



# 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 3 - 4, 2022  
23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 10 - 11, 2022  
24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
5:00 PM	10:00 AM
	6:00 PM

#### WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES

<b>Monday, Wednesday, Friday</b>
7:55 AM
<b>Tuesday and Thursday</b>
12:05 PM

## FR. CHUCK UPDATE

**O**ur former Associate Director, Chuck Cunniff, gives this update on his medical leave that began 5 weeks ago:

"I continue to reside with the Paulists at 5 Park Street – all my doctors are here in Boston. Your prayers and best wishes have been very much appreciated these past few weeks! Please keep praying for me and all the members of our Paulist Center community who are ill – they do help.

"I have been diagnosed with prostate cancer and have begun chemotherapy. Be assured of my prayers for all of you as I begin this new aspect of my journey of life and faith. I trust God's love and plan in all of this."

*Fr. Chuck*

The Paulist Center will be closed on Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day. We will not have Mass here that day.

## LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINKS\*

**Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>** YouTube [Link](#)

**Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>** Order of Worship [Link](#)



**Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** YouTube [Link](#)

**Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** Order of Worship [Link](#)

## FAMILY ZOOM LITURGY OF THE WORD

**A**ll are welcome and enthusiastically invited to join the **Family Zoom Liturgy of the Word at 5pm on September 11<sup>th</sup>**! (Note change of time from our past

10am virtual gatherings.) Join adults and young people of all ages and stages for an interactive, kid/teen friendly, family-led sharing of scripture, reflection, and music followed by casual conversation and planning for fall/winter dates. Invite anyone you wish. **Zoom link** will be sent to those currently on the distribution list and can be found in the weekly electronic Missive.



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

**P**lease pray for **AE Cerino**, longtime community member, who recently passed away. Arrangements for remembering her life have not been set yet.



## FAMILY RETREAT

**P**lease consider joining this year's **Family Retreat**, in-person at the **Craigville Retreat Center on Cape Cod** during the long weekend of **October 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>**! The Family Retreat has a long tradition of helping families foster their relationships and deepen their spiritual lives. It is multi-generational and **welcomes families of all ages, stages, and compositions**. The weekend provides opportunities for small group reflections, organized activities, and prayer. Teen faith formation is a particularly important part of this gathering, as teen members have the chance to help plan and lead youth sessions. If you are interested and have not completed the Google Form sent by the planning team, you can contact **Elianna Nuzum** ([eliannajoella@gmail.com](mailto:eliannajoella@gmail.com)) to be added to the family retreat email list and receive updates about registration. **Registration deadline is September 25.**



## LATE SUMMER APPEAL 2022

**C**oming soon to a (postal and/or electronic) mailbox near you: our annual Late Summer Appeal! Rich gives an update on our concluding fiscal year, and asks you to prayerfully consider giving more fully of your time and talent, as well as treasure. If you'd like to give financially, even before receiving the letter, hop on over to [bit.ly/PCLSA2022](http://bit.ly/PCLSA2022). **Thank you so much!**

*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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## INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

**RCIA**  
*...A Journey in Faith*

**T**he Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes will be held in-person on Thursdays, 7 - 8:30pm, beginning on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Contact Fr. Ed Nowak, CSP at [Ed@Paulistcenter.org](mailto:Ed@Paulistcenter.org) to set up an initial interview to find out more about the process.

## INTERESTED IN RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION?



**I**n-person Confirmation classes for adults will be held on Tuesday evenings starting October 11<sup>th</sup> - November 1<sup>st</sup>, with confirmation happening on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St. Catherine of Genoa in Somerville. The classes will be from 7 - 8:30pm. For more information and to sign up contact Fr. Ed Nowak, CSP at [Ed@paulistcenter.org](mailto:Ed@paulistcenter.org).

## LABOR DAY PASTORAL REFLECTION

**Susan Rutkowski, MDiv**

*Pastoral Minister of Family Religious Education and Social Justice*

This weekend we celebrate Labor Day, a celebration of the millions of workers who keep the United States running. A more detailed history: difficult working conditions during the Industrial Revolution inspired American workers to come together and fight for dignity and justice in the workplace.

One startling statistic that comes to mind every year on Labor Day is that deaths from heart attacks are much higher on Mondays. More people die Monday morning at 9 a.m. than at any other time of the week. Not to sound too morbid, but it seems that people would rather die than go to work!

Consider the lifestyle of lower-wage workers who grind out a living working two jobs just to make ends meet. Many employers exploit them to do the work that some of us refuse to do, and they become the target of unfair treatment. Many of us professionals have not and likely will not experience that kind of physical or emotional stress on the body. But all of our work lives are susceptible to pangs of meaningless and loneliness, feeling overqualified or trapped in unsatisfying work; a quiet life of desperation that over produces cortisol and triggers dis-ease in our bodies. We know now how much mental health affects our physical bodies.

Modern Catholic Social Teaching began with the question of work. When Pope Leo XIII wrote the encyclical that would become the basis for our social justice doctrine, the industrial revolution was well underway. How can the church and each of us as Catholic Christians play a central role in reviving a vision for work and the fortunes of American workers?

First and foremost, we need to recognize that human existence – human dignity – comes before human labor. In Catholic reflection on labor, a key implication is that workers deserve pay and conditions commensurate with their God-given dignity. A job's goodness therefore, is not measured by salary, benefits, and intellect rather than manual labor, but by how well it preserves the dignity of workers and contributes to their fulfillment. As Pope Francis has stated, "Work is fundamental to the dignity of a person. It gives one the ability to maintain oneself, one's family, to contribute to the growth of one's own nation."

God invites us to work as co-creators. When the work of our hands and minds advance our sense of wonder and curiosity, when our skills and training engage our intelligence, when we truly partner with God to share in the ongoing work of creation-we can celebrate work, accomplishments, advances in technology and the increasing production of the fruits of the earth. We can see how work is indeed dignified, humanizing, and how it is a major factor in our sense of satisfaction with our lives. But work is not dignified where it divides people, where the rich become richer and the poor become poorer.

As we celebrate Labor Day this weekend, let us celebrate the labors of our human family. Let us rest. Let us rest in each other. Let us find comfort in one another's humanity and in each other's peace. Let us find renewal – take the time to recharge our batteries to renew our hope and faith in humanity. May we see the blessed humanity and inherent dignity in each other and finally remember to say to someone, *Thank you for the work that you do, I trust that you are doing your best to make the world a better place.*



## VOLUNTEER FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB!

It has been a wild 2 plus years! We are so **grateful** for **ALL** the **volunteers** who have come to Supper Club to cook, bag food and distribute hearty meals to our guests. We are also **grateful** for those of you who sent money, goods, desserts, and thoughts and prayers! It has been a true testament to our community, our dedication and pure grit that **we didn't miss**

**ONE Wednesday of providing a meal throughout the pandemic! THANK YOU ALL!**

We are planning to reopen Supper Club to **indoor dining sometime this Fall**, but **we need YOUR help:**

1. **CHEFS:** This is an **IMMEDIATE** need. **No experience is required!** We provide the food, the kitchen, and many hands to help (there are 2-4 sous chefs who are VERY experienced). Cooks will plan the meal and lead in food preparation. **Chefs arrive 12pm – 1pm and leave when the meal is finished being prepared.**

If interested, please email **Emily Spicer Hankle** at [ekayhankle@gmail.com](mailto:ekayhankle@gmail.com)

2. **DINNER SERVICE FOR INDOOR SEATING:** plating food; serving to guests; pouring tea/coffee; etc.

Shift is **5 - 7pm**, in the basement, with guests who are eating. If interested, email [supperclubfood@gmail.com](mailto:supperclubfood@gmail.com).

3. **CLEAN-UP MINISTRY:** washing tables; putting away chairs; cleaning the kitchen. **Shift begins at 7pm.**

If interested, please email [supperclubfood@gmail.com](mailto:supperclubfood@gmail.com).

## REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREP!

**We are back in person** for our Religious Education and Sacramental classes this year!

Our **kick-off Mass** will be **September 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am!** We will bless our children and teachers, and **classes will start at 11:15am.** New this year are **monthly intergenerational catechesis sessions** focusing on the urgent issue of **racial justice.** These sessions will take place in our auditorium along with lunch and a subsequent service project. We hope you will join us.

**Parents will be happy to know that the first Community Coffee in two years will also happen on September 25<sup>th</sup> following the 10am Mass down in our auditorium!**

**To register for:** religious education (grades 1-6); sacramental preparation (1<sup>st</sup> Communion, 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, Teen Confirmation); Jr. High; Sr. High; go to:

[paulistcenter.org/Faith Formation ages 3-18/Overview](http://paulistcenter.org/Faith%20Formation%20ages%203-18/Overview). Here is the [link](#).

Registration fee: **\$150 for each family** (not for each child). Fee covers the curriculum materials, supplies for the classroom and other family-related events. You may pay online at [www.paulistcenter.org/Giving/Donate](http://www.paulistcenter.org/Giving/Donate) and choose the **Family Ministry Program Payments** or send in a check with your registration form.

Questions: contact **Susan Rutkowski** at [susan@paulistcenter.org](mailto: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 weekend offerings**, averaged out over the year, to a group outside of ourselves. **We are so very grateful** for your support.

The weekend of **September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>** we designate our gift to **Women for Afghan Women (WAW)**. WAW protects and promotes the rights of disenfranchised Afghan women and girls in Afghanistan and in New York.

The weekend of **September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>** we designate our gift to **VOICES of September 11<sup>TH</sup>** which provides information, support services and annual events for 9/11 families, rescue workers and survivors.

**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!!!!**

## LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

**Low-gluten hosts are available upon request.** Please see the presider in the Chapel or Sacristy **fifteen minutes before Mass** and **indicate where you will be seated in the Chapel** so the communion minister in that section will have the low-gluten host for you at communion.

## Racial Justice Advocacy Group (RJAG)

All our welcome to the next meeting of the RJAG on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. As the date approaches, please contact Susan Buta for the Zoom invitation, [sue@buta.org](mailto:sue@buta.org)

## "LOVING AND REFORMING A HOLY YET BROKEN CHURCH"

Prof. Rick Gaillardetz's last lecture, at Boston College, Gasson Hall 100 - Friday, September 23 at 7pm, followed by a symposium the next day. [RSVP link](#).

## "I DON'T KNOW HOW TO READ THE BIBLE. HOW CAN I LEARN?"

The Adult Education Committee invites you to join them on Zoom for an introduction to reading the Scriptures, offered by Fr. Thomas Stegman, SJ (an editor of the *Paulist Biblical Commentary*). Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 7-8pm. More details to follow in the next bulletin.



## SEASON OF CREATION 2022 ~ SEPTEMBER 1 - OCTOBER 4



September 1 through October 4 we celebrate the Season of Creation (SoC) which Pope Francis calls "a season of increased prayer and effort on behalf of our common home." The Season is a global ecumenical celebration of earth and our role in restoring ecological sustainability and environmental justice.

### [WEEK 1: CREATION CARE PRAYER SERVICE](#)

Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-7:45pm on Zoom: "Praying with and for Creation". Join us as we begin the Season in prayer. Service [Link](#). [Our video suggestions for Week 1:](#)

- 90-second animated intro to Season of Creation from the *Laudato Si'* movement: [Link](#)
- 2 ½-minute intro produced by the Vatican: [Link](#)

**Quote from *Laudato Si'*:** "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)

### [WEEK 2: "VOICES FROM THE PEWS"](#)

Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-7:45pm on Zoom: Dialog with Center member Freda Zifteh -Topic: "Inventing a New Subsea Vehicle to Monitor Whales and Other Marine Life." - [Link](#)

Freda began her career as a coastal design engineer and then held executive positions at Nortek, a company innovating sustainable and efficient solutions for human environments. She is now focused on Boston startup, Hefring Engineering, delivering a new autonomous subsea vehicle. [Our video suggestions for Week 2:](#)

- 90-second Christian meditation "See God through nature": [Link](#)
- 90-second video "What is Season of Creation" and why does Pope Francis support it?": [Link](#)

**Quote from *Laudato Si'*:** "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)

### [DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR SEASON OF CREATION AVAILABLE](#)

During SoC, a daily 90-second reflection on God's creation and Care for our Common Home, is available by emailing [seasonofcreationdaily@gmail.com](mailto:seasonofcreationdaily@gmail.com). Authored by our own Peter McLoughlin.



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**PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR:**  
The Pastoral Council will elect a new Chair at their September meeting.

Please see our [website](#) for direct contact information.