



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 8 - 9, 2025 - 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES

Saturday
5pm

Sunday
10am
6pm

WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES

Monday – Friday
12:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Friday, 11:00-11:45am, and by appointment

STATEMENT FROM PAULIST CENTER STAFF

The Paulist Center's staff joins Catholic Advocacy groups, southern border dioceses, and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in expressing deep concern after the current administration signed a series of executive orders last week.

We concur with Archbishop Timothy Briglio, President of the US Bishops' Conference, stating "Some provisions contained in the Executive Orders, such as those focused on the treatment of immigrants and refugees, foreign aid, expansion of the death penalty, and the environment, are deeply troubling, many of which will harm the most vulnerable among us."

We will continue the good work of our Immigration Advocacy Group in supporting our brothers and sisters in Christ who are also immigrants, migrants, and/or refugees.

We are also deeply concerned about President Trump signing an executive action stating that the U.S. government will now recognize only two sexes, male and female. This executive order represents a new era of barriers to access essential resources and services for LGBTQ+ people in general, and for transgender people in particular.

We continue to believe that God loves LGBTQ+ persons like anyone else and will continue to support and stand by our beloved LGBTQ+ community members and the broader LGBTQ+ community.

FREP SPREADING COMPASSION PROJECT:

Personal Care Kits for 330 homeless immigrants

In Memory of Holly Baab

This Sun, Feb. 9, after our 10am Mass, our Religious Education (FREP) students and the Immigration Advocacy Group (IAG) will gather in the auditorium to create **330 hygiene kits** for the **migrant shelters** supported by Catholic Charities Boston. Thank you to everyone who donated to this project!

If you would like to come down and help organize the two assembly lines, please join us. There will be a simple coffee, and snacks. *We appreciate your help!*



MUSIC MINISTRY AT THE PAULIST CENTER

Do you love to sing? Do you have a heart for worship? We invite you to join the **Paulist Center Music Program** and be a part of this joyful and uplifting ministry!

The music ministry program at the Paulist Center is a wonderful opportunity to use your musical gifts to **glorify God, connect with others, and support our community's sung prayer** through beautiful music.

Rehearsal Times:

Saturdays: 3:45pm (before the Vigil Mass)

Sundays: 8:45am (before the 10 am Mass) & 4:45pm (before the 6pm Mass)

If you're interested or have any questions, or to set up a music interview please contact **Norm Gouin** at norm@paulistcenter.org

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 LINK



Sat, Feb 8, 5pm
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YouTube [Link](#) Order of Worship [Link](#)



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 42ND ANNUAL PAULIST CENTER AUCTION! **PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ: A ROARING 20s EXTRAVAGANZA** MAY 3, 2025

With gratitude for our faith community, we invite you to dust off your pearls, don your finest flapper dresses and dapper suits, and step back in time to the glitz and glamour of the Jazz Age! Whether you're new to the Paulist Center or a long-time member we sincerely hope that you will join us.

The Paulist Center Auction, our largest annual fundraiser, is also a way to build community and have fun!

Here are some ways you can help:



- Donate an item or service to the auction. Examples range from event tickets and vacation home stays to making a fancy dessert to hosting members for a boat ride!
- New this year: either individually or jointly with a group of friends, create a themed basket for our silent auction.
- Sign up to be a financial Sponsor.
- Volunteer leading up to or on the day of the auction.
- Buy and/or sell raffle tickets.
- Purchase a ticket to attend Invite friends and family to reserve a table together!

Mark your calendars for **Sat, May 3!** Stay tuned for donation, financial sponsorship, and volunteer sign-ups. Please contact Auction Co-Chairs - **Maggie Keefe** or **Mairead Nolan** at Auction@PaulistCenter.org with any questions or ideas.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY AT THE PAULIST CENTER

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 emailing him at gus@paulistcenter.org

Sat, Feb 22: Young adults (18-39) are invited to join us **from 2pm - 4pm** for a **candlepin bowling outing** at **Sacco's in Davis Square** (Somerville)! We will gather at the Paulist Center to head out to Davis Square together using the Red Line. We'll be **leaving promptly at 1:30pm**. You're welcome to travel with us or meet us there - whatever is most convenient for you!

Please RSVP at [this link](#) by Mon, Feb 17 (or **scan the QR Code**).



The two hours of bowling and shoe rentals are covered.

Snacks/drinks purchased by you are individual costs. *We hope to see you there!*



FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

This month-long observance in the US and Canada is a chance to celebrate Black achievement and provide a fresh reminder to take stock of where systemic racism persists. Please join the Racial Justice Advocacy Group at the Paulist Center for one of these month-long **events** celebrating the contributions of our Black brothers and sisters!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH REFLECTION

by Sr. Martin DePorres Coleman



THERE IS SO MUCH WE DO NOT KNOW...LET'S EDUCATE OURSELVES!

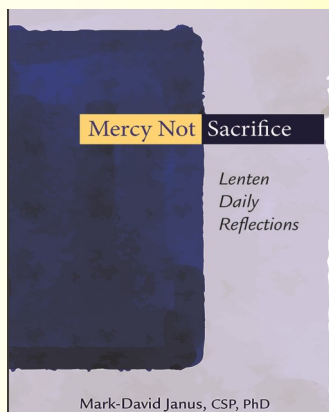
What do YOU remember about the following persons/events?:

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. - There are some facts about Dr. King that some white persons and some persons of color may not know – or may have forgotten: Where was Dr. King born? What state and place was he assassinated?
- Mary McLeod Bethune - Why and what importance did she 'play and hold' in the lives of Black people?
- Phillip Randolph - Who was he and why is he 'fondly remembered'?
- Dr. George Washington Carver - What is he known for?
- Why is the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, AL, remembered in Civil Rights history?
- As a Catholic: What do you know (or remember) about the following dates or persons?
 - Pierre Toussaint? Henriette de Lille? Mary Lange? Augustus Tolton? August 1968, Pittsburg, PA?
 - St. Martin de Porres was a _____ who lived in _____.
 - Name of the Catholic pope who divided the world – giving Spain and Portugal 'ownership'. The Treaty was called "the Papal Bull of 1493", giving these countries the right to enslave all the inhabitants on the land they "conquered." This gave rise to the Doctrine of Discovery which was only repudiated by the Pope in March of 2023.

SIGN UP FOR LENTEN SMALL GROUPS BY SUN, FEB 23!

We are excited to again convene Lenten small groups for **5 sessions between Ash Wednesday (March 5) and Palm Sunday (April 13)**, building on the meaningful experience that many joined in last year. We anticipate that these will again be a mix of in-person meetings in people's houses, online (if Zoom accounts are available), and a few groups meeting at the Center, dependent upon space availability.

Fill out the form at tinyurl.com/PCCLentenGroups2025 by **Sun, Feb 23**, and we will endeavor to create groups and inform everyone of the plans by March 3.



At this time, we're not scheduling groups on Wednesday to keep that time open for potential other Lenten prayer opportunities; or on Sundays immediately following the 10am Mass because there are not spaces available during religious education classes.

We will once again be using the book ***Mercy, Not Sacrifice*** by Paulist Mark-David Janus, as many have expressed an interest in continuing to explore this rich resource. The Paulist Press link for hard-copy and e-book is available [here](#). Order to receive in time for Ash Wednesday, March 5. (Used copies may also be found online.)

We hope many folks - new and returning! - can join us in this prayerful, community-building Lenten opportunity.

Any questions, please reach out to Amy Logan at alogan940@gmail.com.

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. See paulistcenter.org/give/ways-to-give for ways to give. Two options:



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.

This weekend, **Feb 8 - 9**, we raise up **The Massachusetts Bail Fund** (MBF). The MBF pays bail to secure freedom from pre-trial incarceration so that those who cannot afford their bail can be in their community to fight their case. Pre-trial freedom allows individuals, families, and communities to stay productive, together, and stable.



MASSACHUSETTS BAIL FUND

Massachusetts jails are filled with people awaiting trial simply because they cannot afford bail. Sitting in jail on bail leads to longer incarceration times, lost jobs, lost housing, and devastating disruption to families.

THE CREATION CARE MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO A SPECIAL ZOOM SESSION “SAVE WITH SOLAR”

Would you like to make use of clean solar energy (without installing solar panels) and at the same time reduce your energy bill?



If so, join us for a **virtual presentation on Thur, Feb 27 at 7pm**. You will learn how the Center has recently secured solar energy credits to offset all of its electricity purchases and save money for years to come.

We will explain how residential electricity customers can follow the Center's lead and do the same.

Register to receive the Zoom link to join this presentation by sending an email to paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com

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