



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 18 - 19, 2026
3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

BLESSING FOR MARATHON RUNNERS!

Whether this is your first time or your fiftieth time worshipping with us on Marathon Weekend, we are so glad you are here!

At the end of each Mass, we will offer a special blessing for all runners. Know of our prayers and support as you prepare for the race.

Good luck, and blessings for a safe and enjoyable run!



PATRIOTS' DAY SCHEDULE

In observance of Patriots' Day, there are no Family Religious Education classes this Sunday, April 19.

The office will be closed for Patriots' Day, Monday, April 20.

There will be no 12noon Mass that day.

THANK YOU FOR THE EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Thank you for helping to beautify our Chapel this Easter season! Please see the **insert**, which lists the donations in honor of / in memory of, a loved one.



43rd Annual Paulist Center Auction SET SAIL TOGETHER: A MEDITERRANEAN JOURNEY Saturday, May 2 - Doors open at 6:15pm



We are just two weeks away from the Auction! We have a delicious menu and a specialty cocktail being planned; and, great opportunities for bidding.

Sponsor: We'll gladly accept sponsors at any time; we just won't be able to list in the program those that are received after Sat, April 25. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/DonatePaulistCenter> notate \$ amount on the "Auction Sponsorship" line.

Purchase Tickets/Register: Go to <https://tinyurl.com/Auction26Tickets>. You can also buy tickets after all Masses the weekends of April 18/19 and April 25/26. Raffle tickets will also be sold after these Masses.

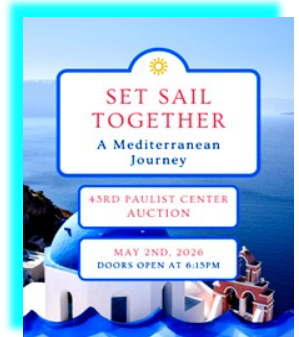
Donate an Item or Dessert: Go to: tinyurl.com/donatepaulistauction26



We have some amazing items; here's a sneak peek ...

- Red Sox v. Yankees on June 27 – 2 seats behind home plate!
- February 2027 vacation week at Mont-Tremblant in Québec!

Please contact Auction Co-chairs Maggie Keefe or Jordan Johnson with any questions at Auction@PaulistCenter.org. **Get ready for a fabulous time!**



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 LINK

Sunday, April 19, 10am

3rd Sunday of Easter



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

WORSHIP MATTERS

April 19, 2026, Issue #23

SACRED SPACE: Christ our Light: The Paschal Candle

Every year, our Easter Vigil begins with the blessing of fire and the lighting of the Paschal Candle. Even before the presider greets the assembly, our attention is drawn to the new fire and to the promise this light proclaims.



This large and noble candle, which leads the opening procession of the Easter Vigil, is the preeminent symbol of the entire Easter Season. As Paul Turner explains:

“The Paschal Candle first announces the news of the Resurrection, followed by the Glory to God, the Alleluia, the Gospel, the homily, and, of course, the Eucharist. All join to make the same proclamation: Christ is risen! So great is this message that it takes fifty days to celebrate. That Paschal Candle burns in our churches throughout the seven weeks, proclaiming: Christ is risen, and we too may rise!”¹

Beyond the Easter Season, the Paschal Candle is lit on two other sacred occasions: Baptism and funerals. At Baptism, its flame reminds us that we have become members of the Body of Christ, called to carry the light of faith, hope, and love into the world through our participation in the Paschal Mystery.

The candle is lit again at the time of death to recall the promise first given in Baptism. In our grief, we turn to the symbols of our faith: the sprinkling of holy water, the placing of the white garment—the pall—over the coffin, and the lighting of the Paschal Candle. Through these sacred signs, we proclaim once more that those who die in Christ will pass from death to life.

As we gaze upon the Paschal Candle throughout these fifty days of Easter, may it remain for us a constant reminder that death is not the end, but the passage from darkness into eternal light—the unfading Light of Christ.

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SCAM ALERT: PHISHING EMAILS

Please be cautious of emails appearing to be from Paulist priests requesting money or gift cards.



This is a fraudulent "phishing" scam.

Our staff and priests will never ask for financial help or gift cards via email. If you receive a suspicious message, do not respond or click any links.

Please contact the **front desk at 617-742-4460** if you have questions or to report a suspicious email.

INTERFAITH ACTION OPPORTUNITY - THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 19

The Creation Care Ministry invites you to a sacred celebration of **One Sun, One Earth, One People**, sponsored by Boston Interfaith Climate Allies (BICA). Climate activist **Bill McKibben** invites us to a non-violent **Solar Revolution**.

- ◆ 1:30pm - Gathering at the Embrace Memorial on Boston Common. Short joyful procession, led by BABAM Activist Brass Band and BVOCAL Activist Choir, with banners and signs.
- ◆ 2:00pm - Sacred Celebration at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Tremont Street, with guest speaker Bill McKibben and interfaith voices.
- ◆ 3:00 - Prayerful Activism and Sending Forth on the steps of the Cathedral, with music and song.

Join with faithful members of other Boston communities to peacefully pray and act together.

Questions? email paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com



FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (FREP)

This Sun, April 19: There are no Family Religious Education classes due to the holiday.

Here are the remaining FREP activities (religious education, sacramental prep, intergenerational event) for 2025-2026:

April 26	Sunday	FREP Classes (*Last Class for the year)	
May 2	Saturday	FREP Kids Volunteer	Annual Auction Fundraiser
May 3	Sunday	Walk for Hunger (All classes participate)	Meet at the Paulist Center at 8:30 AM for blessing before walking as families
May 10	Sunday	FREP CLASSES OVER	Mother's Day
May 16	Sunday	1 st Communion Rehearsal	10 am – 12 pm Chapel & Kitchen
May 17	Sunday	Sacrament of 1 st Communion YLM Mass 10 am	1 st Communion Reception (and end-of-year FREP party) Auditorium
May 30	Saturday	FREP/CREATION CARE Tree Planting (off-site)	Family fun event for all ages in Roslindale/Mattapan!

FAMILIES PLANTING TREES! SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY, MAY 30

Our very last Family Religious Education activity is planned as an intergenerational session with our Creation Care Ministry team on **Saturday, May 30 from 10 AM to 2 PM**.

Together, with Catholic Climate Covenant, the Catholic Cemetery Association, and along with *Speak for the Trees, Boston*, we will help plant 10 trees in Roslindale and Mattapan. This is an activity for all ages!

We need strong teens and adults to dig and plant and we need smaller children to fill holes and help spread mulch. *Speak for the Trees, Boston* is designing specific child friendly activities for the day.

We hope you'll join us by planting, preserving and advocating for trees in under canopied, underserved neighborhoods to combat climate change and address environmental justice.

PLANT TREES



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

Like the HVAC controls in many old buildings in downtown Boston, the controls at 5 Park Street are difficult to switch between heat and air conditioning.

On Thurs, April 23, the **air conditioning** is scheduled to be turned on. So for the next several weeks, **plan to dress in layers** when you're in the Paulist Center as the internal temperatures will vary from day to day, and from floor to floor, dependent on God's decisions regarding the outside temperature!



CELEBRATION IN MEMORY OF JANE O'CONNOR

The **6:00pm Mass on Sunday, May 3** will be celebrated in memory of The Fabulous **Jane O'Connor...** on the occasion of her **80th Birthday**.

There will be **birthday cake** after Mass in the 3rd Floor Library.

We hope you will be able to join as we celebrate a wonderful woman ...

WALK FOR HUNGER - SUNDAY, MAY 3

Please join the Wednesday Night Supper Club at the 58th annual Walk for Hunger.

How can you help?

Join us on May 3 for the Walk. Create a fundraising page. Make a donation here:

<https://give.projectbread.org/team/809754>. We appreciate your support!



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.



Use **Apple Pay** or **Google Pay** by visiting donorbox.org/paulistcenter, scanning the **QR code** on the red cards in the pews or 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 charitable organizations with missions consonant with our own. These organizations receive an equal amount from our annual offertory.

The weekend of **April 18 - 19** we raise up **Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston**, an organization dedicated to building simple low-cost homes by forming partnerships with low-income families in need of decent and affordable housing.

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