



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.

GUEST SPEAKER ON CATHOLIC CLERGY ABUSE AND HOMOSEXUALITY

Andrew Sullivan, writer for *New York Magazine* and former Editor-in-Chief of *The New Republic*, will address *The Catholic Clergy Abuse Crisis and Homosexuality: The Problem of Scapegoating*, on Tuesday, February 26th, at 7pm, at the Paulist Center. Sponsored by the Paulist Center's LGBTQ and the Adult Education Committees, as part of the Paulist Center's ongoing response to the clergy sexual abuse crisis. We wish to consider one small, but significant, dimension of many Catholics' response: scapegoating gay priests for this crisis. Come with an open mind and heart to be informed and challenged to consider this dimension of the crisis. A **reception will follow**. Requested donation \$10 to offset expenses (but don't let finances keep you from coming!).



ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH

Masses with Distribution of Ashes

7:00am 7:55am 8:45am
12:05pm 1:05pm 5:15pm

Word Service with Distribution of Ashes

7:00pm



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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FEBRUARY 16 - 17, 2019

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

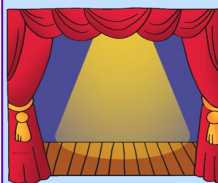
Sacrament of Reconciliation on

First Fridays from 11-11:45 AM

and by appointment

"CONVERSATIONS WITH MY MOLESTER: A JOURNEY OF FAITH"

During the Vatican's extraordinary worldwide summit on clergy sexual abuse, we present **Michael Mack's** "powerful" (*Washington Post*) and "magnificent" (*New York Theatre Guide*) one-man play "Conversations with My Molester: A Journey of Faith." Mack's boyhood dream of becoming a Catholic priest ended when his pastor first invited him to the rectory. This prize-winning show is Mack's spiritual autobiography – a true story of trespass, grace, and the odyssey of healing that led him back to the Catholic Church. **Post-show discussion follows**, with Michael and clergy.



Saturday night at 7:30pm in the Auditorium. A second performance will be next Saturday, February 23rd, 7:30pm. Requested donation \$10 (but don't let finances keep you from coming!) Open to all. More at www.michaelmacklive.com.

ISAAC HECKER SAYS...

The whole aim of the science of Christian perfection is to instruct men (and women) how to remove the hindrances in the way of the action of the Holy Spirit, and how to cultivate those virtues which are most favorable to His solicitations and inspirations.

WELCOME TO THE PAULIST CENTER

The Paulist Center warmly welcomes **new members:**

Kevin & Jacqueline Rafferty ~ Plympton



ADULT CONFIRMATION

This program is **designed to prepare** active, practicing adult Catholics for the Sacrament of Confirmation. It involves **four evening sessions of 90 minutes each**. The sessions will include a review of sacraments, especially Baptism and Eucharist, as well as the history and theology of Confirmation. Through prayer and discussion, we explore the roles of faith and the Church in our lives.



We will meet **Monday evenings (March 18th, 25th, April 1st, 8th) from 7 -8:30pm**, at the Paulist Center. These particular sessions are geared toward

celebrating this sacrament on Sunday, April 28th, 2019 at Our Lady of Good Voyage Shrine in the Seaport district. A minimum of 3 participants is required for this class to take place. Contact **Fr. Chuck** for more information or to register, chuck@paulistcenter.org.

THERE WILL BE NO COMMUNITY COFFEE SUNDAY DUE TO THE PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND.



STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

	Last Week	Fiscal YTD (after 5% gift)
Weekend Collection	\$10,749	\$220,312
Budget Amount	\$11,378	\$259,418
Difference	(\$629)	(\$39,106)

We 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

We give 5% of our total fiscal-year weekend collections to various organizations. This weekend we designate our gift to **Maryknoll Lay Missioners**, an organization that works with poor communities in Africa, Asia, and the Americas. **We thank you for your support.**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sat	2/16	Conversations with My Molester - Auditorium	7:30pm
Sun	2/17	RCIA - 6 th Fl, Rm 22	1:15pm
		Young Adult Dinner - Auditorium	7:00pm
Mon	2/18	Presidents' Day - Center Closed	
Tues	2/19	Prayer of Heart and Body - Auditorium	5:45pm
		Paulist Associates formation - 2 nd Fl, Seminar Rm	7:00pm
Wed	2/20	Supper Club - Auditorium	6:00pm
Thur	2/21	Struggling to Stay Catholic - 3 rd Fl, Library	7:00pm
Sat	2/23	Conversations with My Molester - Auditorium	7:30pm
Sun	2/24	RCIA - 6 th Fl, Rm 22	1:15pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WINTER BREAK

There are **NO** religious education classes **this Sunday and Sunday, February 24th** due to winter break. Classes resume on **March 3rd**.



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,

A name you should know: **Jean Vanier**, the Canadian philosopher and theologian, founder of *L'Arche* Communities around the world. *L'Arche* "creates communities of friendship and belonging. In *L'Arche*, people with and without intellectual disabilities live, work, learn, and grow together. *L'Arche* demonstrates that when persons with intellectual disabilities take their place at the table, they contribute to a more just, compassionate, and vibrant world for all." We live in a world where, for some, a better world is a world without such people, as recently in Iceland one government official bragged that the country had eliminated Down syndrome. How? By eliminating, through abortion, those who had Down syndrome. Is that the world we want?

One of the things I love about the Paulist Center Community is our inclusion of people with many dimensions of being human. What binds us all is not our income, our education, our holiness, our brains, but *our being human*, searching for meaning, and, for most of us, finding that meaning in following Jesus of Nazareth...however failingly that may feel at any moment.

Jean Vanier recently turned 90. To celebrate, he formulated "**10 Rules for Life to become More Human.**" They are:

1. **Accept the reality of your body.** "We are born in weakness (as a little child); we will die in weakness. And when we get to a certain age – ninety – we begin to get weaker."
2. **Talk about your emotions and difficulties.** He acknowledges that men in particular "have difficulty expressing their emotions."
3. **Don't be afraid of not being successful.** "You have to discover you are beautiful as you are" regardless of whether or not you are successful.
4. **In a relationship, take the time to ask, "How are you?"**
5. **Stop looking at your phone. Be present!** To young people, he says, "You are people of communication." But then he asks, "Are you people of presence? Are you able to listen?"

6. **Ask people, "What is your story?"** "To meet is to listen: Tell me your story. Tell me where your pain is. Tell me where your heart is. What are the things you desire?" He adds, "I need to listen to you because your story is different to my story."
7. **Be aware of your own story.** "You are precious. You have your ideas: political, religious, non-religious, you have your vision for the world. Your vision for yourself."
8. **Stop prejudice: meet people.**
9. **Discover your deepest desire and listen to it.** Where is your greatest desire?
10. **Remember that you'll die one day.** "I'm just somebody who was born ninety years ago and will die in a few years time, and then everybody will have forgotten me. This is reality. We're all here, but we are just local people, passengers in a journey. We get into the train, we get out of the train, the train goes on."

What do you think?

And let us pray for/with one another.

Michael

The Paulist Center

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

The Paulist Center warmly welcomes the recently baptized:

Edward Joseph Manning



Congratulations to the parents and family members!

YOUNG ADULTS - DINNER AND DISCUSSION

The Young Adult Monthly Dinner will be on Sunday after the 6pm Mass in the Auditorium. Our discussion topic will revolve around our community theme for the year "**Encountering Christ.**"



We will be serving Thai Coconut Curry; please bring \$5 to help cover costs.

YOUNG ADULTS - OPEN MIC NIGHT

Calling all young adult (18-39yrs) musicians, dancers, photographers, poets, and artists of all kinds! The **Paulist Center Young Adult Open Mic Night** is **Saturday, March 9th, 7pm, 2nd Floor Seminar Room.**

Please bring a \$5 donation for **"More than Words,"**- an organization that helps empower young people in the foster care system, and a snack to share!

To **sign up to perform a piece**, please go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/y7o282mx>



FAMILY LENTEN GATHERING

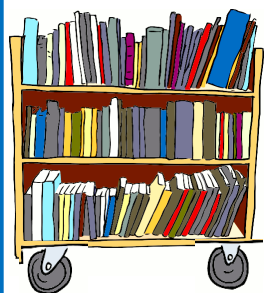
The **Family Lenten Gathering** will take place on **Sunday, March 10th after the 10am Mass** in the **Auditorium.**

All families are welcome to socialize, craft and learn how to better celebrate Lent as a family.



ROLLING BOOK CLUB ALERT

Community member **Edward Santella's** novel dealing with current consequences of racial injustice, ***American Ghosts***, will be the Rolling Book Club's spring selection—date to be determined. It is available as an Amazon paperback or e-book.



For more information contact **Ed** at ejsantella@comcast.net, or **Mary Burke** at paddysniece@verizon.net.

BOSTON AREA CATHOLICS STRUGGLING TO STAY CATHOLIC MEETUP

This Group will meet **7-8:30pm** this **Thursday, February 21st** in the **3rd Floor Library.**



For information or to RSVP, please contact **Bill Mitchell** at bmitch@gmail.com.

CONCERT TO BENEFIT PAULIST CENTER

Love Springs Eternal - a benefit performance for the Paulist Center. A musical delight through the ages: Baroque arias; Mozart and Schubert; romantic works by Puccini and Dvořák; favorite ballads may tug at your heart-strings; enhanced by enchanting contemporary songs.

Elena Cervone, Soprano

Michael Collins, Baritone

Timothy Zimmerman, Pianist

Your kind offering for the Center is greatly appreciated. **Saturday March 2nd, 7:30pm** in the **Chapel.**



MINISTERIAL STAFF



Chuck Cuniff, CSP

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Please see our website for direct contact information.