



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.



JUNE 17 - 18, 2023 ~ 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 24 - 25, 2023 ~ 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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



THANK YOU AND WE WILL MISS YOU, ED!

Ed, last August, you came to us in our emergency on the heels of an extremely sad loss of the/your/our Paulist Community at The Ohio State University Newman Center, where you were the director. Instead of a sabbatical to recover from the trauma of saying goodbye to that beloved community and the hard work of packing up a whole Paulist house in short order, you came directly to assist and minister to and with us.

Thank you for your presence, your stories, sharing your trains, your kind and gentle ways, your coffee-making skills, sharing your trains, walking with us and helping get us through this past year – and, did we mention, sharing your trains. 😊 Thank you for shepherding our five candidates and catechumens through RCIA and helping make our first “real” post-covid Triduum a fully celebratory one with full-immersion baptisms (the first time our full-immersion font was used since covid began) and joyful candidates received into full communion. Thank you for ensuring marriage prep sessions, a significant budget resource for us, happened. And all this, on top of caring for your Paulist brothers during times of illness of several of your brothers and the death of your brother, Charlie Martin, CSP.

We wish you blessings and God's peace as you head to the brand new Hecker House digs in Washington, DC to be the full-time vocation director for the Paulists. We will pray for you – and pray that you find some good future Paulist Center-like vocations for us! 😊 Thank you for remembering us and praying for us. We appreciate everything you did for us and hope that we, in turn, provided something good for you. We are richer for our time together.

Love, The Paulist Center Staff and Community

Goodbye!



VAYA CON DIOS, ED!

This is Fr. Ed Nowak's last weekend serving as our Associate Director. He moves to Washington, DC later this month to become the full-time Vocation Director for the Paulist Fathers. **Please join us for any of his three farewell Masses this weekend, June 17-18: 5pm Saturday, or 10am or 6pm Sunday. There will be a light reception after each Mass so we can all have a chance to bid him farewell.**

If you can help Fr. Ed load his belongings onto the moving truck, please come to the Paulist Center at **9:30am on Saturday, June 24.**

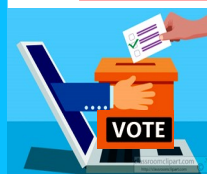
PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION

For the first time in years, we're having a competitive election for Pastoral Council membership!

Thank you to the 8 members of our community who have stepped forward as candidates:

André Boudreau **Chris O'Rourke**
John Domino **Jo Schnitz**
Julia Forest **Julie Sloan**
Marie Glenn **Yoojung Yang**

You can get to know them by reviewing their statements in the vestibule, or go to <https://tinyurl.com/4sx32mzp>.



Registered members of the Paulist Center Community may vote for up to 5 candidates to serve 2-year terms on the Council.

To vote online: go to bit.ly/PCElection2023, or scan the QR code. Deadline is **June 26.**

To vote in-person: voting in person will only take place at the Masses on **June 17 & 18.**



What? You're not a registered member? To start the process, click on the link at the bottom of this page.

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, June 18, 10am

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

Sunday, June 25, 10am

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

Sunday, July 2, 10am

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

Sunday, July 9, 10am

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

HAJJ TO MECCA - 2023

We pray for all Muslims making the hajj to Mecca the week of June 26.

May God's blessings light their way, strengthen their faith, and bring joy to their hearts!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TEENS WHO CELEBRATED THEIR SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION SATURDAY, JUNE 10!

Allyn Carl

Alana Doroquez

Lorelei Eckhardt

Annabelle Eckhardt



James Sloan

Anna Sulewski

Elias Wilson

Iris Wolfe

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY – SUMMER 2023

The Paulist Center Young Adults is a welcoming Catholic community for peers ages 21-39!

Join us on **Sunday, June 18** for our monthly dinner at **The Anchor**: a stand-up comedy series in an open-air venue with a beer and wine garden. **Meet us after the 6pm Mass** to travel together, or **please RSVP** if you'll go there directly around 7:30pm so we can find you!

Most Tuesday evenings we will host a **Young Adult Gathering** at **6pm**. Join us on **June 20** for a labyrinth meditation walk at **Armenian Heritage Park** followed by a picnic across the street.

Interested in meeting some neighborhood peers? We have several young adults who would like to host a small, local dinner party. **Use this form** to be matched with neighbors to enjoy a summer meal!

For more events, see paulistcenter.org/young-adult-events or [sign up for our newsletter here](#).

We look forward to strengthening our Young Adult community with you this summer!



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

After a hiatus, the **Worship Committee** is once again **active and meeting regularly**.



The Committee **advises and assists the Pastoral Minister of Liturgy and Music** in preparing and providing for the spiritual development of Paulist Center through liturgical celebrations and significant prayer experiences. Please reach out to **Claire Byrne** (claire_byrne@hotmail.com) to share any suggestions, questions, or concerns with the Committee.

UPDATE ON BABY OLI FROM POLAND

Baby Oli's family has given us permission to share some good news. After 75 days, Oli left Children's Hospital and is now at Spaulding Rehab. While his PVS condition is still worsening and a challenge, he continues to recover better than had been feared from the stroke and heart attack he suffered during a heart catheterization. His joyful, conscious personality has returned as he works to strengthen his left side. Oli's family continues to pray for a full recovery from the effects of the stroke and for an end to his original PVS condition.

They thank our community for all the support they have received: prayers, anointing, food, furnishings and all the help in recent weeks! We will keep you updated.



LOOKING BACK OVER THE PAST 8 MONTHS...

(A Financial Update for June 17-18)

Patty Simpson and Rich Andre, CSP



The current Paulist Center fiscal year runs from September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023. Now that we have closed the books on the Auction, we thought it was appropriate to give you an update.

In a nutshell:

The Bad News: We're still predicting a deficit for FY 2023. 😞

The Good News: It's not as big a deficit as we had previously predicted! 😊

Since the pandemic began, it has become harder to predict trends in giving, making budgeting more of an art and less of a science. Nevertheless, we projected a deficit of \$173,000 (nearly 10% of our operating budget!) for FY 2023. This is because of several factors, including a 30% increase in utility rates over the past 5 years.

Although offertory collections are down 4% from last year — due in part to some members of our community transitioning to fixed retirement incomes — other numbers are trending in the right direction. Roughly 40 families increased their electronic giving since November 2022. The Advent-Christmas Concert, the Christmas Appeal, the Easter Appeal, and the Auction all exceeded revenue expectations. We received two sizable, unexpected one-time donations. And as taxing as it was to have Fr. Ed working only part-time these past 3 months, we only had to pay half of his salary and benefits. It's still not clear where we'll end this fiscal year, but right now, we're predicting a deficit between \$65,000 and \$120,000, down by 1/3 to 2/3 from initially predicted!

We have sufficient cash reserves to weather another “rainy” year or two after this year, but we continue to face some strong head winds. The long-term solution to our challenge is obvious: we need to expand our membership. After all, that's what Jesus calls us to do in the Great Commission! (See Matthew 28:18-20.) We've focused this past year on more explicitly welcoming new members and first-time visitors, and we hope to launch an outreach campaign of some kind in the next year. Please encourage your friends and neighbors, including those who have drifted away from the Catholic Church, to join us here!

Here are some other ways that you can help:

- First and foremost, if you are able to, please consider starting or increasing your recurring electronic gift. That is the best source of predictable, reliable income for the Paulist Center. Thanks to everyone who has done so this past year!
- Consider getting involved with our marriage preparation program. If we had more couples able to give a few presentations each year, we could introduce more young adults to the Paulist Center through marriage prep, and their fees for attending the weekend could yield \$100,000 income per year.
- Plan on supporting our FY 2024 fundraisers to the fullest extent possible.

Feel free to pass along other suggestions to us, but please keep in mind the following:

- Donations made to the Supper Club cannot be used to cover general operating expenses.
- Most grant-giving institutions fund new initiatives, not general operating expenses.
- Signage on our building is severely restricted by the Boston Historical Commission.
- We do not have the cash reserve to support large-scale advertising.

Even though our current financial situation is serious, let's keep in mind that by many other measures, it's been a great year for the vitality of the Paulist Center Community! 🙌

Fr. Rich will reflect more on this in next week's pastoral reflection, which will be available after Thursday, June 22 at <https://www.paulistcenter.org/category/pastoral-reflections/>.

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 **June 17 and 18** we raise up **NETWORK**, a Catholic leader in the global movement for justice and peace, NETWORK educates, organizes, and lobbies for economic and social transformation.

The weekend of **June 24 and 25** we raise up **SHARE Foundation**, committed to support and accompany the people of El Salvador and Honduras in their struggle for social justice and sustainable development. And, of course, we remember that the Paulist Center Community has a "sister community" in El Salvador - *Hacienda Vieja*.

MONDAY, JUNE 26: STAND-OUT FOR HOUSING JUSTICE!

Our Commonwealth is in the middle of a severe housing crisis. Public housing is in decay, home ownership is harder than ever, and not enough money has been invested to tackle this problem. We believe that with more political will, this can be turned around.

To this end, the **Paulist Center's Racial Justice Advocacy Group (RJAG)** invites you to join them in a **rally at Temple Israel (477 Longwood Ave) on Monday, June 26 from 7-8:30pm**. Over 800 people from many faith communities and tenant neighbors in Greater Boston will be there to urge Governor Healey and other state government leaders to commit to **GBIO's statewide Housing Justice Campaign**.

Learn more at <https://tinyurl.com/GBIOHousingJustice>.



Please join us on the 26th! As communities of faith, we may not have power or money, **but we have people**. We're hoping to have close to 1,000 people of faith on hand to hold our political leaders accountable.

If you are able to attend, please contact **Tom Sharkey** at sharkey.te@verizon.net or **(978) 886-1608** for registration details.

If you cannot attend and want more information about the Campaign, contact Tom.

HAPPY JUNETEENTH!



Juneteenth (June 19) is a federal holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. Deriving its name from combining June and nineteenth, it is celebrated on the anniversary of the order, issued by Major General Gordon Granger on June 19, 1865, proclaiming freedom for slaves in Texas.

Please read the [bulletin insert](#), created by our Racial Justice Advocacy Group, for more information.



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