



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.

DECEMBER 7 - 8, 2019

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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



Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th
5:00pm and 8:00pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th
11:00am



SHINE THE LIGHT! - THIS WEEKEND!

Our annual Advent/Christmas Concert, **Shine The Light!**, will take place **this Saturday, December 7th at 7:30pm, and Sunday, December 8th at 2:30pm.**

The Christmas Story - a celebration of dance, drama and music, offered by the children and teens of our community, begins the Sunday concert.

Holiday Hospitality will follow each concert.

Tickets available at the door: Adult \$20 ~
Youth (5-17) \$10 ~ Under 5 free



SUPPER CLUB CAROLING

All community members are welcome to join the Young Adult Ministry for **Christmas caroling** at **Supper Club, this Wednesday, December 11th**. The Paulist Center's Supper Club serves a meal each week for those experiencing food insecurity and homelessness. **Christmas sweaters are encouraged!** Caroling will begin around **6:15pm**. All are welcome to drop by to spread Christmas cheer!

Please consider bringing **hats, scarfs, or gloves** to donate! They will be handed out at **Supper Club on Christmas Day**. We are still looking for Supper Club volunteers for Christmas Day.



YOUNG ADULTS - HOT CHOCOLATE BAR

Join the Paulist Center Young Adults **next Sunday, December 15th**, for a **hot chocolate bar and Christmas social!** We will meet in the **3rd Floor Library, 4-6pm.**

We will have a Christmas movie or two playing in the background. You are welcome to bring any holiday treats you would like to share!

All young adults (18-39) are welcome to attend!



ADVENT COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

The main opportunity for the **Sacrament of Penance** in preparation for the Christmas Season will be held **next Wednesday, December 18th at 7pm** in the **Chapel**. Several of the Paulists in residence will be available for individual confessions and sacramental absolution. Come and celebrate this sacrament of God's healing love and forgiveness.



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FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

The Sister Community group will be selling crafts this Sunday at **Community Coffee** after the 10am and 12pm Masses, and at **Holiday Hospitality after the Concert.**

Fair Trade items include:

- * Nativity sets
- * ornaments
- * jewelry from Uganda
- * scarves from India
- * coffee and chocolate from Equal Exchange

Give gifts that give back, especially to our sister community in El Salvador, *Hacienda Vieja.*



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS SCHEDULE

CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 8TH AND 15TH

The Paulist Center will be closed
on December 25th and 26th.

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Thanks to many volunteers,
**Supper Club WILL HAPPEN on
Christmas Day!**

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STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

	Last Week	Fiscal YTD (after 5% gift)
Weekend Collection	\$8,101	\$119,152
Budget Amount	\$11,164	\$148,481
Difference	(\$3,063)	(\$29,329)

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 **Preble Street**, whose mission is to help end hunger, poverty, and homelessness in Portland, Maine.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sat	12/7	Advent/Christmas Concert - Chapel	7:30pm
		Holiday Hospitality - Auditorium	9:00pm
Sun	12/8	FREP - Rms 2, 13, 16, 17, 22	11:15am
		Jr. High - 2 nd Fl, Seminar Rm	11:15am
		Sr. High - 3 rd Fl, Library	11:15am
		Community Coffee/Fair Trade - Auditorium	11:15am
		Community Coffee/Fair Trade - Auditorium	1:15pm
		Christmas Story & Advent/Christmas Concert - Chapel	2:30pm
		Holiday Hospitality & Fair Trade - Auditorium	4:00pm
Tues	12/10	Prayer of Heart and Body - 3 rd Fl, Library	5:45pm
Wed	12/11	Supper Club/Caroling - Auditorium	6:00pm
Thur	12/12	Pastoral Council - 6 th Fl, Rm 22	7:00pm
Sun	12/15	Little People's Program - 3 rd Fl, Library	10:15am
		FREP - Rms 2, 13, 16, 17, 22	11:15am
		Jr. High - 2 nd Fl, Seminar Rm	11:15am
		Sr. High - 3 rd Fl, Library	11:15am
		Young Adults Christmas Social-3 rd Fl, Library	4:00pm

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,

Former Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, besides being an insightful and eloquent theologian, is also a very good poet. I like his "Advent Calendar":

Advent Calendar

He will come like last leaf's fall.

One night when the November wind
has flayed the trees to bone, and earth
wakes choking on the mould,
the soft shroud's folding.

He will come like frost.

One morning when the shrinking earth
opens on mist, to find itself
arrested in the net
of alien, sword-set beauty.

He will come like dark.

One evening when the bursting red
December sun draws up the sheet
and penny-masks its eye to yield
the star-snowed fields of sky.

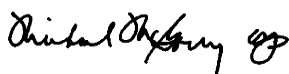
He will come, will come,
will come like crying in the night,
like blood, like breaking,
as the earth writhes to toss him free.
He will come like child.

And From Pope Francis:

ADVENT INVITES US TO A COMMITMENT to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world. It is the desire of many people tormented by hunger, by injustice, and by war. It is the desire of the poor, the weak, the abandoned. This is a favorable time to open our hearts, to ask ourselves, concrete questions about how and for whom we expend our lives.

What do you think?

And let us pray for/with one another.



Michael McGarry, C.S.P.

JESSE TREE/GIVING TREE

The Jesse Tree is the Paulist Center's Advent Giving Tree. This is an opportunity for community members to buy gifts for families living at **Crossroads Family Shelter**, the **Catholic Worker House in Worcester**, and the **Agape Community**.

On the back of each "ornament" on the tree, you will find a requested gift.

Families ask for gift cards a lot of the time because it gives them the **opportunity to choose their family members' gifts, which is not only a joyful, but dignified act.**



Also, Catholic Worker House and the Agape Community give out gift cards to homeless families and families in great need to buy basics like food and clothing.

Please bring back gifts to the Center by **next Sunday, December 15th**.

Gifts can be dropped off at the Food Pantry (1st Floor elevator lobby) or with Susan Rutkowski at the Center. Please do not leave any gifts under the tree or anywhere that is unsecured.



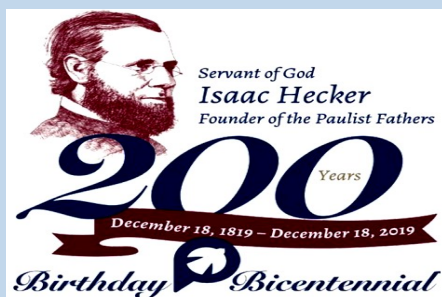
Thank you in advance for your generosity!



INVITATION TO "A LIGHT THROUGH THE AGES"

Central Reform Temple extends a special welcome to the members of the Paulist Center Community to join in the 11th annual Boston presentation of "A Light Through the Ages," a celebration of Chanukah in story, song, and light. This event, which has become a beloved holiday season tradition for people of all faiths, will be held **Sunday, December 15th, at 4pm at the Temple's shared home at Emmanuel Church, 15 Newbury Street in Back Bay.**

All are invited! For more information, visit alightthroughtheages.org



THE BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF FR. ISAAC HECKER'S BIRTH

Servant of God, Isaac Hecker, founder of the Paulists, was born on December 18, 1819. **On Wednesday, December 18, the Paulists will commemorate the Bicentennial of his Birthday.**

The following is an excerpt from Father Hecker's diary on the occasion of his 25th birthday.

Let me look back for a few moments and see where I stood last year at this time (an incomprehensible length!) and where I now seem to stand. Then my faith was dim, unfixed and unsettled, then I was not so disentangled from the body and its desires as I hope in God I now am. In all I feel a consciousness that since then I have spiritually grown-been transformed. For my present I cannot speak. For my future it seems I dare not speak. Dreams of the future! Exalted visions of the beautiful! Unspeakable hopes! Deep untranslatable longings that fill the conscious soul.

...from Hecker's Diary,
entry dated December 18, 1844, his 25th birthday

On Sunday, December 22, we remember the 131st anniversary of Fr. Hecker's death (1888).

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME ~ DURING ADVENT

The *Common Home* ministry encourages you, as you prepare for Christmas, to hear "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" as Pope Francis suggests in his Letter *Laudato Si'*. Each week in the bulletin, we offer 3 specific suggestions to consider:

1. Pray daily, for example (from *Laudato Si'*):
"God of Creation, teach us that we are united with every living thing."
2. Prepare your heart for the coming of Christ by taking action, for example: **Experiment with adding a brief meditative practice to your day, e.g., watch a sunrise, Centering Prayer, take a slow walk, savor a poem, etc.**
3. Choose alternatives to traditional gift-giving, for example: **Use the Heifer International catalog to choose a specific gift for a needy family, for example 'Gift of Trees' seedlings & saplings for an African family (\$60), given in honor of someone on your Christmas list.**



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & DECORATIONS

Help us decorate with a poinsettia plant and other Christmas decorations in honor of a family member or friend, living or deceased. **Suggested donation is \$10.** You may contribute at the reception desk, or by using the envelopes marked "Flower Donation" in the pews and in front vestibule. **All donations are greatly appreciated!**

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