



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 18 - 19, 2023 - 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 25 - 26, 2023 - CHRIST THE KING

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, LEN AND CHERYLANN GENDEL!



We are so excited to have you here to accept the Isaac Hecker Award for Social Justice! For your tireless advocacy for the people of Haiti, especially children, you join an inspiring group of other Hecker Award recipients, including Dorothy Day, Cesar Chavez, Martin Sheen and (just last month) Sr. Norma Pimentel. You inspire us on how we can overcome grief to help others.

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

You can learn more about the Gengels on the brand new episode of the Paulists' "Deacons Pod." Here is the link: <https://paulist.org/the-conversation/deacons-pod-be-like-brit-cherlyann-and-len-gengel/>.

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 spiritual 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!



BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE!

There are many other events happening in the next few days, including:

Sunday, November 19

- 10am - **Mass for 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- 11:15am - **Family Religious Education Program (FREP)**
 - Grades K & 1: 6th Fl, Rm 16
 - Grades 2 & 3: 2nd Fl, Seminar Rm
 - Grades 4 - 6: 6th Fl, Rm 17
 - Jr High: 6th Fl, Rm 13
 - Sr High: 3rd Fl, Library
- 11:15am - **Community Coffee: Auditorium**
- 12:30pm - **Sacrament of First Reconciliation**
- 6pm - **Mass for 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**,
 - with OCIA/RCIA Rites of Acceptance and Welcome

Sunday, November 19

- 7:15pm - **Friendsgiving Potluck Dinner**
 - All are welcome, but you must bring a dish to share!

Wednesday, November 22

- 7pm - **Thanksgiving Eve Mass**,
 - with the blessing of bread

Thurs & Fri, Nov 23 & 24 - Office closed

No confessions, no Mass.

Sat & Sun, Nov 25 & 26

Masses as usual, but no FREP



Welcome! If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form that can be found on our [website](http://www.paulistcenter.org). 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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WE ARE LIVESTREAMING 5 MASSES OVER THE NEXT 16 DAYS:



- [5pm Saturday, November 18](#) (Hecker Award, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
- [6pm Sunday, November 19](#) (OCIA Rites, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)
- [7pm Wednesday, November 22](#) (Thanksgiving Eve)
- [10am Sunday, November 26](#) (Christ the King)
- [10am Sunday, December 3](#) (1st Sunday of Advent)

At the time of each livestream, the appropriate Order of Worship will be available at paulistcenter.org/order-of-worship.



SPONSOR THE ADVENT-CHRISTMAS CONCERT!

Join us at **8pm Sat, Dec 9**
or **2pm Sun, Dec 10**, for a
beloved tradition, our

Advent-Christmas Concert.

We encourage everyone to make a
free-will offering in advance online.
Donations **>\$100** received by
November 30 will be listed in the
program. Select "Advent/Christmas
Concert," and in the additional
instructions, tell us how many people
are coming, on which date, and how
you would like your name to appear
in the program.

*Invite your family and friends to attend
and donate, too!*

THE PAULIST CENTER presents
**LOVE
INCARNATE
LOVE
DIVINE**
ADVENT-CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2023
presented by
THE PAULIST CENTER MUSIC MINISTRY
NORMAND GOUIN, DIRECTOR
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 • 8:00 P.M.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 • 2:00 P.M.
Sunday's concert begins with a
Christmas Pageant
presented by the children of the Paulist Center
HOLY SPIRIT CHAPEL
5 PARK STREET
BOSTON, MA
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Tel: (617) 742-4460 | www.paulistcenter.org
Admission is open to all. Freewill donations and sponsorships gratefully accepted
online through our website and by cash or check at the performance.

JOIN IN THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!



The **Sun, Dec 10** concert
starts with a traditional
Christmas pageant at **2pm**.

We're looking for children and teens to
play the parts of Mary, Joseph, three
wisepeople, angels, shepherds, and
barnyard animals; or to sing in the
pageant children's choir instead.

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

Parents should email **Susan
Rutkowski**, susan@paulistcenter.org,
to indicate their child's interest in a
particular role.



CREATION CARE MINISTRY

In 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 & policy change

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

IMMIGRATION ADVOCACY GROUP

Immigration Advocacy Group (IAG) members volunteer
to **help resettle** Afghan, Ukrainian, Haitian and other
refugees and asylum seekers. We also **advocate for**
state and federal **policies** that support immigrants.

If you'd like to volunteer, or just know more,
send an email to **Ed Marakovitz** for more
details: edmarakovitz@yahoo.com.



RACIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY GROUP

The Racial Justice Advocacy Group (RJAG) seeks to **promote racial equity** through events and programs
within the Paulist Center Community and through involvement in racial justice work within Greater
Boston. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, December 12 at 7pm**. We welcome your joining us!

Contact **Tom Sharkey** at sharkey.te@verizon.net or **978-886-1608** for more details and the link to the meeting.

LGBTQIA MINISTRY

The Paulist Center welcomes LGBTQIA identified individuals and allies. The **LGBTQIA Ministry** hosts events
and gatherings. Information is shared through bulletin announcements and 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.



ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT & IMPACT STATEMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

(September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023)



Instead of issuing the traditional 1-page annual financial statement this weekend, we have produced our first-ever **Annual Impact Statement** for FY 2023, placing our finances in the larger context of our mission.

While we ended the year with a deficit, it was only half of what we predicted, thanks in part to your generosity in our fundraisers and appeals, thanks to minimum building expenses this year (except for an A/V upgrade), 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. There are **many reasons to remain optimistic**. Most giving trends seem to be moving in the right direction. 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 the Advent-Christmas Concert or the Auction in April.
3. Volunteer in ways that can help build up and expand our community, including helping with marriage preparation, organizing Lenten small groups, or co-chairing the Auction.

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

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF LGBTQ+ PERSONS - MONTHLY MEETING

A consortium of seven Boston Catholic communities (including the Paulist Center) hosts a support group for family and friends of LGBTQ+ persons at **2pm** on the 3rd Sunday of every month.



At the **November 19** meeting, we'll discuss Christina Zuba's short article on Outreach.faith:

"Transgender Catholic calls new Vatican statement 'extraordinary.'"

Email Jay at lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org for the Zoom link.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Welcome to Young Adult Ministry! We are a community of young adults (18-39 years old), focused on living out our faith through community, service, and spirituality. We host events every month, and we hope you stop by!

Game Night: Young adults (18 - 39) can join us for an evening of board gaming on **Thursday, Nov 30!**

We will be gathering in the **3rd floor library** of the Paulist Center at **7:30pm**. Please feel free to bring any games you'd like the group to play!



Schedule a 1-on-1 Meeting with Gus: If you're a young adult (ages 18-39) looking for community, please reach out to our Young Adult Minister, **Gus**, at youngadults@paulistcenter.org to express interest in a 1-on-1 meeting. 1-on-1's are a great way to learn more about Young Adult Ministry, to share your ideas and past experiences, and to talk about getting involved at the Paulist Center!

MARANATHA! COME, LORD JESUS!

Beginning on the weekend of December 2 and 3, we start a new liturgical year and enter the **season of Advent**. Please see the **insert** or this **webpage** for detailed information about prayer opportunities and resources. Up first: a talk by Fr. Tom Ryan, CSP at 4pm on Saturday, December 2 and the Family Advent Social at 11:15am on Sunday, December 3.



JESSE TREE

Our Jesse Tree goes up on Thanksgiving weekend, **November 25 and 26!** Please take a tag from the tree and bring in the requested gift in the next 3 weeks to help someone in need, either a family in a homeless shelter, our Afghan families we helped resettle, the Agape Community, or the Catholic Worker House out in Worcester.



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 **November 18 & 19** we honor the ministry of Hecker Award recipients **Len & Cherylann Gengel**, founders of the **Be Like Brit Foundation**. Envelopes will be in the pews if you wish to make an additional donation. You can also donate **online** using the miscellaneous category and note in the comments that it's for **Be Like Brit**.

The weekend of **November 25 & 26** we we raise up **Retired Religious Sisters** in recognition of the important role religious sisters have had in the Archdiocese of Boston and to help provide for their retirement and healthcare needs. Envelopes will be in the pews if you wish to make an additional donation. You can also donate **online** using the miscellaneous category and note in the comment section that it's for **Retired Religious Sisters**.

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 (1:00 - 2:30pm)** 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, sit-down 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 **Jeff Buckley**, but know that it is also fine for an individual to **just pop in** to help any week without pre-arranging a visit.



Congratulations to Mary Sullivan, our 2023 honoree for the Archdiocese of Boston Cheverus Awards!

We recognize all of her behind-the-scenes work at the Paulist Center, including filing music, organizing receptions, coordinating a lector team, and assisting the Paulist Associates. *Thank you!*

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(See our [website](#) for staff contact information.)