



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.



SEPTEMBER 16 -17, 2023 ~ 24TH 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

WELCOME, AND WELCOME BACK!

To those new to the Boston area and/or the Paulist Center, **welcome!** And to those who are returning after some time away due to health concerns, travel schedules, vacations, and tunnel closure, **welcome back!** We'll all experience an energy boost this weekend by seeing the larger communion within the Body of Christ that gathers around the altar!



COMMUNITY COFFEE IS BACK!



Please join us in the auditorium after the 10am Mass for yummy refreshments and social time to catch up with community members you missed over the summer. Please extend a warm welcome to any new faces who may be joining us for the first time.



FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM - KICK OFF THIS SUNDAY!

We are so excited to be together again for another year of classes and sacramental preparation programs here at the Paulist Center! Our kick off Mass is this **Sunday, September 17 at 10am.**

After Mass, parents are welcome to head down to the auditorium to grab some coffee and refreshments before going up to the **6th floor** for **parent/teacher orientation** in **Room 22**. At Orientation you will meet your child's teacher and gather important information for the year. Room assignments will be listed in the elevator lobby.

Children will stay in the auditorium for a special presentation of *Dovetales*, modern day parables by **special guest, Dr. Tony McCaffrey.**

After parents and kids spend this Sunday getting to know one another more, the **first day of classes** will take place next **Sunday, September 24.**



We look forward to welcoming back our returning families as well as warmly welcoming any new families and friends who are joining us for the first time!

Please contact **Susan Rutkowski** at susan@paulistcenter.org with any questions.

ADVENT - CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2023



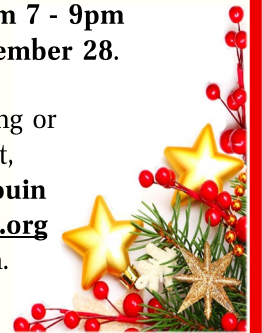
JOIN OUR PAULIST CENTER MUSIC MINISTRY FOR THE ANNUAL ADVENT-CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Believe it or not: it's less than 3 months until our **Advent-Christmas Concert on Dec 9-10!**

This beloved Paulist Center tradition is a prayerful celebration of God's promises being fulfilled. It's also an important fundraiser and a fun party!

Rehearsals will take place in the Chapel on **Thursday evenings from 7 - 9pm** this Fall beginning on **September 28.**

Those interested in singing or playing an instrument, please contact **Norm Gouin** at norm@paulistcenter.org for more information.



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

Saturday, September 16, 2pm - Green Mass

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



Sunday, September 17, 10am

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



Sunday, September 24, 10am

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)

FIRST RECONCILIATION - IMPORTANT DATES!

Preparation for the sacrament of **First Reconciliation** will involve two meetings. The first meeting is for parents on **Sunday, October 1 at 11:15am**.

The second meeting is for children and parents and will take place on **Sunday, October 29 at 12:30pm**.

The sacrament will be celebrated on **Sunday, November 19 at 12:30pm**.

Please register by completing the religious education registration [form](#) and **checking off 1st Reconciliation on the back**.



SAVE THE DATE!

for the next VIRTUS Training

The Paulist Center will hold another VIRTUS training on **Sunday, October 29 at noon** for all ministers who were not trained over the summer. Any ministers who are not Virtus trained here or elsewhere in the diocese by the end of November will not be able to continue ministering or volunteering in pretty much any capacity after that point until they receive the training, based on the new USCCB requirements.

Please join us for this important training or go to www.bostoncatholic.org to research additional dates.

RCIA

and

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

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, or **Fr. Rich Andre** who will be coordinating the 2023-24 RCIA team. Classes will be held at the Paulist Center **Tuesday at 7pm, starting September 19** and continuing into May 2024. (Previously scheduled to begin on Sept 5). You don't have to commit to becoming Catholic — or going through the entire process — if you reach out!



Do you know a Catholic over 18 who made their first communion, but was never confirmed?

Encourage them to reach out to [Fr. Rick Walsh](#).

The class dates and times have not been set yet.

We'll celebrate **Adult Confirmation** some time this fall.

ENLARGE THE SPACE OF YOUR TENT: RETHINKING WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION

A GLOBAL SYNOD GATHERING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2-5PM

Preregistration is **REQUIRED** at www.sjspwellesley.org/enlargethespace. Hosted at the Pastoral Center of the Archdiocese of Boston, 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree.

The Paulist Center is a "co-animator" of this event, which will provide space for discernment specifically in the areas of "Rethinking Women's Participation" and "Greater Recognition and Promotion of the Baptismal Dignity of Women."

The event will include: a gathering and invitational liturgy, small group sharing, personal witnesses, fellowship, and a Vigil Mass celebrated by Father Richard Lennan.

In preparation, you are encouraged to read the *Instrumentum Laboris* recently shared by the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for their first session in October 2023, as well as *Enlarge the Space of Your Tent* released in October of 2022.



JEWISH HIGH HOLY DAYS

We pray for our Jewish neighbors celebrating **Rosh Hashanah** September 15 – 17 and **Yom Kippur** September 24 – 25.

May they have a good final sealing and an easy fast.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...

Please pray for **Pasquale Arrigo**, father/father-in-law of community members **Jude Arrigo** and **Karen Reilly**, who passed away recently.



COMING SOON: IMPORTANT DAYS IN CHURCH HISTORY!

Fr. Richard R. Andre, CSP

Director

Between September 30 and October 4, four very different-but-interesting events are scheduled to take place at the Vatican. Depending on the course of the future, we may look back on any one of these events as an important turning point for the Church.

At the consistory on September 30, another 18 bishops under the age of 80 will join the College of Cardinals. We may debate if cardinals should continue to be chosen exclusively from the world's bishops — as only a small percentage of the world's Catholics are male, celibate, and over the age of 35 — but one thing is clear: at that point, Francis will have appointed more than 70% of the cardinals responsible for choosing his successor.

That same evening, Francis will host an ecumenical prayer vigil for the upcoming Synod of Bishops. Participants will include Bartholomew I, Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople; Justin Welby, Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury; Anne Burghardt, General Secretary of the World Lutheran Federation; and William Wilson, President of the Pentecostal World Fellowship (also President of Oral Roberts University).

The opening day of the 26-day Synod of Bishops was originally envisioned as the final month of a 2-year global consultation process, but it is now the kick-off to the final year of a 3-year process. October 4 will feature opening speeches by Cardinal Mario Grech, Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich, and Pope Francis, speeches which could greatly influence the deliberations of the Synod and the direction of the final year of the process.

October 4 is also the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and the final day of the Season of Creation. That day, Pope Francis will be releasing an updated version of his highly influential 2015 encyclical on the environment, *Laudato Si'*.

We can view each these four events as an older Catholic tradition evolving to address the current needs of the world. The College of Cardinals was originally composed of some pastors of local parishes around the city of Rome, then it became a body for the most powerful administrators in the Church; Francis has now configured it to represent pastors most attuned to the needs of the people of the world. Current cardinal electors include bishops confronting the challenges of poverty, rising sea levels, drug violence, interreligious violence, and government corruption, and nearly as many cardinals represent the “Global South” as the “Global North.” While ecumenical leaders have prayed together in recent decades, the Catholic Church has never asked so many prominent non-Catholics to gather and pray on the eve of what seems to be an internal Catholic event. The updated *Laudato Si* follows in the Catholic Social Teaching tradition going back to 1891, but it is one of the rare times that a pope has issued a public revision of his own writings, probably in response to developments in the past 8 years. The Synod on Synodality is unprecedented in bringing the concerns of ordinary people – including criticisms of Church structures and teachings – before those who the lead the church, a group that includes lay women and lay men as voting members for the first time.

When Jesus Christ ascended to heaven, he entrusted the Church's care to the Holy Spirit. Let us pray that all of us will have the courage and the humility to listen to where the Spirit is leading us next!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

There's so much going on at the Paulist Center these days!

We wanted to give you a heads-up about the most significant events in the upcoming year:

Presentation of the Isaac Hecker Award to Norma Pimentel, MJ:

5 pm Mass on Saturday, October 21, with a reception to follow

Presentation of the Isaac Hecker Award to Cherylann & Len Gengel:

5 pm Mass on Saturday, November 18, with a reception to follow

Advent-Christmas Concert:

- 8 pm Saturday, December 9, with a reception to follow
- 2 pm Sunday, December 10, with a reception to follow

Masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day:

- 5 pm & 8 pm Sunday, December 24
- 10 am Monday, December 25

Services for the Paschal Triduum:

- 7 pm Thursday, March 28
- times TBD Friday, March 29
- 8 pm Saturday, March 30
- Easter Sunday: 10 am & noon Sunday, March 31

Annual Auction: 6:30 pm Saturday, April 27



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In what may be a first for the Paulist Center, we will offer an **animal blessing in Boston Common**. Bring along your dog, cat, bird, or other pet to the **other side of the fence from the Paulist Center any time between 6:00 and 6:30pm on the Feast of St. Francis, Wednesday, October 4.**

In case of inclement weather, we'll post our plans to our Facebook page no later than 5pm that day. Since not everyone at the Paulist Center has embraced the fullness of Franciscan theology, please be sure to bring your pet on a leash or in a container.



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 **September 16 and 17** we raise up **My Life My Choice**, an organization that envisions a world where no person is bought or sold.

ANNUAL FAMILY RETREAT CANCELLED FOR 2023

Regretfully, the Family Retreat has been **cancelled** for this year, due to lack of time to commit to planning.

The Craigville Retreat House on Cape Cod has been tentatively scheduled for October 12-14, 2024. If anyone would like to step forward to take the lead on organizing this event, which many hold as a beloved tradition, please contact **Christine Tardiff** at cetardiff@gmail.com or **Elianna Nuzum** at eliannajoella@gmail.com.

Newcomers welcome and definition of "family" is flexible!

"WONDERFULLY MADE" FILM EVENT

The Greater Boston LGBTQIA Catholic Collective will be screening the film "**Wonderfully Made - LGBTQ+R(eligion)**", a documentary striking at the root of anti-LGBTQ attitudes by exploring the challenges and aspirations of LGBTQ+ Catholics. Interviewees include Isaac Hecker Award Winners **Jeannine Gramick** and **Bryan Massingale**. **Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30pm, St. Cecilia Church, 18 Belvidere Street**. Purchase tickets in advance at wonderfully-made-film.ticketleap.com/wonderfully-made-boston. For more information email lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org.

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.

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