



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 28 - MARCH 1, 2026

2nd 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

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (FREP) - THIS SUN, MARCH 1

All FREP classes will meet in their usual locations this Sunday.

- ◆ Kindergarten - 1st grade: 6th Fl, Rm 17
- ◆ Grades 2 - 3: 2nd Fl Seminar Rm
- ◆ Grades 4 - 6: 6th Fl, Rm 22



- ◆ Jr. & Sr. High Teens: Meet in the 3rd Fl Library for pizza and conversation



First Communion Gathering

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

PRAYER AND ACTION IN TROUBLED TIMES: THIS SUN, MARCH 1

Please join us this Sunday after the 6pm Mass 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.

This Sun, March 1 at 7pm in the 3rd Fl Library. Pizza will be served.



PROTECTING HUMAN DIGNITY IN PRAYER AND ACTION: SPOTLIGHT ON MIGRATION TUESDAYS IN LENT ON ZOOM

All that we do in the service of justice is a form of prayer. Whether we march, accompany our neighbors, organize, attend training, write letters to our legislators, carry banners, speak out, or witness – this is prayer in action, working to make real God's call for justice and mercy.

Join us for six weeks of Lent for - **Zoom Prayer in Action** - to pray and organize around the injustices our immigrant brothers and sisters are facing. **Tuesdays at 7:30pm, Feb 24 through March 31.**

We'll start with an exercise to get to know each other, then provide space for people to share what we have been seeing, what we have been doing, what we have been feeling, and what we wish to happen. Finally, we will share ways to get involved through direct service, advocacy, and our ongoing education.



In coming together, we may discover others doing the same work or others in our neighborhood wanting to get involved and looking for others to do this together. We're hoping to experience community, strengthen our relationships, and find encouragement and inspiration to respond to God's call for justice. Zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/O5o0KuEQ9C5aoRIBf12mw>

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

Saturday, February 28, 5pm
2nd Sunday of Lent


YouTube [Link](#)



Order of Worship [Link](#)

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...



Stephen Rutkowski, Susan Rutkowski's brother,
who is facing serious health challenges. 



WORSHIP MATTERS

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LITURGICAL YEAR: Lent - A Season of Return

By the year 330, the early Church had already embraced a forty-day Lenten season — a sacred period set aside to prepare hearts for the mystery of Easter. From its earliest beginnings, Lent has never been merely about sacrifice or deprivation. Beyond being a time of purification and preparation for those entering the Church through Baptism, it is a season to renew our commitment to living the Resurrection of Jesus in our own time and place.

Considered the three pillars of Lent, the practices of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving are spiritual disciplines that, at their heart, are about relationship — our relationship with God, with ourselves, and with others. Through prayer, we open ourselves to the many ways God is revealed in each moment and encounter. Through fasting, we become more aware of how easily we are driven by distractions and impulses — whether from screens, societal pressures, or personal expectations. Fasting reminds us of our innate capacity to choose. It empowers us to step away from automatic responses and make conscious decisions about our actions and habits. Through almsgiving, or acts of generosity, we recognize our connectedness to others and become more sensitive to their needs, especially those who are marginalized or forgotten.

Across these six weeks, grounded in the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we are also invited to slow down and look inward — to examine our hearts and to ask again who this Jesus is, and what his life, death, and resurrection truly mean for our lives today.

It is a time of *re-cognition*, or *re-knowing* — to, in the words of Richard Rohr, “return to the Garden, where our true Center lies in the life of God.” It is a time to discover anew that before fear, before our endless striving for control, before believing we were not enough, we were created whole and free. Lent invites us to rediscover that original blessing — to trust that our identity begins not in failure, but in love.

It is a season of remembrance — or more deeply, *re-mem-bering*: reconnecting heart and mind to the way of Jesus. To follow him is to “do this in memory of me” — to wash the feet of others, to love without counting the cost, and to recognize that blessedness is found in humility, compassion, and our shared belonging with all creation.

And Lent calls us to awaken: to resist the relentless prodding of the egoic mind and rest in the ever-present power of the Spirit. It is a process of conversion, lived out through daily practice: attentive to God's presence in this breath, in this moment, and in this encounter.

Lent gently reminds us that renewal begins not by striving harder, but by returning home — to God, to ourselves, and to one another.

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43rd Annual Paulist Center Auction
Set Sail Together: A Mediterranean Journey
Saturday, May 2 - 6:15pm

Step aboard and set sail on an unforgettable evening inspired by the beauty and romance of the Mediterranean! 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 winds-at-our-back triumph!

If you can assist by: **donating an item, sponsoring, or volunteering your time**, please see our [2026 Auction Page](#) or visit tinyurl.com/donatepaulistauction26.

Please contact Auction Co-chairs Maggie Keefe or Jordan Johnson with any questions or ideas at Auction@PaulistCenter.org.

Thank you!



A LENTEN SATURDAY: PRAYER AMIDST RESISTANCE IN TROUBLED TIMES
MARCH 21, 9AM - 2PM, THE PAULIST CENTER

These months are propelling some to activism, prayer, or a stunned and frozen state. Join us for pause and prayer that's: A time to look inward and bear witness to one another's experiences. An opportunity to share how you're called to meet the moment. A time to embrace Lent as we point towards hope together.

\$20 donation - if you are able - to cover lunch. Please bring something to share for a morning treat.

We'll have coffee and tea available. Community members **Emily Spicer Hankle** and **Sonia Caus Gleason** will facilitate. Contact sonia@soniacausgleason.org with questions.

Please click this link to register: <https://forms.gle/CJvLnzX6YeIFraEV6>



THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM: HOLY WEEK AT THE PAULIST CENTER

The word "**TRIDUUM**," the celebration of the Lord's passion, death, and rising, means "**three days**." In the biblical keeping of time, great days of celebration begin on the evening before the feast. Thus, the Triduum begins on Holy Thursday evening and ends with the liturgical celebrations on Easter Sunday.

Because the celebration of the Paschal Triduum - in its entirety- is the most important liturgical expression of our common faith, please join us as we celebrate together as a community.

HOLY THURSDAY, April 2

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

*7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3

Seven Last Words Ecumenical Service

*12 noon

Celebration of the Passion and the Death of the Lord

*3:00 pm



HOLY SATURDAY, April 4

Easter Vigil

*8:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5

Mass of the Resurrection

*10:00 am

12:00 pm

**Livestreamed Visit our YouTube Channel to join us online - www.youtube.com/thepaulistcenter*

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

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.

Sign up at greenerlent.org with your name, how you want to fast, and select Paulist Center as your parish. Participants receive periodic reports on how much carbon footprint has been reduced.



GreenerLent



PARENT PREPARATION FOR INFANT/CHILD BAPTISM

The Paulist Center offers an infant/child baptism preparation session for expecting parents and prospective Godparents. The next session is on **Saturday, March 14 from 10am - 12pm** in the 3rd Fl Library/Chapel.

To register for the session, please contact **Fr. Rick** at rick@paulistcenter.org

PASTORAL PLANNING COMMUNITY MEETINGS - MARCH 8 AND MARCH 11

The pastoral planning committee is offering community meetings on **Sun, March 8** and **Wed, March 11** to review the first draft of a pastoral plan. The committee and staff have worked with Jonathan Lewis, the Mission Strategy Officer of the Paulist Fathers, to compile the information gathered in the fall from the community and draft a plan for the next few years. **Sun, March 8: In-person after both the 10am and 6pm Masses. Wed, March 11 at 7:30pm via Zoom.**

These will all be the **same content**, you do not need to attend more than one. We hope you can join us!

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 28 - March 1** we raise up the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' campaigns to provide grants to pastoral projects in the growing **Church in Africa** and to rebuild & restore faith communities in the **Church in Central & Eastern Europe**.

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