



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 14 - 15, 2026
6th 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

ASH WEDNESDAY - THIS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Lent is just around the corner, starting with Ash Wednesday on February 18. 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*)



*The 5:00pm Mass will be Live-streamed. Here is the [link](#).

LENTEN FAITH SHARING GROUPS: SIGN UP BY THIS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16



Please join us for this prayerful, community-building opportunity as we again convene small faith sharing groups for **five sessions between Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday**.

We will use the Ignatian Solidarity Network's Lenten series, *Stubborn Hope*, which provides daily reflections to "nourish our faith to build a more just world."

Groups will meet weekly at the Center, or via Zoom, as detailed below. **To register for a group, or for questions, email smallgroups@paulistcenter.org.**

Saturdays (Feb 21 - March 21)
In Person 3:15 - 4:45 p.m.
Facilitator: Barbara Lapinskas

Mondays (Feb 23 - March 23)
Via Zoom 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Facilitator: Mary Sullivan

Young Adult Ministry:
Sundays (Feb 22 - March 22)
In Person 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Facilitator: Gus Kellerman

Thursdays (Feb 26 - March 26)
Via Zoom 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Facilitator: Jonathan Yu-Phelps

Participants will sign up with ISN to receive brief daily written and audio reflections via email, featuring a wide range of contributors. (There is no charge for the series.)

Visit [Stubborn Hope](#) or scan this QR code to learn more and to receive the reflections.



We hope you will join us!

Welcome! If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form that can be found on our [website](#). 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

Saturday, February 14, 5pm
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

YouTube [Link](#)



Order of Worship [Link](#)

WORSHIP MATTERS

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LITURGY AND JUSTICE: Part Three: Taken, Blessed, Broken, Poured Out

Our final examination of the connection between Liturgy and Justice brings us to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. After hearing God's Word and voicing our prayers for the needs of the world, we remember that our responses—"Thanks be to God," "Amen," "Hear our prayer"—do more than express our faith. They affirm our solidarity with all who suffer and prepare our hearts to approach the Eucharistic table.

In the Preparation Rite, we participate in the ancient tradition of bringing forward bread and wine to be transformed and shared, and of offering our gifts for those in need. From the early days of the Church, Christians brought not only bread and wine for the eucharistic meal but also provisions for the poor. This "collection" was tangible and personal: bread, wine, olive oil, and other goods—literally "the work of human hands"—were placed at the altar as an offering for the liturgy and for those in need.

As Justin Martyr wrote in his *First Apology* (c. 153 AD):

"Those who are well off, and willing, give as each chooses. What is gathered is given to the one who presides to assist orphans and widows, those deprived by illness or any cause, prisoners, immigrants—in a word, all who are in need."

Each weekend at the Paulist Center, along with the offering of bread and wine, we present a basket of food from our pantry, which distributes items to our neighbors on Tuesdays and collect funds to support fifty-two organizations aligned with our mission of justice, advocacy and care for the poor. This action alone reveals the intrinsic link between worship and witness.

In the Eucharistic Prayer and Communion Rite, we remember and we participate in Christ's command to "Do this in memory of me." In doing so, week after week, we affirm our willingness to truly become what we receive: a people taken, blessed, broken, and poured out for the life of the world. Nourished and transformed, we commit to living and spreading Christ's radical and indiscriminate love as we prepare to depart.

The celebration concludes with the Dismissal Rite which includes a final blessing and the command: *Ite, missa est*—"Go, the Mass has ended." The emphasis falls on that single word: *Go*. With our final "Thanks be to God," we are sent. This final command commissions us to go forth, with joy, with hope and with the understanding that what we just celebrated shapes how we live—our desires, attitudes, and actions in a world longing for healing and hope. As the theologian Don Saliers reminds us, "Participation in the symbolic action requires more than participation in the phenomena of worship; it requires participation as a living community engaged in the struggle to show in life what is implied in the gathering."¹

¹ Don Saliers, *Liturgy and the Moral Self* (Collegeville, MN: Liturgical Press, 1998), 224.

WORSHIP



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PRAYER AND ACTION IN TROUBLED TIMES: POSTPONED UNTIL FEB 22

The February 8th session on Catholic Social Teachings has been postponed until Sun, Feb 22 at 7pm.



Please join us then to hear about the encyclical, *Economic Justice for All*, a landmark pastoral letter by US Catholic Bishops applying Church teaching to the economy, emphasizing that moral principles - not just market forces - must guide economic life. It calls for protecting the poor, ensuring just wages, and upholding human dignity. Raúl E. Zegarra, a community member and Assistant Professor of Roman Catholic Theological Studies at Harvard Divinity School, will lead the sessions.

Sun, Feb 22 at 7pm in the 3rd Fl Library. Pizza will be served.

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (FREP)

There are **NO Religious Education Classes on Sunday, February 15 or Sunday, February 22** due to the school vacation break. Have a great break!
Classes resume March 1.



First Communion Gathering - March 1

The next First Communion gathering will take place on **Sunday, March 1** in the auditorium from 11:15am to 12:30pm. Please email Susan Rutkowski, susan@paulistcenter.org, with any questions.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY, BLACK HISTORY MONTH!



2026 marks a milestone in the United States, the 100th anniversary of federal recognition for Black Americans. What began as a singular week of learning and recognition called Negro History Week in 1926, has grown into an overall cultural observance of Black History throughout the month of February. Our Racial Justice Group will share a poem from a Black artist each week this month. This week we celebrate Langston Hughes.

I, Too

By Langston Hughes

I, too, sing America.

I am the darker brother.
They send me to eat in the kitchen
When company comes,
But I laugh,
And eat well,
And grow strong.

Tomorrow,
I'll be at the table
When company comes.
Nobody'll dare
Say to me,
"Eat in the kitchen,"
Then.

Besides,
They'll see how beautiful I am
And be ashamed—

I, too, am America.



NEW MEMBERSHIP AND DONATION SOFTWARE COMING THIS SPRING



The Paulist Center is converting our membership directory and donation processing systems to a new online church management software, **Realm Connect**.

This new system will give us better ways to keep members' contact information up to date, allow staff to easily access contact information, streamline our donation processing, and offer clarity for members to see their entire giving history.

More information will come this spring but you can visit <https://www.acstechnologies.com/realm> to get a preview.

Many thanks to ad hoc committee members Amy Logan, Barbara Miller, Julie Sloan, Rob Smyser and Dave Whalen for working with the staff to review options and plan for this transition!

THE CREATION CARE MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO - JOIN US FOR A GREENER LENT

Again, this year, the Creation Care ministry invites you to direct your traditional Lenten practices of **Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving** toward Care of Creation and the Poor, with **Greener Lent**, a Laudato Si'-inspired Lenten program. Last year more than 20 Paulist Center members joined almost 400 people nationwide committing to:

PRAY - for the poor most affected by the climate crisis,

FAST - choosing one of several options to sacrificially eat more sustainably, and

CONTRIBUTE - any amount (perhaps money saved by eating less beef) to the building of life-giving water wells in two dioceses in sub-Saharan Africa.

Signing up takes only a few minutes; you provide your name, choose how you want to fast, and select Paulist Center as your parish.

Participants receive periodic reports on how much carbon footprint has been reduced.

Sign up and learn more at greenerlent.org (Note: Scroll down to sign up.)



Greener  Lent

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.



Use **Apple Pay** or **Google Pay** by visiting donorbox.org/paulistcenter, scanning the **QR code** on the red cards in the pews or 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 charitable organizations with missions consonant with our own. These organizations receive an equal amount from our annual offertory.

The weekend of **February 14 - 15** 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.

Thank You!

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