



## 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.*



**APRIL 8 - 9, 2023**

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES**

**Saturday**  
5pm

**Sunday**  
10am  
6pm

**WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES**

**Monday – Friday**  
12:05pm

**CONFESSIONS**

**Monday and Friday**  
11:00-11:45am,  
and by appointment



*He is risen!  
Alleluia!*

*Happy Easter to All!*

*From the Paulist Center Staff  
and the Paulist Fathers*

### EASTER GREETINGS, WITH A FESTIVE "ALLELUIA!"

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Whether this is your first time or your four-thousandth time worshipping at the Paulist Center, we are glad that you are with us today. Welcome!

Some people are embarrassed to admit that they don't find the Easter gospel stories as compelling as the earlier accounts of Jesus' teachings and actions. Such a feeling is understandable: the Easter stories focus not on Jesus, but on how other people react to Jesus' resurrection. It's rather odd that on this, the holiest day of the Church year, we celebrate... divine absence. Our joy springs from an empty tomb.

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### WE CANNOT SAY IT ENOUGH: THANK YOU!



*On behalf of the entire Paulist Center Community, we offer an extremely heartfelt "Thank You!" to the large number of community members and staff who contributed in many ways to make our Lenten and Holy Week celebrations so spiritual and prayerful.*



To our musicians, lector team coordinators and lectors, our dance ministry, our sacristans, greeters, livestream technicians, presiders, the children and all who assisted with the footwashing logistics, the folks who helped clean the chapel and execute the many art and environment transitions, our LGBTQ+ ministry for leading us in prayer the Wednesdays of Lent, our lay reflectors and our guest reflectors who helped us to pray on the Wednesdays of Lent and on Good Friday, the post-Vigil reception team, and our support staff who handle lots of additional tasks during this season: your generosity of time and talent and your prayerful participation in your ministries makes this a truly communal effort and a truly communal celebration. ***Our community is blessed and extremely grateful. Alleluia!***

But most of all, we thank two individuals without whom the season would have not been nearly as rich for the rest of us: **Norm Gouin**, our phenomenally talented **Pastoral Minister of Liturgy and Music**, and **Christine Tardiff**, who, as a **volunteer**, coordinates all of our **liturgical dance ministry**. Not only have you both channeled the Holy Spirit in creative ways, you have done the painstaking work of planning and coordinating all the rest of us in this endeavor to praise Jesus Christ our Savior. ***We are so blessed to have you among us!***

**NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ON APRIL 9. THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON APRIL 10 (EASTER MONDAY) AND APRIL 17 (PATRIOT'S DAY). NO 11 AM CONFESSIONS OR 12:05 PM MASS ON EITHER DAY.**

**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.



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## LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINKS

**Easter Sunday, April 9, 10am**

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



**Sunday, April 16, 10am**

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

## FLOWERS FOR EASTER AND THE EASTER SEASON DONATIONS



**H**elp us decorate with flowers for Easter and into the Easter season in honor of a family member or friend, living or deceased. Suggested donation is \$10. You can contribute at the front desk, during the week from 10:30am-4:30pm; by using the "Flower Donation" envelopes in the pews; go to [Donate Online](#), and choose "Flower Donation" and note that it is "in honor of, or in memory of" in the space provided.

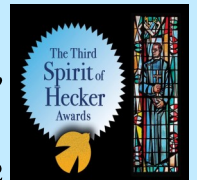
## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



**T**he Paulist Center Young Adults is a welcoming Catholic community for peers ages 21-39 in Greater Boston. We hope you can join us for a **Game Night Sunday Dinner on April 23 after the 6pm Mass!** Sign up for our newsletter: [tinyurl.com/PCYASignUps](https://tinyurl.com/PCYASignUps) to learn more, or set up a 1:1 conversation with our young adult minister. We look forward to getting to know you as we grow in faith, friendship, and service!

## THIRD ANNUAL "SPIRIT OF HECKER" AWARDS

**T**he Paulist Fathers will broadcast the **Third Annual "Spirit of Hecker" Awards at 7:30pm on Saturday, April 22.** As part of this broadcast, the Boston Paulists will honor the Paulist Center's LGBTQ+ Ministry for exemplifying the Paulist mission. Please join us for a **watch party starting at 7pm in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor library!** If you can help with technology or hospitality, please email [rich@paulistcenter.org](mailto:rich@paulistcenter.org) by Wednesday, April 12 with subject line **"Spirit of Hecker."** Whether you watch with us or on your own, please visit [paulist.org/heckerawards](https://paulist.org/heckerawards) to make a donation to cover the broadcast costs and to enter a raffle.



## PRAYERS FOR BABY OLI

**P**lease continue to pray for **Oliwier Pszczółkowski**, our 18-month-old member from Poland who is in critical condition at Children's Hospital, and for his parents Monika and Michał and older brother, Niko. If you would like to stay updated on Oli's condition, the family's public Facebook page, which they update regularly and has given us permission to share, is: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100083126898912>



## PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

**P**lease pray for **Delia (Dolly) Esquivel Miller**, sister/sister-in-law of community members Bachi Esquivel and Dave Coughlin, who passed away this past week.

## JOANNE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SERVICE

**A** hybrid lay-led memorial service for **Joanne Williams** will be held on **Sunday, April 16, at 4pm.** The memorial will follow the Zoom Family Liturgy of the Word format that Joanne so loved, and also allow time for the community to reflect on Joanne's life and legacy. The entire community is invited to attend the memorial **via Zoom**, through this [link](#).



## PAULIST CENTER AUCTION UPDATES: BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN!



**T**he **40<sup>th</sup> Annual Paulist Center Auction** is coming around the bend on **Saturday, April 29!** For seat tickets, sign-ups, and FAQs, visit [PaulistCenter.org/Auction2023](https://PaulistCenter.org/Auction2023). The Auction table will be in the elevator lobby after Masses next weekend (April 15 & 16). Email the co-chairs with any questions: [Auction@PaulistCenter.org](mailto:Auction@PaulistCenter.org). Thank you for your support to make the Auction a rootin' tootin' success!

## SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISING TEAM FOR THE MAY 7 WALK FOR HUNGER

**W**e've joined Project Bread's The Walk for Hunger (2023) to help get food relief to kids and families across Massachusetts. Will you join our effort to get food relief to hungry kids and families in Massachusetts? Please click here to join our team - *The Paulist Center: Home of Wednesday Supper Club*, or make a donation: <https://tinyurl.com/4hdsjzke>

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If we react to Jesus' resurrection with questions and doubts, we're in good company. In John's gospel, Mary Magdalene, Peter, the beloved disciple, and Thomas did not initially understand what was going on, either. Nevertheless, Jesus and the other disciples stayed in relationship with them even as they worked through their questions and doubts.

The Paulist Center is a truly special place. This is a community where all are welcome at Mass, not only devout Catholics committed to the work of justice, but also those who are unfamiliar with the Church's teachings and those who question some of the teachings. We journey together as we each search for answers to our questions!

The people of the Paulist Center Community follow in the footsteps Servant of God Isaac Hecker (1819-1888). Hecker grew up as a spiritual seeker, feeling called by God to do *something* extraordinary with his life, but he did not understand to what God was calling him. Hecker worked in his brothers' business, dabbled in New York politics, and lived in Boston-area Transcendentalist communes before discerning the Holy Spirit's invitation to become a Catholic. He later banded with four other men who were initially raised in other Christian traditions to form the Paulist Fathers, the first community of Catholic priests founded in the United States.

The Paulist Center is one of the experimental ways that the Paulist Fathers have endeavored to make the Catholic faith relevant. In the 1950s and 60s, people flocked here on their lunch breaks to learn about the Catholic faith, and then were baptized here and joined our worshipping community. The Paulist Center continues to be a place of innovative evangelization. It was among the first Catholic communities in the world to minister to certain marginalized groups, including divorced and separated people, women yearning for larger leadership roles within the Church, and LGBTQ+ persons. Our community is filled with passionate people dedicated to issues of charity and justice. For over 50 years, our Wednesday Night Supper Club has provided dignified, sit-down, community-building meals for our neighbors in need. Project Bread, one of the largest non-profit fundraisers in Boston, was originally founded by our members to support the Supper Club. (Support our Walk For Hunger team on May 7 at [tinyurl.com/4hdsjzke](https://tinyurl.com/4hdsjzke)!) At any given time, at least a half-dozen justice and advocacy groups work to bring forth the reign of God here and now.

You are always welcome to join us for our liturgies, programs, and initiatives, even as you continue to ask questions about the faith. It was good enough for Mary Magdalene, Peter, the beloved disciple, and Thomas! We warmly welcome you to the Paulist Center. If we stay connected to one another even as we express our doubts, perhaps we, like Thomas, will also come to a more robust faith. Please check out the rest of [the bulletin](#) for a variety of ways to connect with us.

We wish you a happy Easter, of course, but we'll intensify that greeting by turning it once again into a statement of faith: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

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Director

## STEWARDSHIP

**T**he Paulist Center receives no funding from outside sources. All costs to operate our ministries for both members and the wider Boston community, maintain the building, and pay our staff are supported solely by your financial donations. **We are so grateful for your financial support!** Unfortunately, **we are projecting a deficit of approximately \$173,000** for our fiscal year ending August 31, 2023. To learn more about why, **[watch this 4-minute explanation, starting at 1:05:00.](#)**

**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."

## COMMUNITY GIFT

**T**he Paulist Center gives 5% of our annual offertory to 52 other charitable organizations with missions consonant with our own. These organizations receive an equal amount from our annual offertory, but we highlight one of them each weekend.

The weekend of **April 8 and 9** we raise up **Holy Land Shrines** to support the sacred places and the educational, charitable, and peace-seeking ministries of the Church in the Holy Land.

 *Thank you*



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**W**e have revived many ministries in the past 6 months, and we have hopes to do even more in 2023-24! **Would you be able to offer your time and talents in new ways, especially as health issues have sidelined others?** We hope to revamp our whole volunteer recruitment methods in the next year. In the mean time, here are some of the ways our community would benefit from more help:



### Immediate needs:

- Do you know large swaths of the Paulist Center Community, have time on April 27-28, and work well under time constraints? Contact [Anna](#) about assisting with the Auction seating chart.
- Do you like meeting new people and helping behind the scenes? Contact [Norm](#) to discern about being a hospitality minister.
- Do you see the face of Christ in our less fortunate neighbors? Do you like cooking? Contact [Susan](#) about being a greeter or a sous chef for the Wednesday Night Supper Club.
- Are you passionate about liturgy, yet flexible and attentive to detail? Contact [Norm](#) to discern about being a sacristan.

### Longer-term needs:

- Can you be here consistently after the 10am Mass during the academic year? Contact [Susan](#) to see if there's a way you can relieve her administrative load during our Family Religious Education Program, so she doesn't have to be *Everything, Everywhere, All At Once!*
- Are you dynamic, passionate about sharing the faith, and do you like working with teens? Contact [Susan](#) about working with our high school students.
- Are you a couple with at least two years of marriage under your belt? Contact [Fr. Ed](#) to join our wedding preparation team.
- Do you have patience, organizational skills, and the ability to come to the office in the middle of the day? Perhaps we can find a way for you to assist [Susan](#), [Norm](#), or [one of the priests](#) with their administrative tasks to free them up to do more pastoral ministry.
- Do you like helping people at our 10am Mass get to know one another? Or are you in an existing ministry that desires to educate our community and/or drum up more support? Contact [Fr. Rich](#) about running one or more of our Community Coffees in the 2023-24 academic year.
- And please let [Patty](#) know what other skills and expertise you have. We never know when we could benefit from someone who can help us out as a graphic artist or a CPA, for example.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS! FRIDAY & SATURDAY, MAY 12-13

**T**he Paulist Center is hosting an event exploring issues of **faith, depression, suicide and mental illness** in a prayerful, pastoral setting with [Dr. Jessica Coblentz](#), [Dr. Elizabeth Antus](#) and [Paulist Fr. Stuart Wilson-Smith](#), facilitated by our Pastoral Administrator, [Patty Simpson](#).

Jessica is an associate professor at St. Mary's College, and a former young adult minister at the Paulist Center. Elizabeth is an assistant professor at Boston College. Stu is an associate pastor at Old St. Mary's Parish in Chicago, and served here for a summer as a Paulist student. All four share vulnerably and are motivated in their work from their personal experiences. Jessica and Elizabeth are producing ground-breaking theological work in these areas. Stu and Patty allow their personal experiences to shape their pastoral encounters, preaching and social media shares. More details soon, but we hope you will join us around this important topic that impacts so many lives today.

*Please note that this will be a pastoral and educational setting, but not a professional/clinical counseling setting.*

## FAMILY & FRIENDS OF LGBTQ+ PERSONS - MONTHLY MEETING

**A** consortium of seven Boston Catholic communities (including the Paulist Center) hosts a support group for family and friends of LGBTQ+ persons at **2pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month**. To receive the **Zoom link** for the meeting on **April 16**, please email **Jay** at [lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org](mailto:lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org)

## AROUND THE COMMUNITY

**E**xploring Loss Through the Arts. St. Anthony Shrine (100 Arch Street) is offering a free group art therapy experience at 12:30pm on Sunday, April 30 for people who have experienced loss. Please contact Dani Gallagher at 617-542-2964 to inquire or sign up. All supplies will be provided.



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*Please see our [website](#) for direct contact information.*