



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 1 - 2, 2025 - PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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

WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES
Monday – Friday
12:00pm

CONFESSIONS

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

STATEMENT FROM PAULIST CENTER STAFF

The Paulist Center's staff joins Catholic Advocacy groups, southern border dioceses, and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in expressing deep concern after the current administration signed a series of executive orders this week.

We concur with Archbishop Timothy Briglio, President of the US Bishops' Conference, stating "Some provisions contained in the Executive Orders, such as those focused on the treatment of immigrants and refugees, foreign aid, expansion of the death penalty, and the environment, are deeply troubling, many of which will harm the most vulnerable among us."

We will continue the good work of our Immigration Advocacy Group in supporting our brothers and sisters in Christ who are also immigrants, migrants, and/or refugees.

We are also deeply concerned about President Trump signing an executive action stating that the U.S. government will now recognize only two sexes, male and female. This executive order represents a new era of barriers to access essential resources and services for LGBTQ+ people in general, and for transgender people in particular.

We continue to believe that God loves LGBTQ+ persons like anyone else and will continue to support and stand by our beloved LGBTQ+ community members and the broader LGBTQ+ community.

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (FREP) CLASSES

All religious education classes, EXCEPT teen confirmation, will meet this Sun, Feb 2 after the 10am Mass in their usual locations.

- **Kindergarten - 1st grade:** 6th Fl, Rm 17
- **Grades 4 - 6:** 6th Fl, Rm 22
- **Grades 2 - 3:** 2nd Fl, Seminar Rm
- **Jr High:** 6th Fl, Rm 13



Our Rite of Enrollment for the First Communion class will be held at the **10am Mass this Sun, Feb 2.**

Please join us in blessing the **16 children** preparing to celebrate this special occasion in May.

A WARM PAULIST CENTER WELCOME TO NEW FAMILIES!



All are welcome downstairs to enjoy delicious coffee, baked goods, and snacks after our 10am Mass this Sun, Feb 2.



This is an opportunity to welcome new families joining us for the First Communion preparation program this month. *We welcome you to the community!*

IMMIGRATION ADVOCACY GROUP (IAG) MEETING THIS SUN, FEB 2

We are called by the Church to assure that migrants' human rights are respected, and that their basic physical, emotional, and spiritual needs are met. As a community, we need to figure out how we can best help. Please join us at our quarterly community meeting **this Sun, Feb 2 after the 10am Mass** in the **3rd Fl Library**. Know your **rights!**



We'll gather as a community for a listening session in response to the changing priorities of the Trump administration. We'll also learn about the various activities at the Paulist Center to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who are also immigrants. For further information, email us at paulistcenterimmigration@gmail.com

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 MASS LINK



Sun, Feb 2, 10am
The Presentation of The Lord



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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...

Please pray for long time community member Chris O'Keeffe as he mourns the sudden loss of his beloved wife, **Holly Baab**, this past week.



A **wake** will be held at the **Slattery Funeral home in Marlborough** on **Fri, Feb 7** (time TBD).

A **funeral Mass** will be held **here at the Paulist Center** on **Sat, Feb 8** at 11am.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Kevin McLoughlin**, brother of community member Peter McLoughlin, who passed away suddenly last week in Florida. Peter and his family appreciate our prayers.



Please pray for community members **Joan LeBel** and **Delia Malcolm** as Joan supports Delia through health challenges.



CO-SPONSORED SERVICE PROJECT BY IAG AND OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS (FREP)

Please support our **FREP children** and the **Immigration Advocacy Group (IAG)** in a service project to create **330 hygiene kits for the migrant shelters supported by Catholic Charities Boston**.

Kits will be assembled **after the 10am Mass next Sun, Feb 9** in the auditorium as part of our FREP curriculum.

We **still need** the following items to assemble **330 kits: men's deodorant; toothpaste; menstrual pads**.



You can shop directly for these items on our **Amazon wish list** (<https://tinyurl.com/4dx6x6fd>) or drop items off in the Mary alcove.

We appreciate your help!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB LOOKING FOR A GREETER

Every Wednesday night in the Paulist Center auditorium, volunteers serve a hot, delicious, dignified, sit-down meal **for our neighbors who are hungry**.

We are currently looking for another **greeter** to join our rotation. This person **greet**s our **guests** when they arrive for our dinner, and when they leave.

The time commitment is just a total of **one hour every third week**.

Please contact **Susan Rutkowski** if interested. ***Thank You!***



ANNUAL PAULIST APPEAL

From Fr. Rick



Many of you have received materials from the Paulist Fathers with regard to our Annual Paulist Appeal. The challenge is for all the Paulist foundations to increase the rate of participation in this Annual appeal. In recent years, the Center's participation rate in this important solicitation has been on the low side.

The rate of participation is important because it is a consideration used when making decisions about Paulist priest assignments. **We need to let the Paulists know that we are supportive of our shared mission here in Boston.**

If you received one of these brochures and reply envelopes it means that you are known for your support of our unique mission. Thank you. So please once again, fill the reply envelope with your contact information along with a donation.

If you have not received material from the Paulists in your mail, we have them available in the vestibule at the Chapel entrance.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY AT THE PAULIST CENTER

Welcome to Young Adult Ministry! We are a community of young adults (18-39 years old) focused on living out our faith through community, 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 emailing him at gus@paulistcenter.org



This Sun, Feb 2: If you're a young adult (18-39) join us after the 6pm Mass this Sun, Feb 2 for **dinner at Emmet's Pub!**

We'll gather after Mass in the vestibule and then walk over together for dinner and drinks at **7:30pm**. If you're running late, or coming from farther away, you're also welcome to come meet us there at 7:30pm.

If you're interested, please RSVP at [this link](#) by Thur, Jan 30 (or **scan the QR Code**). Everyone will be expected to pay for their own meal.

We hope you join us for our first social event of the year!



Sat, Feb 22: Young adults (18-39) are invited to join us on **Sat, Feb 22 from 2pm - 4pm** for a **candlepin bowling outing at Sacco's in Davis Square** (Somerville)!

We will gather at the Paulist Center to head out to Davis Square together using the Red Line. We'll be **leaving promptly at 1:30pm**. You're welcome to travel with us or meet us there - whatever is most convenient for you!

If you're interested, please RSVP at [this link](#) by Mon, Feb 17 (or **scan the QR Code**).

The two hours of bowling and shoe rentals are covered.

Snacks/drinks purchased by you are individual costs. ***We hope to see you there!***



One Beacon Street Garage \$12/\$14

Turn left at the bottom of the ramp. \$12 on weekends. \$14 on weekdays after 4PM. Validate your own ticket with the stamp on the shelf in the Chapel vestibule.

Boston Common Garage \$10

Purchase ticket in reception office on weekdays. On weekends, ask a staff member after Mass. Or, purchase at garage office. Nights & Weekends valid between 4PM thru 8AM.

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. See paulistcenter.org/give/ways-to-give for ways to give. Two options:



Give a one-time or recurring donation using your bank account or credit card by visiting tinyurl.com/DonatePaulistCenter, or scanning the QR code on this page outlined in **blue**. You can use this method for donations for specific programs, too, and, if you are a registered member with us, these donations **WILL be included** in a year-end tax statement sent to you for any donations that are tax deductible per IRS regulations. Giving by this method helps us with our budgeting and stewardship efforts.



Use **Apple Pay** or **Google Pay** by visiting donorbox.org/paulistcenter, scanning the QR code on the red cards in the pews, or scanning the QR code on this page outlined in **red**. Please note that **these donations will NOT be included** in any year-end giving tax records, and they solely support our general operations.

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.



This weekend, **Feb 1 - 2**, we raise up **Bethany House Ministries**, an organization that provides support to prisoners, ex-prisoners, and their families.

CREATION CARE MINISTRY NEWS

The Creation Care ministry invites high school students to attend the **Catholic Youth Climate Summit**, a student-designed, **free workshop** next **Sun, Feb 9, 10am – 3:30pm**.

A day of learning and planning climate action.

Free, open to all high school students and faculty, and **lunch is provided**.

Location: **St. John's Prep, Danvers**.

For info on registration email: paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com



Creation Care ministry's next meeting: this Mon, Feb 3 at 5pm on Zoom.

For the Zoom link, email paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com

All are welcome!



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