The Paulist Center's 41st Annual Auction



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Live Auction Items

Beginning on **April 19th** the "online" component will open for virtual bids. It will <u>close</u> on Friday, **April 26th at noon**. Follow these easy steps to share your bid.

1. Email auction@pauistcenter.org by NOON on Friday, April 26th.

3. Include your name, email address and phone number.

4. For each item you are bidding on, give us the item number, title of item and your FINAL bid amount.

If you are the winner of any item during the evening of the 27th, we will notify you the following week. You'll need to provide payment information at that time.

Please email Maggie Keefe or Mairead Nolan with any questions at <u>auction@paulistcenter.org</u>.

Bonne Chance!

1. Fireworks and Fun on the Fourth of July

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Fourth of July Fireworks in Boston! The Paulist Fathers will offer an evening of snacks, drinks (beer, wine and soft drinks) and fun and games on the Center's fifth floor terrace. The location makes for a quick escape back home following the annual spectacle. Depending on the weather and the way the winds blow, we often see and hear the larger, higher fireworks. Every so often the weather does not offer such a grand experience but the spirit and fun will still abound. (Limited to 12 adults)

Value: Priceless Starting bid: \$20/pp

Donated by Paulist Center Paulists

2. Fall Foliage Get-away in the White Mountains of New Hampshire

Imagine an autumn weekend reveling in the fall foliage of the White Mountains and enjoying a house that comfortably sleeps eight. Amenities in the quiet Lincoln, New Hampshire home include: a three-season porch and a large yard, three bedrooms - two with queen beds and one with two twin beds, two bathrooms, fireplace and pullout sofa in the living room, a large eat-in kitchen, cable and internet, and a large deck with fire pit. The home is also handicap accessible. Available for a three night getaway in September or October, excluding holidays.

<u>Outside view of home</u> <u>Another view of outside</u> <u>Beautiful fireplace</u>

Value: \$850 Starting bid: \$400

Donated by Center member Jane O'Connor

3. Flavors of Paris: A 7-Course Tasting Menu with Guided Wine Pairings

Who can resist the allure of a tasting menu? Course after course, each small plate bursting with flavor and texture ... and nobody does the *menu dégustation* better than the French!

Join Paulist Center members Susan Santos and Adam Centamore on Saturday evening, June 1st, to celebrate this cornerstone of Parisian dining. You'll enjoy seven courses, each taking advantage of the season's best ingredients. Our own wine expert, Susan Santos, will present wine pairings that take each course to the next level. Bon appétit!

Ten individual seats to the dinner will be auctioned off to encourage new friendships and community-building for Center members. Please note the menu may include seafood, shellfish, meat, nuts, and gluten. Value: Total table \$2,000 Starting bid: \$75/pp

Donated by Center members Adam Centamore & Carmen Donohue and Susan Santos

4. A Full Day's Labor

If you have a list of home improvement tasks that you just never seem to get to, this is your chance to get it done! Center member Dave Toole has done all sorts of handy work from deck maintenance to building the wooden TV cover on the 3rd floor! Dave is again donating a full day's labor - 8 hours - of carpentry or tile work and home repair. Let him help you get it done!

Value: \$1,000 Starting bid: \$450

Donated by Center member Dave Toole

5. Gourmet Family Pizza Party

Enjoy homemade, customized thin-crust pizza baked to perfection at the Sulewski home in Newton for a group of up to 12 people (adults and kids). Center members Jen and Steve have perfected the art of thin-crust gourmet pizza and are excited to share their creations with you. At this fun evening, you can design your own pizza or go with a selection of Steve and Jen's favorite topping combinations. Dinner will include wine and craft beer for the adults! Date to be mutually agreed upon.

Value: \$450 Starting bid: \$200

Donated by Center members Steve & Jen Sulewski

6. Lobster Camp Get-a-way

Enjoy a 3 night stay (this spring or fall) on an active lobstering harbor in Midcoast Maine. Breathe in the salty air from the deck of your 1960's 2 bedroom cabin perched on the edge of a working harbor in New Harbor, Maine. Hear the low rumble of boats and watch lobster fisherman unloading their catch. So close to the harbor you feel a part of the action, even from inside. Choose either the Halibut or Heron Cabin. These vintage 1960's 2 bedroom cabins feel like a step back in time with stunning postcard worthy views.

Dates offered are this year, May 15 - June 15 or September 2 - October 1. 4 people maximum. No pets.

<u>Halibut Cabin</u> <u>Heron Cabin</u>

Value: \$975 Starting bid: \$400

Donated by Suzy O'Brien

7. Sumptuous Southern BBQ for Ten

No need to travel to Tennessee for an amazing Southern BBQ! Join community member Vincent Rocchio as he prepares a feast for ten people at his Dorchester home -Memphis ribs, pulled pork, smoked sausage, BBQ chicken, sweet potatoes, cornbread, broccoli, and salad. Beer and dessert make it the perfect Southern meal. Capacity is 10 people. Date to be mutually agreed upon. Not available the weeks of July 12th-21st.

Value: \$400 Starting bid: \$200

Donated by Center member Vincent Rocchio

8. A Week on Beacon Hill in Beautiful Boston

Spend a week experiencing all that Boston has to offer while staying in a beautiful three bedroom, 2.5 bathroom Beacon Hill townhouse (sleeps 8). Enjoy an award winning garden on the outdoor deck and the unbelievable convenience of a designated parking spot while partaking of the dining, shopping, history and sights of Boston. Week to be determined by mutual agreement of winner and the donors. Broadly available throughout the year. Townhouse is four stories with no elevator.

Value: \$7,700 Starting bid: \$2,000

Donated by: Anonymous (except to winner)

Outside of Townhouse One of the bedrooms Room with a fireplace <u>Dining room</u> <u>Patio</u> Deck

9. Cabana Boston Style

If relaxing at the pool sounds like heaven, then we have the day for you! Dive into a fun and refreshing day at the pool for six people. Relax on the pool deck, swim a few laps or splash in the main pool or outdoor wading pool for small children. Your hosts will serve you an al fresco lunch or dinner (your choice) at their cabana overlooking the largest outdoor pool in Boston. The winner is welcome to help select the menu so it will be sure to please! Available in June, July & August on a date to be mutually agreed upon.

Value: \$500 Starting bid: \$250

Donated by Center members Mary Lesko & Mary Sullivan Pool Information

10. Three Nights in Boston's North End with a Phenomenal View

You'll have a hard time deciding whether to stay in and luxuriate in a fully furnished condo while you take in all the beautiful views of Boston Harbor on two decks or go out and take advantage of all the North End has to offer. With up to three nights, you can do both! The condo has floor-through design with a master bedroom with a queen bed, a Murphy double bed in an enclosed dining area with second bath and a study with a third double bed option.

Dates to be mutually agreed upon. Wide availability.

Value: \$500 Starting bid: \$300

Donated by a long-time Center Member (Name shared with winning bidder.)

Sunrise view from condo Inside of condo <u>Sundeck</u> <u>View from Condo</u>

11. Polynesian Paradise - A South Seas Culinary Celebration!

Set sail on a culinary adventure across the azure waters of the South Pacific without packing a suitcase!

Join Paulist Center members Carmen Donohue and Adam Centamore on Saturday, June 22nd for an evening indulging in the food & drink of the South Pacific in a casual, barbecue-style setting. No burgers or dogs here, however. You'll enjoy authentic recipes from Hawaii, Tahiti, Fiji, and beyond. Flip-flops and tropical shirts encouraged, snorkels optional. Aloha!

Please note the menu may include seafood, shellfish, meat, nuts, and gluten. It will definitely include tropical cocktails and exotic music.

Fourteen individual seats to the dinner will be auctioned off to encourage new friendships and community building for Center members. Rain date June 29.

Value: Total table \$600 Starting bid: \$20/pp

Donated by Center members Adam Centamore & Carmen Donohue

12. Experience the Rolling Stones Live

Embark on the ultimate Rolling Stones experience! Win two tickets to the Rolling Stones concert at Gillette Stadium on Thursday, May 30th. Be captivated by the iconic sound and electrifying performances of Mick Jagger, Keith Richards and Ronnie Wood. See why they are rock and roll royalty. Seat location offers a great view! (Section 308, row 20, seats 21 & 22) Tickets will be transferred electronically from the donor via Ticketmaster.

Value: \$300 Starting bid: \$50

Donated by "An Anonymous Boomer" <u>Seat Location</u>

13. A Week in Historic Williamsburg

Spend a week in historic and fun Williamsburg, Virginia. From historic landmarks and walking trails to wineries, beaches, and artisan shops, experience the charm of one of Virginia's oldest cities. Immerse yourself in the internationally known restoration activities and re-creation of 18th-century America at Colonial Williamsburg. You can enjoy the area's many opportunities for dining, outdoor activities and recreation or you can relax in your beautiful three bedroom condo (sleeps 8) equipped with a full kitchen and WIFI and plenty of resort amenities including heated indoor and outdoor pools. Enjoy during April vacation, April 19-26, 2025. (April 20th is Easter Sunday.)

Value: \$2,100 Starting bid: \$800

Donated by Center members John and Marylou Domino

A Week in Williamsburg

14. Architectural Walking Tour

Join Center member Ben Markham, architectural acoustics professional, on a walking architectural tour. Choose a neighborhood such as the Seaport, Back Bay, South Boston, the Harvard or MIT campuses, downtown, or elsewhere, and you'll explore the wondrous and sometimes befuddling architecture of the city. Included in the tour will be appetizers and a glass or pint in one of Cambridge or Boston's fine watering holes. At a mutually agreeable date for 4 - 8 people.

Value: Total table \$425 Starting bid: \$100

Donated by Center member Ben Markham

15. Paris in the Springtime!

Renew romance with a spring getaway in April or May of 2025! Two-night stay for 2 adults with les petits dejeuners at the Hotel Henriette in the 13th arrondissement. You'll also enjoy delightful French cuisine with a dinner and wine for two at a fine neighborhood restaurant, Au Bon Coin. Vive la France! (Airfare not included.)

Value: \$600+ Starting bid: \$300 <u>Hotel Henriette</u> Donated by Center member Mary Skinner

16. A 5-Course Taste of Southern Italy & the Islands

The southern half of Italy produces spectacular food and wine. The pistachios and citrus of Sicily, the vegetables and spicy peppers of Calabria, the cheeses and sausages of Sardinia...it's all so irresistible.

Join Paulist Center members Carmen Donohue and Adam Centamore on Saturday, October 26th for an evening eating and drinking through one of Europe's greatest culinary regions. You'll enjoy a 5-course dinner featuring authentic recipes from Southern Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia, each paired with regional wines that are just as captivating.

Please note the menu may include seafood, shellfish, meat, nuts, and gluten.

Ten individual seats to the dinner will be auctioned off to encourage new friendships and community-building for Center members.

Value: Total table \$2000 Starting bid: \$75/pp

Donated by Center members Adam Centamore & Carmen Donohue The Chef

17. Red Sox vs. NY Yankees & \$100 Trillium Gift Card

Start your evening off at Trillium with a \$100 gift card. Walk down to Fenway for an evening of baseball. Join in the age-old rivalry between the Red Sox and Yankeees at this Sunday, June 16th game. The game begins at 7:10 with unbelievable tickets- two seats behind home plate (Section Loge Box 127, Row BB, Seats 3 and 5). Batter up! <u>Amazing seats!</u>

Value: Total table \$420 Starting bid: \$250

Gift card Donated by Center members Amy Logan and Bill Mayer Red Sox Tickets donated by friend of the Paulist Center **Maria Mazzeo**

18. Crazy for A June Week in Ogunquit ME

If you love the beach, nature walks, theater, music, top notch restaurants, quaint shops, antiquing and ice cream, then this is the place for you! Newly renovated 1st floor studio condo at the Seafarer in Ogunquit. The condo sleeps <u>up to 4</u> with full size bunk beds and a comfortable couch with a queen pull-out memory foam sofa bed. This roomy unit has a full bathroom, mini-fridge, microwave and Keurig coffee maker for your convenience. Complex has a backyard, communal seasonal indoor pool and an outdoor pool, charcoal grills, bike rack, and parking for 1 car.

To make your stay that much more fun you'll be treated to a <u>lunch for two</u> prepared by Center members Susan Santos and Tricia Sullivan at their home in Ogunquit and attend a matinee performance of Gershwin's Crazy for You! Billed as a "tap dancing extravaganza" it promises to be a wonderful afternoon.

Tickets are for Thursday, June 20th at 2:00 pm!

The condo is available for one week (Sunday – Saturday)June 16th – June 22ndValue: Total \$1900Starting bid: \$400Condo on VRBOOgunguit Playhouse

Week in condo donated by Center member Anita Loughlin Luncheon and Play donated by Center members Susan Santos and Tricia Sullivan

19. Let the Pastoral Council Serve You...Hotdogs and Hamburgers!

Join the Pastoral Council at the Milton home of John and Marylou Domino on Sunday afternoon June 23rd from 1-5pm for a cookout with Paulist Center community members. The Pastoral Council will be providing grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, side salads, desserts, and beverages including wine, beer, and non-alcoholic options. Bring your Olympic spirit for games of cornhole and bocce and bring your laughter to share with Center members. Tickets will be sold to the 24 highest bidders. We are hoping for a light-hearted afternoon of fellowship and community. Join us!

Value: Total table \$500 Starting bid: \$20/pp

Donated by the Pastoral Council

20. Experience Maine in an 1890s Farmhouse

Relax and rejuvenate during a five night stay in an 1890s traditional farmhouse in Porter, Maine. This fully-equipped house comfortably sleeps six with room for ten. The main house has a living room with a wood burning stove, a dining room and a game/sitting room. Walk through the mudroom to get to the "big room" which has basketball hoops, foosball tables and a TV. There's a one acre yard with two small decks and space for outdoor play. Enjoy the magic of Maine!

Week to be determined by mutual agreement of winner and the donors.

Value: \$2,000 Starting bid: \$500

Donated by Center member Deb Gregson

Information from Airbnb

21. Ring in the New Year with Fireworks and Song!

The Paulist Fathers will host a New Year's Eve firework watching party on their fifth floor terrace. Beginning at 7pm there will be fireworks on the Common. Feel them in your chest as the cold dry air acts as an amplifier! Watch the colorful spectacle as you ring in 2025. If it is too cold, you can step off the terrace into our adjacent large dining room for excellent viewing. Julie Ladner and her 3 singing friends will entertain with holiday songs. Following the excitement, enjoy snacks and drinks (beer, wine, champagne and soft drinks) and various board games in the dining room until 10pm. (Fr. Rick needs his beauty rest!) (Limited to 12 adults) Value: Priceless Starting bid: \$25 per seat

Donated by Paulist Center Paulsits and Julie Ladner and friends

<u>Fireworks on the Boston Common</u> <u>View of fireworks from Paulist Center Balcony</u>

22. Give Your Tastebuds a Trip to France This Summer

Enjoy a five-course meal, with wine, inspired by the foods of France. John and Marylou Domino will host your group of 10 for a dinner featuring French specialties including coq au vin. Dinner will be on their patio in Milton. They'll work with you to find a mutually convenient Saturday evening between June and mid-September.

Bon appetit!

(This meal will contain gluten, dairy, meat, nuts).

Value: Total table \$1500

Starting bid: \$350

Donated by Center members John & Marylou Domino

<u>Domino's French</u>