



*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 15 - 16, 2025 - 6<sup>TH</sup> 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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE

There are **no religious education classes** this Sun (Feb 16) and next Sun (Feb 23) due to the Presidents' Day holiday and winter school break. We had to reschedule our service project AGAIN because of another storm! See below.



## FREP SPREADING COMPASSION PROJECT: PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR 330 HOMELESS IMMIGRANTS

### *In Memory of Holly Baab*

\* Last week, because of a snowstorm, we had to reschedule the service project of creating hygiene kits to THIS Sun, Feb 16, BUT there is snow arriving AGAIN this weekend! Ah! So, we are now rescheduling to March 2<sup>nd</sup> after the 10am Mass. For those who are able, please join us on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> to assemble 330 hygiene kits for our migrant sisters and brothers. Thank you for hanging in there with us!

## FIRST COMMUNION

Our next group first communion gathering will happen on March 2 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor seminar room.

## 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 have any questions, or to set up a music interview please contact **Norm Gouin** at [norm@paulistcenter.org](mailto:norm@paulistcenter.org)

## 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.

**Welcome!** If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form that can be found on our [website](https://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

Sun, Feb 16, 10am

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



### SR. RUTH ROSENBAUM - REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Sister Ruth Rosenbaum**.

Many of you will remember Sr. Ruth for her work with the Paulist Center over the years on socially responsible investing and other social Justice projects. Sr. Ruth returned to God on January 26. She was an educator and an international leader in shareholder advocacy and corporate responsibility as she advocated for the rights of workers around the world. At the Paulist Center, she guided our process for identifying socially responsible investing screens for our endowment (2006) and led numerous sessions on systemically analyzing poverty and what we can do to eradicate it, especially for the most marginalized. May we draw on her ferocity for justice and continue asking: Cui bono? Who benefits? And who gets to decide...

Her **funeral Mass** did occur on Sat, Feb 15 at Saint Timothy's Church in West Hartford.



### SIGN UP FOR LENTEN SMALL GROUPS BY NEXT 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](https://tinyurl.com/PCCLentenGroups2025) by **next 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 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**. 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](mailto:alogan940@gmail.com).

### LENTEN PRAYER VIA ZOOM LED BY THE PCC LGBTQ+ MINISTRY

The LGBTQ+ Ministry will be leading the community in prayer, open to all **via Zoom**, on **five Wednesdays during Lent**. Prayer sessions will be **7:00 to 7:30 PM every Wednesday between March 12 and April 9**.

An access link to join the prayer will be provided soon. PCC community members who identify as LGBTQ+ and wish to contribute to these prayer sessions should contact **Rebecca Heimel**: [rebecca.sheils@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.sheils@gmail.com). *All are welcome!*



### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY FEBRUARY EVENT

**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 leave the Paulist Center at 1:30pm. Or meet us there! 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!



### **The Venerable Father Augustus Tolton. (1854 – 1897)**

“Good Father Gus” was the first, visibly African American priest. Born into slavery in Missouri under a Catholic slaveholder, he was raised in a Catholic tradition, although not provided with any of the sacraments. Tolton and his mother escaped slavery by crossing the Mississippi River into Illinois in 1863 and settled in Quincy, Illinois. Fr. Peter McGirr quickly recognized Young Augustus’ extraordinary intelligence and yearning for God. He baptized Tolton and prepared him for his First Holy Communion. He became very well-educated and multilingual. Despite strong support, not one American seminary would accept Augustus as a novitiate. The bishop was not deterred and arranged for him to be schooled at the Pontifical Urban University in Rome. He was ordained in 1886, and sent back to Quincy, Illinois to be a missionary to his fellow African Americans where he faced strong opposition from local clergy. Tolton was granted a relocation to Chicago for the construction and evangelization of St. Monica’s church, a mission especially for African Americans on Chicago’s South Side. He was known for his works of mercy, passionate evangelization, and beautiful voice. His life was tragically cut short when he died of heat exhaustion at a retreat for priests. He was declared Venerable by Pope Francis in June 2019.

## **WE ARE GEARING UP FOR THE 42<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL PAULIST CENTER AUCTION!**

### **Puttin’ on the Ritz: A Roaring 20’s Extravaganza - May 3, 2025**

We have a graphic designer and are finalizing the logo for raffle tickets, the program and other assorted visuals!

Our Annual Paulist Center Auction is both a fundraiser and a way to build community! Here are some ways you can help:

- Donate an item or service to the auction.
- Create a themed basket for our silent auction.
- Take on the ROLE of a financial Sponsor.
- Volunteer to help sell raffle tickets, decorate the auditorium and clean up after.
- Buy raffle tickets! They will be sent to community members of record, but you can always increase your chances and get more for friends and family!
- Purchase a ticket to attend and invite friends and family to reserve a table together!

Our webpage is up on the Paulist Center website: **[2025 Auction Page](#)**

Here are some useful links but they are also available on our webpage

Sign up for Sponsor, Dessert Auction or Donation to Live or Silent Auction:

### **[2025 Donate or Sponsor](#)**

Buy tickets and then send in your payment directly to the Paulist Center:

### **[2025 Tickets](#)**

Or buy your tickets with a credit card (fees involved):

### **[TicketLeap](#)**

Sign up to volunteer leading up to and during the Auction, help set up and clean up afterwards

### **[2025 Volunteer SignUP](#)**

Don’t forget to mark your calendars for May 3rd!

Please contact Auction Co-Chairs - **Maggie Keefe** or **Mairead Nolan** at **[Auction@PaulistCenter.Org](mailto:Auction@PaulistCenter.Org)** with any questions or ideas.



## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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 15 - 16**, 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.



Please pray for community member **Susan Santos' brother Rich** as he enters hospice care.



## 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](mailto:paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com)



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