



## 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 14 - 15, 2024 - 24<sup>TH</sup> 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**

## FAMILY RELIGIOUS ED KICKS OFF THIS SUNDAY!

**P**lease join us at our **10am Mass this Sun, Sept 15** to celebrate a **new season of growing in faith** with the youngest members of our community.



**After Mass**, we will continue the celebration in the **auditorium** with our **first community coffee** of the season!

Due to conflicting FREP teacher schedules for this weekend, we are **postponing Parent/Teacher Orientation** until **NEXT Sun, Sept 22**.

Please join us this Sunday for our festive kick-off Mass and social event!



**REGISTRATION:** You can register this Sunday at Community Coffee, or you can register online **here**, and pay the fee online **here**. All information can be found in **Overview** under the **Exploring Our Faith** tab on our website, **[www.paulistcenter.org](http://www.paulistcenter.org)**.

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

Register for all sacramental prep programs at **[www.paulistcenter.org/YouthFormation/FREPRegistrationForm](http://www.paulistcenter.org/YouthFormation/FREPRegistrationForm)**

#### FIRST RECONCILIATION:

- Parents Only Meeting: **Sept 29 @ 11:30am**
- Parents AND children: **Oct 27 @ 12:30pm**
- Celebration of the Sacrament: **Nov 17 @ 12:30pm**

#### FIRST COMMUNION:

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

#### TEEN CONFIRMATION:

- FREP Kick-off Sunday: Team Building Exercise Off-site and then pizza back at PC - **Sept 15**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Class (Introduction to What is Confirmation? With Fr. Rick & Team Leaders) - **Sept 22**
- Bi-monthly classes: Please go to **[www.paulistcenter.org](http://www.paulistcenter.org)** for class dates - **October 6 thru May 18**
- Rehearsal - **June 1**
- Tentative Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation (TBD with Bishop) - **June 7**

## THANK YOU FROM THE PASTORAL COUNCIL!

**T**hank you to **everyone** who was able to join in person for the **Community Meeting on Sunday Sept 8!** The Pastoral Council is grateful for the passion and thoughtfulness that was shared. It was wonderful to have **150 people** in attendance to discuss reasons why we worship at the Paulist Center, hopes for the community, and gifts we can offer. Special thanks to community member **Steve Sulewski** for capturing photos of the event; we will share some soon!

While 150 people was a wonderful turnout, **we know there are many more people who would also like to participate in this conversation** and we hope everyone can do so.



Please scan this **QR code**, or go to **<https://tinyurl.com/PaulistCenter2024>** to complete a short survey with the same questions that were asked at the community meeting.

The Pastoral Council will be combining the data from the meeting with the data from this link and intend to share a summary later this fall.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and goodwill - we know that being actively involved in praying together is a gift we can offer each other all the time.



**Enthusiasm & Goodwill**

**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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## LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINK

Sun, Sept 15, 10am

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



### IMMIGRATION ADVOCACY GROUP (IAG)

Please join us **this Sun, Sept 15 after the 10am Mass in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Library** to meet as a faith community, and discern our 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. Coffee and snacks await.

### FR. RICK'S PAULIST CENTER DIRECTORY

In an effort to learn the names of our members, Fr. Rick would like us to have a **photo taken with Pope Francis**. (It's actually a cardboard cutout of the Pope.)



Fr. Rick will not share these photos with others, but will keep them as **his personal Center directory**.

He hopes to have everyone's picture by the **end of September**.

### 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**.

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 more 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**.

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



Please join us on **Sat, Sept 28 at our 5pm Mass** to celebrate **Fran Ludwig** as she receives the **2023 Hecker Award**. **Fran is the Founder and Director of the Boston Catholic Climate Movement**, now a chapter of the Global Catholic Climate Movement.

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.



SAVE THE DATE - SUN, OCT 27 -

**Paulist Steven Bell and the Paulist Toxic Polarization Initiative -**

**Coming to Us Just in Time for Election Day!**



**W**e have an exciting announcement to make! As you may or may not be aware, the Paulist Father's nationally have launched an initiative to address toxic polarization in our church and nation.

**Paulist Steven Bell**, a founder of this initiative and a quite-gifted preacher, is joining us the weekend of **Oct 26/27**, right before the election, to help connect us with this initiative. He will be preaching at all the Masses and will be offering a talk with opportunity for small group interactions after both the 10am and 6pm Masses. More information will follow in the coming weeks, but please mark your calendars for this event!

We are hoping for robust community engagement on this important topic! Free will offering.

## 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.



## WELCOME TO THE PAULIST CENTER!

The Paulist Center warmly welcomes recently registered members:

**Augustine Onwunali**

Boston, MA



**Anne Rogers**

Boston, MA

## A Prayer for Leadership

by Joan Chittister

Give us, O God,  
leaders whose hearts are large enough  
to match the breadth of our own souls  
and give us souls strong enough  
to follow leaders of vision and wisdom.

In seeking a leader, let us seek  
more than development for ourselves—  
though development we hope for—  
more than security for our own land—  
though security we need—  
more than satisfaction for our wants—  
though many things we desire.

Give us the hearts to choose  
the leader who will work with other leaders  
to bring safety to the whole world.

Give us leaders  
who lead this nation to virtue  
without seeking to impose  
our kind of virtue  
on the virtue of others.

Give us a government  
that provides for the advancement  
of this country  
without taking resources from others  
to achieve it.

Give us insight enough ourselves  
to choose as leaders those who can tell  
strength from power,  
growth from greed,  
leadership from dominance,  
and real greatness  
from the trappings of grandiosity.

We trust you, Great God,  
to open our hearts to learn  
from those to whom you speak  
in different tongues  
and to respect the life and words  
of those to whom you entrusted  
the good of other parts of this globe.

We beg you, Great God,  
give us the vision as a people  
to know where global leadership truly lies,  
to pursue it diligently,  
to require it to protect human rights  
for everyone everywhere.

We ask these things, Great God,  
with minds open to your word  
and hearts that trust in your eternal care.

**Amen.**



## Season of Creation 2024 September 1 – October 4

### The bad news and the good news.

#### Week 2: Sept 14/15

##### Did you know?

The plastics industry is actually the **fastest-growing source** of industrial greenhouse gases in the world. The UN Environment Programme estimates that the greenhouse gas emissions from plastic production, use and disposal could account for **19%** of the total global carbon budget by 2040.

##### Did you also know?

In many cities package-free, zero-waste shops are **popping up** that allow you to refill your grocery and household staples using your own containers.

##### 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](mailto:seasonofcreationdaily@gmail.com)

### 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](http://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](https://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](https://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 14 and 15** we raise up **My Life My Choice**, an organization that envisions a world where no person is bought or sold.



**Pastoral Staff:** 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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