



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 28 - 29, 2023
30TH 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

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Wednesday, November 1st we will celebrate the **communion of saints** – both the famous capital-S canonized Saints and the humble, unnamed, unknown saints – those holy ones of the past and the present – both who lived out the Beatitudes.



Masses will be celebrated at:

- **7:55am**
- **12:05pm** (with music)
- **7:00pm** (with music and live streamed)

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

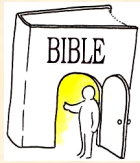
Each year the Paulist Center invites members of the community to include the names of family and friends who have passed in the last year. (November 2, 2022, through the present) in our **Book of Remembrance**.

The Book of Remembrance will be displayed in the Mary Alcove throughout the month of **November**.



4 EVENTS HAPPENING AT THE PAULIST CENTER THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

FAMILY RELIGIOUS ED AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM



11:15am: K-1 and grades 4-6 will meet in their classrooms on the 6th floor as usual.

Grades 2-3 will meet on the 2nd floor.

There are no Jr. High or Sr. High teen meetings this Sunday.

12:30pm: Children and their parents will meet in the 3rd floor Library for a **workshop on first reconciliation** with **Fr. Rick** to prepare for the celebration of the sacrament on November 19 at 12:30 pm. Contact **Susan** with any questions.

COMMUNITY COFFEE



11:15am: The **Racial Justice Advocacy Group** is hosting an Information/Coffee Hour. Please come to the Auditorium to learn more about the Group's origin, mission, and efforts to address systemic racism in our Greater Boston Community. New members are welcomed, but if not interested in specifically joining, you can leave your name to hear about events and actions as they emerge.

If unable to come to the 10am Mass, please feel free to contact **Tom Sharkey** at sharkey.te@verizon.net.

VIRTUS TRAINING



12 - 3pm: Due to new USCCB regulations, all volunteers must complete VIRTUS training by the end of November. PCC members Rachel Rumely & Lucia Papile are offering a training.

Pre-registration is required. Please do not bring any snacks or beverages (except water) into the chapel.

YOUNG ADULTS MONTHLY DINNER



7pm: 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** in the **3rd floor Library**. If you can **RSVP**, please do so at <https://tinyurl.com/wxxtjahv>.

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 29, 10am

30th Week in Ordinary Time

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)

Wednesday, November 1, 7pm

All Saints Mass

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



Saturday, November 4, 5pm

31st Week in Ordinary Time

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)

Sunday, November 5, 10am

31st Week in Ordinary Time

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)

HECKER AWARDS

Thank you to Sr. Norma for being with us this past weekend to accept the 2022 Isaac Hecker award for Social Justice.

It was a joy to have you!

Thank you, too, to everyone who made the event so memorable, especially all those that participated in the beautiful liturgy, that fabulous reception, the publicity, the logistics, and all the other work that went into it.



Please join us on **Saturday, November 18 at 5pm** to honor **Cherylann and Len Gengel and their Be Like Brit Foundation** with the **2021 Isaac Hecker Award!** Reception to follow. All are welcome!

CARDINAL SEAN'S LETTER THE IMMIGRATION CRISIS

A few days after awarding Sr. Norma Pimentel with the Hecker Award, **Cardinal Sean** released a letter to pastors and parishes of the Archdiocese regarding a growing humanitarian and societal crisis that is building in the Commonwealth and Archdiocese of Boston. The issue involves the **fate of immigrants arriving daily in Massachusetts** and in need of basic shelter and compassionate care.

Please **read the letter** here: <https://tinyurl.com/CardinalSeanLetter>.

FR. MIKE'S VISIT - SATURDAY, NOV. 4

Fr. Mike Kallock, CSP (Director here 1994-1998) will preach and preside at the **5pm Mass on Saturday, November 4**, following a retreat day with the Paulist Associates.

He celebrated his 50th anniversary of presbyteral ordination earlier this year.

We will have a simple **reception** (Fr. Mike's request) for him **after the Mass**

in the **3rd floor Library**. Light refreshments will be served. Please stop by.



NEXT INTERGENERATIONAL FREP EVENT: SUNDAY, NOV. 5

This is the second of four opportunities this year for adults and children to learn together.

Please join us for an inspiring hour on the **Mass parts** led by our very own **Norm Gouin!**

Community coffee always **kicks off our events** so come on down after Mass for refreshments before we begin.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY COFFEES

We're having additional Community Coffees after the 10am Masses on **Nov. 19, Dec. 3, & Dec. 17**. If you'd like to help out, please reach out to **Fr. Rich Andre**, or **just come at 9:15 am** on **Nov 19 or Dec 17** and go down to the **auditorium**.

HECKER AWARD MOVEMENTS OF THE SPIRIT

Patty Simpson, *Pastoral Administrator*

"I explain it really as the working of the Holy Spirit." That's what Sister Jeannine Gramick, SL, said, following her October 17th 50-minute **meeting with Pope Francis**.¹ Jeannine was accompanied by three other New Ways Ministry staff. I think I agree with that explanation...but, I have to admit, my agreement is accompanied by a sentiment I didn't hear in Jeannine's gracious and generous comments: exasperation! Almost 29 years, Holy Spirit? Could you really not work a little faster? There are people suffering here!

It was early January of 1995 and many of us at the Paulist Center were holding our collective breaths. Sister **Jeannine Gramick, SSND at the time**², and Father Robert Nugent, SDS, the founders of New Ways Ministry, were the Center's Isaac Hecker Social Justice **Award nominees**³, due to be presented with the award on January 28th. New Ways Ministry is a Catholic outreach organization that educates and advocates for equity, inclusion, and justice for LGBTQIA people within the Church and civil society. But Jeanine and Bob had been under scrutiny by the Vatican for their ministry to and with lesbian and gay Catholics for decades, and many people strongly speculated that the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (the CDF) might silence them any day. (The BTQIA of the current LGBTQIA acronym had not yet come into common use.) That attempted silencing didn't actually come until 1999, but, at the time, the situation had the staff grappling with several questions. If the order came from the Vatican, would Jeannine and Bob abide by it? If they were ordered to silence, and Jeanine and Bob were still willing to come and receive the award, what would we choose to do?

Thankfully, neither we nor Jeannine and Bob needed to grapple with those decisions in the moment and the Center's 1995 Isaac Hecker Award for Social Justice was awarded to them. In his remarks at the award presentation, Bob said, "**This is the first time we have received an award as a team from a mainstream, non-gay organization**."⁴ Eventually, Bob abided by the silencing, but Jeannine did not, stating, "**I choose not to collaborate in my own oppression by restricting a basic human right to speak**."⁵

Patience is generally not my virtue, and I am no Job. But listening to Jeannine's interview just as we were preparing to present two more Hecker Awards gave me a sliver of hope. Maybe – just maybe – some things our community tries to do and bolster in the name of justice might – just might – to paraphrase Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., help the long arc of the moral universe bend toward justice. Even if that arc takes 29 years to go from being scrutinized and ordered silent by a Vatican office headed by one to-be-Pope to becoming pen pals with and received by another Pope. Pope Francis actually referred to Jeannine in recent years as "**a valiant woman who makes her decisions in prayer... who has suffered much for her ministry**."⁶ Even if the current state of affairs is still not just enough or righteous enough, may the moral arc continue bending for the many in our Church and world who experience persecution, injustice, and suffering for whatever reason. May we continue to call out the injustice, encourage the advocates, be the advocates. May we use our personal and collective resources to help it be so!

(Footnotes can be found on the online version of this reflection: www.paulistcenter.org/category/pastoral-reflections/.)



CASTING A WIDE NET: HELP US FIND SOME KEY VOLUNTEERS!

Volunteers are the heartbeat of the Paulist Center Community. Your dedication, commitment, and selfless service build the foundation for everyone's spiritual growth, communal strength, and uniting relationships. We've identified 3 important community-building ministries for which we need talented volunteers in the upcoming months. If you know of anyone we should consider inviting to these leadership roles, please let us know.

Auction Co-Chairs. The annual Auction (Sat, April 27) is a major fundraiser and community-building event. We're looking for 4 people who are *extremely organized, great communicators, and fun to be around*. The work starts by January, becoming quite intense in the middle of April. If you know anyone who might fit the bill, **contact Fr. Rich**.

Small Groups Organizers. We hope to have new weekly faith-sharing groups during Lent 2024. We're looking for at least 2 people with *fantastic organizational skills* to offer their time November - February to recruit hosts & facilitators, schedule participants by availability, household configuration, and geographic location or online group. **Suggest potential organizers to Patty.**

Hospitality Ministers. We need more volunteers to greet newcomers, especially at the 5 pm Sat & 6 pm Sun Masses. If you're *quick to smile, comfortable talking with strangers, and able to regularly come early for Mass*, please **reach out to Norm**.

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 we raise up **Haley House**, a non-profit organization that uses food with purpose and the power of community to break down barriers between people, empower individuals, and strengthen neighborhoods.



YOUR CHOICE: ARRIVE EARLY OR BE WELL-RESTED!

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday, November 5.

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed on November 4.

NOVEMBER 18-19: ANOTHER BUSY WEEKEND!

Plan ahead! There will be a lot going on around here during the 3rd weekend of November:

5pm Sat, Nov 18 - **Hecker Award Mass honoring Cherylann & Len Gengel**, with a reception to follow

10am Sun, Nov 19 - **Sunday morning Mass**, followed by **Community Coffee** and **Family Religious Education**

12:30pm Sun, Nov 19 - **First Reconciliation for Children**

6pm Sun, Nov 19 - **OCIA/RCIA Rites of Welcome and Acceptance**

In addition, members of the Finance Committee will present the **Annual Financial Report** at the end of each Mass that weekend.



Around the Community

PROJECT RACHEL RETREAT

A Retreat for Post-Abortion Healing, sponsored by the Project Rachel Ministry - Archdiocese of Boston. **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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