



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.



SEPT 7 - 8, 2024 - 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES
Saturday 5pm
Sunday 10am
 6pm

WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES
Monday – Friday
 12:05pm

CONFESSIONS
Friday, 11:00-11:45am, and by appointment

WELCOME BACK COMMUNITY MEETING - THIS SUNDAY!



The Pastoral Council is thrilled to invite you to the annual Paulist Center **Welcome Back Community Meeting this Sun, Sept 8, 11:30am - 1:30pm** in the auditorium - food will be served. In line with the theme of celebrating our Paulist Center community, we will gather in fellowship and prayer and share with one another what it means to be a member of this faith community.

All are welcome, both old and new to the Center!

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (FREP) - KICK-OFF NEXT WEEKEND!



REGISTRATION

Here is the 2024-2025 **FREP calendar**. Register online [here](#), and pay the fee online [here](#). Or, print out the form and mail it, with the registration fee, to: Susan Rutkowski - Paulist Center - 5 Park Street - Boston, MA 02108. All information can be found in **Overview** under the **Exploring Our Faith** tab on our website, www.paulistcenter.org. Questions: **Susan Rutkowski** at susan@paulistcenter.org. **FREP Kick-off** for the new year is next **Sun, Sept 15!**



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

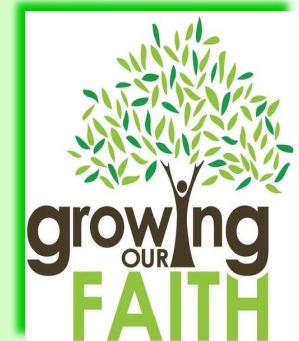
Register for all sacramental prep programs at www.paulistcenter.org/YouthFormation/FREPRegistrationForm

FIRST RECONCILIATION (At home curriculum + 2 group meetings)

- Parents Only Meeting: **Sept 29 @ 11:30am** (location TBD)
- Parents AND children: **Oct 27 @ 12:30pm** (3rd Floor Library)
- Celebration of the Sacrament: **Nov 17 @ 12:30pm** (Chapel)

FIRST COMMUNION (At home curriculum + 4 group meetings)

- Parents and children: **Jan 26 @ 11:15am** (location TBD)
- Rite of Enrollment: **Feb 2 @ the 10am Mass** (Chapel)
- Parents and children: **Mar 2 @ 11:30am**
- First Communion Seder: **Apr 13 @ 11:45am** (auditorium)
- Rehearsal: **Sat, May 17 @ 10am – 12pm** (Chapel and auditorium)
- Celebration of the Sacrament: **Sun, May 18 @ 10am Mass** (Chapel)



TEEN CONFIRMATION (Regular bi-monthly classes + socials, team-building, & SJ projects)

- FREP Kick-off Sunday: Team Building Exercise Off-site and then pizza back at PC - **Sept 15**
- 1st Class (Introduction to What is Confirmation? With Fr. Rick & Team Leaders) - **Sept 22**
- Classes: **Oct 6 ~ Oct 20 ~ Nov 3 ~ Nov 17 ~ Dec 8 ~ Jan 5 ~ Jan 26**
Feb 9 ~ Mar 2 ~ Mar 16 ~ Mar 30 ~ Apr 13 ~ Apr 27 ~ May 18
- Rehearsal - **Sun, June 1**
- Tentative Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation (TBD with Bishop) - **Sat, June 7**

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 LINK

Sun, Sept 8, 10am

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



DISCERNING BECOMING A CATHOLIC, OR COMPLETING YOUR CATHOLIC SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION BEYOND BAPTISM?

If this is you, or someone you know, **Fr. Rick** will be holding **Inquiry Sessions on Thurs evenings from 7 - 9pm on Sept 12, 19, and 26.**

These sessions are for:

- people simply interested in learning more about the Catholic faith but with no commitment to become Catholics, or
- adults who were baptized Catholic or Christian but not catechized who are considering receiving their sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation in the Catholic Church.



A JOURNEY IN FAITH

In discernment with Fr. Rick, those who are able and ready may proceed on to the catechumenate/candidate process later in the fall, leading to baptism and/or full reception into the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil on Apr 19.

If you are interested in attending or interested but cannot make these dates, please let us know by sharing your name and email [here](#). Attendees are welcome even without letting us know ahead of time, but advance notice would be appreciated. More information on the process of becoming Catholic as an adult can be found [here](#).

We look forward to exploring our faith together with you!

YOUTH LITURGICAL MINISTRY (YLM) PROGRAM - 2024-2025

As we approach the Fall and the start of a new academic year, we are thrilled to announce the relaunch of the **Youth Liturgical Ministry Program at the Paulist Center for 2024- 2025.**

If you're interested in getting involved, please visit our Liturgical Ministries website page [here](#) and click on the Youth Liturgical Ministries 2024-2025 line in the list for much more detailed information about the various opportunities.

This page also has **access to the interest forms, but please read the detailed information on each opportunity before filling out a form.**

Families who are interested in serving as greeters, gift bearers, and collection ministers, should indicate the weekends in the Fall and Spring when they are available to serve by filling out the **Greeters and Offertory Ministers Form**.

For all other ministries, please fill out the **YLM Interest Form**.



IMMIGRATION ADVOCACY GROUP (IAG)



Please join us for the first of a quarterly series of meetings to pray, learn, come together as a faith community, and discern your calling in welcoming the stranger among us. We will review the work of IAG, introduce you to the International Institute of New England (IINE) - our partner organization - and reflect together on building the IAG community.

We are meeting on **Sun, Sept 15** after the 10am mass in the 3rd Floor Library.
Coffee and snacks await.



Season of Creation 2024 September 1 – October 4

The bad news and the good news.

Week 1: Sept 7/8

Did you know?

Fossil fuels – coal, oil and gas – are by far the largest contributor to global climate change, accounting for over 75% of global greenhouse gas emissions and nearly 90 per cent of all carbon dioxide emissions. As greenhouse gas emissions blanket the Earth, they trap the sun's heat. The world is now warming faster than at any point in recorded history.

Did you also know?

Pope Francis announced the construction of a solar plant on the outskirts of Rome. According to the Holy Father, the new solar plant will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote climate neutrality. The energy generated by this solar plant will cover all the Vatican's energy needs, eliminating dependence on fossil fuels.

Daily Reflections:

During the 34 days of Season of Creation, Daily reflections are once again available from the Creation Care ministry. If you have received them before, you will automatically receive them again. Others who would like to receive them, please email seasonofcreationdaily@gmail.com

SIGHT-SING A NEW SONG TO THE LORD!

Join our Music Director, **Norm Gouin**, for a series of **fun** and **engaging workshops** focusing on practical tools, techniques, and methods to build and strengthen your **music reading skills**.

Whether you're a seasoned choir member or someone looking to develop your musical abilities, these sessions are designed to support and inspire you.

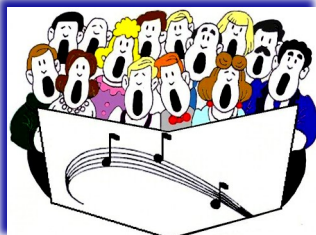
Workshops will be in the Chapel, 7-9pm;

Part 1: Thurs, Sept 19

Part 2: Thurs, Sept 26



For more information and to register, please go to this link [Workshop Registration Form](#).



ADVENT-CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2024

Join our Paulist Center Music Ministry for our Annual Advent-Christmas Concert!

Rehearsals will take place in the Chapel on **Thurs evenings** from **7-9pm** beginning **Oct 3**.

Concert dates:

Sat, Dec 14, 8pm

Sun, Dec 15, 2pm



Those interested in singing, or playing an instrument, please contact **Norm Gouin** at norm@paulistcenter.org for more information.



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. See paulistcenter.org/give/ways-to-give for ways to give to the Paulist Center. Two options:



Give a one-time or recurring donation using your bank account or credit card by visiting 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, 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 **Sept 7 and 8** we raise up **Voices Center for Resilience** (*formerly known as VOICES of September 11th*) in their mission to provide resources and mental health care to the 9/11 community, as well as those impacted by subsequent tragedies in the U.S. and abroad.



Thank You!

THE 2023 ISAAC HECKER AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE IS FRAN LUDWIG!

Please join us on Saturday, **Sept 28** to celebrate **Fran Ludwig, Founder and Director of the Boston Catholic Climate Movement**, now a chapter of the Global Catholic Climate Movement. Fran will receive the **2023 Hecker award** in our chapel at our **5pm Mass on Sept 28**.



Even before Pope Francis's Letter on Care for our Common Home was published, Fran Ludwig was providing leadership in Catholic responses to environmental and social justice causes. Fran Ludwig is living out productive responses to the environmental and social justice needs of our day and leading Catholic organizations in Massachusetts to do the same.

Please join us on Saturday evening, Sept 28 at 5pm to celebrate Fran Ludwig!

A reception will follow in our auditorium.

Around the Community

CELEBRATING THE 2024 SEASON OF CREATION MASS

You are invited to join the Boston Chapter of the Laudato Si' Movement and Bishop Mark O'Connell at Sacred Heart Parish, 16 Follen Road, Lexington on Sat, Sept 14 at 1pm. The Mass will offer inspiring readings and prayers to support the 2024 Season of Creation theme: "To Hope and Act with Creation." Come and learn more about our call as Catholics to to care for our Common Home and all who inhabit it. Hospitality and a program will follow the Mass.

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