



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 14 - 15, 2019

3RD 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



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!

It is with the deepest gratitude that I thank all who participated in "Shine The Light", the Advent - Christmas Concert. The hard work, which began in September, resulted in a magnificent concert.

Also, many heartfelt thanks to all who sponsored, attended, and helped with set-up, ticket sales, hospitality, the pageant, and pre-concert preparations.



Sincerely,
Peter M. Ghiloni



SUPPER CLUB VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Paulist Center will be closed on December 25th and 26th, and January 1st.

Thanks to many volunteers,
Supper Club WILL HAPPEN on
Christmas Day and New Year's Day!

We are still looking for Supper Club volunteers for Christmas and New Year's Day.



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.

ADVENT COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

The main opportunity for the **Sacrament of Penance** in preparation for the Christmas Season will be held **this 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.

JESSE TREE/GIVING TREE STILL HAS TAGS

The Jesse Tree is the Paulist Center's Advent Giving Tree. This is an opportunity 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** because it gives them the **opportunity to choose their family members' gifts, which is not only a joyful, but dignified act.** Please bring back gifts to the Center by **next Sunday, December 22nd**. 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!



PAULIST CENTER BOSTON
5 PARK STREET
BOSTON, MA 02108

PHONE 617-742-4460
FAX 617-720-5756
EMAIL INFO@PAULISTCENTER.ORG

WWW.PAULISTCENTER.ORG
FACEBOOK.COM/PAULISTCENTER
TWITTER.COM/PAULISTBOSTON
INSTAGRAM.COM/PAULISTCENTER

YOUNG ADULTS - HOT CHOCOLATE BAR

Join the Paulist Center Young Adults **this 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!



FAIR TRADE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

We hope to see you at Community Coffee after the **10am and 12pm Masses this Sunday, December 15th** for shopping and talking about our sister community.

Your shopping choices include:

- * silk scarves from Thailand
- * jewelry from India
- * Equal Exchange Medjool dates from Palestine

You will be giving gifts that will support 2 scholarships in *Hacienda Vieja*, El Salvador.

* * * * *

Next Sunday, December 22nd, we will be selling after the 10am and 12pm Masses, even though there is no Community Coffee.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES SCHEDULE

Classes will be held this **Sunday, December 15th**.

Classes will **not** be held the following two **Sundays: December 22nd and 29th**.

Classes resume on **January 5th**.

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

	Last Week	Fiscal YTD (after 5% gift)
Weekend Collection	\$11,603	\$130,175
Budget Amount	\$11,164	\$159,087
Difference	\$439	(\$28,912)

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 **Urban Edge**, a national leader in the community development field.



WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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
		Community Coffee/Fair Trade Crafts	11:15am
		Community Coffee/Fair Trade Crafts	1:15pm
		Young Adults Christmas Social-3 rd Fl, Library	4:00pm
		Immigration Advocacy - 2 nd Fl, Seminar Rm	4:00pm
Wed	12/18	Supper Club - Auditorium	6:00pm
		Advent Penance Service - Chapel	7:00pm
Sat	12/21	3 rd Saturday Breakfast - Auditorium	9:00am
Sun	12/22	Fair Trade Crafts Sale - Auditorium	11:15am
		Fair Trade Crafts Sale - 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,

For many "cradle Catholics," Christmas exerts a powerful nostalgic pull. Vivid memories of walking to the parish church for Midnight mass tug at their religious and sentimental heart-strings.

A new phenomenon has emerged over the last few decades. That is, middle-age and older Catholics going to Christmas Mass with hearts heavy that their Millennial or Gen-X children choose not to accompany them. Or, out of loving care for parents, some who ordinarily do not go to Church accompany them on Christmas. *How loving and generous!*

What to do during these last Advent Days before Christmas? Of course, in prayerful discernment, this might *just be the right time* to invite friends and family to join you for Christmas Mass. Something like "Our family is planning on attending the 5pm Christmas Eve mass at the Paulist Center. Would you and your family like to join us?" Maybe you might – especially – invite your divorced or gay/Lesbian family and friends to join you: we want to welcome them! Some may mistakenly think they are not welcome. I say, *they are especially welcome here! We are blessed by their presence.*

Or, if you are a regular community member at the Paulist Center, Christmas is your "moment to shine"! That is, by becoming an ambassador of joy and welcome on that night or day when you might (gasp!) sit towards the center of the pew (if "your place" is ordinarily at the end)...or when you see someone new come in, you smile at them and say "Merry Christmas! I'm a regular here and I'm *delighted* to welcome you this evening!"

* * * * *

What an **incredible Advent/Christmas Concert** we had! I speak for our whole community when I say **"Thank you so much" to Peter Ghiloni and the Paulist Center singers and musicians!** During the spoken parts of the concert, Peter drew heavily from one of my favorites, Howard Thurman:

I will light candles this Christmas...

Candles of joy, despite all sadness.

Candles of hope where despair keeps watch.

Candles of courage for fears ever present.

Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days.

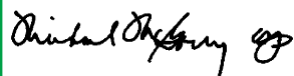
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens.

Candles of love to inspire all my living.

Candles that will burn all the yearlong.

What do you think?

And let us pray for/with one another.



Michael McGarry, C.S.P.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The first gathering will take place on **Sunday, January 26th.**

If you would like to register your child for this Sacrament, please use the **registration form in the Family Ministry Brochure.**



WELCOME TO THE PAULIST CENTER!

The Paulist Center warmly welcomes new member:

Ken Hamill ~ Dorchester



NEW MASS CARDS

Please stop by the reception area during the week or call 617-742-4460, if you would like to arrange to purchase a Mass card in memory of someone who has died, in honor of a special occasion, or for the special intentions of yourself or a loved one.

We also now have Mass Cards for **Birthdays**.



Mass Intentions

CALENDAR YEAR-END GIFTS TO THE CENTER WARMLY WELCOMED

As you are likely aware, your financial gifts are key to our financial sustainability. While we did not bombard you with Giving Tuesday requests, please know that **we warmly welcome calendar year-end gifts**, which are very helpful to our budget every year. If you wish to donate stock, please be in touch with **Patty Simpson**, 617-948-2428, or patty@paulistcenter.org, for our legal name, tax ID, and account information for transfers.



Thank you for ALL you give in so many ways to the Center!

2020

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, bring healing to our lives so that we may protect the world and not prey on it.”**
2. Prepare your heart for the coming of Christ by taking action, for example: **Support an environmental organization such as 350.org, Mothers Out Front, Sierra Club, Sunrise Boston, Union of Concerned Scientists, etc.**
3. Choose alternatives to traditional gift-giving, for example: **Choose an eco-friendly gift from Catholic Relief Services Ethical Trade catalog; your purchase benefits disadvantaged communities around the globe.**



MINISTERIAL STAFF



Chuck Cuniff, CSP Peter M. Ghiloni

Kristin Hauser Michael McGarry, CSP

Susan Rutkowski Patricia Simpson

Pastoral Council Co-Chairs

Jeanine Mount Tori Steinmeier

Please see our website for direct contact information.