



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.



NOVEMBER 12 - 13, 2022
33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES

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

WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES

Monday – Friday
12:05pm

LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINK Sunday, November 13th, 10am

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



★ *Light Dawns On A Weary World* ★

Our annual Advent-Christmas Concert, *Light Dawns On A Weary World*, takes place **Saturday, December 10th, 7:30pm** and **Sunday, December 11th, 2:00pm**.



The Christmas Story, a celebration of dance, drama and music, **begins the Sunday program**.

THANKSGIVING EVE MASS

Please join us on **Wednesday, November 23rd, at 7pm** for the **Thanksgiving Holiday Mass**, to give thanks to God for the year's many blessings.



Here is the YouTube [Link](#).

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**.



It will be displayed in the **Mary Alcove** throughout the month of November.

THERE ARE NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES THIS WEEKEND DUE TO THE STATE HOLIDAY. CLASSES RESUME SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

THROUGH THE ADVENT DOOR

Jan Richardson is an artist, writer, retreat leader, and minister. She has attracted an international audience drawn to the spaces of welcome, imagination, and solace that she creates in both word and image. **This year's Advent-Christmas Concert will feature both the artwork and writings of Jan Richardson.**

Please consider signing up for her **Illuminated Advent Retreat** as a way to enter more deeply into the Advent season. Here is the link for information on how to sign up:

<https://www.janrichardson.com/adventretreat>

DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT!

Copies of *Waiting in Joyful Hope: Daily Reflections for Advent* will be available the weekend of **November 19-20** for you to pick up at the weekend Masses. The *Waiting in Joyful Hope* series provides daily reflections to help guide you through this season of joyful expectation.



Suggested donation is \$3.

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 ADULTS MINISTRY - DINNER & DISCUSSION

All those 21-39 years old are invited to the **young adult community dinner following the 6pm Mass on Sunday, November 20th**. Join us on the **3rd floor** for fellowship and conversation.



Fr. Rich will then lead us down to the chapel for reflection and Eucharistic Adoration.

Please email mairead@paulistcenter.org if you plan on attending and let her know if you have any dietary restrictions.

SEEKING FIRST AMERICAN JOB

One of the Afghans our parish is supporting as part of the POWIR program is learning English and **looking for their first American job!**

Tasks could include:

- cleaning
- janitor type work
- kitchen work
- basic repairs/fix it type work



This new Bostonian is legally authorized to work in the United States.

Please contact **Kristin Driscoll** at kristin.m.driscoll@gmail.com or 617-947-5289 with any opportunities or questions.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

At the end of each Mass on the weekend of November 19-20, a member of the Finance Council will give the annual financial report to the community.



The good news: we finished fiscal year 2021-22 (ended August 31) with a small surplus, thanks in large part to receiving the Employee Retention Tax Credit from the federal government.

Many thanks to **Patty Simpson, our Pastoral Administrator**, for the many hours she dedicated to making this happen!

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 3rd Sunday of every month.

For the **November 20th** meeting, please email **Jay** at lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org to receive the Zoom link.



**HOPE FOR THE FUTURE AT 5 PARK STREET...
HURT & ANGER ABOUT THE PAST & PRESENT ELSEWHERE**

Rev. Richard R. Andre, C.S.P.

Director

Subtracting out the 5 weeks when I was completely overwhelmed by the fallout from Fr. Chuck's sudden medical leave, I've now had about 90 days to observe the operations of the Paulist Center. I've talked with many community members informally, although I have a huge backlog of members and supporters to meet with. I've reviewed the strategic plans circa 2004 and 2010, the roundtable meetings of 2019, and the synod responses of 2022 with the Pastoral Council. The pastoral staff has spent time visioning together on retreat. While there are still many issues to consider, I think there is consensus about two "tweaks" we can make over the next few months. We hope to find ways (1) **to make it easier for newcomers to build relationships within our community** and (2) **to continue to find ways to improve our communications**. Stay tuned as we work on ways – and ask for your partnership – on both of these fronts!

Sadly and separately, we have painful Church news to share with you. This week, there have been more revelations about abusive Catholic clergy locally and abroad. Yesterday, it was revealed that 78-year-old Cardinal Jean-Pierre Ricard, bishop emeritus of Bordeaux, France, abused a 14-year-old girl 35 years ago. He is one of 11 bishops in France being investigated for abuse they committed or for their handling of abuses committed by others in their dioceses. The case against Cardinal Ricard is especially upsetting because he served on what is now called the Dicastery of the Doctrine of the Faith, the Vatican department in charge of investigating clergy abuse cases. Much closer to home, Msgr. Francis V. Strahan was indicted by a Middlesex County grand jury for the alleged abuse of a minor in 2006. It is small consolation in these cases, but it seems clear that some sort of action will be taken against these men. Cardinal Ricard will likely be stripped of his privileges and responsibilities, and the Archdiocese of Boston placed Msgr. Strahan on leave 3 years ago after first learning about the allegations against him.

These news items shake many of us to our core. 20 years after the *Spotlight* investigation in Boston, and after a series of supposedly comprehensive Church reforms, how can such flawed pastors continue to lead hurting communities? If you are a survivor of any type of sexual abuse, we on the pastoral staff at the Paulist Center are here to listen and support you in whatever ways possible. We are committed to doing all we can to help you discern which next therapeutic or legal resources are available to assist you on your road to healing and justice. If you need to express your rage and grief about the Church abuse cover-ups or need help discerning the next phase of your relationship with the Catholic Church, we will listen to you with unconditional regard.

As we enter into the darkest months of the year, let us continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us to a future brighter than any past.

PAULIST ASSOCIATES



The Paulist Associates meet on Tuesday, November 15th.

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**.

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 **November 12th and 13th** we lift up **UniteBoston**. UniteBoston nurtures unity among diverse Christians through relationships for the flourishing of the city.

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"



PAULIST FATHERS MEETING

Please pray for the Paulist Fathers this coming week as they hold their annual Pastors, Directors, and Superiors meeting in Washington, DC **November 14-17**.

Friends, collaborators, and supporters of the Paulists will join them for the **dedication of Hecker House, the new seminary building, at 10am EST Saturday, November 19**.

You can watch the dedication online at:
paulist.org/NewSeminary.



THE VOICE & THINGS TO KNOW

The Paulist Fathers have recently mailed out the **autumn 2022 edition of *The Voice***. You can read it online here: <https://paulist.org/the-voice-autumn-2022/>.



This week's Paulist e-newsletter, ***Things to Know***, features a 7-minute **video interview of Fr. Rich** recorded over a year ago when he was serving in Austin, TX: <https://youtu.be/Fe1l1377Exk>.

You can find a 33-minute **audio-only version** of this interview at: <https://archive.storycorps.org/interviews/robust-faith/>.

To sign up to receive ***The Voice*** by mail and/or ***Things to Know*** via email, please email development@paulist.org.



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