



# 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.*



**NOVEMBER 4 - 5, 2023**  
**31<sup>ST</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

## **WELCOME BACK, FR. MIKE KALLOCK!**

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

The Mass will be livestreamed. Here is the [link](#).

Mike celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of presbyteral ordination earlier this year.



We will have a simple **reception** (Fr. Mike's request) for him **after the Mass** in the **3<sup>rd</sup> floor Library**. Light refreshments will be served. Please stop by.

## **INTERGENERATIONAL FREP EVENT - NOV. 5**

**A**ll are welcome to join us at **11:15am** for our **2<sup>nd</sup> intergenerational event** of the year! Our very own **Norm Guin**, our **Pastoral Minister of Music and Liturgy**, will lead us through an hour on the **Mass parts!**

What? Are there different parts to the Mass? Yes, but you'll have to attend to find out more!



This event is part of the curriculum for grades K-6 and Jr. High teens, but Sr. High teens are also encouraged to attend.



Community Coffee will kick off the event!



## **SAVE THE DATES!**

**Our Annual Advent-Christmas Concert,  
Love Incarnate, Love Divine,**

takes place **Saturday, December 9, 8:00 p.m.** and  
**Sunday, December 10, 2:00 p.m.**

**Sunday's program** begins with a **Christmas Pageant** presented by the children of the Paulist Center.



This is one of the major spiritual and community-building events of the year.

See the bulletin insert [here](#) for details  
on making **free-will offerings**  
and **sponsorship donations** for the concert.



**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

**Saturday, November 4, 5pm**

31<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



**Sunday, November 5, 10am**

31<sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



**Sunday, November 12, 10am**

32<sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)

## UPCOMING CREATION CARE AND RJAG MEETINGS

The next **Creation Care** meeting will be on **Zoom** this **Monday, Nov. 6 at 5pm. All are welcome!**

This ministry focuses on:

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



For the zoom link, email:

[paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com](mailto:paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com).

The next **RJAG** meeting is on **Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7pm** on **Zoom**. **RJAG** seeks to **promote racial equity** through events and programs at the Paulist Center and through involvement in racial justice work within Greater Boston. **We welcome your joining us or checking us out!**

Contact **Tom Sharkey** at

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978-886-1608 for more information.



## THE BE LIKE BRIT FOUNDATION TO BE HONORED WITH THE ISAAC HECKER AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18!

**Len & Cherylann Gengel, founders of the Be Like Brit Foundation, will accept the 2021 Isaac Hecker Award for Social Justice on Saturday, November 18 at the 5pm Mass. We will livestream the event; here is the [link](#).**

**Len and Cherylann are parents to Britney Gengel who lost her life tragically in a 7.0 magnitude earthquake during a college service trip in 2010. Britney's last text to her mother included a wish, "I want to move here and start an orphanage myself."**

After Britney's death, the Gengels started a nonprofit, **Be Like Brit**, and **opened an orphanage in Grand-Goëve.**

Britney's parents built this orphanage - **Brit's Home** - on the island in an effort to give back and serve the children of Haiti, and honor their daughter's memory, compassion and legacy.



The Be Like Brit Foundation was chosen for their commitment to continue the compassion of Britney Gengel by serving the children of Haiti through sustaining a safe, nurturing home rooted in the virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love, while developing a sense of social responsibility, community involvement, and unconditional love. Their vision is to support them through:

- **Brit's Home:** an orphanage in which 66 children live, go to school, and have three balanced meals a day.
- **Brit's Academy:** provides in-house, quality education to all 66 of the children.
- **Sustainability:** Brit's Home uses solar panels for electricity needs.
- **Transition Program:** supports children as they grow and transition into adulthood.
- **Health Care:** Brit's Home has nurses on staff who provide general medical care for children, staff, and their families.
- **Community:** Be Like Brit is the largest employer in the area. Through a collaborative approach, the staff and members of the local community develop treatment plans, curriculum, and all policies and processes. In addition, the foundation distributes up to 1,000 gallons of purified water daily to local families in the community.

People in Haiti are still recovering from earthquakes, hurricanes, and disease outbreaks, while poverty, political unrest, and violence continue to leave Haiti in a critical state. We applaud Len and Cherylann for making a profound difference in our world by being tireless advocates for the children and people of Haiti. Their work and leadership are particularly inspiring for all Catholics around the world, especially as a model for how a family can overcome grief to make a significant contribution to helping so many who are less fortunate.

**Please mark the date and join us in extending a warm Paulist Center welcome to Len and Cherylann Gengel on November 18 at the 5pm Mass.**

**Reception to follow.**

**All are welcome!**



## INTERPRETING THE REPORT FROM THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS

Fr. Richard R. Andre, CSP, *Director*

The October 2023 Synod of Bishops, part of the worldwide 2021-2024 Synod on Synodality, is over. You can find the final report written by the participants of this month's meeting at <https://www.synod.va/en/news/a-synodal-church-in-mission.html>. Here's an article summarizing it: <https://www.usccb.org/news/2023/synod-synthesis-shows-agreement-divergences-including-synodality>.

For many members of the Paulist Center, especially those who were here when our Sunday worshipping community took form in 1969 through the early 1980s, this report may feel quite disappointing. Two-thirds of a bulletin page isn't sufficient to cover everything, but I urge everyone to continue to have hope. There are two important things to keep in mind.

First, we are interpreting everything through an American lens. We must remember that Catholics in the United States are only 6% of the world's Catholics. A sizable majority live in the developing countries, many where the cultural roles open to women are limited, and some where people who identify as LGBTQIA can face imprisonment or death. For our community in which women play a significant role, it is disheartening that the report merely calls for more study of allowing women in the diaconate, especially since Pope Francis had previously set up two commissions to study that same issue. Even more disappointing to our community that welcomes all people is to hear that more than a third of the members of the Synod weren't comfortable including any of the words in the LGBTQIA abbreviation in the final report.

Second, we must recall that this 4-week meeting is part of much longer processes. It concludes the second year in a 3-year process whose goal isn't so much to reform the Church as to try to make the Church permanently more consultative and less hierarchical. And the synodal process itself can be seen as part of the century-long struggle to implement the reforms called for by the Second Vatican Council (1962-65).

So many of us are marginalized by the Church. We can be frustrated by how slowly and haltingly the Church is heeding Francis' call to listen to those on the peripheries who, more and more, are becoming the majority. There are hundreds of millions of others in the Church who are marginalized in other ways. The synodal process this past month was unprecedented in bringing together Church leaders — including lay voting delegates and non-voting non-Catholic participants — from around the globe to hear one another's stories in small groups for an entire month: not just those who spoke on behalf of women, LGBTQIA people, and the divorced and separated. They also spoke on behalf of the poor, of those without adequate healthcare, of those most affected by climate change, and of those abused and abandoned by violent and corrupt governments. The report they produced is chock full of ideas that would have been considered radical only a decade ago!

Maybe I'm naïve. (Maybe it's partially because I'm the first priest to serve at the Paulist Center who was born after Vatican II?) Nevertheless, I wholeheartedly believe that the Holy Spirit is present in the synod process, and is present here locally in our good work that is more necessary than ever. In the words of Paulist founder Isaac Hecker, the Spirit continues to lead us forward "to a future brighter than any past."

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS IN NOVEMBER



### Serve @ Wednesday Night Supper Club:

Supper Club is a Paulist Center Ministry that has been offering hospitality and a sit-down meal to guests for nearly six decades. Join us to continue this legacy of service on **Wednesday, November 15 at 5:30pm to serve, and/or 7pm for clean-up.** Afterwards, young adults are welcome to go out for dinner.

### November "Friendsgiving":

On Sunday, November 19, Young Adult Ministry will be hosting a "Friendsgiving Potluck" after the 6pm Mass; open to everyone (of any age) who brings a dish. To express interest and indicate which dish you would like to provide, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/5x9nsr8h>!



### Schedule a 1-on-1 Meeting with Gus!

If you're a young adult (ages 18-39) interested in community at the Paulist Center, contact **Gus**, our **Young Adult Minister**, at [youngadults@paulistcenter.org](mailto:youngadults@paulistcenter.org) or fill out this google form: <https://tinyurl.com/bderd5fe> to set up a 1-on-1 meeting! *We'd love to get to know you and hear about your ideas for Young Adult Ministry!*





## 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 raise up **Catholic Charities USA** in their mission to coordinate domestic disaster response efforts on behalf of the Catholic Church in the United States.

## 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.**

## VETERANS DAY

The Paulist Center will be **closed** on **Friday, November 10** in observance of Veterans Day. There will be no confessions or Mass that day.

Honoring all who  
have served and who  
are serving



## 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**.

**Pastoral Staff:** Rich Andre, CSP; Normand Gouin; Gus Kellerman; Susan Rutkowski; Patricia Simpson; Rick Walsh, CSP

**Administrative Staff:** Barbara Dunay; Dorothy Messenger; Rob Smyser; Sal Whooley

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