



## 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.*



**MAY 11 - 12, 2024 - 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES

**Saturday**  
5pm

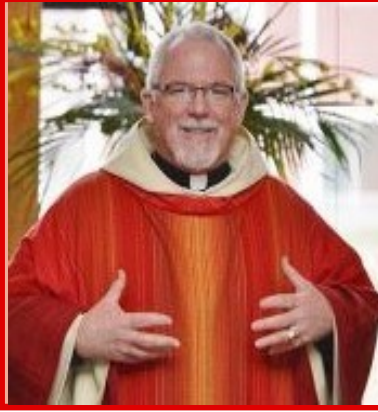
**Sunday**  
10am  
6pm

### WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES

**Monday – Friday**  
12:05pm

### CONFESSIONS

**Monday and Friday, 11:00-11:45am, and by appointment**



## FR. CHARLES "CHUCK" CUNIFF, C.S.P., FUNERAL THIS SATURDAY, MAY 11

**F**r. Chuck, our Associate Director 2018-2022, passed to eternal life on May 2. His funeral is at **11am this Saturday, May 11, at the Paulist Center** with PCC members, friends, and family welcome to start gathering at **9 am for socializing and sharing about Chuck's life.** A luncheon reception will follow in the auditorium. The livestream link is [here](#).

[Chuck's obituary](#) is available on the Paulist website. All are welcome.

Please remember Chuck, his Paulist brothers, and his extended family in your prayers.

## WALK FOR HUNGER - THANK YOU!



### STILL TIME TO DONATE!

**T**hank you to everyone who walked with and supported the Wednesday Night Supper Club's Walk for Hunger Team! We are nearing \$40,000 raised - 80% of our goal. It's not too late to donate!

Here is the link [give.projectbread.org/team/562353](https://give.projectbread.org/team/562353).



## IMMIGRATION ADVOCACY GROUP WELCOMES UKRAINIAN REFUGEE FAMILIES!

**T**he Paulist Center Immigrant Advocacy Group (IAG) has welcomed the first of two Ukrainian refugee families to their new home in Burlington, MA. Now begins the important work of helping them make their way in their new country and your help is urgently needed. The highest priority right now is for rides to health care appointments, shopping, school and camp enrollment and all the daily trips necessary in family life. For more information and **to volunteer, contact Carol Geyer at 617-816-9254; geyercarol@gmail.com.**

## PAULIST CENTER COMMUNITY MEETING - POSTPONED

**D**ue to Fr. Chuck's funeral, the Community Meeting planned for the afternoon of May 11 has been postponed. The Pastoral Council is attempting to find a new date. Stay tuned.



**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, May 12, 10am**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

YouTube [Link](#)  
Order of Worship [Link](#)



**Thursday, May 19, 10am**  
**Pentecost**

YouTube [Link](#)  
Order of Worship [Link](#)



**Sunday, May 26, 10am**  
**Trinity Sunday**

YouTube [Link](#)  
Order of Worship [Link](#)

### FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (FREP)

**Grades K-1: 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Room 16**  
**Grades 2-3: 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Seminar Room**  
**Grades 4-6: 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Room 22**

**N**ext Sunday, May 19 is our last religious education class for the season. All students will attend our Safety Sunday: empowering God's children program with their teachers/leaders And then join together in the auditorium for one last party to celebrate our year together.

### 2025 TEEN CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING



**T**his September marks the beginning of our Sacramental preparation program for teens interested in Celebrating the sacrament of confirmation at the Paulist center. **All parents are invited to an informational zoom meeting on Tuesday, May 28 at 7 PM** to learn more about the program. The link will be published closer to the meeting date. Please contact Susan Rutkowski at [susan@paulistcenter.org](mailto:susan@paulistcenter.org) for questions.

### ALL ARE WELCOME MASS-FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 6:30PM



**M**ark your calendars for this year's "All Are Welcome" Mass as we kick off Pride Weekend here in Boston. The Paulist Center will be hosting this year's Mass on **Friday, June 7 at 6:30 pm**. Everyone is welcome to join us as we celebrate Pride Month and stand in solidarity with the LGBTQIA community and renew our commitment to creating a more inclusive and accepting world for all. Following Mass, we'll gather in the auditorium for refreshments and to continue the celebration with our friends and neighbors.

**Sponsored by the Greater Boston LGBTQIA Catholic Collaborative and The Paulist Center's LGBTQIA Ministry.**

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

#### 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE HECKER AWARD!

**T**his year marks the 50th anniversary of our beloved Isaac Hecker Award for Social Justice! The very first Hecker Award was presented to Dorothy Day right here in our Holy Spirit Chapel in 1974. We are asking all community members to put on their thinking caps and come up with some thoughtful nominations for our 50th celebration this fall. Our Hecker Award guidelines are here. Questions? **Contact Susan Rutkowski at [susan@paulistcenter.org](mailto:susan@paulistcenter.org).**

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

**T**he Worship Committee, a permanent committee of the Paulist Center Community, is looking to fill **3 open positions**. Current members are **Claire Byrne (Chair), Chuck Ferrara, Barbara Lapinskas, Chris O'Rourke, Rachel Rumely, Marianne Saccardi, Norm Gouin, and Fr. Rick**. We are **grateful** to **Lucia Papile, Barbara Miller, and Michael Volonnino, as well as Fr. Rich**, who have finished their current service on the Committee.

The overall **purpose** of the Worship Committee is to advise and assist the Pastoral Minister of Liturgy and Music in preparing and providing for the spiritual development of the Paulist Center through liturgical celebrations and significant prayer experiences. Members serve **three-year terms**.



The Pastoral Council **invites self-nominations** from individuals who are invested in the liturgical life of the Center, and who wish to make a contribution towards ensuring our worship is prayerful and engaging for all. Potential members should be actively involved in a liturgical ministry. Members attend monthly meetings over Zoom with the occasional in-person gathering and may be asked to work on small projects. If interested in serving, please send a brief statement of interest and related experience to [worship@paulistcenter.org](mailto:worship@paulistcenter.org) by **Wednesday, May 15**. Thank you for your consideration.



## TRANSITION INFORMATION ON WEEKLY MISSIVE FORMAT GOING FORWARD (FOR NOW) - *POSSIBLE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY*

Starting next week, our weekly missive is going to look a lot simpler. It will consist of a few words from either Fr. Rick, another member of our Pastoral Staff, or a Community Leader, with a link to our weekly bulletin. More details on the rationale for this change and the logistics involved follow below, but, until the staff has more time to comprehensively assess how to approach a number of significant items with our staffing reduced to one priest with both Director and Superior responsibilities, we need to triage a number of things that were handled by Fr. Rich.

*If creating Constant Contacts every Wednesday/Thursday at the level of detail Fr. Rich has created them is your gift and passion and you wish to discuss volunteering weekly for this task (bi-weekly from Memorial Day to Labor Day), please contact our Administrator, Patty Simpson, at [patty@paulistcenter.org](mailto:patty@paulistcenter.org). We are open to a conversation, while also realizing that any approaches decided on for the moment must be easy to enact and accomplish.*

More background. As you may or may not be aware, Fr. Rich dedicated many hours each week to take the bulletin (assembled by our Administrative Assistant, Dorothy Messenger) and create the missive and create and schedule our social media posts. This happens primarily on Wednesday and Thursday after the content for the weekly or bi-weekly bulletin is firm. This is a task that can only be done by someone who knows the Paulist Center very well and understands our community, the liturgical year, and events happening in the Church. Since covid, we have repeatedly discussed whether we could eliminate the bulletin and only produce the Missive. However, the number of people who take our bulletin each week, along with our desire to have something current in a print format for visitors, which printing the missive would not visually satisfy, has led us to repeatedly determine that we do still need a bulletin.

We have only had a few weeks as a community and as a staff to prepare for this significant transition. Those weeks encompassed our busiest time of the year, with Lent, Holy Week, and the Auction. Over the summer, we will be assessing how best to handle the many tasks before us, but this first task - our plan for weekly communications - needs to be our first order of business.

The staff is deeply appreciative of your support and understanding as we all journey through this time of transition together. Let us, with compassion and generosity, continue to support and encourage one another as we journey together in faith, hope, and love.

Thanks for being here with us!

— Fr. Rick, Patty, Susan and Norm



## ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Pastoral Council will be holding an **election in June for three council member seats**. We hope some of you will consider running and joining us in this act of service. As you ponder your possible candidacy, please read the description for more information on the role and election guidelines.

**The Role:** The Pastoral Council includes eight community members and offers leadership in the Paulist Center community in several ways. The role includes supervising the operation of the Center in collaboration with the Paulists and staff, organizing and overseeing community projects (like this election!), approval of the budget, appointment of permanent committees, and communicating with the Paulist Center community about Council actions and general issues affecting the community.

Council members are expected to attend monthly meetings (currently held on Wednesday evenings), be an active member in the community, be willing to listen to different voices, and represent the perspectives of all community members in order to help the Director fulfill his responsibilities. Council members typically contribute 4-8 hours of time per month including meetings, email correspondence, liaising with ministry representatives, and supporting small projects. They are, also, encouraged to be visibly present at Mass and community events.

**Guidelines:** To apply, candidates must obtain 25 signature endorsements from Paulist Center Community Members and submit a 250-300 word statement as to why you wish to serve in this capacity. Endorsements and statements are **due by Friday, May 24**. Elections for council members will be held from June 8-16 for three member seats for a two-year term from September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2026.

For more information please contact **Deb Heimel, Pastoral Council Chair**, at [pccouncil@paulistcenter.org](mailto:pccouncil@paulistcenter.org). *We look forward to hearing from you!*



## 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!***

See [paulistcenter.org/give/ways-to-give](http://paulistcenter.org/give/ways-to-give) for a variety of ways to give to the Paulist Center. Two options include:



Give a one-time or recurring donation using your bank account or credit card by visiting [tinyurl.com/DonatePaulistCenter](http://tinyurl.com/DonatePaulistCenter) or scanning the QR code on this page outlined in **blue**. You can use this method for donations for specific programs, too, and, if you are a registered member with us, these donations will be included in a year-end tax statement sent to you for any donations that are tax deductible per IRS regulations. Giving by this method helps us with our budgeting and stewardship efforts.



Use **Apple Pay** or **Google Pay** by visiting [donorbox.org/paulistcenter](http://donorbox.org/paulistcenter), scanning the QR code on the red cards in the pews, or scanning the QR code on this page outlined in **red**. Please note that these donations will **not** be included in any year-end giving tax records, and they solely support our general operations.

## 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 **May 11 and 12** we raise up **St. Francis House, Boston**, the largest day shelter in Massachusetts, offering guests comprehensive refuge, recovery, employment and housing services.

### SUMMER BULLETIN SCHEDULE

May 19/26: text due 5/14

June 2/9: due to extended holiday, text due  
NO LATER THAN 9AM Thursday, May 23

June 16/23: text due 6/11

June 30/July 7: text due 6/25

July 14/21: text due 7/9

July 28/Aug 4: text due 7/23

Aug 11/18: text due 8/6

Aug 25/Sept 1: text due 8/20

Back to a weekly schedule starting with the  
September 7/8 bulletin.



### AN EXTENDED MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY FOR SUPPORT STAFF APPRECIATION - OFFICES CLOSED FRIDAY, MAY 24 THROUGH TUESDAY, MAY 28

The Paulist Fathers' discernment process this Lent brought extraordinary stress to our dedicated staff as people worried about both the future of the Center and their and their families' economic well-being. This occurred during one of our busiest times of the year. Our staff worked as hard as ever throughout the weeks of uncertainty. We are showing some extra appreciation to them by giving an extended holiday weekend. **Our offices will be closed and there will be no weekday Masses or confessions on Friday, May 24, Monday, May 27 or Tuesday, May 28. We will re-open on Wednesday, May 29.**

Thank you to our loyal and dedicated team!



### EASTER SEASON FLOWER DECORATING CONTINUES!

We hope to continue decorating the chapel with flowers throughout the Easter season. To make a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one, there are envelopes in the chapel and reception area vestibules. Or, donate at the front desk during regular office hours, or **online at our website**, using the flower donation line. **All donations received by May 13 will be listed in the Pentecost bulletin, May 19.**

**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

**Custodial Staff:** Alvaro Enamorado; Timmy Valle

(See our [website](http://paulistcenter.org) for staff contact information.)

**Pastoral Council Chair:** Deb Heimel  
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**Finance Committee Chair:** Mary Lesko

**Worship Committee Chair:** Claire Byrne  
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