



# 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.*

DECEMBER 15 - 16, 2018

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## WEEKEND MASSES

**Saturday**

5:00 PM

**Sunday**

10:00 AM

12:00 PM

6:00 PM

## WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday - Friday**

7:55 AM

12:05 PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** on

First Fridays from 11-11:45 AM

and by appointment

## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**5:00pm and 8:00pm**

**Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**11:00am**



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT *THRILL OF HOPE* - THIS WEEKEND!

Our annual Advent/Christmas Concert, *THRILL OF HOPE*, is this Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm and Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm. The Sunday Concert will be accompanied by *The Christmas Story*, a pageant with drama, dance, and music. Holiday Hospitality follows each concert.

**Tickets available at the door:** \$15 for adults, \$10 for youth (5-17), children under 5 are free.

**Sponsorships are welcome and appreciated!**

🎵 \$50 Angelic 🎵 \$100 Celestial 🎵 \$150 Archangel

## HOLIDAY HOSPITALITY

Please join us for **Holiday Hospitality in the Auditorium** following each performance of the Advent-Christmas Concert.



As always, we welcome all donations of **finger-type food items**. You can drop off your donation to the kitchen in the basement before the performance.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

We congratulate, and send off with our prayers of support, **Mr. Joe Miller**. For a number of years, Joe was associated with our Paulist Center Sister Community Committee. On December 8<sup>th</sup>, Joe was commissioned as a **Maryknoll Lay Missioner to Bolivia**. He takes a bit of the Paulist Center Community with him! To learn more about Maryknoll Lay Missions, see [www.mkclm.org](http://www.mkclm.org).

**Welcome!** If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form, found in the welcome brochure at the entranceway to the Chapel or 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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## NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

**Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019**

**10:00am**



## BICENTENNIAL OF PAULIST FOUNDER, ISAAC THOMAS HECKER, BEGINS THIS MONTH

**Servant of God Isaac Hecker, founder of the Paulist Fathers, was born December 18, 1819.**

This month, everyone who is associated with the Paulist Fathers begins a year of celebrations leading up to the bicentennial of his birth. Here are some of **Fr. Hecker's own words**:

*"Often, in my boyhood, when lying at night on the shavings before the oven in the bake house, I would start up, roused in spite of myself, by some great thought ... What does God desire from me? How shall I attain unto Him? What is it He has sent me into the world to do? These were the ceaseless questions of my heart, that rested, meanwhile, in the unshaken confidence that time would bring the answer."*

- statements made by Fr. Hecker toward the end of his life, as quoted in *Isaac Hecker for Every Day: Daily*



*Thoughts from the Founder of the Paulists* edited by Fr. Ron Franco, CSP.

## JESSE TREE/GIVING TREE

**T**here are still a few tags left on the Jesse Tree! This is an opportunity for community members to buy gifts for families living at Crossroads Family Shelter, the Catholic Worker House in Worcester, and the Agape Community. The Jesse Tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of King David. The Jesse Tree is adorned with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus of Nazareth. The ornaments of the Jesse Tree tell the story of God in the Hebrew Bible, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history.



**Please take a tag off the tree and bring the unwrapped gift back to the Center by this Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.** Gifts can be dropped off at the Food Pantry (1<sup>st</sup> Floor elevator lobby) or with **Susan Rutkowski here at the Center.** Please do not leave any gifts under the tree or anywhere that is unsecured. **Thank you in advance for your generosity!**

## FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

**T**he Sister Community group is selling Nativity sets, ornaments, jewelry from Uganda and coffee and chocolate from Equal Exchange. Visit our sale at **Community Coffee after the 10am and 12pm Masses, and at the Reception after the Christmas Concert this Sunday.**



## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & DECORATIONS

**H**elp us decorate with a poinsettia plant and other Christmas decorations in honor of a family member or friend, living or deceased. **Suggested donation is \$10.** You may contribute at the reception desk or by using the envelopes marked "Flower Donation" in the pews, or go to **Donate Online** on our website, and use the Miscellaneous Donation Category and note that it is for "decorations" and note "in honor of, or in memory of" in the space provided.



**All donations are greatly appreciated.**



## STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

	Last Week	Fiscal YTD (after 5% gift)
Weekend Collection	\$12,310	\$134,915
Budget Amount	\$11,378	\$162,137
Difference	\$932	(\$27,222)

**W**e remind you that it is only through the generosity of your resources that makes the activities of the Paulist Center possible. Weekend collections are the "bread and butter" of our operating budget. If you wish to make an offering, please make checks payable to the Paulist Center and mail to 5 Park Street, Boston, MA 02108. Even better, **sign up to give electronically through our website!** We thank you for your generosity.



## 5% COMMUNITY GIFT

**W**e give 5% of our total fiscal-year weekend collections to various organizations. This weekend we designate our gift to **Urban Edge**, a national leader in the community development field.



**We thank you for your continued support!**



## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sat	12/15	Christmas Concert - Chapel	7:30pm
		Holiday Hospitality - Auditorium	8:30pm
Sun	12/16	FREP - 6 <sup>th</sup> Fl, Rooms 13, 16, 17, 22; 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl, Rm 2	11:15am
		Jr. High Group - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl, Seminar Rm	11:15am
		Sr. High Group - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fl, Library	11:15am
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	11:15am
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	1:15pm
		Christmas Concert & Pageant- Chapel	2:30pm
		Holiday Hospitality - Auditorium	3:30pm
Tues	12/18	Prayer of Heart and Body - Auditorium	5:45pm
Wed	12/19	Supper Club - Auditorium	6:00pm
Sun	12/23	Confirmation Class - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fl, Library	11:15am

## PRAYER OF HEART AND BODY

**M**editation and yoga in a Christian context. The practice includes: chanting; breathing exercises; prayerful postures; praying with your body; mind; heart; and spirit. Instructor: **Fr. Tom Ryan, CSP**, certified yoga instructor and author of numerous books on spirituality.

**This Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:45-7:25pm in the Auditorium.** \$12 (\$6 for students).

## PARKING AT THE PAULIST CENTER

### One Beacon Street Garage \$12.00

Turn left at the bottom of the ramp. All weekend and after 4pm on weekdays. Validate your own ticket with the stamp on the shelf in the Chapel vestibule during Masses or in reception weekday evenings.

### Boston Common Garage \$10.00

Purchase single tickets in the reception office weekday evenings or purchase a 20 ticket booklet at the garage office. Valid after 4pm weekdays and all weekend, as long as you exit before 8am the next day.

## DIRECTOR'S REFLECTION

Dear Companions on the Journey,

For many "cradle Catholics," Christmas exerts a powerful nostalgic pull. Memories of walking to Midnight Mass as parents and children, Christmas tugs at our religious and sentimental heartstrings.

A new phenomenon has emerged over the last decade or so. That is, middle-age and older Catholics going to Christmas Mass with hearts heavy that their Millennial or Gen-X children choose not to accompany them. Or, out of loving care for parents, some who ordinarily do not go to Church accompany them on Christmas. *How loving and generous!*

What to do during these last Advent Days before Christmas? Of course, in prayerful discernment, it might be *just the right time* to invite friends and family to join you for Christmas Mass. Something like "Our family is planning on attending the 5pm Christmas Eve mass at the Paulist Center. Would you and your family like to join us?" Maybe you might – especially – invite your divorced or gay/lesbian family and friends to join you: we want to welcome them! Some of them mistakenly think they are not welcome. I say, *they are especially welcome here! We are blessed by their presence.*

Or, if you are a regular community member at the Paulist Center, Christmas is your "moment to shine"! That is, by becoming a special ambassador of joy and welcome on that night or day when you might (gasp) sit towards the center of the pew (if "your place" is ordinarily at the end) ...or when you see someone new come in, you smile at them and say "Merry Christmas! I'm a regular here and I'm *delighted* to welcome you this evening!"

*What do you think?*

And let us pray for/with one another.

*Michael*

The Paulist Center



## CHRISTMAS DINNER

If you find yourself betwixt and between on **Christmas Day** with no company for dinner, please join **Fr. Bob Rivers and friends at the Paulist Center at 3:00pm on Christmas Day.**

If you would like to join **Fr. Rivers**, please call him at **617-948-2417** or email **rsrivers1965@yahoo.com**.



## CALENDAR YEAR-END GIFTS TO THE CENTER WARMLY WELCOMED

As you are likely aware, your financial gifts are key to our financial sustainability. While we did not bombard you with Giving Tuesday requests, please know that **we warmly welcome calendar year-end gifts**, which are very helpful to our budget every year. If you wish to donate stock, please be in touch with **Patty Simpson, 617-948-2428**, or **patty@paulistcenter.org** for our legal name, tax ID and account information for transfers.



**Thank you for ALL you give in so many ways to the Center!**

## IN OTHER COMMUNITIES...

### PAULIST PILGRIMAGE

**Take a "Paulist Pilgrimage": Greece: In The Footsteps of St. Paul, May 21 - June 1, 2019.** Join Paulists Rich Andre and Thomas Kane, as they visit Philippi, Corinth and Ephesus, and other Mediterranean sites where the letters of St. Paul will come alive in new and surprising ways. For more information, call **202-635-5818** or email **info@paulistpilgrimages.com**.

## MINISTERIAL STAFF



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