



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 8 - 9, 2025 - 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

LENTEN SOCIAL HOSTED BY FREP - THIS SUN, MARCH 9, 11:15AM



Please join us for our annual Lenten Social in the auditorium after the 10am Mass this Sunday. This event, hosted by the Family Religious Education Program (FREP), will take place during the regularly scheduled religious education class time.

All community members are welcome! Coffee and refreshments, a family-friendly Lenten craft, and conversation around celebrating the



Season of Lent will all be part of the program!

THANK YOU to all those who helped with the FREP Spreading Compassion Project - In Memory of Holly Baab

What a major success! Our FREP children, their teachers & parents, and IAG volunteers rocked the auditorium last Sunday with love, laughter and compassion for others while knocking out over 350 hygiene kits for our migrant brothers and sisters.

A heartfelt thank you to **Brigid Byrne Rowlings** and her family for coordinating such an extensive activity!



LENTEN PRAYER VIA ZOOM LED BY THE PCC LGBTQ+ MINISTRY

The 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- 7:30pm on:

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

Here is the Zoom link - tinyurl.com/5bm3sekt

Paulist Center community members who identify as LGBTQ+ and wish to contribute to these prayer sessions should contact **Rebecca Heime**: rebecca.sheils@gmail.com. **All are welcome!**

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

Sunday, March 9, 10am

1st Sunday of Lent

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



Lent at the Paulist Center



Detailed information on our Lenten offerings, prayer and faith-sharing opportunities, and liturgy schedule can be found in the Chapel foyer.

You can also visit paulistcenter.org/Lent2025 to access the information online.

From Fr. Rick

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

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.

From the Pastoral Council

As your Pastoral Council, we respect Patty's decision to move on and are abundantly grateful for all she has done in service of this community over the past 30 years, including leading organizational and operational changes; leading the annual Paulist Center Auction; and offering decades of pastoral care for the staff and the community of Boston over the years. We have been blessed as a community by her gifts and contributions.

Father Rick has been in conversation with the Council, the Finance Committee, the staff, and others to determine both short-term and long-term solutions to address our administrative, operational, and pastoral needs going forward. We, the Pastoral Council, are committed to supporting both Fr. Rick, the staff, and the entire community throughout this process.

Organizational changes can be challenging for everyone involved, many of us may want to know "what to do?" For now, it might be to simply show up with and for each other in our collective journey of faith. Show up to an additional service during Lent. Show up without knowing the next steps. Show up to be in communion with each other in music and prayer. We're a community: energized when we're together.

Please continue to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Email address: pccouncil@paulistcenter.org

In communion,

Deb Heimel, Chair

Mares Beauvais

Bob Bordone

John Domino

Chris O'Rourke

Jo Schnitz

Julie Sloan



42ND ANNUAL PAULIST CENTER AUCTION!

Puttin' on the Ritz: A Roaring 20s Extravaganza
Saturday, May 3 - 6:15pm



This week we'd like to share the ways you can support the Auction through donations.

Calling all bakers! Share your culinary skills by donating a baked good for the dessert auction- one of the evening's highlights

Themed Baskets - Either on your own or with a few friends fill a basket with items that relate to a theme such as game night, day at the beach or Italian basket. Please contact us if you want to be connected to others!

Live Auction Items - People love experiences: tickets to cultural or sporting events, weekend stays at a special place, dinners and barbeques.

Silent Auction Items - We welcome items such as tickets, quilts, sports memorabilia and more!

Business donations- Please let us know about businesses that you think may have something to donate. Also, if you frequent a business near the Paulist Center, please let us know as we would like to make in-person requests.

Lastly, please remember to buy your tickets. Last year we did sell out so don't wait!

There are **three ways to purchase tickets:**

- 1) after Masses beginning March 26
- 2) online through **TicketLeap** (with a fee)
- 3) online through the **Paulist Center**

You can find everything you need to donate, volunteer or buy tickets on the Auction's website: <https://www.paulistcenter.org/auction2025/>

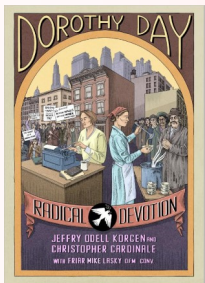


50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ISAAC HECKER AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Since 1974, the Paulist Center Community has presented the Isaac Hecker Award for Social Justice to an Outstanding North American Catholic. Recipients of the award have included locally and nationally recognized women and men - lay people, sisters, priests, and bishops. Some have been involved in direct service to those in need, others in advocacy work and the transformation of structures and institutions, and many committed to both.

Isaac Hecker, the founder of the Paulist Fathers, was particularly concerned with the growth and development of American Catholicism. Hecker and the early Paulists devoted themselves to mission preaching and communication of the Word of God. Hecker's spirituality involved looking to the heart, listening to the Spirit, and living in America. The award was named to honor Isaac Hecker.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the Hecker Award! We pause and give thanks to the past recipients (listed [here](#)) and the unique way each has contributed to peace and justice in our world. Opportunities to celebrate these recipients along with Isaac Hecker and the Paulists over the course of this year will offer time and space to appreciate this special award unique to the Paulist Center in Boston.



To kick off our year-long celebration, we start with **Dorothy Day**, the very first recipient of the Isaac Hecker Award!

Please join us on **Sun, March 30 at 11:15am** for a presentation of ***Dorothy Day: Radical Devotion*** by one of the co-authors, **Jeff Korgen**. Jeff will make a case that she should be a saint, while noting the objections from both folks who dislike her and people who love her.

Stay tuned for additional events like a Hecker Movie with guest Paulist speakers and a day out at Walden Pond to hear a presentation on transcendentalism and wonder how it might have influenced Isaac Hecker.

JOIN US FOR A GREENER LENT

The 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 - scroll down to sign up.

Greener⁺Lent

BOSTON ARCHDIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE CONVOCATION - HOPE FOR OUR COMMON HOME: CATHOLICS CARING FOR CREATION

The Archdiocese of Boston has been doing an annual Social Justice Convocation for a number of years. This year, thanks to Fran Ludwig, our Hecker Award winner last fall, the **focus will be on Care for Creation. The Paulist Center's Creation Care Ministry will be leading one of the workshops** and invites you to attend.

It will include speakers and Mass with our new **Archbishop Richard Henning**.

- **Sat, March 29, 8am to 3pm**
- Boston College High School, Dorchester, MA
- Register (free) for this in-person convocation at: <https://tinyurl.com/Creation-Mar29>
- A low cost lunch will be available.



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, **March 8 - 9**, we raise up **Health Care For All** which advocates for health justice in Massachusetts by working to promote health equity and ensure coverage and access for all.



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Patricia Simpson; Rick Walsh, CSP

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