



# 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 23-24, 2023 ~ 25<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

## NEXT VIRTUS TRAINING - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

**D**ue to new regulations issued by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, we need **every** volunteer — including money counters and members of social justice advocacy groups — to go through **VIRTUS training**, fill out a Massachusetts Criminal Offender Record Information (**CORI**) form, plus fill out/acknowledge receiving a few other items that we will enumerate next week.

**VIRTUS** is a national program to educate people on how to protect children and vulnerable adults from those people who might wish them harm. We would like everyone over age 18 in the Paulist Center Community to complete VIRTUS training at some point, whether or not they volunteer with a ministry. Everyone who is a volunteer must complete the VIRTUS training at least once in their lifetime *before the end of November*, or we cannot allow you to volunteer anymore. We're hosting a training session **12 - 3pm, Sunday, October 29**, facilitated by our own **Rachel Rumely & Lucia Papile**. Registration instructions for our session will be included next week. If you can't make it on October 29, find **other training dates/locations in the Archdiocese**. On the left side of the page click on "First Time Registrant." Select "View list of sessions" and select "Boston (Archdiocese)".

Those already VIRTUS trained other than at our session this past June (we have what we need if you attended here in June) will need to **provide us with a copy of your completion certificate before the end of November**. Please send a copy of your completion certificate to **Patty** as soon as possible. To get a copy of your certificate, go to [www.virtusonline.org/virtus/virtus\\_help\\_faqs.cfm](http://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/virtus_help_faqs.cfm) and look for "Printing Certificates/Attendance Credit" under the **Frequently Asked Questions**.

Each volunteer must fill out a **CORI** before being allowed to volunteer and annually thereafter. It's a form that gives the Archdiocese of Boston permission to request a name-based criminal background check from the state of Massachusetts. Fill the CORI out in the sacristy before or after Sunday Mass or in the receptionist's office during the week. You will need to show a state-approved ID (such a valid driver's license or passport) to a staff member as part of filling out the form.

Thanks for your understanding with this additional paperwork, as we try to make our Church and our world as safe as possible. If you have questions or concerns, please contact **Patty**.



## LAST CALL FOR MUSIC MINISTERS FOR ADVENT-CHRISTMAS CONCERT



**J**oin our Paulist Center Music Ministry for the Annual **Advent-Christmas Concert** taking place **December 9 - 10**.

Rehearsals will start **this Thursday, September 28, 7 - 9pm**. 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!



If you are interested in singing or playing an instrument, please contact **Norm Gouin** at [norm@paulistcenter.org](mailto:norm@paulistcenter.org).

## COMMUNITY COFFEE

**P**lease plan to join us next weekend, **October 1**, after the **10am Mass** for another **Community Coffee** downstairs!



This one will be hosted by the **Creation Care ministry**, as this is the final weekend of the **Season of Creation**. Be sure to introduce yourself to some new people!

We'll have additional coffees this fall on Oct 15, Oct 29, Nov 5, Nov 19, Dec 3, and Dec 17.

If you'd like to help host Community Coffees this spring, please reach out to **Fr. Rich Andre...** and feel free to ask the volunteers on Nov 19 and Dec 17 what you can do to help them out!

**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, September 24, 10am**

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



**Sunday, October 1, 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 **next 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**.



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

### ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

**D**o 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.

### 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.



### PAULIST CENTER ROSARY CIRCLE INTENTION FORM

**D**o you have a special intention that you would like the Paulist Center Community to pray for?

Our weekly **Rosary Circle** (*see below*) is happy to include your intentions (*may be anonymous*).

Go [here](#) for the form.

### PAULIST CENTER ROSARY CIRCLE

All are welcome to the Paulist Center Rosary Circle, every Monday at 7:30pm.

Here's the [Zoom link](#) Meeting ID: 487 503 158 Passcode: 021078



### LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

**L**ow-gluten hosts are available upon request.

Please see the presider in the Chapel or Sacristy **fifteen minutes before Mass** and **indicate where you will be seated in the Chapel** so the communion minister in that section will have the low-gluten host for you at communion.

## THE GIFT OF TIME

Fr. Rick Walsh, CSP  
*Associate Director*

I am still in the process of relocating into the ministry here at the Paulist Center.

One of the things that happens when we move, at least this has been true for me, is that we have more time on our hands to reflect on where we've been and where we are heading. Perhaps this is the reason I purchased a book called *Four Thousand Weeks* by Oliver Burkeman. The subtitle is "Time Management For Mortals".

It has occurred to me during this move that in some ways I am still living with one foot in New York City and one in Boston in what "ologists" call liminal space. Along with feeling unsettled, I feel the pressure of time's advance and I'm aware of some angst regarding my aging and the struggle to do the things I want to do as well as to meet the hopes and expectations of others.

One of the early points in this book is the problem most of us have with our attitude toward time. Most of us feel that we are losing out on so many other things we COULD do whenever we opt for this or that action that requires some of our valuable time. The feeling that there is not enough time to get ALL our bucket list things accomplished weighs heavily on us.

This is true as well in the manner of things that are not bucket list-worthy. It's in the simple things that take time (even the phrase "take time" connotes a loss of something we feel we owned or are owed); where we find ourselves growing more and more impatient, feeling that this or that task I have to do is going to waste my valuable time.

In a cruel twist, we find our time grows more precious to us with the invention of each time-saving device! Burkeman makes a point in his book that we will always find more things to do when we find free time. This accounts for one reason I'm only on chapter 4 of his book!!

To give an example:

Writing a paper for school used to take some time and effort. Who among us of a certain age can remember first handwriting our thoughts on lined paper and then type our papers and school essays? In my day, we had electric typewriters. When we typed the wrong letter or word, we had to eject the black ink cartridge for the correction cartridge that magically lifted the typo off the page. My older siblings (especially my sisters who early on worked in clerical positions) like to remind me of their having to work with heavy manual typewriters that required no small amount of finger pressure on each key. Back in those ancient times, when they made a mistake, they had to open a tiny bottle of white fluid that they could paint over the mis-typed letters. They then had to wait for the "Wite Out" to dry on the paper so they could then retype over the mistake. Truth be told, I used this product into the college years myself. (Here's a bit of neat Americana trivia: the "Wite Out" product my siblings and I used in the 1960's to the mid-1980's was invented by Bette Nesmith Graham, the mother of the Monkees' front guy Michael Nesmith.)

When it comes to composing in today's world, we curse when the cursor doesn't move as fast as we want it to!

Burkeman shares with readers that one way to manage our time is to embrace our limitations. By accepting that we can only do so much in any given day or hour is to help us to overcome the sense that time is an enemy of sorts. As a Catholic Christian with some knowledge of theology, I'd say Burkeman is on to something here.

Didn't God, the **Eternal** One choose to take on the limitations of human life when God chose to become one of us? If the One who lives beyond time can opt for life in time, isn't there a message for us?

We learned a concept as we made our way through seminary studies that had to do with time and our attitude toward it. In school we learned the distinction between two different times that we experience. In Greek, the word Chronos referred to a time that can be measured, that is about a quantity. As it appears in our English language, it also has a sense of movement or a passing to it. For example, a chronicle is a register of facts or events in the order of time. A chronic pain is one that goes on for a long time. We all experience this form of time as we pass from one activity - one minute to another, from one hour to another and so on.

But there is another Greek word for time, one that has not been passed along in language as readily as chronos. The other time is Kairos. This is more about quality than quantity. Kairos in the Christian theological parlance is the belief that time can have a sense of fullness or appropriateness. When Jesus proclaims that the time has come for the Kingdom of God in Mark's gospel, the author used a derivative of Kairos. At the final judgment, Matthews' Jesus speaks of the Kairos time when all is ready.

Running late into meetings as was my habit in seminary, I had to facetiously remind my friends already present at the gathering that I am a person who lives in the moment, that is Kairos time, that I live a life that's beyond chronological time. It was usually good for a few laughs.

I propose that each of us make some time (see what I did there?) to be present to the God who is alive and always present in the present moment. In prayer, we can avail ourselves of divine assistance in properly relating ourselves to the times in which we live.

In doing so, I believe we may discover many moments where we are freed from the enslavement we sometimes experience in life.

## 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 23 and 24** we raise up **Massachusetts Council of Churches**, which witnesses to our oneness in Christ among local churches and with our neighbors in Christianity.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS THIS FALL

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

Saturday, October 21 - 5pm Mass

### All Saints Day:

Wednesday, November 1 - 7:55am, 12:05pm, 7pm

### Mike Kallock's visit:

Saturday, November 4 - 5pm Mass

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

Saturday, November 18 - 5pm Mass

### Thanksgiving Eve Mass:

Wednesday, November 22 - 7pm

### Immaculate Conception:

Friday, December 8 - 7:55am, 12:05pm, 7pm

### Advent-Christmas Concert:

Saturday, December 9, 8pm

Sunday, December 10, 2pm



## "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 **Jeanine 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](http://wonderfully-made-film.ticketleap.com/wonderfully-made-boston). For more information email [lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org](mailto:lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org).

## Around the Community

### AGAPE COMMUNITY'S 41<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL ST. FRANCIS DAY

Join the **Agape Community** at their annual **St. Francis Day on Saturday, October 7, 10am - 4pm**. Agape is a lay Catholic residential community, interfaith in practice and outreach, and committed to embodying sustainability and justice. For questions or info on carpooling, email [paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com](mailto:paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com).

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Cardinal Seán O'Malley invites all couples celebrating their **10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries** to join him for **Mass at 3pm Sunday, October 29 at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston**. During the Mass, couples will renew their vows and receive a special blessing. Family & friends are invited, too.

Registration & more info: [bit.ly/WeddingAnnivMass](http://bit.ly/WeddingAnnivMass).

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