



# 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 22 - 23, 2025 - 7<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 23** due to the winter school break.



### FREP SPREADING COMPASSION PROJECT:

### PERSONAL CARE KITS FOR 330 HOMELESS IMMIGRANTS - *In Memory of Holly Baab*

Last week, because of last week's storm, we rescheduled our service project to **March 2**. For those who are able, **please join us next Sun, March 2 after the 10am Mass** to assemble 330 hygiene kits for our migrant sisters and brothers. *Thank you for hanging in there with us!*

## FIRST COMMUNION

Our next group's first communion gathering will happen **next Sun, March 2 at 11:15am** in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl Seminar Room.



## SIGN UP FOR LENTEN SMALL GROUPS BY **THIS 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)**. 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 **this Sun, Feb 23**, and we will endeavor to create groups and inform everyone 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 due to space constraints. The Paulist Press link for *Mercy, Not Sacrifice* by **Paulist Mark-David Janus** (hard-copy and e-book) is available [here](#). Any questions, please reach out to **Amy Logan** at [alogan940@gmail.com](mailto:alogan940@gmail.com).



## UNDERSTANDING NARRATIVE & NUANCE IN ISRAEL/PALESTINE

### PRESENTATION & PIZZA - NEXT SUN, MARCH 2, 7PM



Join us in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl Library after the 6pm Mass **next Sun, March 2** for pizza and a presentation and conversation with **Jared Goldfarb** about the competing narratives that contributed to the Israel-Hamas War.

Jared is an independent educator and licensed tour guide who teaches the history of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, biblical geography, and the geopolitical history of Israel/Palestine, to religious leaders of all faiths, educators, university students, and seminarians from around the world.

Based in Jerusalem, he teaches throughout Israel & Palestine and has served as scholar-in-residence in many communities across North America. Jared led a fascinating in-person discussion at the Center last February and we are thrilled he is available to be with us again on March 2!

Let us pray for continued and lasting peace in the Holy Land, where all people will have the opportunity to flourish.



**Welcome!** If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form that can be found on our [website](https://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 23, 10am

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

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



## ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 5, 2025



**L**ent is just around the corner, starting with Ash Wednesday on March 5.

Please join us:

- 8:00 AM – Mass with Distribution of Ashes (*no music*)
- 12:00 PM – Mass with Distribution of Ashes (*with music*)
- 5:00 PM – Mass with Distribution of Ashes (*with music*)
- 7:00 PM – Service of the Word with Distribution of Ashes (*lay presider and preacher, with music, live streamed*)

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

**T**he LGBTQ+ Ministry will be leading the community in prayer, open to *all*, on five Wednesdays during Lent.

**The online Lenten Prayer sessions, via Zoom, will be held from 7:00 - 7:30pm on the following Wednesdays:**

- March 12
- March 19
- March 26
- April 2
- April 9



An access link to join the prayer will be provided soon.

Paulist Center community members who identify as LGBTQ+ and wish to contribute to these prayer sessions should contact **Rebecca Heibel**: [rebecca.sheils@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.sheils@gmail.com).

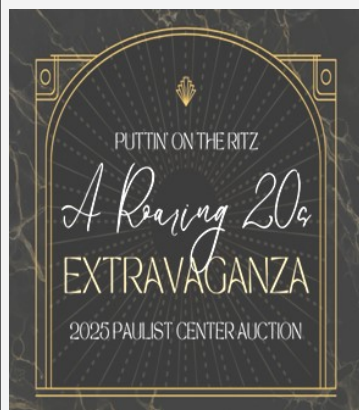
*All are welcome!*

## FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

**T**his 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!



## 42<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL PAULIST CENTER AUCTION

**Saturday, May 3 - 6:15pm**

**G**et ready for an evening of Gatsby-style revelry! Please join us as we step back into the dazzling era of the Roaring 20's for community-building and fun as we celebrate the age of glamour and glitz.

We hope you'll join us for the Paulist Center's largest annual fundraiser in support of our ministries and operations.

You can help make our Auction a smashing success!

If you can assist, please go to **2025 Auction Page** on the Paulist Center website; or, fill out the form on the back of the insert in this week's bulletin. **Thank you!**

### From Fr. Rick

*On Wednesday, Feb. 12, I received and accepted a letter of resignation from our Pastoral Administrator, Patty Simpson.*

*As many of you know, Patty has ministered to this community for over 34 years with much care and tireless dedication and has played a pivotal role in shaping the Paulist Center into the community it is today. Devoted to the life and mission of the Center, she has brought a unique mixture of talent, dedication, and expertise to her position, which was both administrative and pastoral.*

*We are deeply saddened by this turn of events and want to express our immense gratitude for the love Patty has shared with so many in our community and for her leadership in guiding us to a place of financial stability. Her positive contributions over the years to the Center's liturgical life is also undeniable.*

*As we look to the future, I am dedicated to thoughtfully guiding our staff in continuing to serve and engage with our beloved community. Patty's final day of employment is March 28.*

Click [here](#) to read Patty's Letter to the Community.

### PARENT PREPARATION FOR INFANT/CHILD BAPTISM

**T**he Paulist Center offers an infant/child preparation session on **Saturdays**, from **10am - 12pm**.



The next two (2) dates are **Sat, March 8** and **Sat, April 5**.

The sessions will be held in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Library and 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](mailto:rick@paulistcenter.org).

#### One Beacon Street Garage \$12/\$14

Turn left at the bottom of the ramp. \$12 on weekends. \$14 on weekdays after 4PM. Validate your own ticket with the stamp on the shelf in the Chapel vestibule.

#### Boston Common Garage \$10

Purchase ticket in reception office on weekdays. On weekends, ask a staff member after Mass. Or, purchase at garage office. Nights & Weekends valid between 4PM thru 8AM.

## THE CREATION CARE MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO A SPECIAL ZOOM SESSION "SAVE WITH SOLAR"



**W**ould 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.

Here is the Zoom Meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2468725694?pwd=eWxPYURZUWJwbXplaHpoM0l1bFEvZz09&omn=81370653854>

For more information, please email [paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com](mailto:paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com)

## JOIN US FOR A GREENER LENT

**T**he Creation Care ministry invites you to **direct the traditional Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving toward Creation Care.** Last year 15 Center members participated, committing to:

- \* **PRAY** for the poor most affected by the climate crisis,
- \* **FAST** - choosing one of several options to eat more sustainably, and
- \* **CONTRIBUTE** any amount (perhaps money saved by eating less beef) to building water wells in several African dioceses.

It takes just a few minutes to sign up, provide your name, choose how you want to Fast, and select Paulist Center as your parish. Participants receive occasional reports on how much carbon footprint has been reduced during Lent.

Sign up at [greenerlent.org](http://greenerlent.org) - scroll down to sign up.

Greener  Lent

## STEWARDSHIP

**T**he 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

**T**he 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 22 - 23**, we raise up **Catholic Relief Services** in their mission to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas.



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

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