

Administrative Staff: Barbara Dunay; Dorothy Messenger; Rob Smyser; Sal Whooley

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(See our [website](http://paulistcenter.org) for staff contact information.)

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