



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.



OCTOBER 4 - 5, 2025

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES

Saturday
5pm

Sunday
10am
6pm

WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES

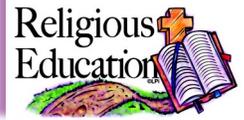
Monday – Friday
12:00pm

CONFESSIONS

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

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (FREP)

Classes have officially begun for our formal religious education program, and about to begin for our Sacramental preparation classes. Please make sure your child(ren) is/are registered! You can find the registration form [here](#). Please check the FREP calendar [here](#) for all classes/meeting dates. The first gathering for our **First Reconciliation program** is a virtual meeting on **Wed, Oct 15 at 7pm**. Link will be provided via email.



MOSAIC

Junior and Senior High Teen Youth Group

The first teen session with Mosaic Interfaith will take place on **Oct 19 from 2-5 pm**.

EACH FAMILY MUST REGISTER THEIR CHILD here at the Center **AND** at Mosaic, with this Link: <https://forms.gle/pVRHE3SLCrPAHwhA7>

Please reach out to **Susan Rutkowski** at susan@paulistcenter.org, with questions and concerns about any details of our Family Religious Education Program. The calendar and registration form are found on our website at www.paulistcenter.org.

Solar Energy Seminar - This Sun, Oct 5

During coffee hour after the 10am Mass, the **Creation Care Committee** will present a seminar about **solar energy**. There will be information on:

- the Center's recent shift to the purchase of solar-generated electricity at 5 Park St.
- how to capture similar benefits without needing to install solar panels on your home

Members will describe their experience using solar, and answer questions. **Join us for a sun-filled presentation!**



FOR PARENTS: PASTORAL PLANNING SESSION THIS SUN, OCT 5, 11:20AM-12:10PM

For parents who weren't able to come to the pastoral planning meeting this past Sunday, we'd like to offer a session just for you! Please join us **during the FREP hour in the 3rd Fl library** for a 50-minute abbreviated version of last Sunday's planning session.

We want, and do need, the voices of parents in our planning, so please attend while your kiddos are in class.

You are welcome to grab coffee in the auditorium and bring it up to 3.

Hope to see you there!



THANK YOU FROM FR. RICK

Thank you to all who attended our pastoral planning sessions this past Sunday.

Jonathan Lewis, the Paulist Fathers Strategic Planning Officer, facilitated both the afternoon and evening session.

We are going through the responses submitted by everyone.

We'll share more information with you as soon as we process the data we received from the two meetings.



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.

PAULIST CENTER BOSTON
5 PARK STREET
BOSTON MA 02108

PHONE 617-742-4460
FAX 617-720-5756
EMAIL INFO@PAULISTCENTER.ORG

paulistcenter.org
Facebook.com/PaulistCenter
youtube.com/ThePaulistCenter

LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINK



Sunday, October 5, 10am
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



YouTube [Link](#)

WORSHIP MATTERS

Weekend of October 4 - 5, 2025 – Issue #4

Sacred Space: The Cross and Corpus

Upon entering most Catholic churches, one of the most distinctive elements is the cross, typically suspended in the sanctuary or affixed to the back wall. When the altar was brought forward in the 1960s, some churches chose to forego a permanent cross in the sanctuary, instead using a processional cross placed in a location that would not obstruct the altar. Whether suspended above the sanctuary or carried in procession, the cross remains the central symbol of our Christian faith, the sign with which we begin every liturgy.

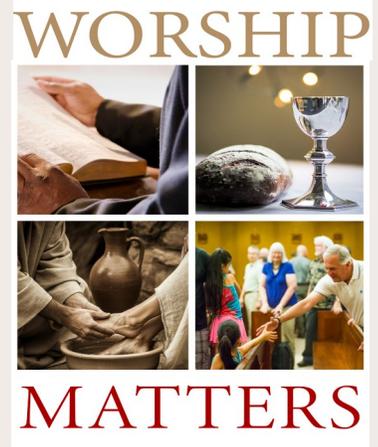
During our chapel's renovation over twenty years ago, the community, after much prayer and discernment, commissioned two artists to create not simply a cross with a crucified corpus, but a multi-faceted work of art reflecting the fullness of the Paschal Mystery.

Inspired by Luke's account of the Passion, our sanctuary artwork was installed in January 2004. The piece incorporates three images: the Cross, the Crucified Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Randy Dixon, an architect and artist from the Berkeley area, created the Cross and Spirit images, and Chris Scala, an artist from Orlando, sculpted the figure of Christ. Lighting was also carefully designed as an essential element of the installation.

The power of this piece lies in its many dimensions, drawing us into the fullness of Christ's life, passion, death, and resurrection. From the broken Cross—split in two—the Body rises, the Spirit lifting us upward. It evokes movement, spaciousness, tenderness, and transcendence. The posture of Jesus, with arms outstretched, profoundly recalling the words from Luke's Gospel: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." (Luke 23:46)

For more detailed information about the various elements and construction of the Cross and Corpus, please visit www.paulistcenter.org/our-chapel.

Also, for the current and past reflections in our *Worship Matters* series please visit www.paulistcenter.org/worshipmatters



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:

* **Saturday, December 13 at 8pm**

* **Sunday, December 14 at 2pm**

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

RESPONDING TO ASSAULTS ON THE DIGNITY OF LIFE

This year we hold up the theme – **the life and dignity of the human person** – front and center in all of the Paulist Center's programming.



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.

Please click the link to read the entire announcement: <https://www.paulistcenter.org/dignityoflife/>

The next event to help us on this journey is:

- **Adult Faith Formation Watch Party – What do we do with Christianity? (Oct 24)**

In times of uncertainty, we are invited to see with new eyes. Join us for *ReVision: What Do We Do With Christianity?*, a three-day virtual gathering hosted by the Center for Action and Contemplation (CAC).

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

The first sessions at the beginning of September were a smash hit! Please join us for **future sessions this fall** (see below) as we reflect 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.



of Social Justice

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

Future Fall Sessions:

- **Oct 19 @ 11am** (Auditorium)
- **Nov 23 @ 11am** (Auditorium)

PAULIST CENTER ROSARY CIRCLE INTENTION FORM

Do you have a special intention that you would like the Paulist Center Community to pray for? Our weekly **Rosary Circle** (see below) is happy to include your intentions (may be anonymous). Go **here** for the form.



PAULIST CENTER ROSARY CIRCLE

All are welcome to the Paulist Center Rosary Circle, every Monday at 7:30pm. Here's the **Zoom link** Meeting ID: 487 503 158 Passcode: 021078

LGBTQIA CATHOLIC COLLECTIVE

The Paulist Center is a member of the **Greater Boston LGBTQIA Catholic Collective** which offers monthly Zoom meetings for friends and family of LGBTQIA Catholics and could be a resource for Paulist Center members who are actively supporting their families in embracing transgender or nonbinary family members. Email greaterbostonlgbtqiatholics@gmail.com for the meeting schedule and Zoom links. More info @ <https://www.bostonlgbtqiatholics.org>



LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

Low-gluten hosts are available upon request.

Please see the presider in the Chapel or Sacristy **fifteen minutes before Mass** and **indicate where you will be seated in the Chapel**



so the communion minister in that section will have the low-gluten host for you at communion.

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 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.



Use **Apple Pay** or **Google Pay** by visiting donorbox.org/paulistcenter, scanning the **QR code** on the red cards in the pews or 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 charitable organizations with missions consonant with our own. These organizations receive an equal amount from our annual offertory.

The weekend of **Oct 4 and 5** 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

Pastoral Council Chair: John Domino
pccouncil@paulistcenter.org

Finance Committee Chair: Mary Lesko

Worship Committee Chair: Barbara Lapinskas
worship@paulistcenter.org

(See our [website](#) for staff contact information.)