

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 21 - 22, 2023 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Weekend In-Person Masses

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

WELCOME, SR. NORMA PIMENTEL, MJ!



We are so excited to have you here to accept the Isaac Hecker Award for Social Justice! For your tireless devotion to serving migrant people and asylum seekers, you join an inspiring group of other Hecker Award recipients, including Dorothy Day, Cesar Chavez, Martin Sheen, and Sr. Helen Prejean.

We look forward to hearing your insights into the border crisis, and your challenges to us to deepen our commitment to our sisters and brothers in need!

WELCOME, VISITORS!

If you're not a regular member of the Paulist Center Community, we welcome you, too! We are an active, intentional Roman Catholic community. Whether or not you're Catholic, you are welcome to participate in any of our activities that speak to your personal values.

Members of the Paulist Center dedicate significant time, talent, and treasure to **the work of inclusion and justice**. This edition of the bulletin mentions many of the ministries we operate, but our commitment to inclusion and justice goes even deeper. Our Family Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation Programs for grades K-12 emphasize sharing God's unconditional love with others. Although finances are tight, we pay higher utility rates to promote recycling and the use of green energy. We pay our staff a living wage. Previous Paulist Center initiatives include establishing one of the world's first ministries to divorced and separated Catholics, supporting the Salvadoran village of Hacienda Vieja, advocating for statewide criminal

justice reform, providing Saturday breakfasts to people in need, and founding what is now known as Project Bread's Walk for Hunger. Everything we do is immersed in the knowledge of God's deep love for each one of us, a love Christ compels us to share with others.

Welcome again! We're glad that you're here!

"Wonderfully Made" FILM EVENT



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 Hecker Award recipients Jeannine Gramick (who met with Pope Francis on Wednesday!) and Bryan Massingale. The filmmakers will be on hand for a talkback and reception.

The screening is at **St. Cecilia's** (18 Belvidere St) **this Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30pm**. Email **lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org** to learn more. Space is limited. Reserve your tickets in advance at: **wonderfully-made-film.ticketleap.com/wonderfully-made-boston**

Welcome! If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form that can be found on our <u>website</u>. 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, October 21, 5pm Hecker Award Mass

YouTube <u>Link</u> Order of Worship **Link**



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

> YouTube <u>Link</u> Order of Worship <u>Link</u>



Sunday, October 29, 10am 30th Week in Ordinary Time

> YouTube <u>Link</u> Order of Worship <u>Link</u>

ALL SAINTS DAY

On't forget the Solemnity of All Saints, one of the most joyful days of the liturgical year!

We'll have Masses at **7:55am**, **12:05pm**, & **7pm** on **Wednesday**, **November 1**.

There will be music at 12:05pm & 7pm, and the 7pm Mass will be <u>livestreamed</u>.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

November is the month Christians traditionally remember those who have died.

We invite community members to inscribe the names of deceased loved ones in our **Book of Remembrance**, who have passed in the last year (*November 2, 2022 through the present*).

The Book of Remembrance will be reverently placed in the Mary alcove throughout the month of November.





CREATION CARE MINISTRY

n the Creation Care ministry, Paulist Center members work on:

- Spiritual transformation finding God in all creation
- Lifestyle change walking the talk in personal choices
- Advocacy working toward systemic and policy change

Our next meeting will be on **Zoom, Monday, November 6 at 5pm**. All are welcome. For the zoom link email **paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com**.

RACIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY GROUP

The Racial Justice Advocacy Group (RJAG) seeks to promote racial equity through events and programs within our Paulist Center Community and also through involvement in racial justice work within Greater Boston.

Monthly meetings take place on the **second Tuesday** of each month at 7pm via Zoom, with actions in between. The next meeting is on November 14.



We welcome your joining us or checking us out!

Please contact **Tom Sharkey** at **sharkey.te@verizon.net** or **978-886-1608** for more information.

IMMIGRATION ADVOCACY GROUP

Immigration Advocacy Group (IAG) members volunteer to help resettle Afghan, Ukrainian, Haitian and other refugees and asylum seekers.



Additionally, we **advocate for** state and federal **policies** that support immigrants.

If you'd like to volunteer, or just know more, send an email

to <u>paulistcenterimmigration@gmail.com</u> and we'll send you the link to our <u>next open meeting</u> on Wednesday, November 1, 4 - 5pm via Zoom.

LGBTQIA MINISTRY

The Paulist Center welcomes LGBTQIA identified individuals and allies. The LGBTQIA Ministry hosts occasional events and social gatherings. In addition to bulletin announcements, information is shared via a confidential email listserv. If you'd like to be added to the email list, contact Bob Bordone at bobbordone@gmail.com. All pastoral staff members are available as resources and support for anyone in the LGBTQIA community as well as friends and family members.

LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY IN A TIME OF CHANGE

Gus Kellerman Young Adult Minister

I have been a Catholic my whole life, but I have never felt as though I was a member of a faith community that was authentic to 'me.' When I first stepped through the Paulist Center's red doors in late September, I was unsure what to expect. By no means does this building look anything like the Catholic churches I have attended in the past. In fact, I initially walked right past it! My unsurety, though, was quickly dispelled, as I was met with a sense of welcoming community as unique as the edifice itself. As soon as I walked in, Sal greeted me and gave me a brief tour of the Center. Soon after, I met with Fr. Rich, Patty, Susan, Fr. Rick, and Norm who welcomed me with kindness, and expressed their excitement in meeting me. For the warmth and welcome I have received from that moment of arrival, I am incredibly grateful, and I am excited to be a member of this community.

I moved to Boston in late August, for my studies at Harvard Divinity School, after splitting time over the last four years between college at Fordham University in Manhattan and my home in Batesville, Indiana. As a young adult myself, I know what a challenge it's been to build community over the past 4 years. When I was at Fordham for my BA, the scale was very broad, making lasting deep connections difficult to build. When I was living at home, it was challenging because it was narrow, making it difficult to form new bonds. Building community in both places was affected by the isolation and loneliness we have all experienced due to the global pandemic. My arrival in Boston brought with it the need to find new sources of community, as well as the opportunity to do so in the context of my faith.

What attracted me to the Paulist Center was its mission of inclusivity, spirituality, and social justice, and my desire to find a community among my faith that valued these things. When I learned that, not only was this community open to me, but that it also offered me the chance to have a hand in building community, I became interested in the position of Young Adult Minister.

In times of change (as in this time of change for the Center, for all of us, and for the Earth), community is an anchor that keeps us in place, and a bond that connects us in togetherness and fellowship. As the Paulist Center's new part-time Young Adult Minister, I hope that we can continue building this warm and welcoming community for the other young adults already here, and for others who will soon join us, to encourage all of us to come together in faith, in service, and in life.

I am excited to help facilitate opportunities for each of us to connect over our shared interests and experiences. This can be in regard to faith, but, along with retreats, Bible studies, and meditations, we could sponsor movie nights, game nights, study halls, meals, and whatever else you can think of! I would love to talk with every young adult 1-on-1 to get to know you and to discuss your ideas. Reach out to me at gus@paulistcenter.org! I would also appreciate any advice and wisdom from those who have been involved with Young Adult Ministry in the past, and would be more than happy to set up a time for us to chat. Ideally, the Paulist Center Young Adult Community should bridge all aspects of our lives.

I have met some of you over the past couple of weeks, and I cannot wait to meet many more of you in the ones to come! Thank you all very much, once again, for the warm welcome that you have given me, and I hope to see many of you at our next (and my first) Young Adult Dinner after the 6 pm Mass on Sunday the 29th!

YOUNG ADULTS MONTHLY DINNER

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 next Sunday, October 29 after the 6pm Mass.



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.

This weekend, we honor the ministry of Hecker Award recipient Sr. Norma Pimentel: Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley. Thanks for your generosity!

Envelopes will be in the pews if you wish to make an additional donation. Checks should be made out to **Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley (CCRGV)**, with the "**Humanitarian Center**" notation in the memo. You can also donate online on our website using the miscellaneous category and noting in the comment that the gift is for CCRGV. Here is the **link**.

EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

In addition to the food that community members bring in, the Paulist Center teams up with the Greater Boston Food Bank to collect additional food for a nominal fee. Three volunteer shoppers make weekly visits.

The food pantry is located on the first floor, two doors down from the reception area. There, **four volunteers** spend one and one-half hours on **Tuesday afternoons**



(1:30 - 3pm) distributing food that three different volunteers have previously shelved and bagged.

We give out bags of groceries that feed **over 500 people a month**.

Please contact **Raoul Vincent** at karlenevincent@gmail.com for more information on how to get involved.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB

Every Wednesday night in the Paulist Center auditorium since 1969, at least **25 volunteers** serve



a hot, delicious, dignified, sitdown meal for our neighbors who are hungry.

Funding comes from a variety of individuals and groups, including Project Bread's Walk for Hunger.

If you are interested in becoming a cook, contact **Emily Hankle**. To arrange for a group to volunteer, contact the **Supper Club Team**.

Individuals looking for more information or to volunteer with set-up, serving, or clean-up can contact **<u>Ieff Buckley</u>**, but know that it is also fine for an individual to **just pop in** to help any week without prearranging a visit.

VIRTUS TRAINING - OCTOBER 29



IRTUS training takes place at the **Paulist Center next Sunday**, **October 29**, **12-3pm**. Please reference last week's bulletin for registration information. Here is the <u>link</u>. Please remember that **pre-registration is required**.

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(See our **website** for staff contact information.)