



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 15 - 16, 2022
29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 10:00am
6:00pm

WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES

Monday - Friday
12:05pm

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 **next weekend, October 22nd-23rd,** followed by a **light reception after each Mass.** Please join us!



LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINKS

Sunday, October 16th, 10:00am
YouTube [Link](#) Order of Worship [Link](#)



LAST CALL FOR CONFIRMATION TEENS!

The year-long confirmation program begins this **Saturday, October 15th** with an off-site team building event at **[Boundless Adventures](#)**. The **first confirmation class will be next Sunday, October 23rd at 11:15am** in the 3rd floor library. 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](#)**. **Questions: Susan Rutkowski, susan@paulistcenter.org, 617-948-2426.**

RJAG & FREP COLLABORATION

The Racial Justice Advocacy Group (RJAG) and the Family Religious Education Program (FREP) invite all to our multi-generational event, this Sunday, October 16th, 11:15am in the auditorium. We will start with refreshments followed by 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. Adults learn from children and children from adults. 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!

COMMUNITY COFFEE -

Join us this Sunday, October 16th, and Sunday, November 6th, after the 10am Mass for **Community Coffees in the auditorium!**

These are great opportunities to gather as a community outside of Mass and get to know one another. Be sure to strike up a conversation each time with someone you don't know!

We would also like to have Coffees on October 30th, November 20th, and December 18th.

Would you be willing to help cover these weekends?

Typically, there are teams of 4-5 people who serve **one Community Coffee per month** -- you pick up the bagels and donut holes, prepare the beverages downstairs before the end of Mass, and we reimburse you. (You're welcome to bring *non-reimbursable* additional goodies)

If this sounds like your kind of ministry, please email **Fr. Rich** to get involved.

Thank you!



Coffee & Chat

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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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY MONTHLY DINNER

All those ages 21-39 years old are invited to our monthly dinner next Sunday, October 23rd. It will be on the 3rd floor following the 6pm Mass.

If you are new, or returning to Mass in-person, we would love to meet you!

Email mairead@paulistcenter.org for more info or if you need any dietary accommodations.



EVENING OF SONG AND CELEBRATION

This Tuesday, October 18th at 7pm in the Chapel, GIA Publications and the Paulist Center present an Evening of Song and Celebration.

Join us and representatives from GIA as we come together to sing through new music and get a peak into GIA's newest hymnal, *Gather IV*.

The event is free and open to the public.

THE SUPPER CLUB IS RETURNING TO IN-PERSON MEALS ON OCTOBER 19!

On October 19th, for the first time in 2.5 years, we are reopening Supper Club to indoor dining in the auditorium and **we need additional volunteers:**

1. **Chefs:** No experience is required! We provide the food, the kitchen, and many hands to help. Chefs arrive 12pm – 1pm and leave when the meal is finished being prepared. If interested, please email Emily Spicer Hankle at 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.

3. **Clean-up Ministry:** washing tables; putting away chairs; cleaning the kitchen. Shift begins at 7pm.

If interested, please email supperclubfood@gmail.com.



SERVING OUR COMMUNITY AT WORSHIP

We 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

Information on training and formation opportunities are forthcoming.

Get Involved
in Worship



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.

TRANSFORMED BY PRAYER

Fr. Ed Nowak, C.S.P.

Associate Director

Prayer can enable us to have an experience of God's unconditional love for us that will transform our lives.

In this Sunday's scripture readings for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary time, we hear about the importance of being persistent in prayer. At first glance the image that is conveyed is that if we are persistent in our prayer we will eventually be granted what we desire. However, our experience of prayer is often not as straightforward as that. Ultimately persistence in prayer does not so much change God's mind as much as it transforms us to accept and trust God's answer to our prayer. Prayer brings us into a deeper awareness of our union with God and all of creation. Prayer enables us to participate in God's transforming grace in our world. Just as there are so many types of personalities, there are so many ways of praying. Our Catholic faith offers us a rich legacy of praying with the saints and learning about prayer from the saints. Our life situations and experiences in many ways influence how we pray and the capacity of prayer to transform us. All types of prayer including, adoration, contrition, thanksgiving and intercessory, have the potential to transform us but only if we truly are open to these prayers being a conversation with God.

In the scripture passage from 1 Samuel 3:1-10, Samuel hears the voice of God in the temple and at first thinks it is Eli calling to him. After the third time this happens, Eli realizes that it is God talking to Samuel and tells Samuel to respond to God by saying, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." One of my spiritual directors pointed out that most of us have a tendency to say, "Listen up Lord, your servant is speaking." Probably for many of us when we think of praying it is more of the, "Listen Lord, your servant is speaking" type of attitude we bring to prayer. While God certainly does want each of us to speak our mind and heart to God, we also need to do a lot more listening. After all, God did give us one mouth and two ears so that we might listen twice as much as we speak.

When we pray, how often do we listen to what God has to say to us? One might ask what does listening to God look like? It is not so much hearing God's voice as we hear each talk. But just as truly listening to what someone is saying involves more than just hearing, so too listening what God has to say to us is more than just hearing. Whenever we pray with scripture, music, art, nature, journaling, meditation or traditional prayers do we pay attention to what is resonating in our hearts? What is the message that we most need to hear or understand in that moment of prayer? In our gathering together for the celebration of Mass, what is the message God has for us? It might be in the prayers of the day, the music, the readings, the homily or in our conversation with a community member. Ultimately the simple essence of prayer is having a conversation with God; which of course involves speaking and listening.

A pastor tells of a time he was asked by a woman to visit her father who was dying. When the pastor came to visit him in his home. He noticed an empty chair at the man's bedside and asked if he was expecting a visitor. "No" the man replied. Then he said, "I hope you do not think I am crazy but for years I found it extremely difficult to pray until a friend explained to me that prayer was simply a matter of talking to Jesus. He told me to place an empty chair nearby, to imagine Jesus sitting on that chair and to speak to him and listen to what he says to me in reply. So I have been doing that ever since. Is that ok? Is that really prayer?" "Is that prayer?" thought the pastor. Wow... "Yes", the pastor assured him it certainly is.

Some days later, the man's daughter came to inform the pastor that her father had died. She said, "I left him alone for a couple of hours. He seemed so peaceful. When I got back to the room, I found that he had died while I was gone. It was strange though: his head was resting not on the bed but on the chair that was beside his bed."

Prayer can indeed enable us to have such an intimate experience of God's unconditional love for us and that is truly transforming. When we listen to what God has to say to us, we can hopefully rest our head on the lap of Jesus when we come to our final moment of this life.

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 15th and 16th** we lift up **Hearth**, a non-profit organization dedicated to ending elder homelessness through housing, outreach, prevention, and advocacy.

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."



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](#).



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SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual Direction is an opportunity for one to reflect and share one's life and prayer experience and be guided in one's search for God. Spiritual Direction is available at the **Paulist Center** from **Sister Kathleen Hagerty, CSJ**, and **Christopher O'Rourke**. **Christopher** can be reached at **617-817-3977**. **Sister Kathleen** can be reached at **617-755-9729**.



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