



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.

FAMILY LENTEN GATHERING

The Family Lenten Gathering is next 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.



SAVE THE DATE: AUCTION IS APRIL 27TH

April 27th is our 39th Annual Auction Fundraiser: *It's All Greek to Me*.

Are you interested in getting to know other members of the Paulist Center community? Are you looking for a single event that offers different ways to contribute your time, talents, or treasures to support the Paulist Center? You're in luck! **The Paulist Center Auction and dinner** is coming April 27th! This year's theme is *It's All Greek to Me*.

Some ways you can help:

- Donate an item or service to the auction.
- Volunteer leading up to, or the day of, the auction.
- Sign up to be a sponsor.
- Purchase a ticket to attend. *Tickets on sale in April.*

Information can be found in the insert or online at <https://tinyurl.com/PCAuction-2019>; or, contact Auction Co-Chairs **Marisa and Joe Janack** at paulistcenterauction@gmail.com.



ONE-DAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

On Sunday, March 10th from 1-3pm on the 6th Floor, join the Auction Co-Chairs to put together the **raffle ticket mailing** for the Auction. **Pizza will be provided.**

RSVP to **Marisa and Joe**,
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MARCH 2 - 3, 2019

8TH 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

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH

Masses with Distribution of Ashes

7:00am 7:55am 8:45am

12:05pm 1:05pm 5:15pm

Evening Prayer with Distribution of Ashes

7:00pm



RITE OF ELECTION

On the First Sunday of Lent, which is next Sunday, March 10th, the Church celebrates the **Rite of Election**. At this service *the Church makes its "election", that is, the choice and admission of those catechumens who have the disposition that makes them fit to take part, at the next major celebration, in the sacraments of initiation.* (Rite of Christian Initiation, 119) This choice comes on the advice of Godparent(s) and catechists, as well as the catechumens' reaffirmation of their intention. *Catechumens are expected to have undergone a conversion in mind and in action and to have developed a sufficient acquaintance with Christian teaching as well as a spirit of faith and charity.* (RCIA, 120) In the **Rite of Sending**, which will take place at the **10am Mass**, the local community sends the catechumen (**Melissa Wong**) to the **Rite of Election** with the assurance of our care and support. Please continue to pray for Melissa.



COMMUNITY COFFEE

Please join us for Community Coffee after the 10am and 12pm Masses in the Auditorium.



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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THE SEASON OF LENT

The Season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 6th**. While not a holy day of obligation, many Catholics begin their Lenten observance with:

† **Abstinence** ~ Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligation of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays of Lent. On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

† **Fast** ~ Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to the obligation of fasting. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. Regarding other weekdays of Lent, participation in daily Mass and the voluntary observance of fasting is recommended.

† Commendable, particularly during Lent, is **generosity** to local, national and world programs of sharing our abundance, the traditional Lenten Devotions and all the self-denial summed up in the Christian concept of "mortification."

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...



Please join in praying for God's healing presence to community member **Julia Forest** who is having considerable health challenges. May God's healing presence be upon her.

Please pray for **Suzanne Collins**, wife of community member Joe Collins, who suffered a stroke this week and is hospitalized.



STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

| | Last Week | Fiscal YTD (after 5% gift) |
|--------------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| Weekend Collection | \$8,085 | \$238,012 |
| Budget Amount | \$11,378 | \$281,037 |
| Difference | (\$3,293) | (\$43,025) |

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 the **Church in Africa, Central and Eastern Europe** which funds projects in 28 countries to build the pastoral capacity of the Church and to rebuild and restore the faith in these countries. We thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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| Sat | 3/2 | Benefit Concert - Chapel | 7:30pm |
| Sun | 3/3 | FREP - 6 th Fl, Rooms 13, 16, 17, 22; 2 nd Fl, Rm 2 | 11:15am |
| | | Confirmation Class - 3 rd Fl, Library | 11:15am |
| | | Community Coffee - Auditorium | 11:15am |
| | | Community Coffee - Auditorium | 1:15pm |
| | | RCIA - 6 th Fl, Rm 22 | 1:15pm |
| Tues | 3/5 | Prayer of Heart and Body - Auditorium | 5:45pm |
| Wed | 3/6 | Supper Club - Auditorium | 6:00pm |
| | | Evening Prayer with Ashes - Chapel | 7:00pm |
| Thur | 3/7 | Music Rehearsal for Holy Week - Chapel | 6:45pm |
| | | Paulist Associates - 6 th Fl, Rm 22 | 7:00pm |
| Sat | 3/9 | Young Adults Open Mic- 2nd Fl, Seminar Rm | 7:00pm |
| Sun | 3/10 | Family Lenten Activity - Auditorium | 11:15am |
| | | Jr. High - 2 nd Fl, Seminar Room | 11:15am |
| | | Sr. High - 3 rd Fl, Library | 11:15am |
| | | Community Coffee - Auditorium | 11:15am |
| | | Raffle Ticket mailing - 6 th Fl, Room 22 | 1:00pm |
| | | Community Coffee - Auditorium | 1:15pm |

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,

Ash Wednesday is on the horizon, marking the beginning of the Church's Season of Lent. Old-time Catholics will remember a time when giving up candy was a typical Lenten penance, a self-induced deprivation to discipline oneself during this season of penance. Recent years have suggested more positive practices. How about these?

1. Make a commitment to read the Sunday readings *before* you go to Mass. A way of experiencing Sunday worship more deeply.
2. Use a daily reflection book (get one in the Paulist Center Chapel entrance) to center yourself and guide yourself during the 40 Days of Lent.
3. Join us at the Paulist Center for **Taizé Prayer, Tuesdays, 7pm.**
4. We can see the portrait of our soul through the lens of our wallet: think about what you usually spend your money on. Clothes? Lattes? Dinner out? Pick one type of expenditure that you'll "fast" from during Lent and then give the money you would usually spend to a local charity.
5. Or bigger: where do you spend *your time*? The average American spends about 4½ hours/day on their smart phone. Why not take something on – 40 days of letter writing, 40 acts of kindness, 40 phone calls to the important people in your life?
6. If you don't have a cross in your room, buy a simple one and put it in your bedroom.
7. Read the entire Gospel of Mark <www.usccb.org/bible/mark/1> in one sitting. As the shortest Gospel, it is the most concise story of Jesus' life, and the cross plays an even more prominent role than in the other Gospels.
8. Our Young Adult Ministry is going to lead the community in the **Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 5th, 7pm** (www.bustedhalo.com/ministry-resources/what-are-the-stations-of-the-cross-2; if you don't know!).
9. Think about a habit that has kept you from being who God is calling you to be. Consciously give up that habit for Lent.
10. Spend at least one weekend or evening volunteering during Lent.
11. Make a commitment to fast from insensitive, cruel comments about others. So, no gossiping or going down the Twitter rabbit hole.
12. As part of your Lenten almsgiving, make a point to learn more about a particular social issue (immigration,

abortion, human trafficking, racism, the environment, public education, child poverty, prison reform, hunger, pornography). Give money to an organization related to your chosen issue that supports the dignity of the human person.

13. Pray for someone by *name*. Be mindful of Philo of Alexandria's wise words: "Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a great battle."

(Most of the above I shamelessly stole from Paulist Fathers' online ministry *Busted Halo*).

What do you think?

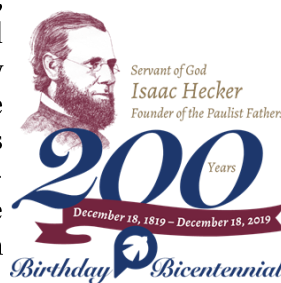
And let us pray for/with one another.

Michael

The Paulist Center

HONORING THE DECLARATION OF NUPER NONNULLI

Nuper Nonnulli, issued by the Congregation of Bishops and Regulars on **March 6, 1858**, takes its name from its first words, translated from Latin meaning "recently some". This declaration dispensed Hecker's four American companions — Clarence Walworth, Augustine Hewit, George Deshon, and Francis Baker — from their vows in the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, commonly known as the Redemptorists. [Note: Hecker had already been dismissed by the Redemptorists.] The Vatican authorized these five to work for the evangelization of the United States under the auspices of the local bishops. **Thus, March 6th is a significant anniversary date for the Paulists and the Paulist Associates.** Hecker, in Rome on March 9, 1858, wrote to his four companions: "The Pope has spoken, and the American Fathers, including myself, are dispensed from their vows. The decree is not in my hands, but Cardinal Barnabo read it to me last evening. The General is not mentioned in it, and no attention whatever is paid to his action in my regard. The other Fathers are dispensed in view of the petition they made, as the demand for separation as Redemptorists would destroy the unity of the Congregation, and in the dispensation I am associated with them. The Cardinal [Barnabo] is wholly content; says that I must ask immediately for an audience to thank the Pope. * * * Now let us thank God for our success." In the next few months, Hecker, Walworth, Hewit, Deshon, and Baker organized themselves under a rule (very similar to the Redemptorist rule formulated by St. Alphonsus Liguori) and founded the Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle in New York City on July 7, 1858.



EATING SIMPLY - A LENTEN COMMITMENT

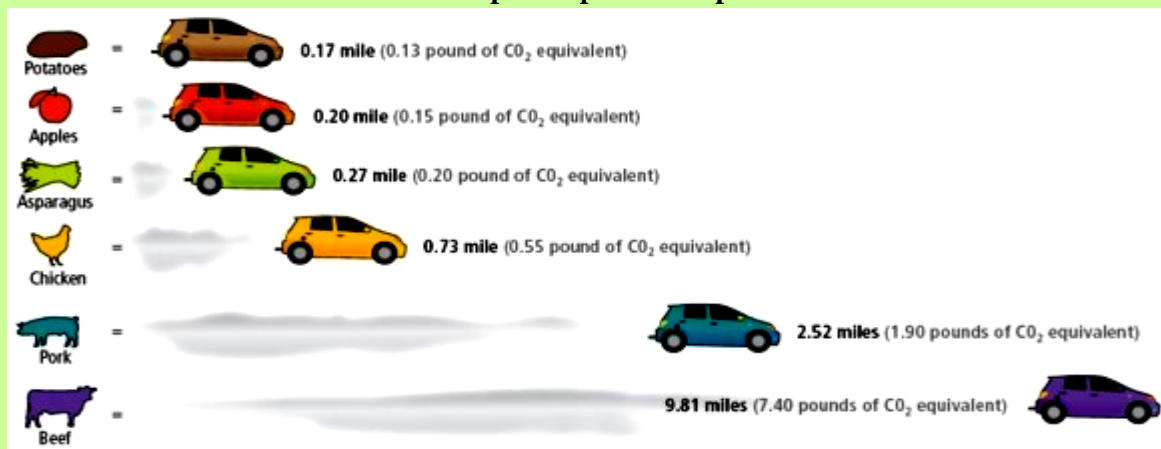
At the beginning of this Lenten season, the *Care for Our Common Home Ministry* at the Paulist Center seeks to humbly join **Pope Francis** and the many voices of climate change advocacy by encouraging friends, family, and fellow Paulist Center members to consider the Earth and climate change when making your Lenten fasting commitment.

One opportunity for your efforts this year is the “**Eating Simply**” initiative put forth by the Global Catholic Climate Movement. “**Eating Simply**” suggests that you add a day of plant-based meals to your diet this Lent, or strive to eat only plant-based meals through-

out the Lenten season. The diagram below shows a comparison of the equivalent greenhouse gas impacts by food type. Decreasing our consumption of meat is one of the most significant personal changes we can make to lower our carbon footprint.

Throughout this season of reflection you will find messages of support and encouragement in the bulletin, along with some tried and true vegetarian recipes, to help you meet this Lenten commitment. The *Care for Our Common Home Ministry* thanks you for your consideration of this initiative and for your continued support.

Emissions per ½ pound of product:



Source: Scientific American

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 sessions are geared toward **celebrating this sacrament on Sunday, April 28th at Our Lady of Good Voyage Shrine**. Contact **Fr. Chuck** for more information or to register, chuck@paulistcenter.org.

ISAAC HECKER SAYS...

The best sermon on Christianity is a Christian.

PARENT PREPARATION FOR INFANT/CHILD BAPTISM

The Paulist Center offers a preparation session on the 3rd Saturday of odd months. Our next session will take place on **Saturday, March 16th, from 10am-12pm**. Expecting parents are invited to attend before their child is born/adopted. We do not have childcare. More information can be found on the website. Contact **Fr. Chuck** to register for the session, chuck@paulistcenter.org.



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