



# Paulist Center Boston

## Family Ministry 2018-2019



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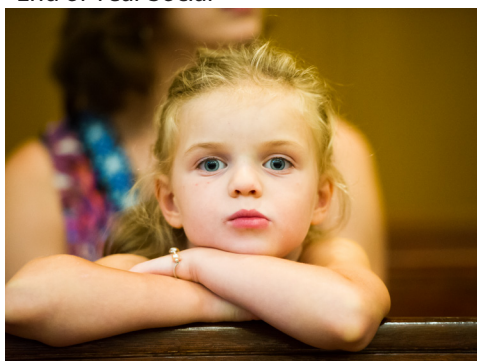
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Welcome! The Paulist Center Family Ministry is a collection of programs, events, activities and opportunities that support and encourage families as they live, pray, and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. The children and teens of the Paulist Center are very curious about their faith and God. Our goal is to support their faith formation of the Catholic Christian as a spiritual, moral, and discerning person. The ultimate goal of catechesis is not simply to confirm children in 9th or 10th grade; it is to form future adults who are fully prepared to lead a life of discipleship in Christ. Religious education is a way of developing conscious and active participation in the worship, service, and mission of the Church.

We invite all families to register your child(ren) for a desired sacrament or a formal religious education program listed in this brochure and take advantage of the many opportunities provided for children to form their faith by ministering to the community through our liturgies. Families may decide to simply attend the Family Activities as a way of finding support and fellowship in our faith community.

#### TO REGISTER:

This guide includes descriptions about the programs and activities offered by the Paulist Center Family Ministry and includes a registration form required for certain programs. If you have questions that need further details, please contact Susan Rutkowski, Pastoral Minister of Family Ministry at [susan@paulistcenter.org](mailto:susan@paulistcenter.org) or 617-948-2426.

- **Complete** the registration form enclosed in this brochure.
- **Write a check** for \$150 per family (not child!) made payable to Paulist Center-Family Ministry. This fee goes toward defraying the cost of books, class materials and family activities. (Please contact Susan Rutkowski if this fee is a hardship. Assistance may be available. Any amount over \$150 will be used to offset expenses for families in need of assistance.)
- **Mail the registration form** with your payment to The Paulist Center, Attn: Susan Rutkowski, Pastoral Minister, 5 Park Street, Boston, MA 02108.

**THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SEPT 16<sup>TH</sup>!**

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - Use enclosed registration form

### Baptism

Preparation for parents who have not had a child baptized will be offered on the 3rd Saturday of the odd month, from 10am-noon. It may be easier for expectant parents to attend the class before your child is born and set a date later. The preference of the Paulist Center (staff & community) is to publicly celebrate this sacrament with the local faith community at a Sunday Mass. Beginning in September, the 1st Sunday of the month (EXCEPT in Lent) will be the normal time for the celebration. (Contact Fr. Chuck for information or registration at [chuck@paulistcenter.org](mailto:chuck@paulistcenter.org))

#### Preparation Dates:

Sept. 15; Nov. 17; Jan. 19; March 16

*The family has the option of which Mass the baptism will be celebrated.*

### R.C.I.C. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (which may include Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) can be adapted for children over 7 years who have not been baptized as infants. (Contact Susan Rutkowski)

Meeting Dates: TBD

### First Communion

Primarily a home preparation program using Silver Burdett Ginn's *Golden Books*, families join in larger group activities over the course of the 5-month preparation period. Both the Rite of Enrollment and the Sacrament occur on a Sunday at the 10 am liturgy. Additionally, participants share a Seder meal, learn experientially and reflect on the significance of the Eucharist at a retreat and rehearsal. (Contact Fr. Chuck Cuniff, CSP at [chuck@paulistcenter.org](mailto:chuck@paulistcenter.org))

#### 1st Communion Dates:

Parents & Children Group Mtg Jan 27, 11:15 am-1:15 pm

Rite of Enrollment Feb 10, 10 am Mass

Parents & Children Group Mtg March 17, 11:15 am-1:15 pm

Retreat/Rehearsal May 18, 10 am-12:30 pm

Sacrament & Reception May 19, 10 am mass

### First Reconciliation

Parents are invited to re-visit this sacrament of God's healing and forgiving presence as their 2nd-6th graders prepare for reception of the sacrament. Parents and children meet in October and complete a home preparation program and then meet in November for a retreat and celebration of the sacrament. (Contact Fr. Chuck Cuniff, CSP at [chuck@paulistcenter.org](mailto:chuck@paulistcenter.org))

#### 1st Reconciliation Dates:

Parents Oct. 21, 11:15 am-12:15 pm

Parents & Children Nov. 18, 1:15-2:30 pm

Sacrament Jan. 13, 2019, 1:15-2:30 pm

### Youth Confirmation

Beginning in the fall of 2018, a one-year Confirmation process includes meeting twice monthly (Sundays 11:15 am -1:15 pm), and includes retreats, service and social activities. The preparation process uses Thomas Zanzig's *Confirmed in a Faithful Community*. A team of adults will coordinate. (Contact Susan Rutkowski)

#### Confirmation Dates:

9/23, 10/14, 10/28, 11/18, 12/9, 12/23, 1/13, 1/27, 2/10, 3/3, 3/17, 3/31, 4/28, 5/12, 6/2.

Overnight Retreat Dates: 3/2-3; Rehearsal:

June 9 @ 1:15 pm; Celebration of the Sacrament: Saturday, June 15 @ 5 pm.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Use the enclosed registration form for these programs.

### Liturgy of the Word for Young People: Ages 3-8

The Little People's Program merged with the Liturgy of the Word with Young People and created Liturgy of the Word with Younger People (see next page). Here is an opportunity for young children, ages 3-8, to experience the Liturgy of the Word in a manner they understand. With two adult leaders, they share music, movement and art introducing God to them in a child-friendly way. There is a formal send off at our 10 am family liturgy and the group re-joins the liturgy after the homily. Parents are expected to accompany their child for this 20-minute program.

#### LPP Meeting Dates:

See LWYP dates on the next page.

### Sunday Morning Religious Education: Grades 1-6

Graded class groups (1st-6th grade) gather Sunday mornings following the 10 am liturgy (11:15 am -12:15 pm). Adult volunteers teach or assist using Loyola Press', *Finding God* series. Parents provide snack and are encouraged to volunteer. Consistent attendance is very important for a fulfilling classroom experience. (Contact Susan Rutkowski)

#### Class Dates Grades 1-6:

9/30, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 1/6, 1/13, 1/27, 2/3, 2/10, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31; 4/7, 4/28, 5/12, 5/19, End of School Year Picnic: 6/2

### Small Communities of Faith

The purpose of these intergenerational groups is to nourish a sense of belonging at the Paulist Center, to be forums for growth in discipleship, and to provide pastoral care. Most small groups meet outside of the formal religious education time on Sunday. Small groups are either geographically or demographically focused. (Contact Susan Rutkowski)

On-going

### Junior High Youth Group

The 7th & 8th grade program meets roughly twice a month following the 10 am liturgy (11:15-1:15 pm). Participants will explore topics of faith and everyday living. Social and service opportunities are also available over the course of the year. (Contact Susan Rutkowski)

#### Jr. High Dates:

9/30, 10/21, 11/4, 12/2, 12/16, 1/6, 1/27, 2/3, 3/10, 3/24, 4/7, 5/5 (Walk for Hunger), 5/19

### Senior High Youth Group

The Senior High Youth generally gathers twice per month (11:15 am -1:15 pm), usually after 10 am Mass. The group's goal is to provide our teens with a forum for conversation on spiritual topics, life, and high school. Participants enjoy a mix of discussions, fun activities, service projects, movies and other events throughout the year. (Contact Susan Rutkowski)

#### Sr. High Dates:

9/30, 10/21, 11/4, 12/2, 12/16, 1/6, 1/27 (social offsite), 2/3, 3/10, 3/24, 4/7, 5/5 (Walk for Hunger), 5/19



# LITURGY OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH - Sign up with specific coordinators

## Youth Liturgical Ministers

The youth of the community are invited to minister as lectors, sacristans, acolytes, greeters, and gift bearers at our Sunday 10 am Family Liturgy. Training for all ministries is provided.  
(Contact Julie Sloan at juliesloan96@hotmail.com or Peter Ghiloni at peter@paulistcenter.org)

**Youth Liturgical Sundays:**  
Ongoing at 10 am Mass

## Liturgy of the Word For Young People

During the 10 am liturgy on most Sundays between Sept and June, teams of adults take turns breaking open the Word so that our younger community members find the Sunday readings meaningful. New team members are always welcome.

**LWYP Dates:**  
Ongoing at 10 am mass

## Liturgical Dance

Children of all ages are invited to learn liturgical dance and minister at the Family Mass on special occasions during the year. Training and rehearsals are necessary.  
(Contact Christine Tardiff at christine.tardiff@childrens.harvard.edu)

**Dates:**  
Ongoing

## Youth Singers

Youth (grades 3-12) interested in singing are encouraged to do so at the 10 am Mass.  
(Contact Peter Ghiloni at peter@paulistcenter.org).

**Rehearsals:**  
Take place at 8:45 am on Sundays.

# FAMILY ACTIVITIES - No sign up or registration needed

## Religious Education Kick-off

Child-friendly liturgy at our Sunday 10 am Mass.

**Date:** September 23, 2018

## Teacher/Parent Meet & Greet

Parents meet other parents and teachers in classrooms to get acquainted and sign up for room parent/snack assignments.

**Date:** September 23, 2018

## Advent Event

Advent wreath-making or some other family craft.

**Date:** November 4, 2018

## The Christmas Story: A Celebration of dance, drama and music

For children of all ages at the Paulist Center.

**Rehearsal Date:** December 2 & 9  
**Event Date:** December 16

## Lenten Event

A family-friendly event to prepare for the season of Lent.

**Date:** March 10, 2019

## Walk for Hunger

A child-friendly team that walks six miles and another family team that does 20 miles.

**Date:** May 5, 2019

## End of School Year Picnic

Family picnic out on the Boston Common after the 10 am liturgy.

**Date:** June 2, 2019

## Other Opportunities

Throughout the year, opportunities to renew and respond to God's love are offered. For example, plan on a "Back to School Supply Drive" for the weekends of August to help children with their education. Watch for more information in our bulletins as it becomes available. Please add specific interests on the registration form. (Contact Susan Rutkowski)

**Date:** TBD

## Playroom

A child's playroom is available on the 2nd floor on Sunday mornings during the 10 am liturgy. Parents must accompany child.

**Playroom:** Always Open: 2nd Floor, Room 2



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR WITH THESE DATES!

## SEPTMBER

23 ..... Religious Ed Kick-off Events  
23 ..... Youth Confirmation Class  
30 ..... Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group  
Begins  
30 ..... Religious Education Classes  
Begin  
30 ..... LWYP Begins

## OCTOBER

6-8 .....Family Retreat  
7 .....Columbus Day Observed-No  
Classes  
14, 21, 28 .....Religious Ed Classes  
14, 28 .....Confirmation Class  
21 .....Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group  
21 .....1st Reconciliation  
Meeting-Parents

## NOVEMBER

4 ..... Jr. High & Sr. High Youth  
Groups Meet

4 ..... Family Advent Activity

4, 18 ..... Religious Ed Classes

18 ..... Confirmation Class

18 ..... 1st Reconciliation Group  
Meets-Parents & Children

## DECEMBER

**2, 9, 16** ..... Religious Ed Classes  
**2, 9** ..... A Christmas Story Rehearsal  
**9, 23** ..... Confirmation Class  
**2, 16** ..... Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups Meet  
**16** ..... A Christmas Story Celebration  
**24** ..... Christmas Family Mass 5:00 PM  
**30** ..... Christmas Break-No Classes

## JANUARY

6, 13, 27 ..... Religious Ed Classes  
13 ..... Sacrament of First  
Reconciliation  
13, 27 ..... Confirmation Class  
6, 27 ..... Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups Meet  
20 ..... ML King, Jr. Holiday-No Classes  
27 ..... First Communion Meeting

## FEBRUARY

3 ..... Rite of Enrollment  
3 ..... Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups Meet  
3, 10 ..... Religious Ed Classes  
10 ..... Confirmation Class  
17, 24 ..... Winter Break-No Classes

## MARCH

### 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Religious Ed Classes

10 .....Family Lenten Event  
2-3 .....Confirmation Retreat  
10, 24 .....Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups Meet  
3, 17, 31 .....Confirmation Class  
17 .....First Communion Meeting

## APRIL

7 ..... Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group  
7, 28 ..... Religious Ed Classes  
28 ..... Confirmation Class  
21 ..... Easter Sunday-No Classes  
27 ..... Paulist Center Auction

## MAY

5 .....Walk For Hunger  
12, 19 .....Religious Ed Classes Meet  
18 .....1st Communion Retreat &  
Rehearsal  
19 .....Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Groups  
Meet  
19 .....Last day of Religious Ed Classes  
19 .....Sacrament of 1st Communion

## JUNE

2 ..... Graduates Mass  
2 ..... Confirmation Class  
2 ..... End of School Year Picnic  
9 ..... Confirmation Rehearsal  
15 ..... Sacrament of Confirmation

## The Paulist Center Catholic Community

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## ENROLL TODAY!

**Please register by September 16!**