



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 7 - 8, 2026

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES

Saturday **Sunday**

5pm 10am
6pm

WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES

Monday – Friday
12:00pm

CONFESSIONS

Friday, 11:00-11:45am, and by appointment

PASTORAL PLANNING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

The Pastoral Planning Committee is offering community meetings **THIS Sun, March 8** and **Wed, March 11** to review the work done to date and next steps. This will include more details about the Executive Director position and the structure of the Paulist Center. **Jonathan Lewis**, the Mission Strategy Officer of the Paulist Fathers, will be facilitating.

This Sunday, March 8 (auditorium):

- **11:15am - 12:15pm:** in-person session with **lunch** provided.
- **7:15 - 8:15pm:** in-person session with **dinner** provided.

Wed, March 11 (virtual):

- **Zoom session from 7:30-8:30pm.**

Zoom lnk: <https://tinyurl.com/ZoomPCC31126>

These will all be the same content and you do not need to attend more than one session.



Annual Paulist Appeal 2026



BUILDING BRIDGES THROUGH CHARITY



paulist.org/apa

ONE MONTH IN — BUILDING MOMENTUM

To date, 70 donors from the Paulist Center have contributed nearly \$18,000. Thank you for helping us build bridges of faith and service. Your generosity strengthens our Boston mission - from deepening young adult engagement and expanding outreach beyond our doors, to preparing to hire a lay Executive Director who will help guide our next chapter.

As a Paulist community, staying informed about how our local mission connects to the national Paulist mission matters. The Appeal makes that shared mission possible.

If you have not yet participated, there is still time.

Every gift helps. Thank you!

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

All FREP classes will meet in their usual locations **this Sun, March 8.**

****Next Sun, March 15 @11:15 am** in the auditorium, please join us for a **FREP Parent Listening Session.**

We want to hear your voices especially around re-imagining FREP as one of our goals for the Pastoral Plan. Coffee and refreshments to keep you awake!



**THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 8 -
SET CLOCKS FORWARD
ONE HOUR AT 2:00A.M.
TO 3:00 AM**

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: march, accompany our neighbors, organize, attend training, write letters to our legislators, carry banners, speak out, or witness – all these activities are prayer in action, working to make real God's call for justice and mercy.



Join us for – **Zoom Prayer in Action – Tuesdays at 7:30pm, March 10 through March 31** to pray and organize around the injustices our immigrant brothers and sisters are facing.

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/joining/register/O5o0KuEQ9C5aoR1Bfj2mw>

Welcome! If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form that can be found on our [website](http://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 8, 10am

3rd Sunday of Lent

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Barbara Dunay, Paulist Center community member and retired bookkeeper, who is facing serious health challenges.

FLOWER DONATIONS FOR THE EASTER SEASON

Honor your loved ones, living or deceased, by making a donation towards Easter flowers with which we'll adorn the Chapel throughout the Easter Season. The suggested donation is \$10. Contributions can be made:



- at the Front Desk Mon - Fri from 10:30am - 4:30pm;
- by going to [Donate Online](#), and choose "Flower Donation" and note who it is "in honor of", or "in memory of"; or
- by using the envelopes in the pews.

Please write legibly when notating your loved ones' names.

WORSHIP MATTERS

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LITURGICAL YEAR: The Three Pillars of Lent-Part I: Fasting

Rooted in the Gospel of Matthew (6:1-18) and often referred to as the three pillars of Lent, the spiritual practices of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving lie at the heart of this season of reflection, preparation, and renewal as we move toward Easter. Together they heighten our awareness of our dependence on God, help us recognize the ways we become attached to the things of this world, and call us to deepen our connection to the Body of Christ.

This week our focus is on the practice of fasting, a spiritual discipline found in every major religious tradition. Our Muslim brothers and sisters are currently observing the month of Ramadan, during which fasting is strictly observed—no food or water from dawn until sundown each day. The Christian practice of fasting has its roots in the Jewish tradition, where fasting marked times of repentance, mourning, and communal prayer.

During Lent, the Church asks us to observe this practice in simple but meaningful ways: abstaining from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent and limiting ourselves to one full meal on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Our liturgy continually reminds us of the importance of this discipline. On Ash Wednesday we pray that we may "begin with holy fasting this campaign of Christian service." The blessing of ashes encourages us to "follow the Lenten observances." And on Palm Sunday, before the palms are blessed, we are reminded that throughout Lent we have been preparing our hearts through prayer, penance, and works of charity.

But fasting is about more than what we give up.

At its heart, fasting is about consciously acknowledging those cravings, distractions, and preoccupations that keep us from our truest selves. From attentiveness to the movement of God's Spirit in and around us, and from our capacity to move beyond ourselves and connect more deeply with others. The point is not "sacrifice," as though deprivation itself somehow pleases God, but the intentional letting go of attitudes and behaviors that stand in the way – those things that keep us from seeking God, solidarity with others, and honoring our own dignity.

WORSHIP



MATTERS



LENTEN SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION AND REFLECTION - WED, MARCH 18

Join us **Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Chapel for this time of healing and reconciliation.

Individual Confession will be available.

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

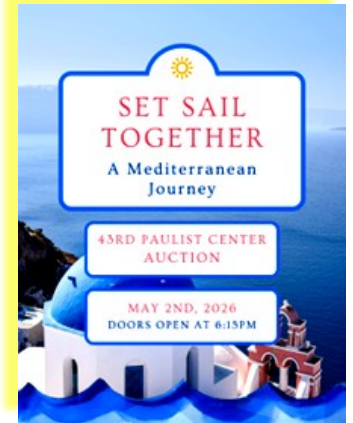
Step aboard and set sail on an unforgettable evening inspired by the beauty and romance of the Mediterranean! We hope you'll join us for the Paulist Center's largest annual fundraiser in support of our ministries and operations.

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!



PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

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



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*

REST IN PEACE, JANE O'CONNOR



Longtime Paulist Center member, **Jane O'Connor** passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 28, 2026, surrounded by her loving family. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, March 6 at the Church of St. Patrick in Watertown. A link to her obituary and tribute wall can be found [here](#).

Jane's lifelong commitment to service was honored with the Isaac Hecker Award for Social Justice in 2017, recognizing her unwavering dedication to advancing dignity, expanding opportunity, and living her faith through compassionate action. Please remember Jane and her family in your prayers.

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, and 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/CJvLnzX6YelFraEV6>



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 **March 7 - 8** 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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