



# 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.



JULY 15 - 16, 2023 ~ 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
JULY 22 - 23, 2023 ~ 16<sup>TH</sup> 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

## FR. RICK'S RETURN - A JOYFUL OCCASION!

**W**ow! We had a fantastic turnout and great energy at all the Masses the weekend of July 8-9 to welcome back Fr. Rick Walsh!



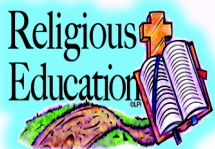
Despite the heat and humidity, people hung out on the sidewalk after Mass to enjoy a light reception as they introduced themselves or reconnected with Rick.

We're so happy to have him back among us!

## FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-24

Thank you to all the parents who took time to offer feedback and suggestions at our listening sessions in May and June. We heard that parents want more opportunities for community building and connection for their children; early and consistent schedules to help prioritize FREP classes/events; and want to know more about what their child(ren) learn(s) in class for a more integrated approach to church/family life.

Based on this input, next year's calendar and registration form will be **available on Thursday, July 20** to register for the 2023-24 religious education and sacramental preparation year. This year we are switching back to the *Finding God* curriculum by Loyola Press, which has a substantive church/family life component.



We look forward to welcoming your family back for our 2023-24 season!

Look for notifications and updates over the summer.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY - SUMMER 2023

Join the Paulist Center Young Adults to serve together at **Wednesday Night Supper Club on July 19!**

Supper Club is a Paulist Center Ministry that has been serving a sit-down meal and offering hospitality to guests every week for over 55 years.

**Help us continue this legacy:**

- 4:00pm to set up, or
- 5:30-7:15pm to serve and clean up

**Afterward we'll gather to enjoy a bite to eat at a local restaurant!**

All Young Adults ages 21 - 39 are invited to our monthly Sunday Dinner after the 6pm mass on **July 23.**

See [paulistcenter.org/young-adult-events](http://paulistcenter.org/young-adult-events) for more opportunities, or express interest [here](#) and Anna will get in touch with more information.

We look forward to growing relationships in our Young Adult community with you this summer!



**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, July 16, 10am  
YouTube [Link](#)  
Order of Worship [Link](#)

Sunday, July 23, 10am  
YouTube [Link](#)  
Order of Worship [Link](#)

Sunday, July 30, 10am  
YouTube [Link](#)  
Order of Worship [Link](#)

### NOTIFICATION OF LIVESTREAM START

It's easy to be notified every time we start a livestream!

- Go to [our YouTube channel](#)
- Click on "Subscribe"
- Then click on the bell icon next to the "Subscribed" button
- Then pull down the menu to select "All"



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB

"Summer time, and the living is easy..." except if you're in the kitchen at the **Wednesday Night Supper Club!** Summer features our highest volume of guests and lowest number of available volunteers. We have always resisted being a soup kitchen. Our ethos has been to serve dinner like it was at home; the quality of our meals and the dignity of our guests is our top commitment. But the fewer people we have ministering, the more it weakens our ability to live up to our commitment.

For the next two months, we are in **desperate need of help** in all areas of the Supper Club:

- preparing the meal (2 - 4 pm),
- serving it (5:30 - 6:30 pm),
- cleaning up afterward (6:30 - 7:30 pm), &
- providing desserts (drop off 10 am - 5 pm Mon-Fri or >15 min before weekend Mass).  
Dessert contact: [mary.mctigue@gmail.com](mailto:mary.mctigue@gmail.com)



*Do you have a bored student at home? Send them our way!  
Are you going stir crazy working hybrid from home? Come on down!  
No experience necessary, no training involved!  
Join us where the party never ends: the Wednesday Night Supper Club.  
Custom aprons available upon request.  
No minimum commitments and no purchases required.  
Satisfaction guaranteed!*

Please email [supperclubfood@gmail.com](mailto:supperclubfood@gmail.com) if you can help, or if you have questions. Thanks!

### 2023 LAY MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP

The Paulist Center offers a grant of \$700 - \$1,000 to an active Boston-area Roman Catholic lay graduate student. The grant is to be applied to tuition for a first level graduate theological or pastoral degree program (M.Div, MTS, MA in Pastoral Ministry, or equivalent).

The award is open to any lay person after successful completion of her/his first year of a master's-level degree program in a Boston Theological Institute (BTI) school. Information sheets are available online [here](#), in the racks, or by contacting Patty Simpson at [patty@paulistcenter.org](mailto:patty@paulistcenter.org).

Application deadline is Monday, July 31.



## PARABLES: THE ANTIDOTE TO POLARIZATION?

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

*Director*

Over the weekends of July 16, 23, and 30, we'll hear Jesus' seven parables in the 13th chapter of Matthew about the kingdom of heaven. We often forget how surprising these stories are. Here are some alternate endings that we may have expected the first time we heard these parables:

- The householder told his slaves: "We'll probably lose a big percentage of our harvest, but it's important not to have any weeds mixed in with the wheat."
- The mustard plant immediately collapsed under the weight of a sparrow. It may have been an especially sturdy mustard plant, but what were you expecting?
- The woman provided all the matzah for the village Passover celebration that year, since the yeast wasn't nearly enough to leaven the entire batch of flour.

Like the seeds scattered on good soil, our contemplation of this chapter may yield 30-, 60-, or 100-fold if we place it in the context of Matthew's larger narrative.

Matthew's gospel can be divided into two major parts. In the first part, despite opposition from some political and religious leaders, Jesus tries to work within existing structures to spread his salvific message. Things come to a head at the end of chapter 12, when some Pharisees accuse Jesus of being in league with the demon Beelzebul. The Pharisees' accusation would have resonated strongly with Matthew's community of Jewish Christians, because some Pharisees had probably accused them of being in league with Satan, too!

In the second part of Matthew, starting with Jesus' parables about the kingdom of heaven, the disciples form a community separate from those who oppose Jesus. But rather than preaching about separation, Jesus speaks to his disciples about love, mercy, and abundance. The parables of chapter 13 echo a theme throughout Matthew. Both trees and people can produce good fruit or rotten fruit. The kingdom of heaven is like a field that produces both wheat and weeds, or like a net that catches both good and rotten fish. But it is **not** the job of the members of Matthew's community to determine which people belong to the kingdom of heaven and which ones belong to the kingdom of Satan.

In our current climate of toxic polarization, so many of us are quick to decide if a stranger is one of "us" or one of "them" when it comes to political or church leanings. Plenty of Americans are accusing people who disagree with them of being in league with Satan! But when we resort to vilifying one another, I don't think any of us are building the kingdom of heaven. Jesus is clear: none of us have the ability to accurately determine who will be wheat and who will be a weed at the end of the journey.

And this ties in with other parables in chapter 13. A tiny amount of yeast – almost impossible to see among nearly nine gallons of flour – allows all the dough to rise, to feed over 100 people. Mustard seeds are miniscule things, and no one in Jesus' world ever saw a 10-foot mustard plant, let alone one that could support a bird's nest. Each of us has the potential to build up the kingdom of heaven.

In chapters 14 and 15 of Matthew, Jesus challenges the disciples – and through them, all of us – to build up a kingdom of abundant love and mercy, not a kingdom of division. With no more faith than a tiny bit of yeast, anyone can walk on water. Caring for a non-believer's child takes nothing away from the community of believers. If we don't think that we can give others the benefit of the doubt, we only need to ask the Holy Spirit for faith the size of a mustard seed.

The kingdom of heaven will likely accommodate Sadducees, Pharisees, zealots, and Herodians. Right-wing conservatives, left-wing liberals, and everyone in between. Our job is to live out the Beatitudes. God will evaluate each of **us** at the end of the age by the fruits that **we** produce, not by whom we prevented from producing their own fruits.

## 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>, or scan the QR code.
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 **July 15 and 16** we raise up **Refugee Immigration Ministry**, through a volunteer interfaith support system, provides services for refugees, immigrants and detainees.

The weekend of **July 22 and 23** we raise up **St. Francis & St. Therese Catholic Worker House in Worcester, MA** provides emergency shelter in addition to two meals a day and laundry twice a week. The program is available from anywhere between two and three weeks.

## SISTER COMMUNITY NEWS

The Paulist Center has always been a dynamic place where passionate members collaborate with the staff to create new ministries and advocacy groups. But with limited resources and a desire to address new needs in the world, we must inevitably "sunset" ministries that have run their course.



So, it is with a combination of joy and sadness that we officially celebrate our final donation to **Hacienda Vieja** in El Salvador, thus ending a 40-year collaboration, at the **10am Mass on Sunday, August 13**. With thanksgiving to the remaining members of our **Sister Community** committee, **Judy Stover** and **Gary Cunniff**, and all their predecessors, we will recount the financial and spiritual resources we've provided to **Hacienda Vieja**, and the graces and blessings the people of **Hacienda Vieja** have provided to us in return.

We will further detail this enriching collaboration in the next bulletin, for the weekends of July 29-30 & August 5-6.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month**.

To receive the Zoom link for the meeting on July 16, please email Jay at [lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org](mailto:lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org).



## PLEASE PRAY FOR .....

Please pray for **Joshua Hughes**, a former Paulist Center Young Adult Community member, who passed away recently. Joshua was also active with our LGBTQIA+ group and served as a sponsor in the RCIA program.

There will be a celebration of Josh's life in North Carolina on July 15.

Details are in his [obituary](#).



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