



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.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Please be advised that the Paulist Center received a report that someone who attended the 5pm Mass on Saturday, August 28th was subsequently diagnosed with COVID-19.

We have notified the City of Boston Board of Health. We have also cleaned and disinfected all of the spaces used during the service.

Anyone who may have attended services since that date should monitor their own health and should consider contacting their own physicians for guidance.

Thank you for continuing to be vigilant about the importance of wearing your mask at all times.



SEPTEMBER 4 - 5 AND SEPTEMBER 11 - 12, 2021

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 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

LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINKS

For Sunday, September 5th, and Sunday, September 12th, Live-Streamed Mass from the Chapel, is at 10am. (available as recording at same link after 11:15am)

September 5th YouTube [link](#)

September 5th Order of Worship [link](#)

September 12th YouTube [link](#)

September 12th Order of Worship [link](#)



SURVEY

A few days ago, we sent out a Survey, crafted by our Pastoral Council, about members' attitudes and feelings about returning to regular in-person worship. Here it is, again, for those who may have missed it last week.

We hope you will take this chance to let us know how you are doing, and we thank you in advance for your time and participation.

Take the survey [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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FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (FREP) 2021-2022

All religious education and sacramental preparation classes at the Paulist Center will - for the most part - be presented **VIRTUALLY** this year (at least until it is safer to gather physically).

Classes will begin on Sunday, November 7th, and will take place approximately twice a month.

Class times for our pre-school (ages 3-5) program, classes for grades 1-6, as well as our Jr. High & Sr. High teen programs, **will be finalized in the next two weeks.**

Sacramental preparation programs (First Reconciliation and First Communion) will also mostly be virtual, but will be adjusted based on COVID numbers and safety regulations.

In terms of curricula for this year, **all grades will begin with a 3-session program on racial justice entitled, *Deep Blue Life, Anti-Racism: Prejudice and Stereotypes.***

Afterwards, our youngest members (**ages 3-5**), will use a new book and curriculum entitled *Drawing God* written by **Karen Kiefer**, Director of the *Church in the 21st Century* at Boston College.

Grades 1-6 as well as the **Junior High teens**, will continue to use the lectionary-based curriculum, *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies*.

Our **Sr. High teens** will use a variety of resources starting with **Bryan Massingale's** powerful essay *The Assumptions of White Privilege and What We Can Do About It*.

In an attempt to integrate our racial justice efforts into all our ministries at the Center, our **FREP kick-off event is scheduled to happen in person on Sunday, October 24th at 1pm at The Royall House & Slave Quarters in Medford.** The Royall House Association explores the meanings of freedom and independence before, during, and since the American Revolution, in the context of a household of wealthy Loyalists and enslaved Africans.

Along with an outside prayer and a blessing on the grounds, families are invited to sign up for a tour of the museum, which will be done in 12-person groups, 15 minutes apart to maintain safety guidelines. Masks are mandatory.

If the inside tour makes families nervous in any way, **please still join us outside as the grounds themselves inspire much reflection and prayer.** If you would like to **sign up for a tour** that day, please email **Susan** at susan@paulistcenter.org with the number of family members participating.

You can expect the updated **FREP schedule** along with our **FREP registration form** in your inbox **in the next two weeks** or you may access it on the Paulist Center website.

If you have questions regarding any of the programs or information above, please contact **Susan Rutkowski** at susan@paulistcenter.org or 617-948-2426.



NEW MEMBERS

The Paulist Center warmly welcomes new members to our community!



BAPTISM

Infants baptized this Summer

Genevieve Isabelle Goetter Bray
child of Emily Bray and Elizabeth Goetter
Baptized on August 15, 2021

Chloe Giselle Concepcion Crisol
child of Jonathan Crisol and
Carla Concepcion-Crisol
Baptized on June 26, 2021

Artur Alexandre Martins Neto
child of Artur Alexandre Martins Junior and
Daniela de Mello Monteiro
Baptized on July 17, 2021

Madison Elaine McNamee
child of Thomas McNamee and
Heather Hegedus McNamee
Baptized on July 10, 2021

Emmanuel Thien-An
child of An Joe Le and Elizabeth Muscolino
Baptized in California

Theodore Alexander Winik
child of Hayes Winik and Maria Baquerizo
Baptized on August 7, 2021

Newly Registered members this Summer



Megan Byrne
Boston, MA

Caitlin Clements and Tyler Coverdale
children: Emma and Clarke
Cambridge, MA

Jennifer Cook
Boston, MA

Nancy Gallagher
Randolph, MA

John McQuillen
Boston, MA



WELCOME TO OUR NEW PASTORAL MINISTER OF LITURGY AND MUSIC

Please extend a warm Paulist Center welcome to our new Pastoral Minister of Liturgy and Music, Norm Guoin, who started with us on August 23rd.

Please see the prior bulletin for Norm's bio information and a note from Norm to the community.

Norm's email is Norm@paulistenter.org and his office phone is 617-948-2425.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

HAPPY HOUR

All are welcome to join us for our next in-person **Happy Hour on Wednesday, September 22nd from 7-9pm!** We will gather in person at the **Trillium Brewing Company's Fenway outdoor location.**

For more information on Trillium, follow this [link](#)

The closest T stop is the Green Line D's Fenway stop, a leisurely 2 minute walk to the brewery. There are a number of additional bus and T lines that operate throughout the area (including some that drop off/pick up right in Kenmore Square - a 10 minute walk from the brewery).

To sign up follow this [link](#)



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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

LEADERSHIP



FALL RETREAT UPDATE

In considering the continued uncertainty surrounding COVID, especially in gathering indoors while recognizing the importance of devoting sufficient time in working with a leadership team in creating a memorable retreat, **we will move from offering a fall, in-person retreat and seek to offer a young adult weekend retreat in the spring.**



We will be looking for volunteers to assist with a spring retreat!

If you are interested in helping lead a young adult retreat, contact **John** at john@paulistcenter.org

We will continue offering online and in-person spiritual opportunities throughout the fall and invite you to share recommendations on specific programs we can offer to our young adult community - please see below!

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Do you have ideas on different spiritual, social justice or social events that we as a young adult community could offer?



If so, we would like to hear from you!

We invite you to share your ideas on events that you think would be of interest to the young adult community at the Paulist Center by following this [link](#)

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR PARENTS

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**

We offer this class as an assistance to new parents who are **members of the Paulist Center Community, as well as 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 the roles of parents and Godparents



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

BECOMING A CATHOLIC



Might you know **someone who seeks to be baptized?**

A member of another Christian denomination who would like to **become a Catholic?**



Invite them to contact **Fr. Chuck** for more information.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

The Paulist Center is offering *a program to prepare active, practicing adult Catholics* for the **Sacrament of Confirmation.**

It will take place on **four Monday evenings:**

- **October 18th**
- **October 25th**
- **November 1st**
- **November 8th**

from 7-8:30pm; via the Zoom platform.



The sessions will include:

- a review of sacraments, especially Baptism and Eucharist
- the history and theology of Confirmation

Through prayer and discussion, we explore the roles of faith and the Church in our lives.

These particular sessions are geared toward celebrating this sacrament on

**Monday, November 22nd at
Sts. Louis & Zelig Martin parish in Somerville**

Contact **Fr. Chuck** for more information or to register.

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

We are currently **in need of hospitality ministers at the 6pm 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, and inform guest about our sanctuary artwork or location of restrooms and childcare.

If you are interested in volunteering at any of the Masses in September, contact

Paula Cuozzo at paulacuozzo@aol.com



Hospitality Ministers

HELP US SUPPORT THE FREE CLOTHING ROOM AT HALEY HOUSE!

On Saturday, September 25th and Sunday, September 26th, the Paulist Center community will sponsor a clothing drive to stock the clothing room at Haley House for the month of October.

During the pandemic, our friends at Haley House saw an increase in demand for specific items that are vital for supporting the comfort and dignity of our neighbors.

We are excited to be able to support the continuation of this program by collecting **new, unopened packages of socks, underwear, and undershirts** that will then be redistributed to their community.

The most needed items are **new men's underwear (sizes L and XL), new men's socks, and new men's undershirts (sizes L and XL).**

If you are able, please drop off any of these items in the bins in the **Mary Alcove** to the left of the sanctuary in the Chapel on the **weekend of September 25th and 26th.**

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

JOIN US FOR THE PAULIST CENTER'S CLOTHING DRIVE SUPPORTING HALEY HOUSE!

What items can I donate?

- New Men's Underwear (sizes L + XL)**
- New Men's Undershirts (sizes L + XL)**
- New Men's Socks**

September 25th and 26th, 2021

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 **September 4th/5th**, we designate our gift to **Women for Afghan Women (WAW)**. 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.

The weekend of **September 11th/12th**, we designate our gift to **VOICES of September 11th**.

By providing information, support services and annual events for 9/11 families, rescue workers and survivors, **VOICES of September 11th** continues to commemorate the essence of that tragic day and is helping to prevent -- and improve responses to -- terrorist acts by promoting public policy reform.



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 1 - OCTOBER 4

Each week during the **Season of Creation**, our *Creation Care ministry* offers a few quotes from **Pope Francis' Letter *Laudato Si'*** published in 2015.

September 4: Quotes from *Laudato Si'* – Week One

“Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. ... We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth, our very bodies made up of her elements; we breathe her air and receive life and refreshment from her waters. (2)

“The deterioration of the environment and of society disproportionately affects the most vulnerable people on the planet. (48)

“I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. (14)

September 11: Quotes from *Laudato Si'* – Week Two

“A change in lifestyle could bring healthy pressure to bear on those who wield political, economic and social power. This is what consumer movements accomplish by boycotting certain products. They prove successful in changing the way businesses operate, forcing them to consider their environmental footprint and their patterns of production. When social pressure affects their earnings, businesses clearly have to find ways to produce differently. This shows us the great need for a sense of social responsibility on the part of consumers. Purchasing is always a moral – and not simply economic – act”. (206)

“May our struggles and our concern for this planet never take away the joy of our hope. (244)

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, email seasonofcreationdaily@gmail.com

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