



Paulist Center Boston

SEPTEMBER 13 - 14, 2025 - 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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.



THIS SAT, SEPT 13 - 5PM MASS WE CELEBRATE PATTY SIMPSON



Please join us **this Sat, Sept 13 at the 5pm Mass** as 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!*

*Thank you and
God bless you!*

Come To Set Us Free: FESTIVAL OF READINGS AND CAROLS 2025 - CALL FOR MUSICIANS

Join the Paulist Center Music Ministry for our annual Festival of Readings and Carols.
Rehearsals: Thursdays, 7 - 9pm, in the Chapel, beginning **October 2**.

Performance dates:

- * **Sat, December 13 at 8pm**
- * **Sun, December 14 at 2pm**

Interested in participating? Please contact **Norm Guin** directly at norm@paulistcenter.org.



FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (FREP) KICKS OFF ON SEPT 21!



Please join us for a joyous celebration on **Sun, Sept 21 at the 10am Mass** to kick off all programming for FREP: religious education classes, sacramental preparation classes, intergenerational catechetical sessions, socials, and teen youth groups. The registration form for our 2025-2026 year is posted on our [website](#). Questions: contact **Susan Rutkowski**, Pastoral Minister of Family Religious Education, at susan@paulistcenter.org or 617-948-2426.

DO YOU LIKE SHARING YOUR FAITH WITH OTHERS?

Please consider becoming a volunteer catechist in our family religious education program (FREP). At the Paulist Center, we partner with parents and other adult volunteers to prepare and provide weekly catechesis from late September until late May. Catechists must possess a love of the Catholic faith and a desire to nurture children's spiritual and religious potential. It is also essential to be able to communicate well with parents, prepare weekly lessons, be engaging, and maintain a disciplined yet fun catechetical session. Classes begin Sept 28.



We are looking for full-time religious ed teachers, co-teachers to some grades, and substitute teachers. We provide training, materials, and support. Classes/group gatherings take place on Sundays, 11:15am - 12:15pm. For more information, contact **Susan Rutkowski**, Pastoral Minister of Family Religious Education and Social Justice at susan@paulistcenter.org or 617-948-2426.

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, September 13, 5pm
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
YouTube [Link](#)



WORSHIP MATTERS

Introduction to the Series

Weekend of September 13 - 14, 2025 – Issue #1

At the Paulist Center, we believe our liturgies are at their most vibrant and authentic when the community not only knows *what* we do in worship but also understands *how* and *why* we do it. Rooted in the vision of the Second Vatican Council, vibrant and prayerful liturgy lies at the very heart of our mission.

To foster deeper understanding and engagement in our liturgy, a subcommittee of the Worship Committee in collaboration with the Pastoral Minister of Liturgy and Music has created a weekly catechetical reflection series titled *Worship Matters*, which will cover a wide range of topics related to our liturgical tradition and practice. These reflections are intended to open windows into the deeper meaning of our worship, helping us to shine a light on the beauty and wisdom woven into our prayer.

When we grasp the “why” behind our signs and symbols, our prayers and gestures, our traditions and rituals, we are enabled to enter more fully into the mystery we celebrate. In this way, liturgy becomes not just something we attend, but something that shapes us, sustains us, and calls us to live the Gospel with greater joy.

It is our hope that this resource will serve both newcomers and longtime members of our community, drawing us all into a richer, more wholehearted participation in the sacred liturgy we share.

In the coming weeks, we will turn our attention to the topic of *Sacred Space*, reflecting on the structures and elements that shape our worship environment. Together, we will explore their meaning and significance and consider how these elements find unique expression in our own Chapel of the Holy Spirit.

Please visit www.paulistcenter.org/worshipmatters for the current and future reflections.

WORSHIP



MATTERS

YOUTH LITURGICAL MINISTRY PROGRAM (YLM) – 2025-2026

We are excited to once again offer ministry opportunities through our Youth Liturgical Ministry Program at the Paulist Center. If you're interested in getting involved, please visit this [link](#) for the [YLM Interest Form](#), or scan the [QR code](#).



Youth Liturgical Ministry Opportunities:

- Lector Ministry
- Assistant Sacristans
- Liturgical Dance
- Music
- Audio-Visual Ministers



Schedule of YLM Masses - 2025-2026

- Sun, Sep 21
- Sun, Oct 19
- Sun, Nov 2
- Sun, Dec 7
- Weds, Dec 24 (4 pm)
- Sun, Jan 11
- Sun, March 8
- Sun, April 19
- Sun, May 17 (First Communion)

PRAYER AND ACTION IN TROUBLED TIMES: LESSONS FROM CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS



The first sessions last weekend were a smash hit!

Join us in a year-long reflection on key documents that have challenged and inspired our faith tradition over time. We will learn about them and consider what insights and actions they inspire as we face myriad assaults on social justice today.

Raúl E. Zegarra, a community member and Asst. Prof. of Roman Catholic Theological Studies at Harvard Divinity School, will lead the sessions.

Future Meeting Dates:

- Oct 19 @ 11am (Auditorium)
- Nov 23 @ 11am (Auditorium)
- Feb 8 @ 7pm (Library)
- April 12 @ 7pm (Library)
- May 31 @ 11am (Auditorium)
- June 7 - Time & Location TBA

PASTORAL PLANNING UPDATE

We are grateful to the community members who joined our initial pastoral planning meetings in August. If you missed the meetings you can go to our website to review the slides that were shared, or use the link <https://tinyurl.com/Augustpastoralplanning>.



Next in-person community meeting: **Sun, Sept 28; Lunch: 11:15am to 12:00pm; meeting will follow.**

RESPONDING TO ASSAULTS ON THE DIGNITY OF LIFE

So many in our community are gripped by anxiety; our hearts are broken. To comprehend this present moment, we need only look to the rich history of our Catholic Social Teaching (CST) – our anchor in truth and our counterbalance to the forces that seek to deceive and destroy.



Therefore, let us keep one of the key themes of our CST – **the life and dignity of the human person** – front and center in all of the Paulist Center's programming as we wrestle with the grief we experience at injustice; and are nourished, empowered, and transformed through our worship and plan the best ways forward to act for justice.

Our hope is that this theme meets the range of the community where we are and will create opportunities for prayer, learning, and responding as this assault on the dignity of human life worsens.

Below are some events to help us on this journey:

- **Prayer and Action in Troubled Times: Lessons from Catholic Social Teachings** (10/19, 11/23, and more) Sponsored by our Immigration Advocacy Group. A year-long reflection on key documents that have challenged and inspired our faith tradition over time.
- **SUN*Day Pilgrimage and Interfaith Service and Celebration** (9/21) – see pg 4
- **Adult Faith Formation: Lecture/book signing with Chris White on his book *Pope Leo XIV*** (9/25) - see pg 4
- **The benefits of Solar Energy** – Community Coffee led by our Creation Care Ministry (10/5) Solar energy can provide access to affordable and reliable electricity, create local jobs, and foster economic development.
- **Racial Justice Advocacy and Immigrant Advocacy Group Intergenerational Events** (10/19 & 11/2) All generations of Paulist Center Community members come together to help teach and learn from one another.
- **Adult Faith Formation Watch Party – What do we do with Christianity?** (10/24) Join us for *ReVision: What Do We Do With Christianity?*, a 3-day virtual gathering hosted by the Center for Action and Contemplation (CAC).
- **50th Anniversary of the Hecker Award and all past recipients** (11/2) A celebration of all awardees committed to extraordinary work for peace and justice.
- **Festival of Readings and Carols** (12/13 & 12/14) Readings, carols, and prayers will illuminate the themes of hope, waiting, preparation, and rejoicing, grounding us during times of darkness, division, fear, and anxiety.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...

Please hold in your prayers the soul of long time Community member, **Rosemary Weiss**, who died last week in hospice care, after a challenging journey with cancer. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tues, Sept 16 at 9:30am at St. Martin de Porres Church in Poughkeepsie, NY.

May she be at Peace.

SUN*DAY PILGRIMAGE & PRAYER SERVICE: NEXT SUN, SEPT 21

Join us as the Paulist Center community joins an interfaith celebration of the power of Sun and Wind! **SUN*Day is a national day of action on Sept 21, celebrating the unstoppable rise of clean energy.**

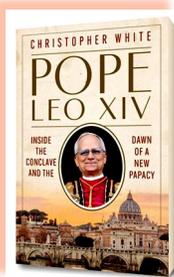


Three ways to participate:

- Join us at **1pm at Old South Church**, 645 Boylston St, for an interfaith procession to Boston Common with music, banners, and brief prayer proclamations along the way. The procession (.9 mile) will be down Newbury St. which is closed to traffic that day.
- Join us at **2pm on Boston Common**, near the State House steps, for a 30-minute multi-faith celebration of hope.
- Join us at **12pm at St. Clement's Basilica**, 1105 Boylston St, for a light lunch, brief sending forth prayer, and a "Pilgrimage of Hope" to Old South Church.

Join Paulist Center friends making our way to the Basilica after the 10am Mass.

St. Clement to the Common is 1.8 miles. Alternate: take Green Line along the route, or join a procession from King's Chapel (.3 mile), at 1:30pm.



ALL ABOUT POPE LEO XIV: A PAULIST CENTER EVENT - THURS, SEPT 25 AT 7PM

Christopher White, who spent four years covering Pope Francis as Vatican correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter, **will be at the Center to discuss his new book and provide a behind-the-scenes look at the conclave that elected the first American Pope.**

Paulist Center member **Bill Mitchell**, a former NCR publisher, will interview Christopher, followed by audience Q and A.

Please **RSVP** here: chriswhite.eventbrite.com.

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COMMUNITY GIFT

The Paulist Center gives 5% of our annual offertory to 52 charitable organizations with missions consonant with our own. These organizations receive an equal amount from our annual offertory.

The weekend of **Sept 13 and 14** we raise up **My Life My Choice**, an organization that envisions a world where no person is bought or sold.

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