



# 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 17 - 18, 2025**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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

**WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES**  
**Monday – Friday**  
12:00pm

## CONFESSIONS

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

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - THIS SUN



**W**ill take place **THIS Sun, May 18, at our 10am Mass.**

A **reception**, and our **end-of-year FREP party**, will take place after Mass in the auditorium.

*All are welcome!*

## TEEN CONFIRMATION

**L**ast class is **this Sun, May 18**, and **rehearsal** is **on Sun, June 1** after the 10am Mass in the Chapel.



**Bishop Reed** will join us on **Sat, June 14 at our 5pm Mass** to celebrate the sacrament of confirmation.

## HOLY DAY - THUR, MAY 29

**J**oin us in celebrating the **Ascension of the Lord** on **Thur, May 29.**



We'll have a spoken Mass at 8:00am and Masses with music at 12 noon and 7pm.

The 7pm Mass will be **livestreamed**.

## AN INVITATION FROM FR. RICK WALSH, CSP SAT, MAY 31 @ 11AM

**J**oin Paulist Fathers living in-residence **Michael McGarry, John Duffy and Tom Ryan** on **Saturday, May 31 at 11am** to celebrate the **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their ordination at a concelebrated Mass!**

A **reception** will follow immediately after the liturgy.

All members of the Paulist Center are invited to join the Paulists for this celebration. To help us prepare the reception, **please RSVP to Mr. Sal Whooley at (617) 742 - 4460** or by email - **Sal@paulistcenter.org**. (no gifts please)



## TIMES OF TROUBLE: POINTS OF HOPE

**A**s Catholics, we are committed to social justice and active in ministries for racial justice, LGBTQ+ support, environment, hunger, and immigration, among other things.

This year, we have collectively witnessed or experienced a direct assault on justice and mercy.

Let's come together to pray, share our experiences, (our goals and plans) our hopes and fears, and plans of different PC ministries.

Let's come together to build each other up and to see how each of us, as we sometimes toil alone, are part of something larger working together to make real the kingdom of God.

We will gather on **Sat, May 31 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor library from 9am - 12 noon.**



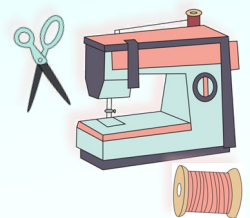
**"And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night?" Luke 18:7**

## SEWING TALENT NEEDED!

**T**he **liturgical dance ministry** is in the midst of renewing its closet! Many of our garments are old and in need of replacement.

Do you have a sewing machine and know how to use it?

**We need your help!** Please contact **Christine Tardiff** at **cetardiff@gmail.com** for more information.



**Welcome!** If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form that can be found on our [website](http://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



**Sunday, May 18, 10am**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**



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

### **MEET & GREET WITH FR. JOHN DUFFY AND FR. PATRICK JOHNSON - SUN, JUNE 1**

**A**s part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Isaac Hecker Award for Social Justice, you are invited to meet the two newest Paulist Fathers who moved into the Park Street residence last September. Hear what attracted them to become a Paulist Priest.

A short documentary about Isaac Hecker will be part of the program.



Coffee and donuts will be provided!

**Please join us in the auditorium on Sun, June 1 at 11:15am.**

### **WALDEN POND COMMUNITY DAY 10 AM ON SAT, JUNE 7**

**A**lso as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Isaac Hecker Award for Social Justice, the Paulist Center community is invited to an **educational Community Day at Walden Pond** to swim, learn, picnic and hike.



Come learn about transcendentalism and ponder how it affected the founder of the Paulist Father's Spirituality.

The interpretive rangers out at Walden Pond will host a short documentary on transcendentalism and lead a walk to Henry David Thoreau's cabin site that sits on the edge of Walden Pond. You are welcome to spend an hour or the whole day exploring this beautiful spot in the greater Boston area.



The parking lot's capacity is 235, so arriving by **10 - 11am** will ensure a spot in the lot; otherwise, you will need to park further away and walk over.

It's helpful to have an approximate number of attendees, so **please rsvp** to [susan@paulistcenter.org](mailto:susan@paulistcenter.org).

Try and carpool with people to keep car numbers and fossil fuels down!

### **SEEKING HELP WITH OUR MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM**

**O**nce again, I am **asking you for help with our Marriage Preparation program**, which we offer to 400-600 couples through the Archdiocese of Boston each year.

In addition to seeking Paulist Center **couples who can present** during the marriage preparation sessions, we need individuals who can assist by **greeting/checking in folks** (Friday evening), **setting up materials and food** (Saturday morning), and **cleaning up materials and food** (Saturday late afternoon).

Each of these tasks needs 1-2 people for **less than 2 hours**.

Interested in learning more? If so, please contact **Fr. Rick** at [rick@paulistcenter.org](mailto:rick@paulistcenter.org).

*Thank you for your consideration.*



## THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee, a permanent committee of the Paulist Center Community, is looking to fill **2 open positions**.

**Current members are:**

Claire Byrne (Chair)  
Chuck Ferrara  
Barbara Lapinskas  
Susan Santos  
Lisa Savini

Christine Tardiff  
Marianne Saccardi  
Norm Gouin  
Fr. Rick



**We are grateful to Chris O'Rourke and Rachel Rumely, 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 **Mon, May 19**. *Thank you for your consideration.*

## CALLED TO SERVE? THE PASTORAL COUNCIL NEEDS YOU

The Pastoral Council includes eight community members and offers leadership in the Paulist Center community in several ways.

The role includes approval of the budget, appointment of permanent committees, supervising the operation of the Center in collaboration with the Paulists, and communicating with the Paulist Center community about Council actions and general issues affecting the community.

Council members, ages 18 or older, are expected to attend monthly meetings (currently held in the evening of the last Wednesday of the month), 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** and are **encouraged to be visibly present at Mass and community events.**



To apply, you 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 30**.

Elections for council members will be held from June 8-16 for **five new members** who have a **two-year term from Sept 1, 2025, to August 31, 2027**.

For more information please contact **John Domino, Pastoral Council Chair**, at [pccouncil@paulistcenter.org](mailto:pccouncil@paulistcenter.org).

**DATE CHANGE: *THE LETTER***  
**FRIDAY, MAY 30, 7 PM VIA ZOOM**

The Boston Chapter of the *Laudato Si'* Movement will host a showing of the award-winning film *The Letter* via Zoom.

Pope Francis invites five people from around the world to share their concerns about climate change as they seek hope for the future.

More at: <https://theletterfilm.org>

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/TheLetter-5-30>

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Join us for *An Evening of Music* on Fri, June 6 at the Paulist Center.

Paulist Center member **Meagan Shrock and friends** will present a vibrant program featuring selections from **opera to Broadway**.



The recital begins at **7:30pm** and is **free** and open to the public.



**SAT, SEPT 13 - WE CELEBRATE PATTY SIMPSON**

We have confirmed **Sat, Sept 13 at the 5pm Mass** will be the time we celebrate **Patty Simpson** and her 32+ years of dedicated and loving ministry to our Paulist Center Community and offer her our blessing and thanks.

**Paulist Vice President**, and former Paulist Center Director during 8 1/2 of Patty's years on staff, **John Ardis**, will preside.

We hope you will join us to celebrate!



**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. Two options:



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.

This weekend, **May 17 and 18**, we raise up **New Ways Ministry**, a Catholic outreach that educates and advocates for equity, inclusion, and justice for LGBTQ+ persons, equipping leaders to build bridges of dialogue within the Church and civil society.



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

**Administrative Staff:** Barbara Dunay; Deb Heimel; Dorothy Messenger;  
Rob Smyser; Sal Whooley

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

**Pastoral Council Chair:** John Domino  
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**Finance Committee Chair:** Mary Lesko

**Worship Committee Chair:** Claire Byrne  
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(See our [website](http://paulistcenter.org) for staff contact information.)