



# 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.*

## 2019-2020 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**The 2019-2020 Family Ministry Brochure is out in the racks in the back of the Chapel and on our website.** Here you will find all pertinent information for formal catechesis for your child and our sacramental preparation programs. If you would like to register your child for:

- **Little People's Program (ages 3-5)**
  - **Formal Religious Education (grades 1-6)**
  - **Jr. High Youth Group (grades 7 & 8)**
  - **Sr. High Youth Group (grades 9-12)**
- and/or register for the
- **sacraments of First Reconciliation and/or First Communion,**

please fill out the registration form included with the brochure and send it in to the Center with the registration fee. **Deadline is this Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>!**

### SEEKING TEACHERS!



**We are actively searching for a co-teacher for our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade religious education class and a teacher for our 4<sup>th</sup> grade class.** Please contact **Susan Rutkowski**, [susan@paulistcenter.org](mailto:susan@paulistcenter.org), with any questions or interest.



## ADVENT-CHRISTMAS CONCERT REHEARSALS

**Rehearsals begin this Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 - 9pm, in the Chapel.**  
**All voices welcome!**

*Welcome! If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form, found in the welcome brochure at the entranceway to the Chapel or 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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**SEPTEMBER 14 - 15, 2019**

**24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### WEEKEND MASSES

**Saturday**

5:00 PM

**Sunday**

10:00 AM

12:00 PM

6:00 PM

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Monday - Friday**

7:55 AM

12:05 PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation on**

First Fridays from 11-11:45 AM

and by appointment

## COME LEARN ABOUT OUR SISTER COMMUNITY IN EL SALVADOR!

**Our Sister Community Committee** invites all to a **pizza dinner and meeting with Claudia Martinez of SHARE El Salvador** **this Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8pm in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Library.**

SHARE is the Paulist Center's longtime partner; has organized our members' trips to El Salvador in the past; and is currently administering our scholarship program with our Sister Community in El Salvador, **Hacienda Vieja**. Please join us in welcoming Claudia from El Salvador and to hear about SHARE's work and our exciting 30-year history with our Sister Community.



**SHARE**  
El Salvador

## CALL FOR HECKER AWARD SUBMISSIONS

**We are now accepting submissions for the 2019 Hecker Award for Social Justice** which will be given in late fall. Guidelines for submissions are on our website at [paulistcenter.org](http://paulistcenter.org) **under Social Justice: Hecker Award.** Submissions should be directed to **Susan Rutkowski**, [susan@paulistcenter.org](mailto:susan@paulistcenter.org) or 617-948-2426. Nomination deadline is **this Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.**

## PRAYER REQUESTS ...

**Please remember in your prayers Virginia Griffin** who passed to the Lord earlier this month.



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### COMMUNITY COFFEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

**A**nyone interested in joining the **Community Coffee Team** to sustain this ministry in the Fall, **please see Raoul after the 10am Mass or before the 12pm Mass this Sunday.**

Please help us keep up the Center's long-standing tradition of coffee and fellowship.



### JOIN US FOR THE FILM "SOUFRA" - SEPT. 28

**I**n collaboration with the **International Catholic Migration Commission**, the film *Soufra* will be hosted by the Paulist Center's **Immigration Advocacy Group** on **Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Library.** *Soufra's* executive producer is **Susan Sarandon** and the film follows the unlikely and wildly inspirational story of intrepid social entrepreneur, Mariam Shaar – a generational refugee who has spent her entire life in the Burj El Barajneh refugee camp, just south of Beirut. Mariam sets out against all odds to launch a successful catering company, "Soufra," and expands it into a food truck business with a diverse team of fellow refugee women who now see this camp as their home. They heal the wounds of war through the unifying power of food while taking their future into their own hands through an unrelenting belief in Mariam, and in each other. In the process, Mariam breaks barriers, pulls together Syrian, Iraqi, Palestinian and Lebanese women to work side by side and forms beautiful friendships while running this thriving business. *Soufra* plays to rave reviews, but the film is not shown commercially. **This may be your best chance to see it! RSVP at 617-742-4460** to ensure a spot.

### STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

	Last Week	Fiscal YTD (after 5% gift)
Weekend Collection	\$11,302	\$12,313
Budget Amount	\$11,164	\$21,212
Difference	\$138	(\$8,899)

**W**e remind you that it is only through the generosity of your resources that makes the activities of the Paulist Center possible. Weekend collections are the "bread and butter" of our operating budget. If you wish to make an offering, please make checks payable to the **"Paulist Center"** and mail to 5 Park Street, Boston, MA 02108. Even better, sign up to give electronically through our website. We thank you for your generosity.



### 5% COMMUNITY GIFT

**W**e give 5% of our total fiscal-year weekend collections to various organizations. This weekend we designate our gift to **Homeboy Industries**, the largest gang intervention, rehabilitation and re-entry program in the world. Thank you for your continued support!

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun	9/15	Worship Team Meeting - 6 <sup>th</sup> Fl, Room 22	2:00pm
Tues	9/17	Prayer of Heart and Body - Auditorium	5:45pm
		Christmas Concert Rehearsal - Chapel	7:00pm
Wed	9/18	Supper Club - Auditorium	6:00pm
		SHARE El Salvador - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fl, Library	6:30pm
Thur	9/19	RCIA - Inquiry Class - 6 <sup>th</sup> Fl, Room 22	7:00pm
Sat	9/21	3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday Breakfast - Auditorium	9:00am
		Baptism Prep (Parents) - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fl, Library	10:00am
Sun	9/22	Religious Ed Kick-off event - Auditorium	11:15am
		Young Adults Dinner - Auditorium	7:00pm

### SAVE THE DATES - OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup>

**T**here will be **Round Table Discussions after Every Mass** to get the community's input on a variety of topics related to the Paulist Center. More information to follow.

### PARKING AT THE PAULIST CENTER

#### One Beacon Street Garage \$12.00

Turn left at the bottom of the ramp. All weekend and after 4pm on weekdays. Validate your own ticket with the stamp on the shelf in the Chapel vestibule during Masses or in reception weekday evenings.

#### Boston Common Garage \$10.00

Purchase single tickets in the reception office weekday evenings or purchase a 20 ticket booklet at the garage office. Valid after 4pm weekdays and all weekend, as long as you exit before 8am the next day.

## DIRECTOR'S REFLECTION

Dear Companions on the Journey,

*On September 1<sup>st</sup>, Pope Francis issued this message to mark the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation:*

"And God saw that it was good" (Gen 1:25). God's gaze, at the beginning of the bible, rests lovingly on his creation. From habitable land to life-giving waters, from fruit-bearing trees to animals that share our common home, everything is dear in the eyes of God, who offers creation to men and women as a precious gift to be preserved.

Tragically, the human response to this gift has been marked by sin, selfishness and a greedy desire to possess and exploit. Egoism and self-interest have turned creation, a place of encounter and sharing, into an arena of competition and conflict. In this way, the environment itself is endangered: something *good* in God's eyes has become something to be *exploited* in human hands. Deterioration has increased in recent decades: constant pollution, the continued use of fossil fuels, intensive agricultural exploitation and deforestation are causing global temperatures to rise above safe levels. The increase in the intensity and frequency of extreme weather phenomena and the desertification of the soil are causing immense hardship for the most vulnerable among us. Melting of glaciers, scarcity of water, neglect of water basins and the considerable presence of plastic and microplastics in the oceans are equally troubling, and testify to the urgent need for interventions that can no longer be postponed. We have caused a climate emergency that gravely threatens nature and life itself, including our own.

In effect, we have forgotten who we are: creatures made in the image of God (cf. Gen 1:27) and called to dwell as brothers and sisters in a common home. We were created not to be tyrants, but to be at the heart of a network of life made up of millions of species lovingly joined together for us by our Creator. Now is the time to rediscover our vocation as children of God, brothers and sisters, and stewards of creation. Now is the time to repent, to be converted and to return to our roots. We are beloved

creatures of God, who in his goodness calls us to love life and live it in communion with the rest of creation.

Each Christian man and woman, every member of the human family, can act as a thin yet unique and indispensable thread in weaving a *network of life* that embraces everyone. May we feel challenged to assume, with prayer and commitment, our responsibility for the care of creation. May God, "the lover of life" (Wis 11:26), grant us the courage to do good without waiting for someone else to begin, or until it is too late.

*What do you think?*

And let us pray for/with one another.

*Michael*

The Paulist Center

## RECENTLY BAPTIZED

The Paulist Center warmly welcomes the recently baptized:



**Adrian Ming Da Hollins**

Congratulations  
to the parents and family members!

## YOUNG ADULTS DINNER AND DISCUSSION

Join us for our annual community kick off! Whether you're new to the Paulist Center or have been with us for years, our **September Dinner and Discussion** is a great place to meet other young adults!

Come downstairs **after the 6pm Mass on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**, for good food and even better company. If you aren't sure how to find us, just follow the crowd!

Please bring \$5 to help cover the cost of the meal or a dessert to share!

**All young adults (18-39)  
are welcome to attend!**



## PRAYER OF HEART AND BODY

**M**editation and yoga in a Christian context. The practice includes: chanting; breathing exercises; prayerful postures; praying with your body; mind; heart; and spirit. Instructor: **Fr. Tom Ryan, CSP**, certified yoga instructor.

- **Two Tuesdays: September 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**
- **Four Mondays: September 30<sup>th</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:45-7:25pm.**



\$12 per session (\$6 for students).  
Registration forms available in the back of the Chapel or at reception office (617-742-4460).

Register by **this Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.**

## "GIVE US THIS DAY"

**W**e invite you to pick up a **complimentary** copy of a wonderful monthly prayer publication (limited to the first 48!) called ***Give Us This Day***. Copies are available in the vestibule. We love this publication and can tell you from personal experience that whether you have only a few minutes, or a half hour, ***Give Us This Day*** will be a great tool in your prayer life.

## FAMILY RETREAT, OCTOBER 12-14 - REGISTER NOW!

**T**he annual **Family Retreat** will be held over **Columbus Day Weekend, October 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>**, at the **Craigville Retreat Center in Centerville on Cape Cod**.

**The theme of this year's retreat is the 23rd Psalm in the 21st Century.**

All families and all types of families are welcome to participate in this weekend of reflection, sharing, and spiritual growth.

For more information, including pricing and how to register, please go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/pccfamilyretreat2019>



**Deadline to register is Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**, but earlier registrations help us plan better. We hope you will join us!



## Season of Creation

### THE LAUDATO SI' PLEDGE

**I**n the short video before Mass, **Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines** talks about "The Laudato Si' Pledge" to:

- Pray for and with creation,
- Live more simply, and
- Advocate for protecting our common home.

Learn more and sign the pledge at

[www.LiveLaudatoSi.org](http://www.LiveLaudatoSi.org)

### LGBTQ MINISTRY

**T**he Paulist Center Community **welcomes LGBTQ individuals and allies**. Our LGBTQ Ministry hosts occasional events or social gatherings. In addition to bulletin announcements, information is shared via a **confidential email listserv**. If you'd like to be added to this email list, contact **Deb Heimerl** at [dheimel@yahoo.com](mailto:dheimel@yahoo.com). If you'd like to talk to a Center member for more information on the group, please contact either **Deb** or **Christopher Brunner** at [cpbrunner@gmail.com](mailto:cpbrunner@gmail.com). **Fr. Mike, michael@paulistcenter.org**, is also a resource.



### IN OTHER COMMUNITIES...

#### DR. PHYLLIS ZAGANO - SPEAKER

**W**hat About Women Deacons? - September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm, St. John the Evangelist Parish, 9 Glen Rd, Wellesley.

**How Would You Reform The Catholic Church?** September 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm, Boston College  
<https://www.bc.edu/centers/boisi/fall-2019-events/how-would-you-reform-the-catholic-church-.html>

#### MINISTERIAL STAFF



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*Please see our website for direct contact information.*