



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.



OCTOBER 2 - 3 AND OCTOBER 9 - 10, 2021

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28TH 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

FOR ALL WE'VE LOST:

A PRAYER SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND RECONNECTION

Sunday, October 17th, 1pm

in the Boston Common,

directly across the street from the Paulist Center



Join 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; 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.

You are invited to 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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RALLY TO FREE WILLIAM ALLEN - OCTOBER 5TH AT THE STATE HOUSE

The St. Dismas Committee invites you to join a rally at the State House on Tuesday, October 5th from 4-5pm.

The Brockton Interfaith Community has launched a campaign seeking a commutation of William Allen's natural life sentence. He has been in prison for 26 years based on a law that was changed in 2017 (but not retroactively). Will turned down the plea bargain believing he could not possibly be convicted of a murder he didn't commit. He was wrong.

However, he has used the past 26 years to grow into an extraordinary human being whose life centers around helping others. He has long been active in his prison's Catholic Community volunteering whenever needed. Since 2011 he has been working with inmates with severe mental health challenges.

The Board of Pardons, the District Attorney, several of the victims' family members and many others support Will's request for a commutation. An application went to the Board in 2017 and it has moved slowly through the system.

IT IS NOW ON THE GOVERNOR'S DESK.

Since taking office, Governor Baker has not used his executive authority to grant a commutation but we believe it is time to change that. For additional information go to

SecondChanceJustice.com

or

email peg3newman@gmail.com



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY - HAPPY HOUR

All are welcome to join us for our next **Ain-person Happy Hour on Wednesday, October 20th, 7-9pm at Owl's**



Nest Esplanade between Berkeley & Clarendon Streets along the Storrow Lagoon (use the Dartmouth Street footbridge for access). For directions, follow this [link](#) Sign up at this [link](#)

Make sure to dress warmly! If it is too cold this day, we will shift to a virtual Happy Hour.

LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINKS

For Sunday, October 3rd, and Sunday, October 10th, Live-Streamed Mass from the Chapel, is at 10am. (available as recording at same link after 11:15am)

October 3rd YouTube [link](#)

October 3rd Order of Worship [link](#)

October 10th YouTube [link](#)

October 10th Order of Worship [link](#)

SMALL GROUPS - TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

The Young Adult Ministry offers weekly small groups on Tuesday and Wednesday 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. You can sign up for a small group at this [link](#)

GUIDED MEDITATION AND EXAMEN PRAYER NIGHT

On Monday, October 11th, 7-8:30 via Zoom, the Young Adult Ministry will be hosting a Guided Meditation and Examen Prayer Night.

Join us as we read a Gospel passage and meditate using Ignatian contemplation on a scene from Scripture.

We will then move into a guided Examen reflecting on past weeks and where God has been present, especially in considering the Bible passage we read.

Sign up [here](#)



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 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.



WAYS OF GIVING

Our “Community Gift” is the Paulist Center’s tradition of **giving away 5% of our week-end 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 **October 2nd and 3rd** we designate our gift to **Project Hope** which works in partnership with women and families in the Dorchester and Roxbury neighborhoods of Boston on their journeys up and out of poverty. They do this by being a catalyst for change in the lives of families, developing and providing programs and family support solutions to alleviate poverty and homelessness.

The weekend of **October 9th and 10th**, we designate our gift to **Voice of the Faithful (VOTF)**. VOTF works to provide a prayerful voice, attentive to the Spirit, through which the Faithful can actively participate in the governance and guidance of the Catholic Church.

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

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



SEASON OF CREATION, 2021
SEPTEMBER 1 - OCTOBER 4

Each week during the Season of Creation, our *Creation Care Ministry* has offered quotes from Pope Francis’ Letter *Laudato Si’* published in 2015.

October 2: Quotes from *Laudato Si’* – Week Five

“The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dew-drop, in a poor person’s face. The ideal is not only to pass from exterior to the interior to discover the action of God in the soul, but also to discover God in all things.” (233)

“I believe that Saint Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically. He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace.” (10)

IN OTHER COMMUNITIES...

Fiat, a gathering of women interested in learning more about religious life, invites you to the meeting on **Wednesday, October 20th, 7pm** on **Zoom**. The topic will be “Common Fears in Discerning Religious Life.” Contact **Sr. Marian Batho, CSJ**, marian.batho@csjeboston.org or **617-746-2025** for more information and the link to the meeting.

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