



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.



OCT 5 - 6, 2024 - 27TH 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

INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A LECTOR?



We invite you to consider joining one of our four Lector Teams! If you're interested in exploring this ministry, please reach out to our Pastoral Minister of Liturgy and Music, **Norm Gouin**, at norm@paulistcenter.org for more information.

A **Lector Formation and Information Session** will be held **this Sun, Oct 6, from 1-3pm in the Chapel**. Please fill out the registration form by visiting this link [**Lector Formation 2024**](#)

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (FREP)



This **Sun, Oct 6**, grades K - 6, and Jr. High, will meet in their classrooms on the 2nd and 6th floors as usual.

Teen Confirmation class will meet in the 3rd Fl Library.

* Please note that there are **no classes NEXT Sunday, Oct 13**, due to Indigenous Peoples' weekend.

SACRISTAN FORMATION & INFO SESSION

We invite you to consider serving as a Sacristan at the Paulist Center! If you're interested in exploring this ministry, please reach out to our Pastoral Minister of



Liturgy and Music, **Norm Gouin**,

at norm@paulistcenter.org for more information. A **Sacristan Formation and Information Session** will be held next

Sun, Oct 13, from 1-3pm in the Chapel.

CREATION CARE MINISTRY

The next meeting of the **Creation Care** ministry will be **this Mon, Oct 7 at 5pm via Zoom**.

All are welcome!

For information and/or the Zoom link, please email paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com



YOM KIPPUR

We pray for our Jewish neighbors observing Yom Kippur Oct 11-12.



**May they have
an easy fast.**

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BOOK GROUP - STARTING OCT 13 - ALL ARE WELCOME

The Sunday afternoon small group (from last Lent) is **starting a Book Group** and are inviting the community to join them **every other Sunday at 4:30** (finishing in time for Mass.) Enter through the Chapel doors no earlier than 4:30 (earlier arrivals will not be able to get in).

The first meeting will be **Sun, Oct 13** in the 2nd Fl Seminar Rm and we'll be reading **Black Liturgies** by **Cole Arthur Riley**. For this first meeting, we will focus on the first chapter. It is fine if you can't make every meeting.

Synopsis of the book:

Amid national racial violence, the isolation of the pandemic, and a surge of anti-Black rhetoric in many Christian spaces, the author began dreaming of a more human, more liberating expression of faith. She went on to create **Black Liturgies**, a digital project that connects spiritual practice with Black emotion, Black memory, and the Black body. She brings together new prayers, letters, poems, meditation questions, scriptures, and the writings of Black literary ancestors.

For more information, or any questions, email **Kate Flaherty** at keflare@gmail.com.



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, Oct 6, 10am

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



WELCOME TO THE PAULIST CENTER!

The Paulist Center warmly welcomes recently registered member:



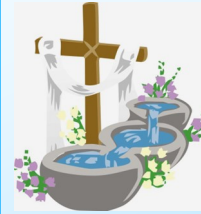
Luisa Barreto
Waltham, MA

WELCOME TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED!

The Paulist Center warmly welcomes the newly baptized:

Leo, Luca, and Raphael Uspensky

Congratulations
to the parents!



PARENT PREPARATION FOR INFANT/CHILD BAPTISM

The Paulist Center will offer a preparation session on **Sat, Oct 26**, from **10am - 12pm**.
We will meet in the **3rd floor Library/Chapel**.

Expecting parents are invited to attend before their child is born/adopted. All parents and godparents need to attend a Baptism preparation class if they haven't attended one in the past three years.

To register for the session, please contact **Fr. Rick** at rick@paulistcenter.org.



ELECTION PREP!



In light of the fast-approaching elections, the **Racial Justice Advocacy Group (RJAG)** invites everyone to a **Zoom** discussion on **Thur, Oct 17**, from **7-9pm**.

Network For Social Justice has produced a series called "**White Supremacy and American Christianity**" with Rev. Bryan Massingale and Dr. Robert Jones.

We will be watching segments of Part 4 - "Moving Toward Beloved Community" (April 6, 2024), and/or Part 5 - "We Choose Freedom" (Sept. 11, 2024) (networklobby.org/actions-to-take-after-watching-white-supremacy-in-christianity/) for our discussion on Oct 17.

We will consider this year's candidates and elections...How do we move on from the polarization that currently exists in American culture? What is the role of people of faith in creating a new civic vision? How can we help make that happen?

To register, please contact **Tom Sharkey** at sharkey.te@verizon.net. Please join us!

2024 FAMILY RETREAT!

We are 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, off-site!**



This is a smaller, in-house version of our past family retreats (previously held on Cape Cod). The retreat starts with a **teen leadership pizza party Saturday night**. All families will gather on **Sunday at 11am** for lunch, 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: Email eliannajoella@gmail.com with the names and ages of family members who will be attending, and the email addresses for updates. Registration payments can be made by **venmo** to **@ELIANNWL**, last 4 digits - **6162**. Contact **Elianna** if you need to make alternate payment arrangements.

FREE WALKING TOUR IN DOWNTOWN BOSTON - LEARN ABOUT ISAAC HECKER AND SOME OF HIS FAMOUS FRIENDS



Isaac Hecker, founder of the Paulist Fathers and a native New Yorker, spent time in the Greater Boston area during his long journey toward Catholicism. While here, he became friends with such Transcendentalists as **Ralph Waldo Emerson, Bronson Alcott** and **Orestes Brownson**, all of whom influenced his spiritual formation.

On **Sun, Oct 20**, all are welcome to join some local Paulist Associates on a **free, 90-minute guided walking tour** through downtown Boston, visiting sites and hearing about people and circumstances important to Hecker.

Meet in the Paulist Center Chapel at 11:30am following the 10am Mass on **Oct 20**.



EXPLORE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE VIRTUE OF HOPE HOPE - THE THEME OF THE UPCOMING JUBILEE YEAR STARTING IN ADVENT

Join **Paulist Father Frank DeSiano** as he offers **three webinars** as a way to explore the important, but underappreciated, virtue of Hope.

- 1) **Thur, Oct 10: The Virtue of Hope**
- 2) **Thur, Oct 17: The Implications of Hope**
- 3) **Thur, Oct 24: The Spirituality of Hope**



All webinars are at **2pm**; they will be **recorded** for those who cannot attend "in person." To **register for ALL THREE**, here's the **Zoom Link** : https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mnAyX_Z6QsGJIaBYI8Vilw

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!

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.

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. Please join us!

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.



This weekend, **Oct 5 - 6**, we raise up **Voice of the Faithful**, a lay organization that works to provide a prayerful voice, attentive to the Spirit, through which the Faithful can actively participate in the governance and guidance of the Catholic Church.

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
- 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!



Around the Community

ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN 2024 - EDUCATIONAL FORUM

Date: Wed, Oct 9

Time: 6 - 7:30pm

Location: Central Library in Copley Square

Registration is required. Register at this [link](#)

Pastoral Staff: Normand Gouin; Gus Kellerman; Susan Rutkowski;
Patricia Simpson; Rick Walsh, CSP

Administrative Staff: Barbara Dunay; Dorothy Messenger;
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(See our [website](#) for staff contact information.)