



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.

JANUARY 5 - 6, 2019
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP PARTY

The Charismatic Prayer Group is having a belated Christmas-New Year's Party in the 3rd Floor Library this Wednesday, January 9th from 6-8pm. There will be treats, prayer, and socializing. Feel free to join us and to bring a friend. If you have any questions, please contact **Nora Bolcon** at 617-573-1664.



FROM THE STAFF AND THE PAULIST FATHERS HERE AT THE PAULIST CENTER:

Thank you for all the Christmas goodies and best wishes over the holidays! Your personal presence, support, and prayers were very much appreciated throughout 2018. Know that you were in our prayers and will continue to be throughout the coming year - 2019.



INFANT BAPTISM

The next preparation for new or expectant parents will be Saturday, January 19th from 10am-12pm.

Please contact **Fr. Chuck**, should you have questions or to pre-register for the session, chuck@paulistcenter.org.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of the Paulist Center Community members who so generously donated to the needs of our **Jesse Tree recipients!**

You made many people very happy on Christmas day!



JOIN OUR PROTESTANT BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN PRAYER

The Paulist Center Community, together with our friends at the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul and other downtown churches, will join in prayer for the unity of Christ's Church as He prayed for on the night before he died.



Around the world, Christians observe the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity," January 18th - 25th, and we will be with them. **Saturday evening, January 19th, 7-8pm, at the Cathedral of St. Paul (138 Tremont).**

RCIA - LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a community based catechesis and formation process to assist adults who seek Baptism. **We are looking for volunteers, from the Paulist Center Community, to be part of the Break Open the Word session. The commitment would be once a month, on Sunday, through Easter for one hour.** Attend the Noon Mass Liturgy of the Word and then go with our catechumen, Melissa, to talk about what was heard in the readings and homily. The session ends at 1pm. Contact **Fr. Chuck** for more information, chuck@paulistcenter.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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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY - DINNER AND DISCUSSION

The Young Adult Monthly Dinner is back under a new name - *Dinner and Discussion!* The purpose of this change is to shift our focus from a simply social event to a **place to encounter intentional conversation with new friends**. Each month, we will have a new topic to discuss at our tables, while we enjoy a light meal. Depending on the dinner theme, we will also seek to move back towards a potluck style event, encouraging community members to join in the cooking! This month we will be serving Thai Coconut Curry, **Sunday, January 20th, 7pm in the Auditorium**. Sign up to bring a side by going to/clicking on this link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ow2zU48WcR4pWlsIOHAmDq3afSctCQ28KBs9Del-ivc/edit>



SEASON OF CREATION CALENDAR

The awe-inspiring photographs that graced our Chapel walls during **Pope Francis' Season of Creation** are now available in a **calendar**. **Dave Perkins**, Paulist Center & Care of Creation Ministry member, took all of the photos. The **calendars will be available after Mass at Community Coffee**. Cost \$20.

Proceeds will support care of the environment work.



ROLLING BOOK CLUB: SAVE THE DATE

On **Sunday, January 27th at 11:15am** (after the 10am Mass), **Elizabeth Duclos-Orsello**, a Paulist Center Community member, will discuss her book on building community, ***Modern Bonds***, in the **Auditorium**. More information to follow.



STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

	Last Week	Fiscal YTD (after 5% gift)
Weekend Collection	\$8,231	\$160,249
Budget Amount	\$11,378	\$194,564
Difference	(\$3,147)	(\$34,315)

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 **Penelope's Place**, an emergency shelter for families and individuals fleeing domestic violence. For additional information, please visit:

<http://healthimperatives.org/penelopes-place-domestic-violence-shelter/>.



We thank you for your continued support!



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun	1/6	FREP - 6 th Fl, Rooms 13, 16, 17, 22; 2 nd Fl, Rm 2	11:15am
		Jr. High Group - 2 nd Fl, Seminar Rm	11:15am
		Sr. High Group - 3 rd Fl, Library	11:15am
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	11:15am
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	1:15pm
		RCIA - 6 th Fl, Rm 22	1:15pm
Wed	1/9	Charismatic Prayer Group Party - 3 rd Fl, Library	6:00pm
		Supper Club - Auditorium	6:00pm
Sun	1/13	Confirmation Class - 3 rd Fl, Library	11:15am

COMMUNITY COFFEE

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



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,

Tradition has it that Empress Helena, mother of Constantine, traveled to the Holy Land in the early 4th Century. The following prayer to the Magi is attributed to her.

"Like me,' she [Helena] said to them [the Magi], 'you were late in coming. The shepherds were here long before, even the cattle. They had joined the chorus of angels before you were on your way. For you the primordial discipline of the heavens was relaxed and a new defiant light blazed amid the disconcerted stars.'

'How laboriously you came, taking sights and calculating, where the shepherds had run barefoot! How odd you looked on the road, attended by what outlandish liveries, laden with such preposterous gifts!'

'You came at length to the final stage of your pilgrimage and the great star stood still above you. What did you do? You stopped to call on King Herod. Deadly exchange of compliments in which there began that unended war of mobs and magistrates against the innocent!'

'Yet you came, and were not turned away. You too found room before the manger. Your gifts were not needed, but they were accepted and put carefully by, for they were brought with love. In that new order of charity that had just come to life, there was room for you, too. You were not lower in the eyes of the holy family than the ox or the ass.'

'You are my especial patrons,' said Helena, 'and patrons of all latecomers, of all who have a tedious journey to make to the truth, of all who are confused with knowledge and speculation, of all who through politeness make themselves partners in guilt, of all who stand in danger by reason of their talents...'

'For His sake who did not reject your curious gifts, pray always for all the learned, the oblique, the delicate. Let them not be quite forgotten at the Throne of God when the simple come into their kingdom.'"

What do you think?

And let us pray for/with one another.

Michael

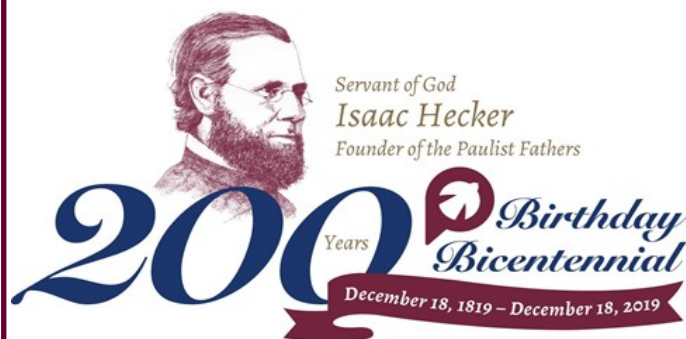
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ISAAC HECKER'S EXPERIENCE OF GOD

Servant of God Isaac Hecker, founder of the Paulist Fathers, was born December 18, 1819. Throughout 2019, we are celebrating the bicentennial of his birth. Here are some of **Fr. Hecker's own words:**

"Once in my childhood I was given over for death, having been taken down with the smallpox. My mother came to my bedside and told me that I was going to die. I answered her: "No, mother, I shall not die now; God has a work for me to do in the world, and I shall live to do it."

- 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.



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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