



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.



OCTOBER 14 - 15, 2023

28TH 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

PRAYERS FOR ALL PEOPLE OF THE HOLY LAND

We pray for peace, safety, and justice for both Israelis and Palestinians. It is hard to find words that both honor the dignity of everyone involved and acknowledge the horror of what has occurred in recent days.



Catholic author Mary Pezzulo wrote an article that may help guide us through our emotions, questions, and prayers:

patheos.com/blogs/steelmagnificat/2023/10/a-word-on-the-war-in-israel/

INTERGENERATIONAL FREP EVENT - THIS SUNDAY

All are welcome to join us in the auditorium **after the 10am Mass** for our **first intergenerational event** of the year!

Please join us to learn about, and share ideas about, the challenges and responsibilities immigration presents as our **Immigration Advocacy Group (IAG)** hosts the first session **this Sunday, October 15.**

Community Coffee will kick off the event!



SR. NORMA PIMENTEL, MJ

TO RECEIVE THE ISAAC HECKER AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE ON OCTOBER 21!



Sister Norma Pimentel, MJ will accept the 2022 Isaac Hecker Award for Social Justice on Saturday, October 21 at the 5pm Mass. We will also live-stream the event for the broader audience. Here is the [link](#).

Sr. Norma, a member of the Missionaries of Jesus, is the **executive director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley in the Diocese of Brownsville, Texas.** She was chosen for her **tireless devotion to serving migrant people and asylum seekers along the U.S.-Mexican border.** As one of the nation's strongest champions of immigrants, Sister Pimentel asks the difficult questions about social responsibility and addresses the multidimensional issues

related to the crisis at the border.

Although Sr. Norma's direct assistance to immigrants has occurred at the Texas-Mexico border, her influence has been felt nationally and internationally. Her leadership is particularly inspiring for Catholics around the world, especially those who are immigrants themselves or who advocate for and/or provide services to immigrants. She has been **publicly praised by Pope Francis** and called "**the pope's favorite nun**"! She was named one of **the world's most important leaders** by both *Time* and *Fortune*. Her **outspoken condemnation of the US government's 2018 family separation policy** attracted attention worldwide.

Norma is a charismatic icon for the Paulist Center as a whole, and especially for its Immigrant Advocacy Group (IAG). The IAG is one of the Paulist Center's largest and most robust social ministries with more than 200 Paulist Center members having participated in its activities. Her work parallels and informs what the IAG has focused on: direct assistance to immigrants; sanctuary; resettlement; policy advocacy; and education and communication on immigration issues. Advocacy for, and support of, immigrants is a high priority for the Catholic Church worldwide and Sr. Norma is one of the best-known representatives of this work in particular and social justice work in general.

Sr. Norma's work is openly and convincingly rooted in the Gospels and the mission of Jesus. It signals a call to Paulist Center members, and all Christians, to **welcome the immigrant, love our neighbor, and establish a community of sharing and love for all.**

Please join us in extending a warm Paulist Center welcome to **Sr. Norma** on **Saturday, October 21** at our **5pm Mass**. Reception to follow. **We hope everyone will invite non-Paulist Center family and friends to this special event to hear Sister Norma speak!**

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 15, 10am
28th Week in Ordinary Time

YouTube [Link](#)
Order of Worship [Link](#)



Saturday, October 21, 5pm
Hecker Award Mass

YouTube [Link](#)
Order of Worship [Link](#)



Sunday, October 22, 10am
29th Week in Ordinary Time

YouTube [Link](#)
Order of Worship [Link](#)

YOUNG ADULTS AT SUPPER CLUB

Every third Wednesday of the month, some of our young adults help at the **Supper Club**.

Join **Gus Kellerman** (our new Young Adult Minister) **this Wednesday, October 18:**

- at 4pm to set up,
- at 5:30pm to serve, and/or
- at 7pm to clean up.



Afterwards, some of the volunteers may head out for dinner together!

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** at rick@paulistcenter.org.

Classes will take place on 5 Thursday evenings, starting **this Thursday, October 19 through November 16, 7 - 9pm**. Classes will be held at the **Paulist Center, 6th floor, Room 22**.



We'll celebrate
Adult Confirmation
later this fall.

“WONDERFULLY MADE” FILM EVENT

We're co-sponsoring the Boston premiere screening of "**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**. The **filmmakers will be on hand** for a talkback and reception.



The screening is at **St. Cecilia's** (18 Belvedere St)
6:30pm, Tuesday, October 24.

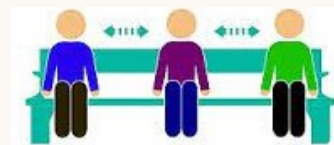
Email lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org
to learn more.

Space is limited!

Please reserve your tickets in advance at:
[wonderfully-made-film.ticketleap.com/
wonderfully-made-boston](http://wonderfully-made-film.ticketleap.com/wonderfully-made-boston)

BALCONY FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING

With the predicted uptick in Covid-19 this fall, remember that we've reserved the balcony for **people social distancing and wearing masks**.



Be sure to get your **covid booster shot**, your **RSV shot**, and your **flu shot** in this month - October!

(RSV shots are available only for people >60 years old.)



POWERFUL PRAYER, POWERFUL COMMUNITY

Deb Heimel

Pastoral Council Chair

This summer's World Youth Day, a global gathering of Catholic youth, brought up a lot of memories for me. I had the opportunity to attend WYD in Paris in 1997 with a group of people from around the world, all of whom were connected through the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the order founded by Mother Francis Cabrini. There were high school students, college students, lay adults, and nuns. They came from across the US as well as the Philippines, Brazil, Nicaragua, and several other countries. Most of us didn't know each other. We spoke several languages and ranged in age from 15 to 75. I wouldn't have used the term community to describe us when we first met. But I would a few days later.

World Youth Day is full of small events over several days before culminating in a large Mass with the Pope. One of the first nights, the group went to an evening of prayer and music at a local church where confession was also offered. I remember enjoying the night, singing in a pew with my new friends. There was a band of musicians singing praise and worship songs and several hundred people singing enthusiastically. It was exuberant and fun. After the prayer service I went with a few of my traveling companions to McDonald's for a late night snack. We told stories and got to know each other while eating French fries, everything translated from English to Spanish and back.

At the end of the week, we walked miles to the final pilgrimage Mass but arrived late and didn't make it into the event. We camped a few blocks away from the intended destination and made a night of it anyway. We stayed up late into the night and sang with other pilgrims, then left before sunrise to walk back to our hotel where we slept, and eventually met in the hotel to have our own final gathering - hours of stories and individual sharing that was incredibly emotional for all. It was my temporary community coming together to pray with honesty, with vulnerability, with joy for what we had all found in this week, and with fear for what many were returning home to.

It was the first time I was part of a *Catholic* Christian community that spoke openly of love for Jesus, who prayed from emotion and not from obligation.

When I first came to the Paulist Center, I was searching for a place to pray, a place where I could be myself as a member of a powerful faith community. I remember the first Mass I came to - everyone sang and it was beautiful. It was joyful. The collective participation in music and prayer made me come back. In the following months I returned and heard the questions that were asked in an evening Advent retreat, saw the reverence at the Good Friday Adoration of the Cross. I knew this was a community that prayed with the earnestness I was seeking. That has continued to be true over the last 15 years.

I am drawn to silence and solitary hobbies but that is not where I grow. I grow and flourish in active relationship with other people. The Paulist Center describes itself as an intentional community. When I first joined, I didn't know what that meant. But every weekend as I drive half an hour to worship with you, I realize over and over again what it means. I am opting into this community, into being in relationship with each of you. I know I am a better version of myself when I am in community. At World Youth Day, I listened to others share and could feel my perspective changing from my new awareness of their experiences, both with life and also with their faith. I also feel this at the Paulist Center - a community of people who offer me the chance to look at things differently, share your stories of faith and doubt, and pray with me to hear God's voice.

Everything you hear about World Youth Day was true for me in Paris in 1997: an incredible experience with powerful prayer and powerful community. This is why I love worshipping at the Paulist Center - I continue to find that with all of you.

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 **October 14 and 15** we raise up **Hearth**, a non-profit organization dedicated to ending elder homelessness through housing, outreach, prevention, and advocacy.



NEXT VIRTUS TRAINING AT THE PAULIST CENTER - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Due to new regulations issued by the US Catholic Bishops, we need **every** volunteer — including money counters and members of social justice advocacy groups — to go through **VIRTUS training** once in their lifetime *before the end of November*, or we cannot allow you to volunteer anymore. We are hosting a training session **12 - 3pm, Sunday, October 29**. **Pre-registration is needed and spots are limited**. Please 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_faqs.cfm and look for "Printing Certificates/Attendance Credit" under the **Frequently Asked Questions**.



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](#).

Around the Community

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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