

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.

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 28th IS WHEEL OF AUCTION: A NIGHT OF TV GAME SHOWS

The Paulist Center Auction, our largest annual fun and fund raiser, is coming soon! The theme for the evening is Wheel of Auction: A Night of TV Game Shows and it promises to be a great night. The evening includes a family style dinner, a cash bar, a dessert auction, silent auction and live auction. One way or another, you can do something for the event including buy a ticket, volunteer to help during the evening by cooking or cleaning up, organize your friends to bid on items like vacation homes or fancy dinners, or donate your time or talent. We are still looking for donation items as well as volunteers. To sign up to donate or volunteer, go to https://tinyurl.com/PCAuction-2018.

Admission and raffle tickets are now on sale and can be purchased after weekend masses this month. Admission tickets are \$35 or \$40 as of Monday, April 23rd. Please buy your tickets ASAP as it is a huge help to the auction committee. Contact co-chairs Marisa and Joe Janack at *paulistcenterauction@gmail.com* for more information. We hope to see you on the 28th!

PRAYING WITH CREATION: A LAUDATO SI' MINI-RETREAT oin us for a time of prayer and reflection on Sunday, April 15th, 11:15am-2pm, in the 3rd Floor Library. How might we deepen our relationship with God through the gift of creation? How might our faith inspire intimacy and care for our earth and all its inhabitants, as Pope Francis asks in Laudato Si? We will be lead by Christina Leano, Associate Director of the Global Catholic Climate Movement. We will be begin with lunch at 11:15am. Retreat folat 12 to 2pm. No cost. Please to careofourcommonhome@gmail.com so we can provide adequate food for lunch.

APRIL 7 - 8, 2018 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday
5:00 PM
7:55 AM
Sunday
12:05 PM

10:00 AM Sacrament of Reconciliation on 12:00 PM First Fridays from 11–11:45 AM

6:00 PM and by appointment

THANK YOU!

The Arts & Environment Team sincerely appreciates those who prepared our Chapel during Lent, on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday:

Susan Brennan, Joan Byrne, Miriam Chenaif, Donald Chin, Beth Gallagher, Hildi Keary, Joan LeBel, Dehlia Malcolm, Abril Novoa,



Margaret Ris, Vincent Rocchio, Suzanne & Jay Sampson, Helen Stein, Elaine Sullivan.

LGBTQ MINISTRY

 $T^{\text{he LGBTQ Ministry will}}_{\text{be meeting this Sunday,}}$

April 8^{th} at 7:00pm for our Easter gathering. The topic of the evening is "Jesus, I Trust In You." We will meet in the 3^{rd} Floor Library with light refreshments. All are welcome.



BOOK DISCUSSION: WHAT THE QUR'AN MEANT

This Monday, April 9th, at 7pm in the 3rd Floor Library, community member Denis Hurley will lead a discussion on What the Qur'an Meant: And Why It Matters by Garry Wills. This is an excellent opportunity to examine some of the tenets and values of Islam compared with those of Christianity and Judaism.



The Paulist Center Rolling Book Club discusses fiction and nonfiction works. If you have a book you would like to discuss with other community members, let the Adult Edu-

cation Committee know. Contact: Mary Burke at *paddysniece@verizon.net*.

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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COMMUNITY COFFEE AND FAIR TRADE CRAFTS



Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday after the 10am mass in the Auditorium. Our fair trade cocoa will warm you and the scarves and accessories will remind you that spring will come. Your purchases will help Hacienda Vieja, our Sister Community in El Salvador, anticipate the new roof for their church.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY - DATING PROJECT MOVIE

Young Adults are invited to watch the Paulist Productions Documentary *The Dating Project* at the **Regal Fenway Theater on Tuesday, April** 17th at 7pm. Discussion to follow. To sign up, email **Katie** at *katie@paulistcenter.org*.

YOUNG ADULT MONTHLY DINNER

All Young Adults (18-39yrs) are invited to join us on Sunday, April 22nd at 7pm for our monthly community dinner in the Auditorium. Dinner Theme: Go Green! Bring a side or dessert to share, or \$5 to help cover costs.

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. Come join us this month on Thursday, April 26th at 7pm in the Library. April focus: Prayer through Praise & Worship Music.

40+ GROUP DINNER THIS MONTH

This month, the 40+ Group will forgo its monthly dinner out, and instead attend the Paulist Center Auction together on Saturday, April 28th! So buy a ticket online or after mass and request to sit at the 40+ Group table!

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

	Last Week	Fiscal YTD
Weekend Collection	\$14,997	\$299,949
Budget Amount	\$11,164	\$328,780
Difference	\$3,833	(\$28,831)

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 20108, 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 **Preble Street**, whose mission is to help end hunger, poverty, and homelessness. We thank you for your continued support.

Thank You!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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Sun	4/8	LWYP - 3 rd Fl Library & 2 nd Fl Seminar Rm.	10:00am
		FREP - 6 th Fl Rms. 13, 16, 17, 22 &	11:15am
		2 nd Fl Play Rm. and Seminar Rm.	
		Jr. High Youth Group - 3 rd Fl Library	11:15am
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	11:15am
		LGBTQ Ministry - 3 rd Fl Library	7:00pm
Mon	4/9	Rolling Book Club - 3 rd Fl Library	7:00pm
Tues	4/10	Prayer of Heart and Body - 3rd Fl Library	5:30pm
		Pastoral Council Meeting - 6 th Fl Rm. 22	7:00pm
Wed	4/11	Supper Club - Auditorium	6:00pm
		Charismatic Prayer - Chapel	6:00pm
Sun	4/15	Care for Our Common Home - 3 rd Fl Library	11:15am

PRAYER REQUEST ...

Please remember in your prayers the repose of the soul of community member Anne Loughlin who



passed away on Good Friday. Remember her daughter, community member Anita Loughlin, and all her family in your prayers during this time.

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,

You never know how some things are going to turn out...

About fifty-two years ago - before most people who worship at the Paulist Center Community were born - a number of community members wrung their hands, as they surveved the dozens of people on the Boston Common without shelter or food. Small in number, but great in faith, they started big, but manageable. They decided to prepare a meal for those who would come on a Wednesday night. Quite imaginatively, it morphed into what we call the "Wednesday Night Supper Club." For more than fifty-two years, members of the Paulist Center Community (some of whom worship with the community, some of whom don't -I call our basement auditorium our "other sanctuary") have served up delicious, nourishing meals for those who were hungry - always hungry for food, but some for community as well. For decades, the Supper Club "charged" twentyfive cents for the meal (or free if you couldn't afford it). Why charge? The early coordinators felt that the quartercharge maintained our guests' dignity. They weren't getting a free meal, they were buying their dinner.

I vividly remember one evening when I was sitting at a table with our guests. We were served one of my favorites – hot dogs and beans – but another guest was not so positive: "I don't have to eat this [expletive]. I paid for this, and I don't have to eat it!" My judgmental mind immediately jumped to a cliché: "Beggars can't be choosers!" The Holy Spirit was with me because I didn't say my mean judgment aloud. And then I reflected on the situation: this guest maintained his independence and dignity. For those of us from the middle classes do have the freedom to be "choosers." We can say "no." And our guest was right (not about cuisine but about dignity).

Through the years, the people of the Wednesday Supper Club have been some of the greatest in the Paulist Center Community – and that's saying a lot!

But how things turned out, as I began this column? Well, funding for the Wednesday required new energy and new imagination. For from the funding of the Wednesday Supper Club emerged the Greater Boston Walk for Hunger...

More on that next week.

What do you think?

And let us pray for/with one another.

Michael

The Paulist Center

CHARISMATIC PRAYER

Our Group meets on **Wednesday nights**, usually twice a month, in the **Chapel**, **6-8pm**. Our next meeting is **April 11**th. We share time in worship, song and praise. All are welcome. Questions: **Nora Bolcon at 617-573-1664**.

PRAYER OF HEART AND BODY

ome try meditation and yoga in a Christian ✓ context. The invitation is to a refreshing and powerful way of praying with the whole of your being: body, mind, heart, and spirit. Each session culminates in movement to music, engaging with a variety of postures that give bodily expression to song-prayers, followed by a period of quiet sitting in centering prayer. Instructor: Fr. Tom Ryan, CSP, certified yoga instructor and author of numerous books on spirituality; see www.tomryancsp.org. Remaining Tuesday sessions are April 10th and April 24th, 5:30-7:15pm, 3rd



Floor Library. \$12 per session (\$6 for students). Registration forms in back of Chapel or at reception office, 617-742-4460.

SPIRIT COME DOWN: CHARISMATIC PRAYER SEMINAR

Are you curious about Charismatic Prayer? Want to try out this intuitive, creative, Spirit-filled way of connecting with God and others? The Paulist Center Charismatic Prayer Group is hosting its Annual Seminar: Spirit Come Down. It'll run for four Wednesdays, beginning April 25th, 6-8pm in the Chapel (includes group discussion and light refreshments). For best group dynamics, please commit to all 4 sessions, since each session builds upon the last.

The seminar's purpose is to introduce Charismatic Pray-



er to newcomers, to invite those who lost touch with this prayer style, and to support those who wish to expand their understanding of its history and use in their lives. This worship style utilizes many gifts of the Holy Spirit that are not used elsewhere. Our group includes intercessory pray-

er, sung praise, scripture-sharing, and time listening to the Holy Spirit through prophetic word, knowledge, and vision. Please call Nora Bolcon at 617-573-1664 or email her at *nora.bolcon@state.ma.us* <u>before</u> April 23rd to sign up! (No fee for the seminar but contributions are accepted!)

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