



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.



MAY 20 - 21, 2023

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES

Saturday
5pm

Sunday
10am
6pm

WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES

Monday - Friday
12:05pm

CONFESSIONS
Monday and Friday
11:00-11:45am,
and by appointment

FREP END-OF-YEAR

LISTENING SESSION FOR PARENTS

The final day of our 2022-23 Family Religious Education Program (FREP) is May 21.

While the students are having their last classes from 11:15am-12:15 pm, Susan Rutkowski and Fr. Rich Andre will hold a **listening session with parents in the auditorium** so that we can dream, strategize, and offer constructive feedback.



The goal is to share our experiences and ideas after having to change course so dramatically after COVID, and then re-emerge after three years of a combination of solely virtual, a combination of virtual and in-person, and now back to in-person.

Topics include:

- Review of the curriculum/content of classes
- FREP/Racial Justice Intergenerational Sessions & Seasonal Family Gatherings
- Teen Youth Groups

We look forward to seeing you there and brainstorming together.

Afterwards, we will all gather downstairs for an end-of-the-year party!

A NEW PAULIST PRIEST!

Cardinal Robert McElroy of San Diego ordained Deacon Eric Hernandez, CSP at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in New York City at 10am on Saturday, May 20!



You can watch a replay of the festivities at paulist.org.

Eric's **Mass of Thanksgiving**, a.k.a. "First Mass," is/was (depending when you read this) at 10am Sunday, May 21. It will be available as a livestream or for later viewing at:

stpaultheapostle.org/about/watchmass/.

YOUNG ADULTS: SUNDAY PICNIC, THURSDAY RED SOX GAME!

Young adults ages 21-39 are welcome to celebrate Pentecost and Memorial Day with us at a **potluck picnic on Boston Common after the 6pm Mass on Sunday, May 28**.



While supplies last, **free Red Sox tickets** to the **7:10pm game on Thursday, June 1** against the Cincinnati Reds are available for young adults through a sister parish initiative, **Mass & Mingle**. Other young adults have already signed up and hope to see you at the game!



Details and forms for both events at: paulistcenter.org/young-adult-events/.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES - MAY 21

LAST WEEK of FREP Classes this year!

Grades K-6: 6th Floor classrooms.

Jr. High Youth Group: 2nd Floor Seminar Room.

Confirmation Teens: 3rd Floor Library.

Please keep an eye out for registering for 2023-2024!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN

FOR CELEBRATING THEIR SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS PAST SUNDAY!



Ivander Batubara
Marie Boudreau
Phillip Boudreau
Declan Doroquez
Emery Greer
Cara Quinn Ladieu
Alden Landry, Jr.



Tabitha (Tibby) Langer
Elizabeth (Emma) Miani
Tess Nuzum
Armenio Rauseo-Ricupero
Linus Schafer Goulthorpe
Mae Sulewski

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, May 21, 10am
YouTube [Link](#)
Order of Worship [Link](#)



Sunday, May 28, 10am
YouTube [Link](#)
Order of Worship [Link](#)



WE WANT YOU TO SERVE ON THE PASTORAL COUNCIL!

One of the most important ministries in guiding the Paulist Center this past year was the Pastoral Council, and the Council will continue to have a vital role. **Would you consider serving on the Council for a two-year term starting in September 2023? The deadline to submit an application has been extended to Tuesday, June 6.**

In-person voting will be at all Masses June 17-18; electronic voting runs June 16-26.

(A reminder that past Council members are allowed to run again, if it has been at least a year since you served.)

We will have 5 seats open on the council. The bylaws ask us to have 10 candidates, but we're still a several short of that goal. Would you make a good candidate? Pastoral Council members care deeply about the Paulist Center, bring a diversity of life experiences and lengths of membership at the Paulist Center, and are willing to advise Fr. Rich on a variety of issues that affect the health and viability of the Paulist Center. To learn more, **contact Amy Logan at alogan@erols.com.**

CALL FOR 2023 HECKER AWARD NOMINATIONS – DEADLINE JUNE 1

Since 1974, the Paulist Center Community has presented the **Isaac Hecker Award for Social Justice** to an Outstanding North American Catholic. Recipients of the award have included locally and nationally recognized women and men - lay people, sisters, priests, and bishops. Some have been involved in direct service to those in need, others in advocacy works and the transformation of structures and institutions. As we work through acceptances from recipients and schedules and prepare to announce our 2021 and 2022 winners of the Isaac Hecker Award for Social Justice, we'd like to **formally request nominations for 2023** so we can finally catch up by the end of this year after frustrating covid delays. Therefore, please send your nomination ([guidelines here](#)) for an outstanding North American Catholic committed to building a more just and peaceful world. **Send nominations by June 1 to Susan Rutkowski: susan@paulistcenter.org, or mail to Susan's attention at 5 Park Street.**



VIRTUS TRAINING TO BE REQUIRED FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS (AND REQUESTED FOR ALL ADULT MEMBERS) BY SEPTEMBER 2023 – TRAINING SESSION @ THE CENTER ON SUNDAY, JUNE 4

In an effort to continue to improve the safety of church spaces for all, the Archdiocese and its Office of Child Advocacy has announced, starting this September, that ALL volunteers and ALL liturgical ministers, not just those who work directly with children, will have new things to do/provide, in addition to the initial, and then annual, Criminal Offender Record Information check (CORI) previously required:

One of these new things is for virtually all adult members of our community, not just those who work directly with children, to be VIRTUS trained. VIRTUS is a program implemented across the United States to train everyone how best to protect children & vulnerable adults from people who wish them harm. **Due to our community's strong commitment to the protection of children and all vulnerable people, and the high rate of involvement of our members in many ministries and activities here at the Center, we are asking ALL adult members of the Center who have never received VIRTUS training - whether or not you are currently actively involved in any ministry or volunteer roles here - to register for our training session on Sunday, June 4, from Noon - 3pm. This is a one-time training and may only be done in-person, not virtually.**

- Register at this link [VIRTUS Registration](#)
- If you cannot attend this session at the Center, you may attend a session elsewhere, this summer and provide the Center with a copy of your completion certificate. To find other sessions, go to www.VIRTUSonline.org. On the left side of the page click on "First Time Registrant." Select "View list of sessions" and select "Boston (Archdiocese)"
- Those already VIRTUS trained will need to provide us with a copy of their completion certificate (but not yet!).
- If you have previously been VIRTUS trained, plan on getting a copy of your completion certificate to give/show to us (but don't email it to us until we ask! We are not ready to record this information.). Go to www.virtusonline.org/virtus/virtus_help_faqs.cfm and look for "Printing Certificates/Attendance Credit" under the Frequently Asked Questions.
- We will attempt to have another in-house session in early September, but the more people trained earlier, the smoother the picking up of activities will be in September.

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In addition to VIRTUS training, all volunteers will:

- Be CORI'd initially and then annually through the Center (We will provide you the forms and collect them from you at the appropriate times. You must be CORI'd by the Center to volunteer here, even if you are also CORI'd elsewhere for other purposes.).
- Acknowledge and agree to the Archdiocesan Volunteer Code of Conduct (link at: <https://www.bostoncatholic.org/protecting-children-word-welcome>).
- Fill out/update a volunteer application/reference/emergency contact form annually.
- Those who work directly with children will be required to provide two references to be contacted, although those who have previously volunteered and are known to the staff can have staff be their references.

We're still learning what the Archdiocese will require in terms of record keeping and formats for collecting the required information and will provide further details as we learn them.

The Paulist Center has always strived to make our community a safe space for children and all vulnerable people. We understand that these new requirements present an initial inconvenience, but trust our members will appreciate the intent behind them and will comply with the new requirements as soon as possible in order to continue engaging our large and growing body of dedicated volunteers - a hallmark of our community.

If anyone is open to train to lead future VIRTUS sessions for our community, which would be an immense help to us, please contact Susan at susan@paulistcenter.org. If you have any questions, please ask any member of our pastoral staff.

GETTING DOWN TO THE MISSION PART

Normand Gouin, Pastoral Minister of Music and Liturgy

We're familiar with the scene when Jesus sends the disciples out, two by two, on a mission. He instructs them to travel throughout Judea and beyond, to heal the sick, to cast out unclean spirits, and to proclaim the reign of God. And if that wasn't challenging enough, Jesus tells them to take nothing with them but a walking stick - no bread, no bag, no money, not even a second tunic. (Mark 6:8)

In "Two by Two," an episode from the TV series *The Chosen*, the creators vividly depict the disciples' shock and resistance to Jesus' command. We witness their barrage of protests and questions: "Rabbi, we are not you, how are we supposed to heal?" "What are we supposed to eat?" "They will kill us in that region." "How can we do this without you?" Unphased, Jesus firmly but gently, tells them to trust him and believe that God's Spirit will be with them. Then he departs alone.

In the first reading for the Solemnity of the Ascension - celebrated this past Thursday - we encounter a similar scene. A moment of shock and confusion for the disciples that no doubt elicited more questions: "Is he really gone?" "What are we supposed to do now?" "Where else are we supposed to look?" One can imagine how unprepared and disconcerted the disciples must have felt.

In Paul's letter to the Ephesians from that same liturgy, we hear the prayer, "May the God of our Lord..give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened that you may know the hope that belongs to his call." What a prayer for reluctant, mostly confused disciples! And yet, the gifts offered in this prayer are what both the disciples and all of us need to move forward - to get down to the mission part.

These very gifts - wisdom, revelation, and enlightenment - are vital for the fulfillment of Christ's mission. For it is only by remaining open and receptive to these gifts, imparted by the Spirit, that we can gain the fortitude to forge ahead with a God-sized vision of hope for the world. It is a powerful prayer that invites us to let go of the thoughts, judgments, and fear that keep us from reading the signs of the times and trusting in Jesus' promise.

Author and educator, Mary McGlone, CSJ, equates our circumstances with that of the disciples immediately after the Ascension: "Like them, we must face the very real dispiriting events of our times, the circumstances that cannot and should not be ignored. We may share their desire to simply stand looking heavenward for a solution, but we will also hear the promptings of angels and prophets who remind us that prayer is only part of the equation."

As we journey towards the celebration of Pentecost, may we have the courage to pray for the blessings of wisdom, awareness, and enlightened hearts. That through our prayer we will be impelled to "get down to the mission part" and act together, strengthened and encouraged in the knowledge that Christ, who sends us forth to preach the good news, will be with us for all eternity.

SHARING YOUR TIME AND TALENT

Volunteer opportunities abound at the Paulist Center!

Check out the [April 15-16 bulletin](#) to determine how your heart's desires meet our greatest needs!



STEWARDSHIP

The Paulist Center receives no funding from outside sources. All costs to operate our ministries for both members and the wider Boston community, maintain the building, and pay our staff are supported solely by your financial donations. *We are so grateful for your financial support!*

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. Text a whole dollar donation to **844-899-7511**; this will be designated as your "Weekend Offering."

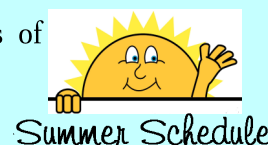
COMMUNITY GIFT

The Paulist Center gives 5% of our annual offertory to 52 other charitable organizations with missions consonant with our own. These organizations receive an equal amount from our annual offertory, but we highlight one of them each weekend. The weekend of **May 20 and 21** we raise up **New Ways Ministry**, a Church ministry working for reconciliation for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Catholics.

SUMMER BULLETIN DEADLINES

Plan ahead! We are hoping to return to a once-every-two-weeks bulletin for the months of June, July, and August.

All information for the **June 3-4 / June 10-11** bulletin needs to be submitted to info@paulistcenter.org by **noon Tuesday, May 30**.



YOU ARE INVITED...

Today, **May 21**, is **Fr. Chuck Cunniff's 40th anniversary of his ordination as a priest**. Due to other events on the Paulist Center's liturgical calendar, he will celebrate this wonderful occasion on **Sunday, June 11 at the 10am Mass**, followed by a light reception. Hope you can join us!



The Paulists have just published a *Novena to the Holy Spirit: Towards a More Perfect Union*.

Find it at paulist.org/novena. It can be prayed at any time, but it's especially appropriate for the **9 days between the Ascension (May 18) and Pentecost (May 28)**.

Around the Community

The Archdiocese of Boston will train a new cohort of **spiritual companions** for the **iTHRIST Program** this summer. This acclaimed program recognizes the spiritual components to many people's substance-abuse disorders. **The training will be held online on Tuesday & Thursday evenings 6:30-9:30pm, June 6 - August 8, except July 4**. Learn more about the training program at (<https://rcabrisk.org/ithirst-spiritual-companions/>)

For nearly 30 years, **Gospel Night at the Pops** has lifted Symphony Hall beyond music into the soulful ministry of **racial justice and ecumenical joy & hope**.

Join the all-local choir (including some Paulist Center Community members) **8:00pm on Saturday, June 10**. Tickets and more at bso.org/pops. Contact annmoritz@comcast.net. Discount tickets available.



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