



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 21 - 22, 2024 - 25TH 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 EDUCATION PROGRAM (FREP) - SUN, SEPT 22

ORIENTATION: Parent/Teacher Orientation WILL take place **THIS Sun, Sept 22 immediately following the 10am Mass.** Classroom locations for each grade will be posted in the elevator lobby.



Parents, please drop off your kids in the auditorium for a snack, go to your child's classroom, meet the teacher, fill out some forms, and then head down to community coffee. Your kids will then go up to their classrooms for fun introductory activities. Children should be picked up in the classrooms at 12:15pm.

REGISTRATION: Register at <https://www.paulistcenter.org/family-programs-registration/> 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.

COMMUNITY COFFEE: Will take place immediately following the 10am Mass!

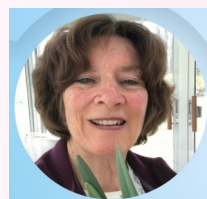


FRAN LUDWIG

TO RECEIVE THE 2023 ISAAC HECKER AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

NEXT SAT, SEPT 28!

Please join us **next Sat, 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**.



Even before Pope Francis's Letter on Care for our Common Home was published, Fran Ludwig provided leadership in Catholic responses to environmental and social justice causes. *Laudato Si'* was a dramatic statement and summons from the leadership of the Catholic Church. Protestant churches took the lead, 25 years ago, celebrating the Season of Creation to highlight the charism of St. Francis of Assisi and the pressing need for Christians to heed the call of creation and the poor. Pope Francis' powerful letter in 2015 issued an invitation and challenge to Catholics. Our nominee has been a leader in shaping the answer to this question and in facilitating many Massachusetts Catholics to respond with both contemplation and action.

Fran has also linked her work with the Global Catholic Climate Movement, a worldwide consortium of 700+ major Catholic organizations, religious orders, and churches. The organization Fran founded became one of the first local chapters of the GCCM. Our nominee has a dual emphasis in her work with American Catholics: (1) the spiritual, contemplative response to God's creation and (2) the assertive action required to protect creation and especially the marginalized who suffer most from its degradation. Isaac Hecker was committed to faith in action, particularly in the American Church. 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 Sat, Sept 28 at 5pm to celebrate Fran Ludwig! A reception will follow in our auditorium.

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 and Sun, Dec 15, 2pm.

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



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

Sat, Sept 21, 5pm

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

The Paulist Center warmly welcomes the newly baptized:



Enzo DiCristofaro

Xavier Randall

Jack Vitale



Congratulations

to the parents!



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**.

WELCOME TO YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY!

We are a community of young adults (18-39 yrs) focused on living out our faith through community, service, and spirituality. Even if you don't consider yourself Catholic, we'd love to welcome you! To learn more, please reach out to our **Young Adult Minister, Gus Kellerman**, by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/PCI-on-1> or by emailing him at youngadults@paulistcenter.org.



On **Fri, Sept 27** join other young adults for a **Bible study** from 6 - 7pm in **Rm 13 on the 6th Floor** of the Paulist Center. Feel free to come by any time after 5:30pm to hang out. If you're interested, please email **Gus** at youngadults@paulistcenter.org in advance that you're coming. **Walk-ins welcome!**

On **Sun, Sept 29**, our Young Adult Ministry will host the **Community-Wide monthly potluck** (open to **all** who bring a dish, **of any age!**) We will meet at **7pm** in the **3rd Fl Library**.

This month's theme is **Game Night** so please be sure to bring some of your favorite utensil free **finger foods** suited for the game table. Please join us after the 6pm Mass in the 3rd Fl Library.

Please RSVP by Sept 27 at <http://tinyurl.com/YAMPotluck>.

If you don't get a chance to RSVP, bring a dish, or stay after to clean up!



ANNUAL PAULIST APPEAL MAILING LIST REQUEST - OPT-OUT REQUIRED IF DESIRED

The Paulist Fathers' Annual Appeal happens every January. It is the **ONLY** time we share the Paulist Center's mailing list with anyone. The Paulists will only use the list for seven mailings a year (the appeal, four *The Voice* newsletters, a Christmas card, and a thank you if you make a donation to the appeal). They also pledge to us that they do not share their list with anyone.

If you wish to have your information **opted out** from the mailing list we send them for this purpose, please email **Patty** at patty@paulistcenter.org by **Oct 15** at the latest. Thank you!

Save the Date - Sun, Oct 27 -

TOXIC POLARIZATION: HOW THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CAN FAITHFULLY RESPOND

Paulist Steven Bell and the Paulist Toxic Polarization Initiative Coming to Us Just in Time for Election Day!

We 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. The talk is entitled ***Toxic Polarization: How the Christian Community can Faithfully Respond.***

Please mark your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors for this event! We are hoping for robust community engagement on this important topic! Free will offering.

FR. RICK'S PAULIST CENTER DIRECTORY

I am developing my own personal Paulist Center directory in an effort to help me know each member by name.



The photos will remain in my personal cell phone and will not be shared with anyone.

So, for the next few weeks, I ask that you make some time after Mass and help me with this fun project by printing your first and last names on a white board. We have enough boards for each of your family members.

If you'd like to help me organize this project, I welcome your assistance in making this effort go quickly over the next few weeks.

DESSERT MINISTRY AT THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB NEEDS HELP!

Do you like to bake cookies, brownies, and cupcakes and want to help our hungry neighbors and friends at the Wednesday Night Supper Club?



Join the dessert ministry and bring a **well-wrapped donation of treats once or twice a month** to Mass.

Or, drop them off at the Center during the week.

Our coordinator, **Mary McTigue**, will give you more detailed information. If interested, Mary can be reached at [**mary.mctigue@gmail.com**](mailto:mary.mctigue@gmail.com).

Please join us!



2024 FAMILY RETREAT!

We are very excited to announce the plans for *Attentive to the Spirit*, this year's annual Family Retreat, a one-day retreat at the Paulist Center on **Sun, Oct 20 from 11am-5:30pm.**

There will also be an evening event for **teens on Sat, Oct 19!**

This is a smaller, in-house version of our past family retreats (previously held on Cape Cod), that will welcome new families into the family retreat community and provide some of the core experiences of past retreats in a more financially accessible manner. We anticipate using this time to envision and evolve the shape and structure of future retreats to meet the needs of the families currently raising children at the Paulist Center.

The **retreat kicks off with a teen leadership pizza party Saturday night** where retreat alum **Caroline Williams** will help teens plan for their work with the younger children on skits the following day. **All families will come together on Sunday at 11am** for retreat time which includes lunch and social time, time for adult faith sharing, kids' planning to share skits and other talents, a skit/talent show, and a family Mass. We are asking families to contribute **\$15 a person** for the cost of the retreat. Children **under 6 are free**, and donations are welcome.

Registration: To register send an email to: [**eliannajoella@gmail.com**](mailto:eliannajoella@gmail.com) with the names and ages of all members of your family who will be attending, and the email addresses that you would like to receive retreat email updates. Registration payments can be made by **venmo to @ELIANNAWL, last 4 digits -6162.**

Contact **Elianna** if you need to make alternate payment arrangements.



Season of Creation 2024

September 1 – October 4

Week 3: Sept 21/22

The bad news and the good news.

Did you know?

Starting in the late 1990s and early 2000s, the Southwest's long-term climate pivoted sharply, transitioning to what scientists are now calling a "megadrought." The drought was marked by a decline in precipitation. But it also included something new: abnormally warm temperatures. The combination would prove deadly. The early 2000s marked the start of a region-wide, massive die-off of trees that continues to this day.

Did you also know?

This past spring, The Mystic River Water Association engaged more than **2,000 youth in 87 programs** throughout the watershed—an all-time high. Programming was varied—from learning about biodiversity to testing water quality along the Mystic River. In all the programs they connect classroom science content to place-based, real-world ecological issues right outside the door—ensuring we have the future stewards, scientists and engineers who care for their local watershed.

Agape 42nd Annual St. Francis Day celebration - Sat, Oct 5, 10am - 4pm

The theme is ***Growing the Community of Communities***. How can communities of Faith and Action continue to sustain themselves, as they face the ecological and social crises of the 21st Century? We will call on activists, students, and theologians from all faith traditions. It's a day for *remembering our roots and enfleshing our future*. Join us for a day of music, prayer & discussion of the following:



Urban and Rural Eco-Justice



Faith-based Action for Palestinian Liberation



Young People Striving Toward Community

Agape Community, 2062 Greenwich Rd., Hardwick, MA

Contact: paulistcentercreationcare@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. **Thank you!** See paulistcenter.org/give/ways-to-give for ways to give. 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 **September 21 and 22** we raise up **Massachusetts Council of Churches**, which witnesses to our oneness in Christ among local churches and with our neighbors in Christianity.



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