



# 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 8 - 9, 2022**  
**28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES**  
**Saturday** 5:00pm  
**Sunday** 10:00am  
6:00pm

**WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES**  
**Monday – Friday** 12:05pm

## RJAG & FREP COLLABORATION

**T**he Racial Justice Advocacy Group (RJAG) and the Family Religious Education Program (FREP) invite all to our multi-generational event, Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:15am in the auditorium. We will start with refreshments and social time and then move into our curriculum on racial justice for an hour.

**In 2018, the Catholic bishops released a Pastoral Letter Against Racism called, *Open Wide Our Hearts*.** This was a powerful invitation for all people to "face courageously the vice of racism..."

At the Paulist Center, the collaboration between our RJAG and FREP involves all of our religious education class kiddos (grades 1-6 and teen youth groups) and anyone else who would like to come learn, listen and talk about living an anti-racist life. We know that adults learn from children and children from adults. By providing an opportunity for multi generations to come together and talk about tricky issues like racism, bias, prejudice, and stereotypes, we can use our collective wisdom and experience to form not only our younger Catholic Christians, but our older ones as well.

**At this first meeting, we will explore how understanding the truth beyond stereotypes can help us combat our own prejudice and bias, and work against racism.** After a short break, there is an opportunity for those who want to stay longer to discuss the ballot question in November about opening access to driver's licenses for all residents regardless of legal status. All are welcome!



Supporting **Racial Justice**



**We pray for everyone in our community on the Family Retreat at Craigville Retreat Center, October 8-10. May this be a time of insight, refreshment, and fun!**

## LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINKS

**Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am**

**YouTube [Link](#) Order of Worship [Link](#)**



## FR. RENÉ CONSTANZA - OCTOBER 9

**T**he new President of the Paulist Fathers, Fr. René Constanza, will be presiding at the 10am Mass this Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. We'll have light refreshments in the library (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) after Mass for anyone who would like to talk with him.



## RACIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY GROUP (RJAG)

**T**he RJAG meets next on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. If you would like to join us, please email Susan Buta, [sue@buta.org](mailto:sue@buta.org) or Tom Sharkey, [sharkey.te@verizon.net](mailto:sharkey.te@verizon.net).

We're planning a range of educational and community action/s and are looking for people who are concerned about the many facets of racism and seek concrete ways to deconstruct racist systems.

**We welcome new members** who can meet once a month and support the Ministry's work.

## SERVING OUR COMMUNITY AT WORSHIP

**W**e want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our liturgical ministers and music ministers who have served us so diligently over the past two and a half years. We are in need of more people to serve at our weekend liturgies; **we are especially in need of hospitality ministers and sacristans.** If you feel called to serve in one of these ministries please contact:

**Norm Gouin, Pastoral Minister of Liturgy and Music,**  
[norm@paulistcenter.org](mailto:norm@paulistcenter.org).

Information on training and formation opportunities are forthcoming.



**Get Involved  
in Worship**

**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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## COMMUNITY COFFEE

Join us next Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, and November 6<sup>th</sup>, after the 10am Mass for **Community Coffees in the auditorium!** These are great opportunities to gather as a community outside of Mass. Be sure to strike up a conversation each time with someone you don't know!  
If you'd like to help organize future coffees on other dates, please reach out to **Fr. Rich**.

## PARENT AND TEEN CONFIRMATION MEETING

Information meeting for teens (and their parents) who are interested in celebrating the sacrament of confirmation this year, will be held **via Zoom on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**  
**Zoom link.**



## REGISTER FOR FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREP

Grades 1-6 started two Sundays ago and Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups started this past Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Teen Confirmation starts next weekend, October 15<sup>th</sup>,** and First Holy Communion starts in January.  
**Register at: [paulistcenter.org/youth](http://paulistcenter.org/youth) Faith Formation.**  
Registration is **\$150 for each family**, pay online at **[PaulistCenter.org/Giving/Donate](http://PaulistCenter.org/Giving/Donate)** and select **Family Ministry Program**, or send in a check with your registration form.

### LAST CALL FOR CONFIRMATION TEENS!

The year-long confirmation program begins **October 15<sup>th</sup>** with a ropes course at **Boundless Adventures**. The program **meets twice a month** and includes class discussion, guest speakers and service work. The sacrament is celebrated in June. Please use the Family Ministry Registration **form**.  
**Susan Rutkowski, [susan@paulistcenter.org](mailto:susan@paulistcenter.org), 617-948-2426.**



## ADULT SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes are currently being held in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor library on **Thursdays, 7 - 8:30pm**; it's not too late to get involved! 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.


**Confirmation classes for adults will be held in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor library, Tuesday evenings, 7-8:30pm, October 11<sup>th</sup> through November 1st.** Confirmation will take place on **November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** at **St. Catherine of Genoa in Somerville**. For more information and to sign up contact **Fr. Ed**.

## FAMILY & FRIENDS OF LGBTQ+ PERSONS - MONTHLY MEETING

A consortium of seven Boston Catholic communities (including the Paulist Center) hosts a support group for family and friends of LGBTQ+ persons at **2pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month**. For the **October 16<sup>th</sup>** meeting, please email **Jay** at **[lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org](mailto:lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org)** to receive the Zoom link.



## PAULIST ASSOCIATES

 The Paulist Associates meet on **Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**. Their meetings are not open to the general public, but if you'd like to learn more about the Associates, check out their **[national website](#)**.  
To explore becoming an Associate, call the **Paulist Center office, (617) 742-4460**, and we'll put you in contact with **Carol Geyer**.



## MAY WE BE ABLE TO FALL

**Deb Heimel**  
*Pastoral Council Member*

In the Gospel this week, ten men with leprosy call out to Jesus. Jesus tells them to go show themselves to the priests. They head down the road and somewhere along the way, they discover they are cleansed. Their skin has cleared. Nine of them keep going to the priests. Episcopal priest Barbara Brown Taylor has written beautifully on this text, in which she argues that those nine lepers aren't necessarily the jerks we think they are. They were simply following instructions and doing what they were supposed to be doing. When we meet the ten, they were keeping the rules; they were staying at a distance. It makes sense that they will continue to follow Jesus' instructions and continue on to the priests. Maybe as they walked and noticed their skin clearing, they were also amazed and grateful but didn't know what to do with the emotions they felt in their heart. Taylor writes, "Nine behaved like good lepers, good Jews; only one, a double loser, behaved like a man in love." (Taylor, Barbara Brown. "The Tenth Leper" in *The Preaching Life*. Boston: Cowley Publications, 1993.) Many of us know how to be obedient but struggle to live in love; we are unable to let ourselves be overwhelmed by emotion.

I've started running in the mornings. Well, some mornings. And sometimes running. I don't like running and I don't like working out in the morning. But I love watching the sunrise and being outside in the beauty of dawn so I have switched my morning prayer routine and instead of sitting quietly on my couch, I sweat and listen to Christian music in my headphones.

Sometimes I run and picture Jesus running with me. Prayer is a morning chat while jogging with a good friend. I like to imagine a smart-alecky Jesus running with me and saying "it's ok to walk you know; I walked everywhere."

Sometimes I run and pray for people in my life struggling with cancer, depression, exhaustion, grief. So much grief. I imagine sitting next to them and holding them tight. And then I imagine them running with me and beaming love at me. Friends and family, alive or dead, join me on my run and I feel buoyed and my heart is full.

Recently I have been running and praying with the album *Alive and Breathing* by Matt Maher. As I come to the end of the run, I often find the track "Run to the Father" and listen to Maher sing "I run to the Father, I fall into grace." I used to stop running when my stamina gave out but recently I keep having to stop because I am crying too hard to breathe. It is a beautiful experience to allow myself to stop what I am doing and just feel. The love I feel for my running buddies – friends, family, Jesus - gets to be too much and it comes out as tears.

I want to be the Samaritan falling at Jesus' feet. Not just saying thank you, but truly falling at His feet.

## UPDATE ON THE 2021-2023 SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

(A longer version of this summary can be found on our website [here](#).)

In 2021, Pope Francis called for a 2-year process called the **Synod on Synodality**, set to culminate with a Vatican meeting in the fall of 2023 with people from all over the world, including many bishops. We're now at the halfway point, where the Vatican has collected responses from people in parishes around the world and compiled them into a single report. This report will now be translated and used in various consultative meetings throughout the world to guide those bishops and other people attending the main synod meeting in fall 2023.

**We wanted to share two reports that have been generated thus far in this process:**

1. The Pastoral Council led the Paulist Center through 12 gatherings in the spring and summer of 2022 to solicit responses. (Here's a [brief explainer](#) that the Pastoral Council used to define our goals during this process.) Here is a [link](#) to the 11-page summary we submitted to the Archdiocese of Boston on July 18, 2022.

2. Most dioceses in the United States collected similar reports from their parishes and then passed them onto the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The USCCB's National Synthesis can be found [here](#).



For a synodal Church  
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Update on the 2021-2023 Synod on Synodality (*cont'd from page 3*)

As people around the world will admit, it has been a messy, confusing, last-minute process. The Church has never attempted anything like this before, and the implementation plans have varied from parish to parish, from diocese to diocese, and from region to region. Nevertheless, this is the most consultative process that the Church has attempted in its nearly 2,000-year history. Fr. Rich has expressed hope in seeing people's pain and concerns expressed so openly in official Church documents. Even 10 years ago, it is hard to believe that this would have happened! Healing begins by acknowledging our wounds. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit guides this process to its completion, and that the implementation of its goals reaches fruition!



## THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Over the past 2.5 years, as many PCC members needed to step back due to safety concerns, other **volunteers took on heroic burdens without complaint**. We all owe them a debt of gratitude for their sacrificial love!

We will recognize and bless these volunteers the **weekend of October 22-23, followed by a light reception after each Mass**. Please join us!



## COMMUNITY GIFT

Our **Community Gift** is the Paulist Center's tradition of **giving 5% of our annual offertory to other charitable organizations**.

The weekend of **October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>** we raise up **Voice of the Faithful (VOTF)**, a lay organization that 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 to **844-899-7511**; this will be designated as your "Weekend Offering. **THANK YOU!!!**

## PAULIST CENTER ROSARY CIRCLE INTENTION FORM

**D**o you have a special intention that you would like the Paulist Center Community to pray for? Our weekly **Rosary Circle** (*see below*) is happy to include your intentions (*may be anonymous*). Go **here** for the form.

## 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



**The Paulist Center will be closed on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day. We will not have Mass or Confessions here that day.**



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Please see our **website** for direct contact information.