

*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 21 - 22, 2023**  
**3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<b>WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES</b>		<b>WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday – Friday</b>
5pm	10am 6pm	12:05pm

## ANNUAL PAULIST APPEAL

**This weekend, we celebrate our patronal feast, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle!**

By now, you should have received mail featuring pictures of many people connected to the Paulist Center Community.



That mailing asks for your generous financial support to advance the **Paulist Mission** around the country, including:

- Appreciating and using the gifts of people of color in the Church
- Addressing toxic polarization
- Welcoming those who feel excluded
- Caring for senior Paulist Fathers
- Inviting more women into leadership and ministry
- Listening to people outside the church walls
- Engaging young adults in their 20s and 30s

At our Masses **this weekend**, **Mary Sullivan** will be asking for your support of the **Annual Paulist Appeal**. Feel free to bring your donation pledge with you to Mass.

If donating by check, please **make checks payable to: "Paulist Fathers"**.

You can also give directly to the APA at: [paulist.org/apa](http://paulist.org/apa). Thank you for your support!

## RACIAL JUSTICE EVENT - THIS SUNDAY

**The Racial Justice Advocacy Group (RJAG) and the Family Religious Education Program (FREP) invite all to our intergenerational event, this Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:15am in the auditorium.**

We will start with **Community Coffee** followed by our curriculum which will **focus on understanding the differences between individual and systemic racism.**

Please join us!



## FREP

**O**ur first gathering for **First Holy Communion** preparation will be next **Sunday, January 29 at 11:15am in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor library.**



If you need to register your child for sacramental prep, fill out the **registration form**.

There are no other FREP classes on January 29.

## LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINKS

**Saturday, January 21, 5pm**

**YouTube [Link](#)**

**Order of Worship [Link](#)**



**Sunday, January 29, 10am**

**YouTube [Link](#)**

**Order of Worship [Link](#)**

**Welcome!** If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form that can be found on our [website](http://www.paulistcenter.org). You may also call the Reception Desk at 617-742-4460. After returning the form, a staff member will contact you.



## YOUNG ADULT EVENT - SAVE THE DATE

All those 21-39 years old, save the date for a Young Adult Ministry event on Sunday, February 19. Theme will be Mardi Gras!

*(The following day is Presidents' Day and many of you may have the day off.)*



## CHANGE IN PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR

This month, we welcome **Amy Logan** back from her time abroad in Europe to resume her service as **Chair of the Pastoral Council!**



We also extend a **warm and sincere thank-you to Yoojung Yang and Adrienne Murphy** for their exemplary service as temporary co-chairs for the past 5 months!



## THANK YOU!

We extend our thanks to those who donated to the **flowers** and **art and environment** for the **Christmas season**.

Here is a **link** to an online version of the list of donors and their loved ones.



## TAX DONATION LETTERS

If you gave to the Center in an identifiable way this past calendar year, you will be sent a **tax donation letter by the start of February**.



There is no need to specifically request a letter, unless you don't receive one by early February. If you have any questions, contact **Patty Simpson** at **patty@paulistcenter.org** or **617-948-2428**.

**Thank you so much** for your generosity to the Center. **We are greatly appreciative!**

## NOTIFICATION OF LIVESTREAM START

It's easy to be notified every time we start a livestream!

- Go to **our YouTube channel**,
- Click on "**Subscribe**,"
- Then **click on the bell icon next to the "Subscribed" button**,
- Then pull down the menu to select "**All**."



## HOW PAUL USED HIS GIFTS, AND HOW WE ARE CALLED TO DO LIKEWISE

**Rev. Richard R. Andre, C.S.P.**

*Director*

The Paulist Fathers currently have 17 patron saints. We observe a lot of feast days every year, but this weekend is the biggie! Rather than celebrating the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle just on Wednesday, January 25, we also celebrate it this weekend.

St. Paul is considered the textbook example of instantaneous conversion, but I disagree with that assessment. His conversion was anything but instantaneous. God called Paul from the womb, like God calls all of us, to serve. Even though he was an ethnic and religious Jew, Paul was a Roman citizen receiving a Greek education. His zeal for God was so strong that he moved to Jerusalem as a teenager to become a Pharisee. Although he started his studies much later than his classmates, he excelled. On the road to Damascus, once Jesus revealed that Christians were righteously following God, Paul's lifetime of serving God made him able to change his mindset in an instant. No longer thinking of Christians as traitors to Judaism, he immediately devoted every aspect of his being to his work as a Christian missionary, becoming "all things to all people, to save at least some" (1 Cor 9:19-23). As a Jewish Pharisee, he was intimately familiar with the Scriptures. Educated in Greek rhetoric, he could write and debate well. Because Pharisees supported themselves financially, he was a skilled canvas maker who could befriend tradespeople and barter his skills to travel throughout the Empire. As a Roman citizen, he used his privileges to magnify his witness.

Traditionally, the feast of Paul's conversion is the day that the Paulist Fathers ask everyone affiliated with us to discern how they, like Paul, can use their various God-given gifts to advance our portion of the mission of Jesus Christ. Most concretely, we ask our friends and collaborators to make financial pledges to the Annual Paulist Appeal. The APA funds our ongoing expenses, such as tuition for our students, healthcare for our retired brothers, and administrative support for our many outreach ministries that don't have dependable revenue streams. Thank you for helping everyone affiliated with the Paulists – including all of you here at the Paulist Center – to spread the saving gospel of Jesus Christ!

(Many of you gave very generously to the Paulist Capital Campaign last year, which addressed our extraordinary needs, needs different than the ongoing ones funded by the APA. Thank you again for the sacrifices you made for that campaign! It raised the money to build the Hecker House of Studies in Washington, DC. Since November, our students have been thriving in the new environment, designed for using 21<sup>st</sup>-century tools to spread the gospel.)

I'm grateful that our own Mary Sullivan is giving the Paulist Appeal this year. She is a great witness to how Paulist spirituality has impacted her life. She'll be encouraging everyone at the Paulist Center to consider the gifts we have to support the ministry of Paulists and collaborators everywhere, not just in Boston. Thank you for devoting your time and talent to the APA, Mary!

St. Paul explained that we are all interdependent parts of the one Body of Christ. Thank you all for discerning your part in helping everyone in the Paulist universe to serve Jesus, the Christ!

## COMMUNITY GIFT

**O**ur Community Gift is the Paulist Center's tradition of **giving 5% of our annual offertory to other charitable organizations.**

This weekend we raise up the **Paulist Fathers** in their **Annual Paulist Appeal** - to support vocations outreach, seminarian preparation, care for senior Paulists, and missions. If you wish to make an additional donation, envelopes are enclosed in the brochures that will be in the pews.

**Please make checks payable to the "Paulist Fathers".**

### Two ways to give to the Paulist Center:

1. To make a one-time or recurring donation to the Center using your bank account or credit card, click on this link: <https://tinyurl.com/DonatePaulistCenter>
2. Giving by text: Text a whole dollar donation to **844-899-7511**; this will be designated as your "Weekend Offering" **THANK YOU!**

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...

**P**lease pray for **Donna LaRue**, a former community member who passed away recently.



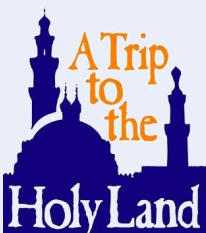
## SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

**S**piritual 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 Paulist Center from **Sister Kathleen Hagerty, CSJ**, and **Christopher O'Rourke**.

**Christopher can be reached at 617-817-3977.**

**Sister Kathleen can be reached at 617-755-9729.**



Please pray for Fr. Rich and the other 35 pilgrims from around the country as he leads a Paulist Pilgrimage to the Holy Land January 22 - February 2.

Check out [paulist.org/holyland](http://paulist.org/holyland) for more info.

Rich hopes to lead another pilgrimage to the Holy Land in early 2025.

Details will be available by spring of 2024.



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