



# 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 11 - 12, 2023

32<sup>ND</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

## NOVEMBER "FRIENDSGIVING"

**S**unday, Nov 19, Young Adult Ministry will host a "Friendsgiving Potluck" after the 6pm Mass. The event is open to everyone (of any age) who brings a dish. To RSVP by Friday, Nov. 17 and indicate which dish you would like to provide, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/5x9nsr8h>.



## SAVE THE DATES!

### Advent-Christmas Concert

Sat, Dec 9, 8pm and Sun, Dec 10, 2pm

Sunday's program begins with a Christmas Pageant.



For information on sponsorships, free-will offering "tickets" and Pageant participation, see page 2.

## LEN & CHERYLANN GENDEL

TO RECEIVE THE ISAAC HECKER AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE NEXT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18!

**L**en & Cherylann Gengel, founders of the Be Like Brit Foundation, will accept the 2021 Isaac Hecker Award for Social Justice next 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, the **Be Like Brit Foundation**, and opened an orphanage in Grand-Goâve. 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 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 join us in extending a warm Paulist Center welcome to **Len & Cherylann Gengel** next Saturday, November 18 at our 5pm Mass. Reception to follow.  
**We hope everyone will invite non-Paulist Center family and friends to this special event!**

**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, November 12, 10am**

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

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



**Saturday, November 18, 5pm**

33<sup>rd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

YouTube [Link](#)

Order of Worship [Link](#)



**Sunday, November 19, 6pm**

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### LOVE INCARNATE, LOVE DIVINE

Our annual Advent-Christmas Concert, *Love Incarnate, Love Divine*, takes place **Sat, Dec 9 at 8pm** and **Sun, Dec 10 at 2pm**. This is a major spiritual and community-building event, as well as a major fundraiser.

We will not "sell" any actual tickets, but welcome **free-will offerings**. Click [here](#) to donate online: use the Advent/Christmas Concert category and write how many people, and which concert date.

**Sponsorships** can also be made online; **Angelic** (\$100-149), **Celestial** (\$150-199), or **Archangel** (\$200+).

Consider inviting your family & friends to sponsor the concert, too! Those received by **November 30** will be listed in the program; please notate how you wish your name to appear.

If mailing in your donation, please make check payable to the **Paulist Center** and notate "**Concert**" in the check memo. Please click [here](#) for Norm's letter with further details.



### CALLING ALL CHILDREN AND TEENS FOR THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

It's time to start preparing to tell the story of Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus at **2pm Sunday, December 10!** Because Christine Tardiff, our liturgical dancer extraordinaire, does not have adequate time this year to prepare the more elaborate "Christmas Story" with us, we will do the more **traditional Christmas Pageant** we used before 2019. We're looking for children and teens to play the parts of Mary, Joseph, three wisepeople, angels, shepherds, and an array of barnyard animals; they can choose to sing in the pageant children's choir instead.

There are two **mandatory rehearsals**: **1-3 pm on Sunday, December 3**, and a dress rehearsal at **12:30pm on Sunday, December 10**.

Parents should email **Susan Rutkowski** at [susan@paulistcenter.org](mailto:susan@paulistcenter.org) to indicate their child's interest in a particular role (first come, first served).



### MARRIAGE PREPARATION NEEDS YOUR HELP

Fr. Rick Walsh is looking for **individuals (no need to be married!)** willing to help in the production of our monthly Marriage Preparation sessions. This involves **preparing and mailing materials** to be sent to couples for our on-line sessions. There are aspects to this that involve some heavy lifting.

In addition, Fr. Rick would like to increase the number of **couple presenters**. If we have enough couples, the time commitment would be just **four hours of your time twice a year!** Couples that help Fr. Rick present the material are not asked to teach and they do not preach. Rather, couples are asked to **share their experiences of married life** with the engaged couples who attend our popular program in person (usually May through September) or on-line (usually October through April).

Please contact **Fr. Rick** with any questions you might have: [rick@paulistcenter.org](mailto:rick@paulistcenter.org) or 617-948-2424.



### YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS



**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.

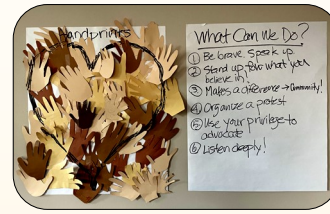
**Schedule a 1-on-1 Meeting with Gus:** If you're a young adult (ages 18-39) interested in community at the Paulist Center, contact **Gus**, our **Young Adult Minister**, at [youngadults@paulistcenter.org](mailto:youngadults@paulistcenter.org) or fill out this google form: <https://tinyurl.com/bderd5fe> to set up a 1-on-1 meeting!



### RJAG - DATE CHANGE

Our Racial Justice Advocacy Group (RJAG) will meet **online at 7pm Thurs, Nov 16**. *All are welcome!* Email **Tom Sharkey** to learn more and/or to get the Zoom link.





## COMING NEXT WEEKEND:

### Annual Financial Report & Impact Statement for Fiscal Year 2023

(September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023)

Next weekend, we'll give a brief report on our revenues and expenses in FY 2023. We had predicted a substantial deficit in each of our last five fiscal years, but in each FY between 2019 and 2022, something unexpected happened that balanced the budget: a large one-time donation, a staffing shortage, the PPP loan, or the ERTC credit.

**The bad news:** We ended FY 2023 with a deficit.

**The good news:** The deficit was only half of what we predicted, thanks to your generosity in our fundraisers and appeals, and thanks to the 9% of our members whose increased offertory giving nearly balanced the reduced giving other members needed to make. We have a sufficient cash reserve to cover this shortfall.

Our expenses continue to rise due to inflation, healthcare, and utilities, and we are predicting another deficit in FY 2024. Our reserve can only cover a few years of deficits before we would need to make operational changes. Like most churches, nearly all of our controllable costs are related to personnel. Reducing personnel would reduce the number of ministries that we can support.

**There are many reasons to remain optimistic.** Most giving trends seem to be moving in the right direction. This is a spiritually vibrant community committed to inclusion and justice. We'll provide an impact statement next weekend to accompany the financial report. We know that you are committed to the mission of the Paulist Center. But please prayerfully consider if you could further help us:

1. Can you increase your recurring giving? Not everyone can. But if you're not among the 9% of households who increased their giving in FY 2023, please pray if you can in FY 2024.
2. Invite friends and neighbors to join us for ministries such as the Wednesday Supper Club or Young Adult activities, for Mass, or for special events such as next weekend's Hecker Award, the Advent-Christmas Concerts, or the Auction in April.
3. Volunteer for ministries that help us build up and expand our community. Check out the "Casting a Wide Net" and Marriage Preparation announcements on other pages of this bulletin.

Thank you for continuing to invest your time, talent, and treasure in this community demonstrating the unconditional love of Jesus Christ!



## INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS



**C**lass will be held on **Saturday, November 18** at **10am** in the **3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Library**. All parents and godparents need to attend a Baptism preparation class if they haven't attended one in the past three years. For questions, please contact

Fr. Rick Walsh at [rick@paulistcenter.org](mailto:rick@paulistcenter.org).

## THANKSGIVING EVE MASS

**I**n observance of **Thanksgiving**, we'll have our annual Vigil Mass at **7pm** on **Weds, Nov 22**.



It will be **livestreamed**, but we hope that you'll join us in person and **bring the fresh-baked bread** that you plan to use at your meal the next day.

The office will be closed on **Thurs & Fri, Nov 23 & 24**. There will be no confessions or Mass either 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.

This weekend, we raise up **Unite Boston** which nurtures unity among diverse Christians through relationships for the flourishing of the city.

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

### VOLUNTEER

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**.



We pray for our Hindu, Jain, and Sikh neighbors celebrating Diwali on November 12. May their day be free of darkness and abundant with light.

## Around the Community

Students, working professionals, and ministry leaders of all Christian denominations are welcome to participate in **Unite Boston's** annual **Boston Flourish** conference 8:30 am - 3:00 pm on **Thurs, Nov 16** down the street at the Park Street Church (1 Park St). This year's areas of focus will be youth trauma, human trafficking awareness, and migrant care.

Paulist Center Community member **Michael Mack** will again perform *Conversations with My Molester: A Journey of Faith*, his critically-praised one-person show about his survival of clergy abuse. It will be at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Holliston, MA at 2:30 pm on **Sun, Nov 19**. Donations accepted. Material suitable for adults 18 and over.

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

**Administrative Staff:** Barbara Dunay; Dorothy Messenger;  
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(See our [website](#) for staff contact information.)