



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.

WELCOME OUR NEW LITURGY/MUSIC MINISTER AS OF AUGUST 23RD, **NORMAND GOUIN!**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Peace and Good Will to All. Peace and Goodwill.^[1] These words set to

song were the beginning of our shared prayer and ministry together in our Chapel with

Normand Gouin, our new **Pastoral Minister of Liturgy and Music**, during

his interview session with our musicians. Norm comes to us most recently from the campus ministry team at St. John's University in

Queens, NY. He has also served on the campus ministry team at Holy Cross College and on the pastoral staff at Old St. Joseph's, the Jesuit parish in Philadelphia, PA. Norm's roots are in southern Maine, and he is glad to be relocating closer to his parents, siblings and their families. Norm wrote the below note to all who were part of his interview process, and we want to share it with our whole community. His bio

follows on pg. 3.

Please give Norm a warm Paulist Center welcome as he starts his new duties on Monday, August 23rd!

^[1] William B. Bradbury. *Sing and Rejoice, Traditional.*

*Dear Paulist Center Community,
There are no adequate words to express my gratitude for the hospitality, generosity, and openness you extended to me on June 18. As I shared with family and friends, the whole experience was like a sort of home-*

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.

AUGUST 21 - 22 AND AUGUST 28 - AUGUST 29, 2021

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES

Saturday **Sunday**
5:00 PM 10:00 AM
6:00 PM

WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
7:55 AM
Tuesday and Thursday
12:05 PM

LIVE-STREAMED MASS

Sunday 10:00 AM

coming for me, even though I have never really spent much time in Boston or had ever been to the Center. Your deep faith, commitment to the life and work of the Center, and love of the community was so evident to me during our time together. I really did feel like I was coming home, and for this I am most grateful.

As I look forward to beginning my ministry with you, it is my hope and prayer that we can truly support, inspire, and encourage one another, especially as we continue to navigate these challenging and uncertain times – placing complete trust in our gracious God, whose relentless love and compassion is unfailing and eternal.

In closing, I offer you this prayer. It is one that I often used with the students before our rehearsals or meetings. It reflects my own deepest intention both for my own ongoing conversion and for my ministry to the Paulist Center Community.

Gracious God, you are a generous giver and the source of every blessing.

Shed Christ's light upon our minds and cast the Spirit's fire into our hearts; that true holiness may inform our thinking and charity guide our every word.

Give us wisdom, courage, and insight, to be of one heart and one mind on the way to you.

Help us to be your instruments of praise, healing and joy, through the ministry we humbly offer to your glory. Help us to see and know your will, that what you begin in and through us, may be brought to perfection, through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

Wishing all of you much peace and well-being.

*Your servant in Christ,
Norm*



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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

YOUNG ADULT LEADERSHIP TEAM

We are looking for interested young adults to join our leadership team! The Paulist Center Young Adult Leadership Team is a great opportunity for those looking to get more involved at the Paulist Center in planning spiritual, social and social justice-related events for the Paulist Center young adult community! Team members are expected to **attend a planning meeting once a month and maintain a regular presence at young adult events.**

If you are interested in the young adult leadership team or would like more information, contact **John** at john@paulistcenter.org



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FALL RETREAT FEEDBACK SURVEY

We are currently planning our activities in the fall and we would like to hear from you! We are hoping to do a retreat at some point this fall or in the spring but, due to the ongoing uncertainties surrounding the pandemic, we wanted to know whether a fall retreat is something you would participate in.

We are hoping you can take a few minutes to provide us with some helpful **feedback on your level of comfort in attending an overnight fall retreat.**

Follow this [link](#) for the survey:



LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINKS

For Sunday, August 22nd, and Sunday, August 29th, **Live-Streamed Mass from the Chapel, is at 10am.** (available as recording at same link after 11:15am)

August 22nd YouTube [Link](#)

August 22nd Order of Worship [Link](#)

August 29th YouTube [Link](#)

August 29th Order of Worship [Link](#)

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT SUNDAY 6PM MASSES IN SEPTEMBER

We are currently in need of hospitality ministers at the 6 pm Masses in September.

Hospitality at liturgy involves:

- Greeting people as they enter the Paulist Center Chapel
- Greeters are especially attentive to visitors and newcomers
- Answer questions about the Center
- Inform guest about our sanctuary artwork
- Inform guest the location of restrooms and childcare

If you are interested in volunteering at any of the Masses in September, contact Paula Cuzzo at paulacuzzo@aol.com



BIO: NORMAND GOUIN

Normand Gouin has served the Church as a pastoral musician and liturgist for over 29 years and has worked in parishes, colleges, and other Catholic institutions throughout the country. As an active and accomplished composer, he has been commissioned to write works for cathedrals, churches, and religious communities throughout the country. In 2015, his hymn, "Sound the Bell of Holy Freedom," written in collaboration with Rev. Andrew Ciferni, O. Praem, was selected as the official hymn of the World Meeting of Families, an event that marked Pope Francis' first official visit to the United States. Norm's publishers include *GIA Publications* and *MorningStar Music Publishers*. He has been a contributing writer for the *Liturgy and Music Journal*, the *GIA Quarterly*, as well as a workshop presenter for the National Pastoral Musicians Association. He has served on several diocesan liturgical commissions and has led workshops on liturgy and pastoral music throughout the country. He holds degrees from The Catholic University of America and the University of Notre Dame.



BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR PARENTS

One responsibility of being a parent is **sharing your Catholic faith with your children.**

To assist new parents as they begin this responsibility, we offer this required class for **members of the Paulist Center** Community.

We also welcome to this baptism preparation class, parents or prospective Godparents who are members of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Boston. The preparation program includes:

- A presentation on the history and theology of Baptism
- Explanation of the ritual signs and symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism
- Discussion of roles of parents and Godparents

In light of the current health concerns, this preparation class is offered **via the Zoom platform on a Saturday morning at 10am.** Fall 2021 dates are:

- **September 25th**
- **November 13th**

For more information or to register for the class, please contact **Fr. Chuck Cunniff, CSP.**



PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Gerard J. Aucoin** who passed away recently. Gerard's obituary can be found at this [link](#).



He is the brother of community member **Julie Ladner.**

WAYS OF GIVING

Our "**Community Gift**" is the Paulist Center's tradition of **giving away 5% of our weekend offerings**, averaged out over the year, to a group outside of ourselves. **We are so very grateful** for your support during this time of uncertainty and financial challenge.

The weekend of **August 21st/22nd**, we designate our gift to **Catholic Relief Services** to help with the efforts in Haiti after this most recent earthquake.

The weekend of **August 28th/August 29th** we designate our gift to SHARE Foundation. The SHARE Foundation is committed to support and accompany the people of El Salvador and Honduras in their struggle for social justice and sustainable development.

The weekend of **September 4th/5th**, we designate our gift to **Women for Afghan Women**. WAW is a grassroots civil society organization dedicated to protecting and promoting the rights of disenfranchised Afghan women and girls in Afghanistan and New York, relentlessly advocating for women's rights and challenging the norms that underpin gender-based violence to influence attitudes and bring about change.

Two ways to give to the Paulist Center:

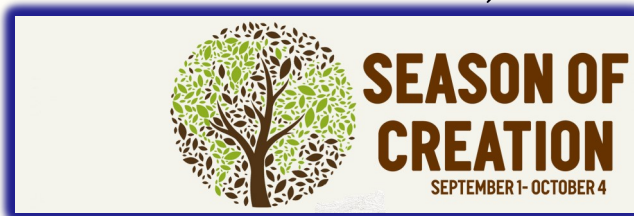
1. To make a one-time or recurring donation to the Center using your bank account or credit card, click on this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/DonatePaulistCenter>

2. Giving by text: Text a whole dollar donation amount to **844-899-7511**; this will be designated as your "Weekend Offering."

Thank You!

SEASON OF CREATION, 2021



September 1st through October 4th will mark the fourth year we have celebrated the Season of Creation (SoC) here at the Paulist Center. What began as a one-time experiment, has become an annual tradition for us. SoC is a global ecumenical celebration of earth and our role in restoring ecological sustainability and environmental justice. Our observance this year will include:

- Special prayers, songs, and devotions during our weekly Liturgy
- A Day of Work and Prayer at Agape Christian Community, Saturday, September 11th
- Quotes from *Laudato Si'* published and displayed each weekend
- A Creation Care **photo show** by community member **Dave Perkins** on display in the Chapel
- Daily Reflections** written by community member **Peter McLoughlin**, offered in partnership with *National Catholic Reporter*
- A visit from Pope Francis (well, it's a life size cardboard cutout, but he'll be here in spirit!)

Watch this space for more information in the coming weeks. To receive more information about how to **Care for Our Common Home**, please send an email to paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com



CREATION CARE (CC) WORK DAY AT AGAPE COMMUNITY

To more fully enter into the **Season of Creation** we invite you to join the **CC Ministry** on our field trip to the **Agape Community (Hecker Award Recipients)** in **Central MA**, Saturday, September 11th, 10am - 4pm. A day of contemplation in action, we will begin and end with prayer sandwiched around supportive homesteading work with this Catholic Christian community rooted in eco-theology, nonviolence and prayer. For more information and carpooling coordination (it is a 90-minute drive), email paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com Please bring your own lunch.

CREATION CARE MINISTRY OFFERS DAILY REFLECTIONS

For the 34 days of the Season of Creation, you are invited to receive an email each day linking to a brief, 90-second reflection on God's creation and Care for our Common Home. These reflections, authored by our own Peter McLoughlin, appeared in the 2019 *National Catholic Reporter* and were well received. If you would like to receive these reflections (ending October 4th), email

seasonofcreationdaily@gmail.com



PAULIST CENTER ROSARY CIRCLE

All are welcome to the **Paulist Center Rosary Circle**, every Monday at 7:30pm.

Here's the [Zoom link](#)

Meeting ID: 487 503 158;
Passcode: 021078

MINISTERIAL STAFF

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Please see our website for direct contact information.

