



# 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 31 - JUNE 1, 2025**

**7<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**

## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE ISAAC HECKER AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Since 1974, the Paulist Center Community has presented the Isaac Hecker Award for Social Justice to an outstanding North American Catholic. Recipients have included locally and nationally recognized women and men – lay people, sisters, priests, and bishops. Isaac Hecker, the founder of the Paulist Fathers, was particularly concerned with the growth and development of American Catholicism. Hecker and the early Paulists devoted themselves to mission preaching and communication of the Word of God. The award was named to honor Isaac Hecker.

### HECKER AWARD 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EVENTS:



**This Sun, June 1 @ 11:15am: Meet & Greet with Paulist Fathers John Duffy and Patrick**

**Johnson.** 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!

**Next Sat, June 7 @10am: Walden Pond Community Day.** Come learn about **transcendentalism** and ponder how it affected Isaac Hecker's spirituality. Interpretive rangers 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.



**Please RSVP to [susan@paulistcenter.org](mailto:susan@paulistcenter.org).** Try and carpool to keep car numbers and fossil fuels down!



**Fall date & event TBA**

### TEEN CONFIRMATION

**R**ehearsal is this Sun, June 1 after the 10am Mass  
**R**in the Chapel.

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



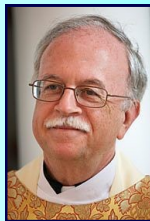
### FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

**T**he registration form for our **2025-2026** year is now posted on our **website!** Please register your child(ren) for formal religious education classes and/or our sacramental preparation programs. Any questions, please contact **Susan Rutkowski**, Pastoral Minister of Family Religious Education, at **[susan@paulistcenter.org](mailto:susan@paulistcenter.org)**.

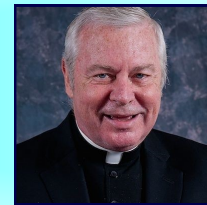
### CONGRATULATIONS to the four Paulists who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> ordination anniversaries at the Paulist Center on May 31!



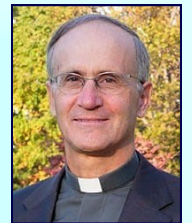
**Fr. John Duffy, CSP**  
living in-residence



**Fr. Michael McGarry, CSP**  
living in-residence



**Fr. Paul Robichaud, CSP**  
native of Waltham



**Fr. Tom Ryan, CSP**  
living in-residence

**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



Saturday, May 31, 5pm  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter



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



Dear Friends of CRS in Boston,

Once again, CRS needs your prayer and action in a significant way.

On Tuesday night, Catholic Relief Services received formal notification that **the administration has terminated all but two of Catholic Relief Services' McGovern-Dole Food for Education school feeding programs**—cutting off daily meals for nearly 800,000 children in 11 countries beginning in July. For many, this was their only meal of the day.



Your voice is urgently needed so we can continue to work for a world where no child goes hungry.

Without these meals, children will be forced to learn on empty stomachs, putting their health and futures at risk. School feeding programs increase literacy and learning outcomes, reduce absences due to hunger and illness, and support local economies and reduce migration. Funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, CRS partners with governments and communities to sustain school meal programs and strengthen a child's education. These programs not only nourish students, but they also stabilize families and communities. Meanwhile, award terminations within USDA's Food for Progress programs further threaten food security and economic stability in vulnerable communities.

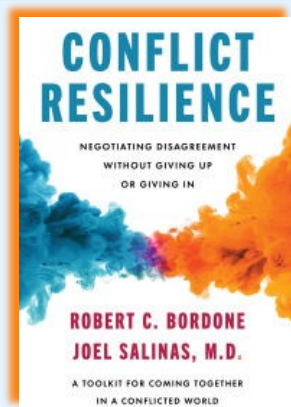
Please email your members of Congress, asking them to urge the administration to reverse these terminations and continue providing lifesaving and life-affirming food aid.

The most impactful form of emailing is to the staffer you have a relationship with already in the office. Please blind copy me or let me know that you have sent the emails (once completed).

You can also use the following action alerts:

- English action alert: <https://support.crs.org/act/mcgovern-dole>
- Spanish action alert: <https://support.crs.org/abogar/mcgovern-dole>

Please also share with your networks.



### TALK ON "CONFLICT RESILIENCE" - JUNE 8

The Adult Faith Formation Committee is happy to present a new book co-authored by our own community and pastoral council member **Bob Bordone**.

Please join us in the auditorium for a **book reception and a brief talk after the 10am and 6pm Masses next Sun, June 8.**



## AN EVENING OF MUSIC - NEXT FRI, JUNE 6 @ 7:30PM

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



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.

Hope to see you there!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The **Finance Committee** seeks **volunteers** to help oversee the revenues and expenditures of the Center and the management of its financial assets.

Are you an active community member committed to economic justice with professional experience in the areas of financial management/internal controls, CPA/accounting or bookkeeping, preferably in a nonprofit or small business?

If you would like to hear more about this important role in the Center's mission, contact **Mary Lesko** at [maryrlesko@gmail.com](mailto:maryrlesko@gmail.com).



## 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 Sunday, June 15**.

Elections for council members will be held in June 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).

## SEEKING HELP WITH OUR MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

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

### We are seeking:

- **Paulist Center couples who can present** during the marriage preparation sessions
- **individuals** who can assist by **greeting/checking in folks** (Friday evening)
- **individuals** who can assist by **setting up materials and food** (Saturday morning)
- **individuals** who can assist by **cleaning up materials and food** (Saturday late afternoon)

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

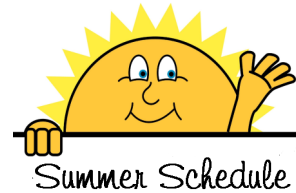


Interested in learning more? If so, please contact **Fr. Rick** at [rick@paulistcenter.org](mailto:rick@paulistcenter.org).

*Thank you for your consideration.*

## SUMMER BULLETIN DEADLINES

**P**lan ahead! We are returning to a once-every-two-weeks bulletin for the months of June, July, and August.



June 8/15: text due 6/3, 12pm

June 22/29: text due 6/17, 12pm

**July 6/13: text due 6/27, 12pm (early due to July 4th)**

July 20/27: text due 7/15, 12pm

Aug 3/10: text due 7/29, 12pm

Aug 17/24: text due 8/12, 12pm

**Aug 31/Sep 7: text due 8/22, 12pm (early due to Labor Day)**

Back to a weekly schedule starting with the September 13/14 bulletin, text due 9/9, 12pm

## STEWARDSHIP

**T**he 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

**T**he 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 31 and June 1**, we raise up **Catholic Near East Welfare Association** which works in places of poverty, war, and displacement across the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India, and Eastern Europe, helping to alleviate poverty, affirm human dignity, build up the Church -- and inspire hope.

**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

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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.)