



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 29 - 30, 2022
31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES

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

WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES

Monday – Friday
12:05pm

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Tuesday, November 1st, we celebrate the holy people — both the famous capital-S canonized saints and the humble, unnamed, unknown saints — both who lived out the Beatitudes.

Join us for either a **spoken Mass at 12:05pm** or a **Mass with music at 7pm**.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

Wednesday, November 2nd, we will have a contemplative Mass with recorded music at 12:05pm for those who wish to have an extended time to pray with, to, and for, those who have gone before us. Mass will last approximately 45 minutes.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Each year the Paulist Center invites members of the community to include the names of family and friends who have passed in the last year (November 2, 2021 through present) in our Book of Remembrance.



The **Book of Remembrance** will be displayed in the **Mary alcove** throughout the month of November.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY - DINNER AND DISCUSSION

The Paulist Center Young Adults ages 21-39 will gather for dinner and discussion after the 6pm Mass this Sunday October 30th.



Fr. Ed Nowak will lead a discussion on who the Paulists are, and what it means for all of us who are associated with the Paulist foundation in Massachusetts.

Email **Mairead**, our Young Adult Minister, at mairead@paulistcenter.org to RSVP, to share any dietary restrictions, and to join our mailing list.

FAMILY WORK AND MOBILITY ACT - VOTE YES ON QUESTION 4

Many Paulist Center Community members helped to pass the **Family Work and Mobility Act**, which allows all qualified drivers to earn licenses, regardless of immigration status. It was a monumental achievement, and we thank you.

However, since the bill became law in June, opponents organized a petition drive that has put repeal of the law on the November ballot. To keep the law in place we need to get up to a million people to **vote Yes**. In a non-presidential election year this can be a tall order. The stakes are high - if we are defeated, it will likely be years before we have another chance. **Please vote Yes on Question 4**. And help us to drive turnout so that this law will be protected. To learn how you can help, visit the Immigrant Advocacy Group website, <https://www.paulistcenterimmigration.org/>

Welcome! If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form that can be found on our [website](http://www.paulistcenter.org). 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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LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINKS

Sunday, October 30th, 10am

YouTube [Link](#)



Order of Worship [Link](#)

While we usually livestream the 10am Mass, we will livestream the 5pm Mass on November 5th.

SAVE THE DATES!

Light Dawns On A Dreary World ~ Advent-Christmas Concert 2022
Saturday, December 10th at 7:30pm and Sunday, December 11th,
at 2pm.

Sunday's program begins with a presentation of the "Christmas Story" by our Liturgical Dance Ministry.



COMMUNITY COFFEE

There will be no Community Coffee on October 30th.

If you and some friends would like to help with one after the 10am Mass on November 30th, December 18th, or several spring dates, please contact Fr. Rich, rich@paulistcenter.org.



RACIAL JUSTICE EVENT - NOVEMBER 6

Our first intergenerational event on racial justice was a huge success!

Our auditorium was filled with enthusiastic learners - young and old - who explored concepts like prejudice, stereotypes, and discrimination to better understand how to work for racial justice.

Our next gathering is on Sunday, November 6th in which we will use the story of **Cesar Chavez** to break open concepts of discrimination. All community members are welcome. Please join us!



THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB IS BACK INSIDE!

Since Covid shut us down in March of 2020, we've been serving our guests takeout meals from the front doors of our chapel.

Wednesday, October 19th, marked the first time that our guests had the opportunity to be back in community: sitting in a safe space, talking with friends, and eating a hot, delicious meal.

Thank you to our tireless volunteers who not only switched gears during the pandemic, but got up and running to welcome back our guests with open arms!

If you are interested in volunteering, please email supperclubfood@gmail.com.



GOOD PARENTS, LIKE SAINTS, ARE NOT BORN. THEY ARE MADE!

Susan Rutkowski, MDiv

Pastoral Minister of Family Religious Education and Social Justice

All Saints' Day is November 1st. In religious belief, a saint is a person recognized as having an exceptional degree of holiness, likeness or closeness to God. But, too often, saints are portrayed as heavenly "goody-two shoes" with no human failings. The truth is, many of the saints made mistakes in everything from relationships to prejudice to substance abuse. They didn't become saints because they were perfect. They became saints because they let God transform their imperfections. It's their humanity, not their sanctity, that teaches us.

Ultimately, the road to sainthood involves struggle. As a single and married woman, I looked to the life lessons of the saints, but when I became a parent, their experience of human struggle resonated with me even more. Their practice of growing in virtue while suffering and rejoicing in everyday life inspires me and gives me courage.

The most striking parallel for me is surrender. Saints practiced, learned to give up their own will, and subjected their thoughts, ideas and deeds to God's will. I think each parent/guardian has a "conversion experience" in surrendering to the will of another. For me, it was the first time I had the energy to entertain after giving birth. I was excited to cook dinner, decorate the table and choose a playlist. The plan was to get everything done during naptime. But this day was different. Every time I tried to put my baby down, he screamed. I tried everything to get him to sleep. Why couldn't I do this? I wanted to entertain! Didn't he understand my needs? Finally, I succumbed to the inevitable. I surrendered...to the moment, to the universe, to the tiny scrunched up face. Once I "got it," there was peace. Ordering pizza for company just has to do sometimes.

At the heart of surrender is humility and empathy. Grounded in prayer, saints have a great ability to be present to others. This requires regulation and working on your own "stuff." Twenty years ago, I remember reading Richard Rohr's words: "If you don't process your anxiety/anger/wound, you're going to project it onto someone else." Teaching your child to tolerate frustration is a key life skill. And to teach that skill you have to hold your child's distress without yelling, "You're making too big a deal out of this!" The lesson from our saints of genuine accompaniment – of "you're not alone" – cannot be overrated.

Any love relationship we are in – with God, our family and friends, our life partner, our children - will have conflict. Love is not devoid of conflict. In relationships, rupture and repair refers to the breaking and restoring of connection with one another. Saints experienced both intense connection with God and intense desolation (the dark night of the soul). Theirs were journeys of rupture and repair. Their brutal honesty with God teaches us that God is not fragile.

Similar to divine fragility, parental fragility is a hot topic in the parentverse these days. The days of not uttering any criticism of your parents is out. Hearing your child's feedback about how you messed them up is "in." If you can hear it, the honest feedback allows you to re-work, re-wire, re-frame failed interactions. Somewhere along the way, we realized that the child/parent relationship is all about rupture and repair *like any relationship*. When I trip on my humanness and make mistakes, especially as a parent, I am reminded by the saints to be confident in my love relationship as a humble participant, which allows me to listen, make repairs, re-connect and revive the relationship.

Parenthood, like sainthood, involves struggle. With prayer, patience and humor, good parents, like good saints, are not born. They are made.

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 29th and 30th** we lift up **Haley House**, a non-profit organization that uses food with purpose and the power of community to break down barriers between people, empower individuals, and strengthen neighborhoods.

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."



"RICH THOUGHTS"



All of Fr. Rich's Sunday homilies are available in blog and video format at, <https://paulist.org/RichThoughts>.

PAULIST CENTER ROSARY CIRCLE INTENTION FORM

Do 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

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

IN OTHER COMMUNITIES

Saint Cecilia Adult Faith Formation Commission hosts *An Evening with Brother Guy Consolmagno, SJ*, Director of the Vatican Observatory, Tuesday, November 1st, 6:30 pm. People can attend in-person (masks required) or online. St. Cecilia Parish, 18 Belvidere St, (617) 536-4548, www.stceciliaboston.org.



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