



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 27 - 28, 2023

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

WELCOMING (BACK) OUR NEW ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR!



We are thrilled to announce that Fr. Broderick "Rick" Walsh, CSP will be joining our staff this summer!

A native of Weymouth, Rick previously served as our Associate Director in 2014-2018. He also served as the local Paulist superior for part of his time here.

We'll figure out how not to mix up the first names of our two priests on staff once he gets to the office on Tuesday, July 11!



**Lord,
send out your Spirit,
and renew
the face of the earth!**



WE WANT YOU TO SERVE ON THE PASTORAL COUNCIL!

Would you consider serving on the Pastoral Council for a two-year term starting in September 2023?

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.

The deadline to submit an application is **Tues, June 6**. In-person voting will be at all Masses **June 17-18**; electronic voting runs **June 16-26**. To learn more, contact Amy Logan at alogan@erols.com.

2023 HECKER AWARD NOMINATIONS



Since 1974, the Paulist Center Community has presented the Isaac Hecker Award for Social Justice to an outstanding North American Catholic.

Recipients 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.

Please send your 2023 nominations ([guidelines here](#)) by **June 1** to **Susan Rutkowski**: susan@paulistcenter.org, or mail to Susan's attention at the 5 Park Street address.



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 this 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 through a sister parish initiative, **Mass & Mingle**. Details for both events at: paulistcenter.org/young-adult-events/.



On this Memorial Day, as we pray for those who lost their lives in conflict throughout our history, we recognize the ongoing war and violence that continues to plague humanity in many places, many forms.

Today, we pray for peace, which those we honor today fought valiantly to achieve. In Your name we pray. Amen.

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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LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINKS

Sunday, May 28, 10am

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



Sunday, June 4, 10am

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

CAN YOU HEAR US NOW???

Our sound system received a much needed overhaul last week. This included the replacement of some older components, the installation of new wiring, and some overdue adjustments to both the chapel and auditorium sound systems. It is our hope that over the coming weeks we will begin to notice marked improvements in the quality and intelligibility of the sound. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and all your support throughout this process!



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.**

- To register, go to www.virtusonline.org/. Click on "First-Time Registrant". Click on "Begin the registration process". From the pull-down menu, choose "Boston, MA (Archdiocese)," **ONLY**. Follow the rest of the prompts. Choose **June 4, 2023, 12pm at the Paulist Center** when asked which workshop you want to attend.
- 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_faq.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.

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 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.

A VARIETY OF CELEBRATIONS IN JUNE AND EARLY JULY

We have a lot to celebrate in June and early July. Please mark your calendars now!

Saturday, June 10 - Teen Confirmation Mass at 5pm

Sunday, June 11 - Fr. Chuck Cunniff's 40th Ordination Anniversary Mass at 10am.
Join us afterwards for a light reception.



Saturday, June 17 & Sunday, June 18 - Farewell Masses for Fr. Ed Nowak, CSP at 5pm Saturday, 10am & 6pm Sunday. Join us after any of the three Masses for a light reception.

Monday, June 19 - Office closed in observance of Juneteenth. No 11am confessions or 12:05pm Mass.

Tuesday, July 4 - Special 8:00am Mass at the Paulist Center before the 9:00am city parade starting at City Hall Plaza. Office closed in observance of Independence Day. No 12:05pm Mass.

Saturday, July 8 & Sunday, July 9 - Welcome Masses for Fr. Rick Walsh, CSP at 5 pm Saturday, 10am & 6pm Sunday. Join us after any of the three Masses for a light reception.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE “ATTENTIVE TO THE SPIRIT”?

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

Director

The Paulist Center mission statement begins by describing our community as “Attentive to the Spirit.” This is refreshingly appropriate, since the spirituality of the Paulist Fathers revolves around individual devotion to the Holy Spirit. But what does it mean, to be attentive to the Spirit?

One of my most intense experiences of the Spirit occurred on May 26, 2001. As sudden as a flash of lightning – like Paul’s experience on the road to Damascus? – the Spirit invited me to consider discerning for the Catholic priesthood. I now realize that the Spirit had been gently calling me for several years in more subtle ways, but I had been too stubborn to listen!

I made my first 8-day directed silent retreat in May 2004, and it was another profound experience. By day #3, I felt “in the zone” with the Spirit. Between prayer exercises assigned by my director, I floated through the days, letting my mind and body wander over the property. I repeatedly came across thoughts and images that led to profound spiritual insights. With each successive day, the insights multiplied, and that sense of being guided by the Spirit intensified. On many of the retreats I’ve made since then, I’ve re-entered “the zone” with the Spirit. But alas, that feeling – or confidence? – ebbs away in the weeks and months after each retreat ends. I’ll regain it for brief moments, but then it evades me again.

I was graced with a lot of hospital chaplaincy experiences as a student, culminating with my clinical pastoral experience (CPE) at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in the summer of 2008. This, combined with excellent pastoral classes at the Washington Theological Union, helped me to develop the skills to be truly present to people in hospital and counseling stations. Most of the time, I can let go of my own agenda and allow the Spirit to use me as an instrument. It’s startling how often people tell me that what I’ve said or how I’ve showed up was inspiring, the answer to a prayer, or life-changing. I’m humbled, because I know the gift is not from me: it’s from the Holy Spirit!

What’s the difference between being attentive to the Spirit and just doing whatever you want? It takes a fair amount of effort to discern between the sometimes selfish desire to be independent for its own sake and a true devotion to the Holy Spirit. I didn’t really understand how to consistently distinguish between them until 2018. Many of us have felt a decision confirmed by God when we experienced a sense of peace. But according to Galatians 5:22-23, there are eight additional fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. I now realize that if I take a question to prayer, God’s desired answer will be confirmed by my experience of at least one of the Spirit’s fruits. I may feel a greater desire to be kind or generous. I may suddenly discover the ability to conquer a bad habit or to respond to a heated situation with kindness.

Come once again, Holy Spirit, and renew me. Renew us all. And renew the face of the earth!



FLOWERS THROUGHOUT THE EASTER SEASON



Thank you to all who helped us to continue to decorate our Chapel throughout the Easter Season. Please keep the following donors and their loved ones in your prayers.

Paula Cuzzo in memory of Anthony Cuzzo

Donation from Catharine-Mary Donovan

Donation from Carol Geyer

Rosanne Procopio in memory of Anne Procopio, Anthony Procopio, Edward Smith and William Dougherty, CSP

Keith & Marilee Swindell in memory of Gary Stone, Everett Stone, Phyllis Stone, and Tess Swindell

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 27 and 28** we raise up **Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC)** which engages young people in vital service within poor communities, fostering the growth of leaders committed to faith in action.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to our religious Education and sacramental preparation teachers and leaders!

They showed up every Sunday and/or every other Sunday to share their faith, teach, guide, and lead the children and teens in our community and we are all eternally grateful!

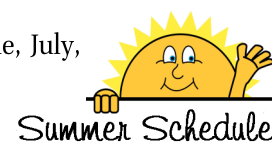
Thank you to **Kathleen Kerr, Elianna Nuzum, Meg Timperi, Isabelle Sloan, Joan Byrne, Carmen Donohue, John Domino, and Dominique Salogar** for being true teachers of the faith.

We are blessed to have you!

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**.



Around the Community

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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Amy Logan

Please see our [website](http://www.paulistcenter.org) for direct contact information.