



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.



FEBRUARY 18 - 19, 2023

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES

Saturday
5pm

Sunday
10am
6pm

WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES

Monday – Friday
12:05pm

YOUNG ADULT MARDI GRAS DINNER

All those 21-39 years old are invited to the **young adult community dinner**, 7pm this Sunday, February 19, in the 3rd floor library. [RSVP here](#). For more information, please contact Anna Costello Duran, our Young Adult Minister, at youngadults@paulistcenter.org.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Mass with Distribution of Ashes

7:55am

12:05pm

5:15pm *Livestreamed*, [Link](#)

Evening Prayer Service with Distribution of Ashes

7:00pm



THERE ARE NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 AND SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 DUE TO WINTER BREAK.

PRESIDENTS' DAY OBSERVED

THE PAULIST CENTER WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20. NO CONFESSIONS, NO MASS.

DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT

The daily reflection series for Lent and Easter Week, "[Daybreaks](#)" by the world-renowned spiritual writer **Fr. Ron Rolheiser**, provides scripture readings and meditations for each day of Lent and Easter Week. Booklets will be available in the chapel **beginning this Sunday, February 19**. The suggested free-will offering is \$3.

WELCOME TO THOSE VISITING US FOR ASH WEDNESDAY!

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

Dear friends,

Whether this is your first time or your four-thousandth time worshipping in Holy Spirit Chapel at the Paulist Center, welcome! We're glad you're with us!

There's really no other public ritual in the Western world like Ash Wednesday. It's a day to publicly acknowledge that we are imperfect people in need of God's love, grace, and mercy. It's not just a ritual for Catholics: people of other Christian denominations, other faith traditions, and people with no religious affiliation are welcome to participate, too!

Since its creation, the Paulist Center has been a place for Catholics and non-Catholics alike. It began 1945 to 1969 as an Information Center for people interested in learning about the Catholic faith. Thousands of Bostonians came here over the years on their lunch breaks to take classes, and many of them went on to become active Catholics. With the reforms of the Church after Vatican II in 1969 and onward, the Paulist Center

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Welcome! If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form that can be found 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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became one of the most prominent Catholic communities in the world for reading “the signs of the times” and responding with acts of social justice. Today, we are well-known for our advocacy for women having leadership positions in the Church and for divorced and LGBTQ+ people being embraced with full dignity. We endeavor to build a world that is more just and equitable with our outreach to the hungry, our care for creation, and our advocacy for racial equity and immigration reform. And while we are a Roman Catholic community, people of other religious beliefs — and people who question some Catholic teachings — are integral members of our community.

Something led you through the doorway to the Paulist Center today — be it curiosity, a sense of obligation, or a desire to start again. In 1842, a young baker from New York City named Isaac Hecker came to Boston to live in a Transcendentalist commune at the promptings of what his friends Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry David Thoreau, Margaret Fuller, and Bronson Alcott called “the Oversoul.” Hecker, who eventually founded the Paulist Fathers, over time recognized the promptings as originating from the Holy Spirit. Maybe that’s the case for you, too.

No matter what brought you here, please know that this is a place where you are always welcome to question, to grow, to contribute, and to **belong**. We welcome you, as you are. None of us are perfect, and we don’t expect you to be, either! Check out **the bulletin** and **the insert** about some special activities we have going on this Lent. Come as you are, whenever you are available, and if you feel comfortable doing so, introduce yourself to the people around you. We look forward to growing with you and learn from one another!

VIRTUAL BUSY PERSONS RETREAT (BPR)

This retreat - Sunday, March 12 through Thursday, March 16 - will assist you with personal Lenten prayer and reflection time on your own schedule. The three-day retreat begins and ends with a virtual gathering on Sunday and Thursday evenings. **Suggested donation: \$40**

Register here by Monday, March 6.

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The core BPR days will follow the rhythm of an invitation to:

- 30 minutes of personal prayer
- 30 minutes of communal prayer (daily Mass or other opportunities)
- 30 minutes 1:1 spiritual direction on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

Daily reflection options for participants to use will be provided.

The gathering on Sunday and Thursday evenings are optional but we hope most everyone can gather at those times.

Participants are matched with spiritual directors and you will be able to meet with each other daily during a 30-minute time that best fits your schedules.

For more information email **Fr. Ed** at ed@paulistcenter.org.



LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINKS

Sunday, February 19, 10am

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



Sunday, February 26, 10am

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)

YOUNG ADULT LENTEN SMALL GROUP

Are you looking to gather with peers and journey through Lent together? All those 21-39 years old are invited to join a **Lenten small group** which will meet for **at least four one-hour sessions**.

The first cohort will be held in person on Sunday evening, February 26, after the 6pm mass.



Please express your interest through this [form](#), noting your availability if you are unable to attend on Sunday evenings.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LENTEN PRAYER



All are invited to attend our **Wednesday Lenten Prayer** led by members of the LGBTQ+ ministry.

The prayer service will be held **via Zoom on Wednesday evenings: March 1, 8, 15, and 22, from 700-7:30pm.**

Zoom information to follow.



REST IN PEACE, PEGGY LAVOIE

Please pray for **Peggy Lavoie**, longtime community member who recently passed away. May she rest in peace. Please keep Peggy's family in prayer during this time of loss.

Peggy's funeral liturgy will be on Saturday, March 4 at 11am at St Michael's Cathedral in Springfield. Here is a [link](#) to her obituary.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, that people can make donations to the food bank or feeding program of their choice.

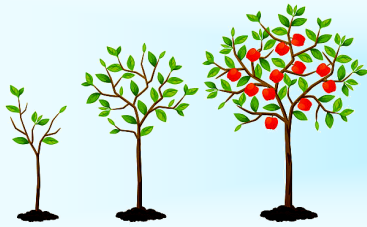


PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...



Please pray for community member **Suzanne Collins**, who is currently hospitalized and dealing with recently diagnosed leukemia.

Her husband Joe and all of their family greatly appreciate the prayer support of the community during this time.



A CREATION-CARING LENT INTRODUCTION



Our goal this Lent is to fast from over-consumption (of stuff) and to live more simply. **The Creation Care ministry invites us all to a Creation-Caring Lenten practice, using the traditions of fasting and prayer to focus on our relationship with God's creation.**

Pope Francis' Letter *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home* exhorts us 'to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.' This Lent, each week's bulletin will highlight a different opportunity for fasting, prayer and embracing a simpler lifestyle.

From *Laudato Si'*:

"Christian spirituality proposes an alternative understanding of the quality of life, and encourages a prophetic and contemplative lifestyle, one capable of deep enjoyment free of the obsession with consumption ... and the capacity to be happy with little."

COMMUNITY GIFT

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

The weekend of **February 18 and 19** we raise up **Black and Native American Missions** which help diocesan communities in need across the country by providing grants to build churches and schools, and to preach the Gospel.

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".



PAULIST CENTER ROSARY CIRCLE INTENTION FORM

Do you have a special intention that you would like the Paulist Center Community to pray for? Our weekly **Rosary Circle** (*see below*) is happy to include your intentions (*may be anonymous*). Go [here](#) for the form.



PAULIST CENTER ROSARY CIRCLE

All are welcome to the **Paulist Center Rosary Circle**, every Monday at 7:30pm.
Here's the [Zoom link](#) Meeting ID: 487 503 158 Passcode: 021078



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