

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 10-11, 2024 - 6th Sunday In Ordinary Time

WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES Saturday Sunday 5pm 10am 6pm

WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES Monday - Friday 12:05pm

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

AN INVITATION TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING GOD'S MERCIFUL LOVE

elcome! If this is your first time visiting us, or if it's your first time in a long time, we're glad that you're here. The Paulist Center Community includes Catholics and non-Catholics alike.



For nearly 80 years, thousands of Bostonians – including nonprofit leaders, medical personnel, artists, iustice advocates, teachers. entrepreneurs, and politicians - have walked through the doors at 5 Park Street.

They have been inspired not only by the salvific message of Jesus Christ, but also by our community members striving to live out Christ's message in their daily lives. (continued on page 3)

Anointing of the Sick

fter each Mass **this weekend**, we will offer the **Anointing of the Sick** for anyone who wishes to receive the sacrament.



To learn more, check out last week's reflection by Paulist Father **Cunniff** (Associate Director here, 2018-22): https://www.paulistcenter.org/category/

pastoral-reflections/.

Laissez les bons temps rouler!

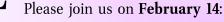
n this final Sunday before Lent, join us for a Community Coffee after the 10am Mass on Sunday, February 11! Be sure to introduce yourself to someone you don't know, and then introduce them to someone you do know.

Many thanks to Jim, Kate, Nancy, & Daria for organizing this!



SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

ent is just around the corner, starting with Ash Wednesday on Valentine's Day!



7:55 am Mass (spoken)

12:05 pm Mass (with music)

5:15 pm Lay-Led Service (with music)

7:00 pm Lay-Led Service (with music and livestreamed)

All four liturgies include the imposition of ashes.







Lent at the Paulist Center - 2024

e sure to check out this weekend's bulletin insert with prayers, information, activities, and our liturgy schedule for Lent. This information can also be found on our website at https://www.paulistcenter.org/lent2024/

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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LIVE-STREAMED LITURGY LINKS

Sunday, February 11, 10am 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time YouTube Link Order of Worship Link

Wednesday, February 14, 7pm Lay-Led Ash Wednesday Prayer Service 1st Sunday of Lent YouTube Link Order of Worship Link

Sunday, February 18, 10am YouTube Link Order of Worship Link

RACIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY GROUP (RJAG)

he next RJAG meeting is on Tuesday, February 13 at **I** 7pm on **Zoom.** For the **Zoom** link email **Tom** Sharkey at sharkey.te@verizon.net.

All are welcome!

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF LGBTQIA PERSONS -MONTHLY MEETING

consortium of seven Boston Catholic **L**communities (including **Paulist** the Center) hosts a support group for family and friends of LGBTQIA persons at 2pm on the

3rd Sunday of every month.

Please email **lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org** for the **Zoom** link for the meeting on February 18.

YOUNG ADULTS LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

f V oung adults (18-39) are invited to join us for a Lenten Bible study from 6 - 7pm Thursday, February 15 in Rm 13 on the 6th floor. Feel free to come by any time after 5:30pm for light snacks and conversation! Walk-ins are welcome!

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Interested in receiving the Sacrament Confirmation? In-person Confirmation classes for adults will be held on 5 consecutive Thursdays, 7-9pm Confirmation in Rm 22 on the 6th floor. Class dates: Class

March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4.

For more information and to sign up please contact Fr. Rick at rick@paulistcenter.org.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...

 $\Lambda \mathcal{T}$ e pray for the repose of the soul of Larry Kessler, who died on February 1st. Larry was connected to the Paulist Center Community in many ways. He was our Social Justice Minister 1973-1979, overseeing the Walk for Hunger and Project Bread, Larry later started the very effective and prophetic AIDS Action Committee, for which

we awarded him the Hecker Award in 1987.

To read more about Larry, see the **Boston Globe's memorial on February 4**, or the Wikipedia page dedicated to Larry.

Larry's funeral Mass is scheduled for Ilam on Friday, February 16 at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, 18 Belvidere St.

FROM OUR RACIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY GROUP: BLACK HISTORY MONTH

lack History Month began as "Negro History Week" in 1926. It was first established by Dr. Carter G. Woodson - a DHarvard graduate and African American historian, to celebrate Black Americans' 400-year-long record of history, lives, and contributions in America. It was changed to a month-long celebration in 1976. He founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and Black History (ASALHP) which now leads the nation in the celebration of Black History Month.

February was chosen because it is the birth month of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The 2024 theme is "African Americans and the Arts", celebrating Black Americans' wide-ranging contributions to the visual and performing arts, literature, fashion, folklore, language, film, music, architecture, culinary and other forms of cultural expression.

How can we celebrate this month? Check out what is going on in the Boston area at: **boston.gov/equity-and-inclusion/** black-history-month. Get connected to the "Black Is..." book list at the Boston Public Library, Boston parks named for famous black Americans, City Hall galleries, support for black and brown-owned businesses, black-founded and black-led arts and cultural groups, the Black Heritage Trail virtual tour, activities through the Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Museum of African American History events.

Let's celebrate together that BLACK LIVES MATTER.

AN INVITATION TO IOIN US IN CELEBRATING GOD'S MERCIFUL LOVE

The word "Lent" comes from an old Dutch and German word for *springtime*. It's a season of growing in our relationship with our loving, merciful God. We may take on disciplines during Lent to simplify our lives, but there is absolutely no requirement for us to be sad, sorrowful, or humorless for the next 40+ days. All of us are in different phases of our faith journey, living in different circumstances. Lent can be whatever we need it to be as we seek to deepen our relationship with the divine. Be sure to check out the insert titled "Lent at the Paulist Center" for a variety of resources to enhance our individual Lenten journeys and for a full listing of special events in which we share our collective journey.

Over the next 6 weeks, many members of the Paulist Center will gather weekly in small groups to reflect on the book **Mercy Not Sacrifice**, written by Paulist Father Mark-David Janus. As he writes about Ash Wednesday: "Wearing ashes doesn't mean we are sinners or saints. It means that we believe in the mercy of God.... This is the beating heart of the gospel."

We in the Paulist Center Community believe in the mercy of God, and we continually strive to share God's mercy with others. With our time, talent, and treasure, we endeavor to build a world that is more just and equitable reaching out to the hungry, caring for creation, and advocating for racial equity and immigration reform. We uphold the full dignity of divorced & LGBTQIA people and women who seek positions of leadership within the Church. We emphasize God's mercy in the curriculum we use in our Family Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation Programs. We promote God's mercy by paying higher utility rates for recycling and green energy. But it's not just in the programs we run, the advocacy we promote, and the people we serve. Everything we do is immersed in our witness of God's merciful love for us, a love Christ compels us to share with others.

No matter whether you identify as a practicing Catholic, as a lapsed Catholic, as a Christian of another denomination, as a believer of another faith, or as someone skeptical of organized religion, please know that this is a place where you are always welcome to grow, to contribute, to question, and to belong. Won't you join us?

We welcome you, as you are!

ROR We C.S.P.

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

Director

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (FREP) - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

his Sunday, all the FREP classes and groups are meeting. Grades K & 1: 6th floor, Rm 16. ▲ Grades 2 & 3: 2nd floor. Grades 4 - 6: 6th floor, Rm 17. Jr. High: 6th floor, Rm 13. Sr. High: 3rd floor, Library. There are no classes 2/18 or 2/25 due to the winter break. Classes resume 3/5.

WELCOME TO YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY!

service, and spirituality. Even if you don't consider yourself Catholic, we'd love to welcome you into our community! If you're interested in learning more, please reach out to our Young Adult Minister, Gus,

by visiting http://tinyurl.com/PC1-on-1.

Come join other young adults for Wednesday Night Supper Club in service of our Paulist Center Community on Wednesday, February 21 at 5:30pm to serve, and/or 7:00pm for clean-up. Supper Club happens every week and we'd love your help!



On Sunday, February 25, Young Adult Ministry will be hosting our monthly Paulist Center **Community potluck** in the auditorium after the 6pm Mass, open to all who bring a dish (not just young lowship adults). Don't forget to RSVP by visiting http://tinyurl.com/YAMPotluck. If you're planning on coming, please RSVP by Friday, February 23!

STEWARDSHIP

The 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!

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, or scan the QR code.



2. Text a whole dollar donation to 844-899-7511; this will be designated as your "Weekend Offering."

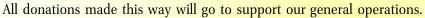
COMMUNITY GIFT

The 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.

The weekend of **February 10 and 11** we raise up **The Massachusetts Bail Fund**, an organization that posts bails for people who can't afford to pay their own bails in Massachusetts.

NEW WAY TO DONATE AT MASS!

Visitors and members can now use Apple Pay or Google Pay to give on the fly! Use the QR code on the red cards in the pews (or the QR code right here) or visit donorbox.org/paulistcenter.

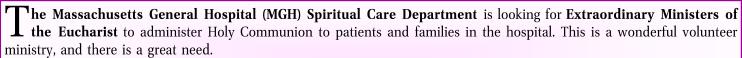


Please note that the only receipt you will receive when you give this way is the electronic receipt that comes at the time of your donation. These donations will not be included in your year-end giving tax record.

If you give electronically on a regular basis, we ask you to continue using the electronic giving signup option on our website. Thank you, as always, for your generosity to the Center!



Around the Community



Requirements: One-year commitment to serve at least one day a week for 2 - 3 hours, and a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing.

If you are interested, please email Br. Jeff Shackleton, OFM, at <u>jshackleton@mgh.harvard.edu</u> or call the MGH Spiritual Care Department at (617) 726-2220.

Join the Massachusetts Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival at the Massachusetts State House on Saturday, March 2.

We will march and rally to bring the demands of poor and low-wealth people for *living wages*, *healthcare*, *housing*, *education*, *environmental justice*, and *voting rights* directly to our lawmakers.

Please note that the actual rally is scheduled for 11am - 1pm, but organizers are asking people to arrive by 9:30am.

Please RSVP for the event at

http://tinyurl.com/MPPCMarch2.

Join other members of the Paulist Center at Greater Boston Interfaith Organization's rally for housing justice at 3 pm Sunday, March 3 at the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center in Roxbury.



Please register at bit.ly/gbiomarch3 as a guest of Hillel Bnai Torah, and email sharkey.te@verizon.net to let us know that you're going.

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