



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 21 - 22, 2019

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 28 - 29, 2019

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

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 MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th

5:00pm and 8:00pm

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th

11:00am



LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

While there is no Community Coffee, you can still buy gifts that give back, in the Auditorium after the 10am and 12pm Mass on Sunday, December 22nd.

We have new Fair Trade items, and Equal Exchange coffee, cocoa, cashews, and dates. The purchase of our gifts say,

Merry Christmas, to

Hacienda Vieja, our sister community in El Salvador.



NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1st, 2020

10:00am



COMMUNITY GIFT THANK YOU

Each year the Paulist Center supports various non-profit organizations through your generous contributions to the 5% Community Gift. The thank you letters from these organizations are posted on the bulletin board in the basement.



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.



Please arrive by **5:30pm** for orientation and to prepare to serve dinner.



A BLESSED CHRISTMAS

AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR TO ALL!



**MAY THE PEACE AND JOY OF THE HOLY FAMILY
BE YOURS**



**FROM THE PAULIST CENTER STAFF AND
THE PAULIST FATHERS**

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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ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS FOLLOW-UP...

The Pastoral Council has been studying and summarizing all the responses received from the **roundtable discussions** held on October 5th and 6th. On that weekend, community members gathered to reflect on the mission of the Paulist Center Community and on how we might best continue to live out our mission.



After we have completed the evaluation in **late January**, we look forward to presenting the themes that have emerged, along with an action plan for next steps.

Many thanks again to all who have contributed so meaningfully to this important process.

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**.



CALENDAR YEAR-END GIFTS

TO THE CENTER WARMLY WELCOMED

2019

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!

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

	Last Week	Fiscal YTD (after 5% gift)
Weekend Collection	\$7,051	\$136,873
Budget Amount	\$11,164	\$169,693
Difference	(\$4,113)	(\$32,820)

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 52 Park Street, Boston, MA 02108. Even better, sign up to give electronically through our web site. We thank you for your generosity.



5% COMMUNITY GIFT

We give 5% of our total fiscal-year weekend collections to various organizations.

The weekend of December 22nd we designate our gift to **Mother Caroline Academy and Education Center**, a private, tuition-free school for girls in grades 4-8 from limited financial means, and from all faiths, race and cultures throughout Boston neighborhoods.

The weekend of December 29th, we designate our gift to **Health Care For All**, an organization that works to create a health care system that provides comprehensive and affordable care to everyone, especially the most vulnerable. Thank you for your support.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun	12/22	Fair Trade Crafts Sale - Auditorium	11:15am
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Tues	12/24	Christmas Eve Mass - Chapel	5:00pm
		Christmas Eve Mass - Chapel	8:00pm
Wed	12/25	Christmas Day Mass - Chapel	11:00am
		Supper Club - Auditorium	6:00pm
		Center Closed	
Thur	12/26	Center Closed	
Wed	1/1	Solemnity of Mary Mass - Chapel	10:00am
		Supper Club - Auditorium	6:00pm
		Center Closed	
Sun	1/5	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 - 2 nd Fl, Rm 2	11:15am
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	11:15am
		RCIA/Break Open the Word - 6 th Fl, Rm 22	12:30pm
		RCIA catechesis - 6 th Fl, Rm 22	1:15pm
		Community Coffee - 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,

Two Meditations this Year:

*For many years, I have savored this **reflection on Christmas/Incarnation** (= our belief that our Gracious God took flesh in Jesus Christ) from the late Joseph Donders:*

It is night when the story starts, a pitch-dark night. In town the Roman census takers were still bending over their ledgers and books, filling in the details. Soldiers were patrolling the streets, when in the open field in a stable Mary gave birth to her child.

And then those angels came, first one, then some, and finally a whole throng. They did not go to the census takers, they did not go to Herod or the high priests, and they did not even go to the monks in the desert to tell their news.

They went to the most marginal ones in the neighborhood, they went to the shepherds.

The light of the angels shone on them; the heavenly songs were heard by them; the newness, the alternative world, the kingdom of God started among them.

It was not only the Child who was born that night. It was a whole new world, beginning not among those operating and managing the old order, but emerging from its victims in splendor and light.

That is what Mary knew and felt. That is what Simon and Anna foresaw. That is what the angels sang. After their song they left this earth. They must have thought that He together with us could be relied upon. Amen.

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The following has been ascribed to the Spanish mystic John of the Cross, one of the patrons of the Paulist Fathers:

If you want,
the Virgin will come walking down the road
pregnant with the holy and say,
“I need shelter for the night, please take me inside
your heart,
my time is close.”

Then, under the roof of your soul, you will witness
the sublime intimacy, the divine,
the Christ taking birth forever,
as she grasps your hand for help,
for each of us is the midwife of God, each of us.

Yes there, under the dome of your being does creation come into existence externally, through your
womb, dear pilgrim –
the sacred womb of your soul,

as God grasps our arms for help; for each of us is
His beloved servant never far.

If you want, the Virgin will come walking
down the street pregnant with Light and sing ...

What do you think?

A most blessed Christmas to you and all you love.



Michael McGarry, C.S.P.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Fifteen of our children will be celebrating their
First Confession on Sunday, January 12th
from 1:15-2:30pm.



All community members are **welcome**
to join us in the **Chapel** to celebrate
the **Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

DID YOU GET ENGAGED OVER THE HOLIDAYS?

CONGRATULATIONS! Preparation for the **Sacrament of Matrimony** is more than just attending the preparation program or what the magazines or your friends tell you. **Fr. Chuck** is happy to sit down with you to answer your questions and help you develop a timely process, whether you are getting married locally or somewhere else. Early, and timely, information assists in good decision making. You can reach **Fr. Chuck** at chuck@paulistcenter.org.



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MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM ~

Transformed in Love is the Archdiocese of Boston's formal workshop. The workshop is one of the many aspects that need to take place in preparation for the **Sacrament of Matrimony**.



The Paulist Center is one of the locations in which the *Transformed in Love* program takes place. More information can be found on our website.

PARENT PREPARATION FOR INFANT/CHILD BAPTISM

The Paulist Center offers a preparation session on the 3rd Saturday of odd months. Our next session will take place on **Saturday, January 18th, from 10am-12pm.**

Expecting parents are invited to attend before their child is born/adopted. We do not have childcare. More information can be found on our website, www.paulistcenter.org. Contact **Fr. Chuck** to register for the session.



ADULT CONFIRMATION

The Paulist Center is offering a program to prepare active, practicing adult Catholics for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. It will take place on **four Monday evenings (March 16th, 23rd, 30th, and April 6th) from 7-8:30pm.** The sessions will include a review of sacraments, especially Baptism and Eucharist, as well as the history and theology of Confirmation. Through prayer and discussion, we explore the roles of faith and the Church in our lives. These particular sessions are geared toward celebrating this sacrament on **Sunday, May 3rd at St. Catherine of Genoa Parish in Somerville.**

Contact **Fr. Chuck Cuniff, CSP** (chuck@paulistcenter.org) for more information or to register.

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 to discover the worth of each thing, and to be filled with awe and contemplation."**
2. Prepare your heart for the coming of Christ by taking action, for example: **Find out what your local community / town is doing to care for our Common Home, and get involved to help. Engage in a two-way conversation with family / neighbors about the environment.**
3. Choose alternatives to traditional gift-giving, for example: **Give the gift of your time, e.g., babysit, visit a friend, share a ride, surprise someone with home-made cookies, etc.**

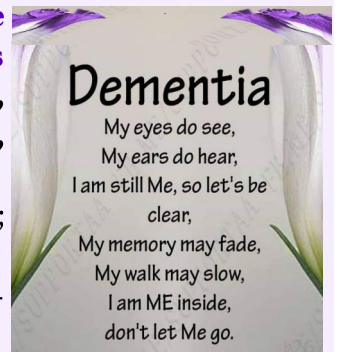
ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE - HOLD THE DATE

A Methodist bishop once said: *One of the greatest tragedies for people with dementia is not that they forget; but it's that they are forgotten.*

How can we make sure this doesn't happen? Come and learn from a panel led by Community member, **Jennifer R. Gatchel, MD, Ph.D.**, who will address issues for families and care givers providing support for **walking the journey of Alzheimer's and Dementia. Saturday, January 25th, 10am-12pm, 3rd Floor Library.**

Pre-registration suggested; please call 617-742-4460.

A donation of \$10 is gratefully accepted.



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