



**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.*



**SEPTEMBER 18 - 19 AND SEPTEMBER 25 - 26, 2021**

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

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

**WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES**

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

**LIVE-STREAMED MASS**  
**Sunday**      10:00 AM

**WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES**

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

## FOR ALL WE'VE LOST:

### A PRAYER SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND RECONNECTION

**Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 1pm**

**in the Boston Common,**

**directly across the street from the Paulist Center**



**J**oin us for a time of prayer, song, and reflection, as we come together to grieve our individual and communal losses during the pandemic: a time to remember those who have died; for those who have experienced a loss of employment; and for all who have faced illnesses; for the loss of the ability to come together in our Chapel for worship, companionship, and communal support; for our shared grief and anxiety around the uncertainties with regard to our work life and school life; for the loss of safety, social connections, and personal freedoms. And, finally, to remember that through all the tumult and strife, we are a people of hope.

If you plan on attending and/or if you have lost a loved one during the pandemic and **would like the person's name read at the prayer service**, please let us know [here](#).

Bring your own chairs if you are able. We will have some available.

Please remain after the service to socialize and reconnect with friends. Individually-wrapped snacks and drinks will be offered. For the safety of all, we are requesting everyone to mask.

**No rain date. Check the Center website and Facebook page by 11am the day of if weather is questionable.**

This prayer service is being offered by the Center staff to our Paulist Center Community in response to the poignant losses shared in our community survey and to offer us an outdoor gathering opportunity before the colder weather arrives.

*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). We are exploring the **possibility of outdoor meetings for the younger grades.**

**Classes will begin on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:susan@paulistcenter.org) or 617-948-2426.



## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

In place of our monthly potluck, we will gather for **dinner on the Boston Common after the 6 pm Mass on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>!**

We will **meet outside the Paulist Center** after Mass ends and walk to get a takeout dinner before eating together on the Boston Common.

This will be a great opportunity to meet some of the young adults at the Paulist Center!

Let us know you are coming by **signing up [here](#)**



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## SMALL GROUPS

The Young Adult Ministry offers weekly small groups on **Tuesday evenings** from **7-8:30pm**.

Participating in a weekly small group is a way to connect with other Catholic young adults and discuss topics related to both life and the faith. This may be in the form of reflecting on Sacred Scripture, discussing reactions to current events in society or the Church, or simply sharing what was challenging or rewarding during your week.

Especially at a time when many of us are not able to come together as a community at Mass, small groups can be a great way to foster spiritual growth or seek support from our peers. All small groups meetings are confidential and non-judgmental.



We are also looking to **start a small group on Thursday evenings**.

You can sign up for a small group at this [link](#)

## LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINKS

**F**or **Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**, and **Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**, **Live-Streamed Mass from the Chapel, is at 10am.** (*available as recording at same link after 11:15am*)

**September 19<sup>th</sup> YouTube [Link](#)**

**September 19<sup>th</sup> Order of Worship [Link](#)**

**September 26<sup>th</sup> YouTube [Link](#)**

**September 26<sup>th</sup> Order of Worship [Link](#)**

## BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR PARENTS

**T**here will be a preparation class for new parents who seek the **Sacrament of Baptism for their child**. It will be offered, via the **Zoom** platform, on **Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am**. More information can be found on the [website](#) or by contacting [Fr. Chuck Cunniff, CSP](#)

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

**T**he 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 18, 25, November 1 and 8) from 7-8:30pm**; via the **Zoom** platform. More information can be found on the [website](#). Contact [Fr. Chuck](#) for more information or to register.

## HOSPITALITY MINISTRY - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT SUNDAY 6PM MASSES

**W**e are currently **in need of hospitality ministers at the 6pm Masses**. 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.



If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry, contact **Paula Cuzzo** at [paulacuozzo@aol.com](mailto:paulacuozzo@aol.com)

## HELP US SUPPORT THE FREE CLOTHING ROOM AT HALEY HOUSE!

On Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.**

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**



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## 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 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**, we designate our gift to **Catholic Charities USA** to help with the efforts in the Gulf Coast for those affected by Hurricane Ida.

The weekend of **September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**, we designate our gift to the **Massachusetts Council of Churches**, an organization which witnesses to our oneness in Christ among local churches and with our neighbors in Christianity.

### 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

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

### September 18: Quotes from *Laudato Si'* – Week Three

“Christian spirituality proposes an alternative understanding of the quality of life, and encourages a prophetic and contemplative lifestyle, one capable of deep enjoyment free of the obsession with consumption. Christian spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little. A return to that spiritual simplicity allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack. (222)

“A technological and economic development which does not leave in its wake a better world cannot be considered progress.” (194)

### September 25: Quotes from *Laudato Si'* – Week Four

“The climate problem is aggravated by a model of development based on the intensive use of fossil fuels at the heart of the worldwide energy system (23) The mindset of short-term gain and results dominates present-day economics and politics. (181) Finance overwhelms the real economy.” (109)

“Along with the importance of little everyday gestures, social love moves us to devise larger strategies to halt environmental degradation and to encourage a “culture of care” which permeates all of society. When we feel that God is calling us to intervene with others in these social dynamics, we should realize that this too is part of our spirituality, which is an exercise of charity and, as such, matures and sanctifies us.” (231)

### PAULIST CENTER ROSARY CIRCLE

**A**ll 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

Chuck Cunniff, CSP	Normand Gouin
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Susan Rutkowski	Patricia Simpson

### Pastoral Council Co-Chairs

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*Please see our website for direct contact information.*

