



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 29 - 30, 2023 ~ 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 5 - 6, 2023 ~ 18TH 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



¡GRACIAS POR TODO, HACIENDA VIEJA!



It is with joy and sadness that we will honor and celebrate as we sunset our 35-year collaboration with *Hacienda Vieja* on Sunday, August 13 at the 10am Mass. A profound THANK YOU to the remaining members of the Sister Community Committee, Judy Stover and Gary Cunniff, and to all their predecessors. We also extend our deep appreciation to the Paulist Center community for their support of the Committee and to *Hacienda Vieja*.

Hacienda Vieja (HV), El Salvador, is a small, rural, farming village of about 500 people close to the border of Honduras. The community was forced to flee, and the village was physically obliterated during the Salvadoran civil war (1979-1992). After years in a refugee camp in Honduras, members returned and rebuilt. In 1992, the Paulist Center began a sister city relationship with HV facilitated by the grassroots organization **SHARE Foundation**.

Our mission of accompaniment with our friends in HV has been expressed in a variety of ways:

- Shortly after HV re-populated their village they were in danger of losing access to their leased farmland. We helped them purchase the land over five years raising the entire purchase price of \$25,000 in about 2 months securing the land legally.
- The village had an urgent need for a reliable water source. So they undertook the building of a water supply line, reservoir tanks, and a distribution system. The PC raised \$9,000 for material costs.
- During the refugee camp years, camp services lacked access to education. Because most young women grew up without schooling, when they became mothers, they were unable to help their kids with even basic reading, writing, or math skills. When HV was re-populated, the town instigated a literacy program and the PC helped fund the costs for the instructors who traveled weekly to HV. Through direct appeals and sales of crafts over \$5,000 was raised. (See how much good selling all those crafts did!)
- Another significant project was to replace Hacienda Vieja's church in the village center with a new roof. Again the PC stepped up with a major fundraising effort of approximately \$14,000. This money was used to purchase and install long-lasting cement tiles for the church roof.
- Our latest contribution was the scholarship support of two women from HV in their four-year college studies. The Sister Community Committee hopes that they will in turn participate and contribute their health and business skills to benefit the HV community.
- The PC has made several trips to HV. There, we experienced the joys, accomplishments, and routine of daily life in a rural farming village, profoundly moved by stories of wartime escapes, hardships, the loss of family members, the "disappeared," and the resolve of the Salvadorans to heal their country.
- The PC committee has also hosted members from HV to visit Boston. These exchange visits helped each community realize its perspective of each other's very different situations.



2003 Delegation: Front, L-to-R: A.E.Cerino, Judy Stover, Fr. Rich Colgan, Donna Stiglmeier
Back, L-to-R: Gary Cunniff, Jennifer McConathy, Oz McConathy, Judy Rich, Walter Rich, Seamus Malin

And so with prayers and gratitude, we conclude a long chapter of solidarity with our sisters and brothers in *Hacienda Vieja*.

The El Salvador Alcove in our Chapel will help us always be mindful of this important ministry. We will continue to support *Hacienda Vieja* through our community gift program and communication with our friends.

Thank you, *Hacienda Vieja*,
for sharing your faith and friendship with us!

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, July 30, 10am

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



Sunday, August 6, 10am

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



Sunday, August 13, 10am

YouTube [Link](#)

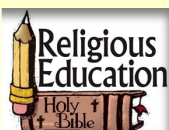
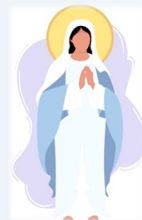
Order of Worship [Link](#)

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Join us for the **Solemnity of the Assumption** on **Tuesday, August 15!** It is a holy day of obligation in the United States.

Masses will be celebrated at **7:55am** (spoken), **12:05pm** (with music), and **7:00pm** (livestreamed [here](#), with music).

The Solemnity of the Assumption is a feast celebrated in the Catholic Church which honors Mary, the mother of Jesus, who having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory. The feast is a very important day for the Catholic Church and for Catholics worldwide. Not only is it the oldest Marian feast in the liturgical calendar, but it is also one of the largest religious festivals and a public holiday in more than 40 countries. **It is a day when we look to Mary** as the one who, in the words of Joan Chittister, OSB, “teaches us to keep our eyes on the things of heaven; to free ourselves from the fetters of anything lesser; to develop a vision larger than ourselves and outside of ourselves; and to allow ourselves to be lifted up beyond the petty and the transient to the eternal and the unalloyed.”



REGISTER FOR OUR 2023-24 FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM!

Parents! **Registration is now open** for the 2023-24 Family Religious Education Program (FREP) at the Paulist Center! Thank you to the parents who provided feedback and helped sculpt the priorities for this upcoming year. Please use this [link](#) to review the programs for Grades 1-6, the Jr. High Youth Group (grades 7-8), the Sr. High Youth Group (grades 9-12), and our First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Sacramental Preparation Programs. Please use this [link](#) to register online or you can find the link on our website [here](#). You can also print out the registration form from our website, fill it out, and send it to **Susan Rutkowski, 5 Park Street, Boston.**

The registration fees are as follows: 1 child - \$175; 2 children - \$200; 3 children - \$225; 4 children - \$250. You can pay the FREP fee either [online](#) (Family Ministry line) or send in a check with your mailed registration form.

***As always, if the fee is a financial hardship, we can make other arrangements.*

Please let Susan know if you have any questions or concerns regarding any of our religious education or sacramental preparation programs. We are all looking forward to being partners in faith with you and your children as we look ahead to an exciting year ahead at the Paulist Center!



YOUNG ADULTS EVENTS - AUGUST

This summer has been a time of welcoming new Young Adults to the Paulist Center Community! Many of us have moved to the Boston Area recently, either for internships, summer break, or new jobs.

As August approaches, we'll continue to hold service, spiritual, social gatherings, including: **Meditation, Mindfulness & Catholicism** at the Paulist Center on **Tuesday, August 1 at 6pm** and a **Free Zumba Class** in Seaport on **Thursday, August 10.**

Full details on upcoming events can be found at paulistcenter.org/young-adult-events. Please email Anna at paulistcenteryoungadults@gmail.com with any questions!

CREATION CARE MEETING - AUGUST 2

In the Creation Care ministry, Paulist Center members work on:

- ~ **Spiritual transformation** – finding God in all creation;
- ~ **Lifestyle change** - walking the talk in personal choices;
- ~ **Advocacy** - working toward systemic and policy change.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday, August 2 at 5pm**, via Zoom. All are welcome! For the Zoom link, email paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com.



RACIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY GROUP - AUGUST 8

Please join us! The Paulist Center's **Racial Justice Advocacy Group (RJAG)** is always looking for new team members! Next meeting is **Tuesday, August 8 at 7pm on Zoom.**

For the Zoom Link and information, please email **Tom Sharkey** at sharkey.te@verizon.net.

Hope to see you there!





REFLECTION FOR THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION ON AUGUST 5 - 6

Adrienne Murphy
Pastoral Council Member

I have a hunch that I'm not the only person in the Paulist Center community who identifies as a perfectionist. You know the type—those of us who tie ourselves up in knots trying to get an A+ on every task we attempt, chronically afraid to let anyone down, and loathe to forgive ourselves when we make a mistake, whether intentional or not.

Given these perfectionist tendencies, I cannot help but notice Peter's response in this Sunday's account of the Transfiguration from Matthew's Gospel. Upon summiting the mountain and witnessing Jesus in all of his glowing splendor, Peter's initial response is to offer to "make three tents here, one for [Jesus], one for Moses, and one for Elijah" (Matthew 17:4). At first, he does not understand. He misses the point. He equates the glowing figure of Jesus in front of him with the great prophets that appear alongside him. He fails to understand that Jesus is, in fact, the Messiah, whose coming these great prophets foretold. God quickly corrects Peter's misunderstanding, speaking to him directly and revealing that "this is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" (Matthew 17:5). All of a sudden, it "clicks," as Peter, along with James and John, fall prostrate.

In reflecting on this exchange, I can't help but notice that Peter—one of the most treasured saints, one of the three chosen to accompany Jesus in the Garden on his last days, the rock on which Christ built his Church—at first didn't "get it." He reacted in haste, without fully thinking things through. And yet, God gave him another chance. Instead of abandoning or punishing Peter, God recognized the source of his confusion and helped him to understand.

I can't help but think that if Peter can make mistakes and go on to be the rock upon which our Church was founded, we too can give ourselves the grace to fail. Jesus chose Peter to be among the three to witness his miraculous Transfiguration not because Peter was without fault (I mean, we are talking about the same Peter who would go on to deny him 3 times!), but because he was committed to learning and growing in his discipleship. In this spirit, I'm going to challenge myself this week to remember—as I anxiously iterate on a document or decision for the thousandth time—to go with my gut, take a risk, and if it turns out to be unwise, to see it as an opportunity to learn and grow. And I'd encourage my fellow perfectionists to do the same. In the end, isn't that precisely what God calls each of us to—to learn and grow in our discipleship?

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB - SUMMER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

"*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).



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 if you have questions, or mary.mctigue@gmail.com if you can help with desserts. **Thanks!**

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.

The weekend of **July 29 and 30** we raise up **EVkids**, which provides services to help low-income, academically vulnerable children and teens, succeed in school and life by strengthening core academic skills, organizational habits, and life skills.

The weekend of **August 5 and 6** we raise up **Father Bill's & MainSpring**, which strives to end and prevent homelessness in Southern Massachusetts with programs that provide emergency and permanent housing and help people obtain skills, jobs, housing, services, and achieve self-sufficiency.

SUMMER APPEAL

Watch your postal mail and email for the **Summer Appeal!** (We have traditionally sent out two appeals in the summer; this year, we are combining them into one.) It should arrive in early August. Thank you for prayerfully considering helping us eliminate our remaining projected deficit, and for signing up to help with ministries that expand our community!

To donate, please visit tinyurl.com/DonatePaulistCenter and use the Summer Appeal donation line or use the envelope enclosed in the appeal mailing.


For ministerial help, please consider:


- preparing couples for marriage (**contact Fr. Rick W. at rick@paulistcenter.org**);
- greeting visitors at all of our Masses, but particularly our two evening Masses (contact **Norm@paulistcenter.org**), or
- serving the Community Coffees after the 10am Mass (contact **Fr. Rich A. at rich@paulistcenter.org**).

Thank you for your prayerful support!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...

 Please pray for **John Collins**, brother of community member Michael Collins, who passed away on July 15.

 Also, please pray for **Charlie Smyser**, father of our Web Communications administrator Rob Smyser, who passed away on July 20. Here is the [link](#) to Charlie's obituary.

May they rest in peace.

Please keep Michael, Rob and their families in prayer during their time of loss.



GIA IS COMING BACK TO THE PAULIST CENTER!

Join us for a **Summer Choral Reading Session**
Tuesday, August 22
7 - 9pm

Clinicians: Michael Silhavy & Kate Williams

For free registration visit www.giamusic.com/srs or call **1-800-GIA-1358**.

Each guest receives a complimentary packet of octavos.



Packets are available only by attending the reading session.

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