



# Paulist Center Boston

MARCH 1 - 2, 2025 - 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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.



## FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (FREP)

- **FREP Spreading Compassion Project: Personal Care Kits for 330 homeless immigrants - In Memory of Holly Baab**



Because of last week's storm (and the one before that!), we rescheduled our service project to this Sun, March 2. Therefore, all FREP classes will meet **in the auditorium this Sun, March 2 after the 10am Mass** to assemble 330 hygiene kits for our migrant sisters and brothers.

*Please join us in this important service project!*

- Our next group **First Communion gathering** is **this Sun, March 2 at 11:15am** in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl Seminar Room.
- The next **Teen Confirmation Class** is **this Sun, March 2 at 11:15am** in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl Library.
- **Lenten Social** - Please join us **after the 10am Mass next Sun, March 9** for our annual Lenten Social hosted by the Family Religious Education Program. Coffee and refreshments, a family-friendly Lenten craft and conversation around celebrating the Season of Lent will all be part of the program! *All are welcome!*

## UNDERSTANDING NARRATIVE & NUANCE IN ISRAEL/PALESTINE PRESENTATION & PIZZA - THIS SUN, MARCH 2, 7PM



Join us in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl Library after the 6pm Mass this Sun, March 2 for pizza and a presentation and conversation with **Jared Goldfarb** about the competing narratives that contributed to the Israel-Hamas War. Jared is an independent educator and licensed tour guide who teaches the history of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, biblical geography, and the geopolitical history of Israel/Palestine, to religious leaders of all faiths, educators, university students, and seminarians from around the world.

Based in Jerusalem, he teaches throughout Israel & Palestine and has served as scholar-in-residence in many communities across North America. Jared led a fascinating in-person discussion at the Center last February and we are thrilled he is available to be with us again on March 2!

Let us pray for continued and lasting peace in the Holy Land, where all people will have the opportunity to flourish.



## ASH WEDNESDAY - THIS WED, MARCH 5

Please join us:

- 8:00am - Mass with Distribution of Ashes (*no music*)
- 12:00pm - Mass with Distribution of Ashes (*with music*)
- 5:00pm - Mass with Distribution of Ashes (*with music*)
- 7:00pm - Service of the Word with Distribution of Ashes (*lay presider and preacher, with music, live streamed*)



## Letter from Paulist President René Constanza on the Immigration & Refugee Crisis

Please read the letter [here](#).

*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



Sat, March 1, 5pm

8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



## FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH!

This month-long observance in the US and Canada is a chance to celebrate Black achievement and provide a fresh reminder to take stock of where systemic racism persists.

To celebrate the contributions of our Black brothers and sisters at the end of this important month, the Racial Justice Advocacy Group invites you to solve this **puzzle**. A winner will be chosen from submitted entries to Tom Sharkey, [sharkey.te@verizon.net](mailto:sharkey.te@verizon.net), and will receive a copy of *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church* by Hecker Award winner, Bryan Massingale!



## *Lent at the Paulist Center*



Be sure to check out the insert in the bulletin this weekend, which includes detailed information about prayer and faith-sharing opportunities for the season.

You can also visit [paulistcenter.org/Lent2025](http://paulistcenter.org/Lent2025) to access the information online.

## LENTEN PRAYER VIA ZOOM LED BY THE PCC LGBTQ+ MINISTRY

The LGBTQ+ Ministry will be leading the community in prayer, open to *all*, on five Wednesdays during Lent.



The online Lenten Prayer sessions, via Zoom, will be held from 7- 7:30pm on:

- March 12    • April 2
- March 19    • April 9
- March 26

Here is the Zoom link - [tinyurl.com/5bm3sekt](https://tinyurl.com/5bm3sekt)

Paulist Center community members who identify as LGBTQ+ and wish to contribute to these prayer sessions should contact **Rebecca Heibel**: [rebecca.sheils@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.sheils@gmail.com). *All are welcome!*

## PARENT PREPARATION FOR INFANT/CHILD BAPTISM

The Paulist Center offers an infant/child preparation session on **Saturdays**, from **10am - 12pm**.



The next two (2) dates are **Sat, March 8** and **Sat, April 5**. The sessions will be held in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Library and the Chapel.

Expecting parents are invited to attend before their child is born/adopted.

To register for the session, please contact **Fr. Rick** at [rick@paulistcenter.org](mailto:rick@paulistcenter.org).

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...



Please pray for Susan Santos' brother, **Richard**, who passed away this week.

We pray that our Muslim neighbors may have a happy, holy and peace-filled Ramadan!

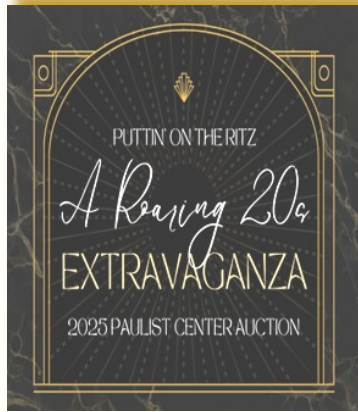
February 28 - March 29.



**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 42<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL PAULIST CENTER AUCTION!**  
**Puttin' on the Ritz: A Roaring 20s Extravaganza**  
**Saturday, May 3 - 6:15pm**



Things are shaping up to make this an evening to remember! We hope you will join us for an evening of delicious food, bidding on great items, and time building relationships and having fun.



**How can you help?**

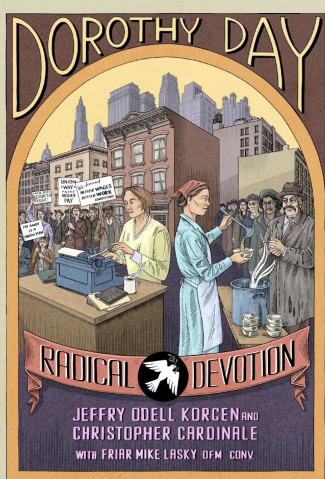
- Donate an item for the auction. Please consider a themed basket. It's a great way to join with others to support the auction.
- Sponsor the Auction.
- New this year: Invite a business to sponsor us! They will be recognized in a special way in the program. This is particularly well-suited for businesses that don't have something tangible to offer to the auction.
- Volunteer. We need help selling tickets, decorating and cleaning up.
- Plan on attending! Please invite your friends and fellow community members to attend.

Use this link: <https://www.paulistcenter.org/auction2025/> for more information and to sign up for everything! **Thank you!**

For more information please contact **Maggie Keefe** or **Mairead Nolan** at [Auction@PaulistCenter.org](mailto:Auction@PaulistCenter.org)

**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ISAAC HECKER AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Since 1974, the Paulist Center Community has presented the Isaac Hecker Award for Social Justice to an Outstanding North American Catholic. Recipients of the award have included locally and nationally recognized women and men - lay people, sisters, priests, and bishops. Some have been involved in direct service to those in need, others in advocacy work and the transformation of structures and institutions, and many committed to both. Isaac Hecker, the founder of the Paulist Fathers, was particularly concerned with the growth and development of American Catholicism. Hecker and the early Paulists devoted themselves to mission preaching and communication of the Word of God. Hecker's spirituality involved looking to the heart, listening to the Spirit, and living in America. The award was named to honor Isaac Hecker.



**This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hecker Award!** We pause and give thanks to the past recipients (listed [here](#)) and the unique way each has contributed to peace and justice in our world. Opportunities to celebrate these recipients along with Isaac Hecker and the Paulists over the course of this year will offer time and space to appreciate this special award unique to the Paulist Center in Boston.

To kick off our year-long celebration, we start with **Dorothy Day**, the very first recipient of the Isaac Hecker Award! Please join us on **Sun, March 30 at 11:15am** for a presentation of **Dorothy Day: Radical Devotion** by one of the co-authors, **Jeff Korgen**. Jeff will make a case that she should be a saint, while noting the objections from both folks who dislike her and people who love her.

Stay tuned for additional events like a Hecker Movie with guest Paulist speakers and a day out at Walden Pond to hear a presentation on transcendentalism and wonder how it might have influenced Isaac Hecker.

**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.

## JOIN US FOR A GREENER LENT

The Creation Care ministry invites you to **direct the traditional Lenten practices of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving toward Creation Care.** Last year 15 Center members participated, committing to:



- \* **PRAY** for the poor most affected by the climate crisis,
- \* **FAST** - choosing one of several options to eat more sustainably, and
- \* **CONTRIBUTE** any amount (perhaps money saved by eating less beef) to building water wells in several African dioceses.

It takes just a few minutes to sign up, provide your name, choose how you want to Fast, and select Paulist Center as your parish. Participants receive occasional reports on how much carbon footprint has been reduced during Lent. Sign up at [greenerlent.org](http://greenerlent.org) - scroll down to sign up.

### From Fr. Rick

*On Wednesday, Feb. 12, I received and accepted a letter of resignation from our Pastoral Administrator, Patty Simpson.*

*As many of you know, Patty has ministered to this community for over 34 years with much care and tireless dedication and has played a pivotal role in shaping the Paulist Center into the community it is today. Devoted to the life and mission of the Center, she has brought a unique mixture of talent, dedication, and expertise to her position, which was both administrative and pastoral.*

*We are deeply saddened by this turn of events and want to express our immense gratitude for the love Patty has shared with so many in our community and for her leadership in guiding us to a place of financial stability. Her positive contributions over the years to the Center's liturgical life is also undeniable.*

*As we look to the future, I am dedicated to thoughtfully guiding our staff in continuing to serve and engage with our beloved community. Patty's final day of employment is March 28.*

Click [here](#) to read Patty's Letter to the Community.

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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, **March 1 - 2**, we raise up the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' campaigns to provide grants to pastoral projects in the growing **Church in Africa** and to rebuild & restore faith communities in the **Church in Central & Eastern Europe**.

**Pastoral Staff:** Normand Gouin; Gus Kellerman; Susan Rutkowski;  
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