



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.

2018 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Local ecumenical advocacy group, **UniteBoston**, invites members of the Paulist Center Community to join them in a “**Large Anchor Fellowship Dinner**,” **Saturday, January 20th, 5-7:30pm at Lion of Judah Church, 20 Reed Street, Boston.** For more information or to sign up, visit: www.uniteboston.com/wpcu. This fellowship dinner will invite conversation around God’s powerful hand working to overcome divisions in our congregations and neighborhoods. We often focus on what separates us, but might there be more in common than we first think?



MAKING SPACE FOR YOUR CREATIVE ENERGY

One of the ways we reflect God’s image is that we have creativity. We paint, we garden, we build, we write, we sew, etc. But normally getting your career established and raising a family doesn’t leave much space for those endeavors. And with the passing of the years, those energies are like water in a kettle, steaming “let me out!” Are you listening? It’s important for your mental, psychological, and spiritual health to make the space and time. **The Creator’s gift to us is creativity; our gift in return is to use it.** This will be the 5th session in the seven-month **Take Back Your Time** series in holistic spirituality offered by Fr. Tom Ryan, CSP. **This Wednesday, January 17th, 7-8:15pm, 2nd Floor Seminar Room.** Suggested donation \$10 (\$5 students).



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.

JANUARY 13-14, 2018

2ND 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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The first gathering for the sacrament takes place on Sunday, January 28th at 11:15am. If you would like to register your child for this sacramental preparation program, **please fill out the registration form** found in the Family Ministry Brochure that are in the racks in the vestibule. Or, you may register on line on the Center website: www.paulistcenter.org. Any questions, please contact **Susan Rutkowski**, susan@paulistcenter.org or 617-948-2426.

NEW COMMUNITY MEMBERS

The Paulist Center **welcomes new members:** Diego Arguello; Jonathan Crisol and Carla Concepcion-Crisol; Nora Dwyer; Craig Ford, Jr.; Jennifer Gatchel; Elizabeth LaMontagne; Lucia Madariaga; John Schulman



ANNUAL PAULIST APPEAL

This year, the **Paulist Fathers celebrate 160 years** of ministry to our Christian communities around the country. **In two weeks, on the weekend of January 28th-29th, the Paulist Center will take part in the Annual Paulist Appeal** where we will ask you for your help in contributing to the longevity of the Paulist Fathers. If you would like to give in advance, visit paulist.org/apa and if you have any questions, please call **202-269-2504** or contact development@paulist.org.



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ASSISTANCE NEEDED WITH MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE MINISTRY

Perhaps you made a New Year's resolution to help one of the Paulist Center's ministries? **Fr. Rick is looking for people to assist him in providing hospitality to the many couples who attend our monthly marriage preparation course, *Transformed in Love*.** This will require setting up the materials our guests will need as well as food and drink; **Friday evenings (January 12th, February 9th, March 10th, April 13th, May 11th, June 1st).** We also need more couples to present the material to the many engaged couples who come to the Center monthly for this program. The more couples we have to help, the less work for everyone. It is necessary that any presenter attends a training session. **Please contact Fr. Rick at rick@paulistcenter.org if you either are interested or have any questions.**

MULTI-FAITH PRAYER VIGIL

The Paulist Center Immigrant Advocacy Group will lead a **prayer vigil at the Suffolk County House of Corrections on Sunday, January 21st, 2-3pm.** These monthly prayer vigils provide an important opportunity to join with immigrants detained at the House of Corrections in prayer and in expression of immigrants' rights. The prayer vigils are conducted by faith communities under the auspices of the Massachusetts Community Action Network (MCAN). The immigrants held at the House of Corrections are waiting for court dates related to immigration. For questions, or to express interest, contact Paulist Center community member **Ed Marakovitz** at edmarakovitz@yahoo.com or 617-306-9726.

MONTHLY PRAYER NIGHT



The Young Adults invite the wider Paulist Center Community to a monthly prayer night where we will open up space to connect with God. Please join us this month on **Thursday, January 25th, 7-8:30pm in the 3rd Floor Library.** **January Focus: Prayer through Art.** No need to be a skilled artist. All supplies will be provided, but feel free to bring your own.

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

	Last Week	Fiscal YTD
Weekend Collection	\$14,154	\$181,269
Budget Amount	\$11,164	\$201,510
Difference	\$2,990	(\$20,241)

As always, we remind you that it is only the generosity of your resources that makes the activities of the Paulist Center possible and 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, or 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 **Bridge Over Troubled Waters**, an organization dedicated to transforming the lives of runaway, homeless, and high-risk youth through supportive relationships and innovative services that guide them toward self-sufficiency. For further information, please visit www.bridgeotw.org. We thank you for your continued support.

THANK YOU!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mon	1/15	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Center Closed	
Wed	1/17	Supper Club - Auditorium	6:00pm
		Take Back Your Time - 2 nd Fl Seminar Rm.	7:00pm
Sat	1/20	3rd Saturday Breakfast - Auditorium	9:00am
Sun	1/21	FREP Co-Op - 6 th Fl Rms. 13, 16, 17, 22	11:15am
		FREP Co-Op - 2 nd Fl Play Rm. & Seminar Rm.	11:15am
		Jr. High Youth Group - 3 rd Fl Library	11:15am
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	11:15am
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	1:15pm
		Young Adult Dinner - Auditorium	7:00pm



THERE WILL BE NO COMMUNITY COFFEE THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH, DUE TO THE HOLIDAY.

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,

What with the 24-hour news cycle, the *crises du jour*, and new disasters, both national and international, we can proceed in three directions.

The **first**, most appealing to me, is "compassion fatigue." I just can't take another crisis, another need that requires my forking out more money, another chip into my peace of mind. I'd rather watch the YouTube cat-on-the-skateboard than be stretched in a new direction. I'm too stressed out.

Or, **second**, I can flit from crusade to crusade, from cause to cause, becoming outraged with the latest outrage. That also appeals to me, for there is a certain personal reassurance that I am moving with the *Zeitgeist*, that I am with the flow of history, I am hitching along to the latest cause because I am "aware" and "sensitive." So the cause is less important than my appearing to be with the Enlightened Ones. The self-congratulations that comes with "virtue signaling."

Finally, I can soberly and resolutely commit myself to deeply held values and measure my time and checkbook by a faithful, over-the-long-haul support of core values. A model for me in this regard is our Hecker Award Winner, Jane O'Connor's, decades commitment to the education of girls and young women.

Here at the Paulist Center Community, over the years, we have committed ourselves to a few thematic charitable and social justice themes. Staying the course has not always been easy, as enthusiastic community members come up with great and worthy ideas, usually beginning "Why doesn't the Paulist Center do this or that?" (with seldom a proper name or personal pronoun – other than "you" – attached). The measure of whether the Paulist Center Community should go forward with a particular issue is whether there is a critical mass of community members who are willing to commit to the issue on a regular, sustained basis that needs little staff support. Secondly, the issue must be within the Catholic Social Teaching umbrella so that we can offer a strong and sustained voice to it.

In recent years, a few efforts came swiftly to a strong expression, but then withered quickly. I think of the rapid and ultimately ineffective effort to bring the issue of institutional racism and white privilege to our Paulist Center awareness and action. My sense is that, given the occasional presence of some Paulist Center members, a sustained effort just could not be maintained and that many community members have found other venues for their efforts to combat racism. Which is fine, since the Church community need not be the only venue for such action. And, over the long haul, it might not even be a very effective venue. Coalition efforts are usually more effective than small, individual efforts.

Next week: My "take" on what are the "Paulist Center issues."

What do you think?

And let us pray for/with one another.

Michael

The Paulist Center

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

The repose of the soul of **Rosemary Kearney**, long-time Paulist Center Community member who died just before Christmas. May she rest in peace.



YOUNG ADULTS MONTHLY DINNER

All Young Adults (18-39yrs) are invited to join **us Sunday, January 21st at 7pm** for our monthly community dinner in the **Auditorium**. Dinner Theme: Curry and Rice. Bring a side or dessert to share or \$5 to help cover costs!

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Our Group meets on **Wednesday nights**, usually twice a month, in the **Holy Spirit Chapel**, from **6-8pm**. We share time in worship, song and praise together, and discuss various scripture passages and topics that have powerfully moved us. Our second meeting for the month of **January is on the 24th**. All are welcome to join us for a joyous time of worship. Questions: contact **Nora Bolcon at 617-573-1664**.

TAX DONATION LETTERS

If you gave to the Center in an identifiable way this past calendar year, you will be sent a tax donation letter by the start of February. There is no need to specifically request a letter unless you don't receive one by early February. If you have any questions, contact **Patty Simpson at patty@paulistcenter.org or 617-948-2428**. Thank you so much for your generosity to the Center. **We are greatly appreciative!**

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual Direction is an opportunity for one to reflect and share one's life and prayer experience and be guided in one's search for God. Spiritual Direction is available at the Center from **Sister Kathleen Hagerty, CSJ**, and **Christopher O'Rourke**. **Sister Kathleen** can be reached at **617-755-9729**. **Christopher** can be reached at **617-817-3977**.

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