



# 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.



AUGUST 26 - 27, 2023 ~ 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
 SEPTEMBER 2 - 3, 2023 ~ 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES		WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday – Friday</b>
5pm	10am	12:05pm
	6pm	<b>CONFESSIONS</b>
		<b>Monday and Friday</b>
		11:00-11:45am,
		and by appointment



## REGISTRATION FOR FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-2024

The Paulist Center Family Religious Education Program (FREP) is a collection of programs, events, activities, and opportunities that support and encourage families as they live, pray, and grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Partnering with volunteer teachers, we help nurture and support children's spiritual and religious potential through classroom instruction, prayer, the celebration of the sacraments, and social justice. Religious Education is a way of developing conscious and active participation in the worship, service, and mission of the Church. **Our goal is to support children's faith formation of the Catholic Christian as a spiritual, moral, and discerning person.**

We invite all families to register your child(ren) for Grades 1-6, Jr. High Youth Group (Grades 7-8), and Sr. High Youth Group (Grades 9-12) and/or for 1st Communion, 1st Reconciliation and/or teen confirmation (which happens every OTHER year; the next year being 2024-2025.) We highly encourage you to take advantage of the many opportunities provided for children to form their faith through our formal programs, liturgies, family socials, intergenerational classes, and service projects. **New families are invited to reach out to Susan Rutkowski at [susan@paulistcenter.org](mailto:susan@paulistcenter.org) or 617-948-2426** for help getting connected to current families in our program to find support and companionship in our faith community.

**To register for classes, please use [this year's registration form](#).** Pay the FREP fee either online at [www.paulistcenter.org/Giving/Donate](http://www.paulistcenter.org/Giving/Donate) & choose the **Family Ministry Program** line, or send in a check with your mailed registration form. The registration fees are: \$175 for one child, \$200 for two children, \$225 for three children, and \$250 for four children. (\*\*As always, please contact Susan if this fee is a financial hardship.)

All of the staff look forward to the return of and engagement with all of the wonderful children and teens at the Paulist Center in the fall. **Our kickoff for the season is on September 17 at our 10am Mass. Please join us!**

## PASS ON THE GOOD NEWS TO THE NEXT GENERATION!

Some families travel long distances to participate in our **Family Religious Education Programs**. They know that we provide a fun, friendly, inclusive learning environment with age-appropriate pedagogy for **grades 1-6, junior high, and senior high**, where all questions and concerns are welcome.



**We're still looking for a few more teachers, co-teachers, and substitutes!** We provide the training, materials, and support; you bring your love of the faith, a desire to nurture our children's spiritual & religious potential, and the availability to volunteer after the 10am Mass most Sundays between Sept 2023 & May 2024. **Contact Susan** to learn more.

## RCIA STARTING SOON!



**Do you know someone over 18 who's considering becoming Catholic?** Encourage them to reach out ASAP to **Chuck Ferrara** at [cjfbos@gmail.com](mailto:cjfbos@gmail.com), or **Fr. Rich Andre**, who will be coordinating the 2023-24 RCIA team. RCIA will most likely be held on Tuesdays at 7pm, starting September 5 and continuing into May 2024. You don't have to commit to becoming Catholic — or going through the entire process — if you reach out!

## LISTENING SESSION

On Tuesday, August 22, Fr. Rich Andre emailed a letter about sexual misconduct committed this August in another state by a former Paulist Center Director, Paulist Father Frank Desiderio (assigned to the Paulist Center 2010-2014). An updated version of the letter is inserted in the bulletin, and it is also accessible online [here](#).

We are holding a **listening session for Paulist Center Community members after the 10 am Mass Sunday, August 27.** Please join us if you can.

**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, August 27, 10am

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



Sunday, September 3, 10am

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



Sunday, September 10, 10am

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)

## PAULIST CENTER YOUNG ADULTS DAY RETREAT - SEPTEMBER 9



Whether we're new to the area or lifelong Bostonians, in the midst of changing jobs or gaining seniority, we all seek a supportive faith community. **Join other Paulist Center Young Adults ages 21 - 39 for a Day Retreat to Pause, Discern, & Connect as we grow in relationship!**

The Day Retreat will be on **Saturday, September 9 from 10am - 4:30pm**. We will meet at **Christopher Columbus Waterfront Park and ferry together to the gorgeous Piers Park in East Boston**. Don't worry about the unpredictable weather, we have backup plans and will Pause, Discern & Connect with each other on retreat, rain or shine! We sincerely hope you will join us. Please **secure your spot on the retreat asap and by Monday, September 4!** Additional information, including sign-ups and other upcoming young adult gathering details, are posted on our [Young Adult Events page](#). Please **email Anna** with any questions!

## NOW HIRING A PART-TIME YOUNG ADULT MINISTER

As we prepare for the departure of Anna Costello Duran, we have some exciting ideas about how to better reach out to a wider swath of young adults in the future. **If you know anyone who might be interested in our new part-time Young Adult ministry position, please have them email Patty Simpson at [patty@paulistcenter.org](mailto:patty@paulistcenter.org) for a copy of the job description. Thanks!**

We believe that this is an extraordinary opportunity for a theology student. The Paulist Center offers a creative ministry in a welcoming atmosphere, with knowledgeable supervision and a just wage. Spread the word!



## SEASON OF CREATION (SOC)- SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 4

The Season of Creation is a global ecumenical celebration of God's creation. Christians around the world celebrate God's creation and work toward ecological sustainability and environmental justice, embracing Pope Francis' 2015 Encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. The Creation Care Ministry encourages you to pray and take advantage of these opportunities:

- **Wednesday, September 13, 7-8pm:** "How the US Church is Answering the Call of *Laudato Si'*" - a Zoom webinar exploring what is going well in dioceses around the US. Our own Bill Mitchell will host with NCR journalists. **Zoom link: [tinyurl.com/CreationSept2023](https://tinyurl.com/CreationSept2023). By phone: 301 715 8592**
- **Saturday, September 16, 2pm: Special *Laudato Si'* Mass, sponsored by Boston Catholic Climate Movement and the Paulist Center.** People from around the Boston Archdiocese will gather to celebrate God's creation with a "Green Mass" and reception afterwards. All are welcome.
- **Wednesday, October 4, 6pm: Blessing of the Animals** (weather permitting) on Boston Common just on the other side of the fence from 5 Park Street
- **September 1 - October 4:** a daily 90-second reflection on **God's creation and Care for our Common Home**, is available by emailing [seasonofcreationdaily@gmail.com](mailto:seasonofcreationdaily@gmail.com). Edited by our own Peter McLoughlin.



Creation Care Ministry's next online meeting is **Thursday, September 7 at 5pm**. To receive the Zoom link, or to connect with Creation Care Ministry, email [paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com](mailto:paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com).

## IMMIGRANT ADVOCACY GROUP

Our Immigrant Advocacy Group is gearing up for the fall, focusing on the Gospel imperative of **Hospitality** by increasing awareness, providing direct assistance, and advocating for just and compassionate public policy. To learn more about their recent accomplishments in both direct assistance and policy, as well as an update on their current needs and upcoming plans, **please check out IAG's Summer Update. There's a lot going on!**



## DISCERNMENT: LIVING QUESTIONS & LISTENING

**Anna Costello Duran**  
*Young Adult Minister*

The uncertainty I've experienced over the last few years has been palpable. At times it's hung around me like a thick fog. Based on my 1:1 conversations with young adults, I think this experience is common; we're living amidst lots of changes and seeking clear direction. As I transition from my role as part-time Young Adult Minister, I'd like to share a little about discernment in hopes of inspiring others to find guidance through this gift of our faith.

My discernment process is centered around asking questions and listening. To begin, I find a way to honor that my question is unresolved and release my anxiety around this uncertainty. Unless I empty myself of anxiety, my worried thoughts create too much clutter to discern what is God's voice and what isn't. When I need encouragement, I turn to Rainer Maria Milke's quote: "Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart...live the questions now. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer." My first task is not to answer my question but to respect the process, place my trust in God, and keep my question front of mind.

There are many practices that have helped me find calm amid my uncertainty, from exercise to meditation to reciting traditional Catholic prayers. Within the sometimes overwhelming nature of uncertainty, I find cultivating silence is one of the most helpful tools. What helps you release anxiety and honor your unresolved questions?

Alongside living my question comes listening. There are many ways to listen to the Holy Spirit, from praying with scripture to assessing what is being spoken in the events and emotions of our lives (I find the Ignatian Examen prayer helpful) to allowing God to speak through trusted confidants. Scripture also teaches that there are many ways that God can communicate with us, from using a voice that "cracks the cedars" (**Psalms 29:4**) to speaking in "a light, silent sound" (**1 Kings 19:12**). How have you heard God's voice with clarity?

My most recent experience of discernment was more jarring than subtle. After holding the question of when I would return to California ever since I arrived in Boston (and assuming that I would be here for about 5 years), the realization hit me that it was time to move home. I found my answer through tears of epiphany. I still feel heartbroken to leave the Paulist Center, a community that has rekindled my faith in the ability for Catholic spaces to foster healing, spiritual connection, and acts of justice. Simultaneously, the immense peace I continue to feel tells me that my choice is right.

We are all receptive to different forms of certainty. Some point to the fruits of the Holy Spirit – love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control – as signals of resolving a question. Others seek signs in their daily lives or the physical world. For me, a strong sense of peace signals that I have heard God speak and that I have listened.

As I transition to my home state in mid-September, I know that the uncertainty of my life's direction will continue. In an effort to empower others during times of change, we will host a **Day Retreat** for young adults ages 21 – 39 on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. The theme will be **Pause, Discern, Connect**. I sincerely hope all young adults interested in strengthening the connectivity of our Young Adult Community might join us!

Thank you Paulist Center Community for supporting young adults who are navigating uncertainty and finding our way!

### PAULIST CENTER DANCE MINISTRY WELCOMES ANY AND ALL!

**D**ance is a liturgical art that enhances our most sacred celebrations throughout the year. If you or your child have ever wished you could be a part of this vibrant ministry, please **contact Christine Tardiff at [cetardiff@gmail.com](mailto:cetardiff@gmail.com) or see her after 10am Mass. No dance experience needed; all ages and levels of abilities welcome!**

Planning will soon be underway for children to dance at the FREP kick-off mass on September 17.



### NEWS FROM THE PAULIST FATHERS!

**T**he latest edition of **The Voice**, the Paulist Fathers' quarterly newsletter, is now available online. Hard copies should be coming out in the next week or two. You'll get a copy in the mail if you're on the Paulists' mailing list, and they'll be available in the vestibule, too. It includes a recap on the presbyteral ordination of Eric Hernandez on May 20 in New York City, plus some "old news" for us about Ed Nowak's & Rick Walsh's new assignments.



## 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 **August 26 and 27** we raise up **The Friends of the Lebanese Franciscan Sisters of the Cross**. FLFS was formed by volunteers of Lebanese origin to support the honorable and essential humanitarian mission that the Franciscan Sisters of the Cross lead in Lebanon. Its sole purpose is to secure a sustainable source of assistance for the Sisters in support of their mission's daily vital needs as well as to help rehabilitate and maintain the existing facilities. FLFS is a nonprofit, non-political organization based in NYC and incorporated in Washington D.C.

The weekend of **September 2 and 3** we raise up the **Hawaii Catholic Community Foundation (HCCF)**, to support their efforts in providing relief to their fellow community members affected by the Maui wildfires. Additional donations can be made online by visiting this link: <https://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic>.

## INVITE OTHERS TO JOIN US AT THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!

We intend to host a number of events in 2023-24 that will introduce more people to the Paulist Center Community. Some of these events, dates, times, and locations are still tentative, **so stay tuned - and make plans to invite some folks!**

- **Young Adult Retreat** – Pier's Park, 10am – 4:30pm Sat, Sept. 9
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Green" Mass of the Boston Catholic Climate Movement** - 2 pm Sat, Sept 16
- **Blessing of the Animals** - 6 pm Sat, Oct 4
- **Family Retreat** - Oct 7-9, Cape Cod
- **Isaac Hecker Awards for Social Justice** - two dates being finalized with the recipients for the fall
- **Advent-Christmas Concert** - 8pm Sat, Dec 9 and 2pm Sun, Dec 10
- **Prayer Service for Christian Unity** - 7pm Thurs, Jan 25, 2024



## WORSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE



Welcome to our newly appointed members, **Chuck Ferrara, Barbara Lapinskas, and Marianne Saccardi**. Other members include Rich Andre, CSP, Claire Byrne (Chair), Norm Gouin, Barbara Miller (Secretary), Lucia Papile, Christopher O'Rourke, Rachel Rumely, Michael Volonnino, and Rick Walsh, CSP.

The committee advises and assists the **Pastoral Minister of Liturgy and Music** in preparing and providing for the spiritual development of the Paulist Center through liturgical celebrations and other significant prayer experiences. Please email us at [worship@paulistcenter.org](mailto:worship@paulistcenter.org) to share any suggestions, questions, or concerns with the committee.

## Around the Community

### PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT

**A Retreat for Post-Abortion Healing**, sponsored by the Project Rachel Ministry - Archdiocese of Boston. **Saturday, September 23, 9am-5pm; Saturday, November 11, 9am - 5pm.** Location is confidential and pre-registration is required. For more information: Project Rachel at (508) 651-3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).

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**Finance Committee Chair:** Mary Lesko

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(See our [website](#) for staff contact information.)