



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 30 - OCTOBER 1, 2023
26TH 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 AT THE PAULIST CENTER - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Due 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 email about after the October VIRTUS session.

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.

The Paulist Center is hosting a training session **12 - 3pm, Sunday, October 29**, facilitated by our own **Rachel Rumely** and **Lucia Papile**. **Pre-registration is needed and spots are limited**. We ask you to pre-register as soon as possible to be sure all of our members who wish to attend this session will have a slot. Pre-register **here**.

- On the left side of the page, click on “First-Time Registrant”
- Then “Begin the registration process”
- From the pull-down menu, choose “Boston, MA (Archdiocese)” only
- Follow the rest of the prompts
- Choose October 29, 2023, 12 pm at the Paulist Center when asked which workshop you want to attend

If you can't make it on October 29, to find other locations:

- Click on this link: **other training dates/locations in the Archdiocese**
- On the left side of the page click on “First Time Registrant”
- Select “View list of sessions”
- 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_faq.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**.

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, October 1, 10am

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



Sunday, October 8, 10am

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)

COMMUNITY COFFEE - THIS SUNDAY

Please plan to join us this Sunday, **October 1, after the 10am Mass** for another **Community Coffee** downstairs!



This Sunday's Community Coffee will be hosted by the **Creation Care ministry**, as this is the final weekend of the **Season of Creation**.

FIRST RECONCILIATION MEETING THIS SUNDAY!

Preparation for the sacrament of **First Reconciliation** will involve two meetings. The first meeting is for parents and takes place this **Sunday, October 1 at 11:15am** in the **3rd floor library**.

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 this [form](#) and **checking off 1st Reconciliation on the back**.

For more information contact **Susan Rutkowski** at susan@paulistcenter.org.

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

This week K-6 grades will meet in their classrooms on the 2nd and 6th floors as usual. There are no Jr. High or Sr. High teen meetings this Sunday.

* Please note that there are **no classes NEXT Sunday, October 8**, due to Indigenous Peoples' weekend.

Confirmation Class ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES



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**.

Classes will be held on **Thursdays, 7-9pm, from October 19 through November 16**.

We'll celebrate **Adult Confirmation** later this fall.

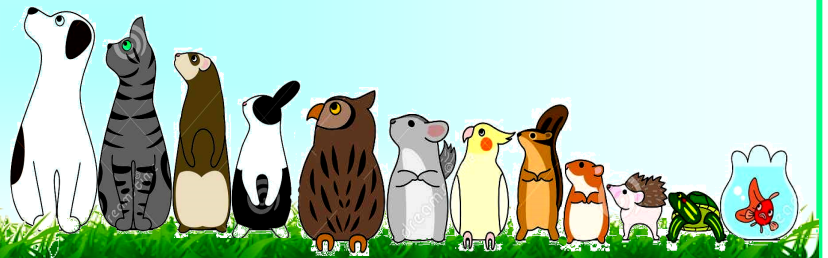
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - THIS WEDNESDAY!

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, this Wednesday, October 4**.

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.

In case of inclement weather, we'll post our plans to our Facebook page no later than 5pm that day.



BREAKING NEWS



We've hired **Augustus "Gus" Kellerman** as our **new part-time Young Adult Minister!**

Originally from Batesville, Indiana and coming to us with a Bachelor of Arts in Religious & Medieval Studies from Fordham University, Gus has just begun his Master of Divinity studies at Harvard.

All young adults over age 18 (including those who have "aged out" of the group in recent years) are welcome to come meet Gus at our monthly young adult dinner on **Sunday, October 29 after the 6pm Mass**. Also, he'll be joining other young adults in **volunteering at the Supper Club from 4pm onwards on Wednesday, October 18**. Welcome aboard, Gus!

Caring for Creation: The Time Is NOW!

Fr. Richard R. Andre, CSP
Director

In the final days of August 2021, Hurricane Ida barreled towards Louisiana. The media was fixated on whether the billions of dollars spent on levees in New Orleans since Katrina in 2005 would protect the people there.

The levees of New Orleans held, but they didn't protect the people of New Orleans from Ida's wind damage or the resulting loss of electricity... and they didn't protect people in other Louisiana parishes from devastating floods. Not only did people in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Tennessee die from the effects of Ida, but dozens of people in Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and Connecticut also drowned in their basement apartments due to flooding caused by the remnants of this one storm. Why were people living in basement apartments? Because it was the only place that they could afford to live.

Until recently, it was relatively easy to think that climate-related disasters were simply "acts of God" beyond our control. We can't think that way anymore. Human beings are playing a significant role in causing the tragedies and in exacerbating the effects. It's comforting to tell ourselves that we'll just have to spend lots of money to mitigate the worst effects of climate change. But there simply isn't enough money to do that. I shudder to think what will happen to downtown Boston as the sea level rises. The Paulist Center will still sit above the water, but our utilities, public transit, and local members' homes will be decimated.

Pope Francis presciently wrote this in his encyclical *Laudato Si'* seven years ago: "We are faced not with two separate crises, one environmental and the other social, but rather with one complex crisis which is both social and environmental" (#139). It is the poor who will bear the brunt of the consequences of climate change. Francis wrote, "Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature" (#139).

The Book of James is perhaps the closest equivalent in the New Testament to the wisdom literature in the Old Testament. James feels remarkably relevant to contemporary life, perhaps because it was written to a community with more cultural diversity than the Old Testament. James challenges us to consider how deeply our Christian faith has permeated our daily actions. "Do we treat rich and poor people alike?" James asks. I think most of us instinctively say why yes, we do. But do we? Throughout this country, our neighborhoods have become more and more economically homogenous, so that most of our interactions are with people of similar financial means as ourselves. Can we comfortably bear the title of "Christian" while we make distinctions among ourselves on who is worthy to be protected from environmental devastation and who is not?

This coming Wednesday, October 4, Pope Francis releases a supplement to *Laudato Si'*, an exhortation called *Laudate Deum*. No doubt it will call us to something much more drastic than using public transit and washing our clothes in cold water. God is calling us to radical, **sacrificial** love.

Open our eyes and our ears, Lord, before it is too late!

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual Direction is an opportunity for one to reflect and share one's life and prayer experience and be guided in one's search for God.

Spiritual Direction is available at the **Paulist Center** from **Sister Kathleen Hagerty, CSJ**, and **Christopher O'Rourke**.

Sister Kathleen can be reached at **617-755-9729**. **Christopher** can be reached at **617-817-3977**.



The Paulist Center will be closed on Monday, October 9, in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day. We will not have Mass or Confessions that day.

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 30 and October 1** we raise up **Project HOPE**, a multi-service agency at the forefront of efforts in Boston to move families up and out of poverty. They provide low-income women with children, access to education, jobs, housing, and emergency services.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: PRESENTATIONS OF THE ISAAC HECKER AWARD

 **Saturday, October 21 at the 5 pm Mass, with a reception to follow**
Presentation of the Isaac Hecker Award to Sr. Norma Pimentel, MJ:
Sr. Norma is the Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley, and is a tireless advocate for her work with refugees and immigrants to the US. She gained international attention for her work, and for speaking out against the Trump administration, family separation policy. In 2020, she was included on Time's list of the 100 most influential people in the world.

 **Saturday, November 18 at the 5 pm Mass, with a reception to follow**
Presentation of the Isaac Hecker Award to Cherylann & Len Gengel, The Be Like Brit Foundation
This Foundation continues the compassion of Britney Gengel by serving the children of Haiti through sustaining a safe and nurturing home and to help raise the next generation of leaders. Brit's Home in Grand-Goève, Haiti, was built to honor the memory of their daughter Britney who died tragically in the 2010 earthquake in Haiti along with 300,000 others.

Around the Community

"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.

AGAPE COMMUNITY'S 41ST ST. FRANCIS DAY

Join the **Agape Community** at their annual **St. Francis Day** next 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.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Cardinal Seán O'Malley invites all couples celebrating their **10th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversaries** to join him for **Mass at 3pm on 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.

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