



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 18 - 19, 2025
29TH 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) - THIS SUN, OCT 19

Classes have begun for our formal religious education program, and 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.



Junior and Senior High Teen Youth Group

The first teen session with Mosaic Interfaith will take place **this Sun, Oct 19, 2 - 5pm.**

EACH FAMILY MUST REGISTER THEIR CHILD here at the Center **AND** at Mosaic, with this Link:

MOSAIC

<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.

PRAYER AND ACTION IN TROUBLED TIMES: LESSONS FROM CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS - THIS SUN, OCT 19

Please join us **at 11am** for the next session to reflect on our Catholic social teachings that have challenged and inspired our faith tradition over time. We will learn about key documents 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.



Please join us in the **auditorium** for this important event. **Coffee and refreshments will be served.**

PASTORAL PLANNING IN-PERSON MEETINGS - NEXT SUN, OCT 26



Join Paulist Center community members **next Sun, Oct 26** for the second in-person community meeting as a part of our 2025 Pastoral Planning Process. The same session will be repeated **after the 10am Mass** (session held from 12-2pm) and **after the 6pm Mass** (session held from 7-8:30pm).

Lunch/dinner will be provided!



Contact **Deb Heimel** at deborah@paulistcenter.org with any questions. More info can be found on our website at: <https://www.paulistcenter.org/pastoralplan/>.

RESPONDING TO ASSAULTS ON THE DIGNITY OF LIFE - FRI, OCT 24 - SUN, OCT 26

This year we hold up the theme - **the life and dignity of the human person**. 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. For the full description and associated events click here:

<https://www.paulistcenter.org/dignityoflife/>

The next event is: **ReVision: What Do We Do with Christianity? Webinar: Fri, Oct 24 - Sun, Oct 26**

We have purchased admission for the entire community which is being sponsored by the Center for Action and Contemplation(CAC). [Link](#) for information. [Link](#) to join the conference.

The watch party for Oct 24 has been cancelled due to the conference's earlier start time. *We encourage you to watch as individuals or in your small community of faith groups.*



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, OCTOBER 18, 5PM
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



YouTube [Link](#)

WORSHIP MATTERS

Weekend of October 18 - 19, 2025 – Issue #6

Sacred Space: The Ambo

Along with the altar, the ambo is one of the most essential and sacred liturgical elements in every Catholic church. At the beginning of each weekend liturgy here at the Center, we speak of gathering around both the table of the Word and the table of the Eucharist—to be nourished and transformed for the life of the world. Theologically, the ambo and the altar both represent the presence of Christ: Christ who speaks in the Word proclaimed, and Christ who is taken, blessed, broken, and shared in the Eucharist.

The word *ambo*, akin to *lectern* or *pulpit*, comes from the Greek *ambōn*, meaning “step” or “elevation.” Its roots are believed to lie in the raised platforms from which Jewish rabbis proclaimed the Scriptures. The ambo first appeared in churches during the fourth century and, over time, was often beautifully crafted from precious woods or marble.

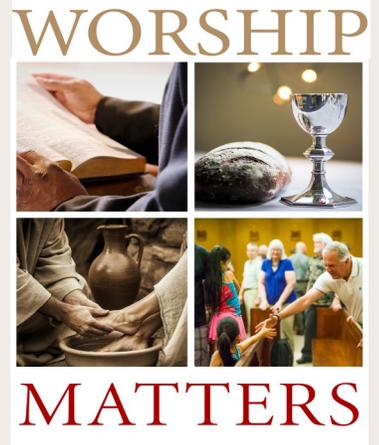
For centuries before the liturgical reforms, the priest proclaimed the Scriptures at the altar itself—on what were known as the “Epistle side” and the “Gospel side.” Today, the Word of God has its own dedicated place: the ambo.

The ambo’s primary purpose is to be the place from which the Scriptures are proclaimed. We begin our Eucharistic celebration with the Liturgy of the Word, our attention drawn to this “altar” of the Word—where readings from the Old and New Testaments, the Responsorial Psalm, and the Gospel are proclaimed. From this place, too, resound the Homily, the Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful), and once each year, the great Easter Proclamation, the *Exsultet*.

The ambo is intended to look special and given a fixed place in the sanctuary. Its location should be near the main altar and visually accessible to all. The ambo in our chapel is distinctive: it is crafted from the same wood and designed in the same style as the altar. Like the altar, it is adorned with a lit candle during the liturgy—an intentional sign of its deep connection to that sacred table where we encounter the living Christ, present in both Word and Sacrament.

Also, for the current and past reflections in our *Worship Matters* series please visit:

www.paulistcenter.org/worshipmatters.





SAVE THE DATE!



Come To Set Us Free: Festival of Readings and Carols



- Performances:



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



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

- Join us for this cherished annual tradition as we come together to celebrate Advent and Christmas at the Paulist Center.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE ISAAC HECKER AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, NOV 2

Since 1974, the Paulist Center Community has presented the Isaac Hecker Award for Social Justice to an outstanding North American Catholic.

Please join us and past recipients at our 10am Mass on Sun, Nov 2 to celebrate this important milestone. 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. **A reception will follow in the auditorium.**



Nominations for a new recipient!

****Now accepting nominations for next year's Isaac Hecker Award!** Please consider nominating a North American Catholic committed to peace and justice. **Deadline is Dec 1.**

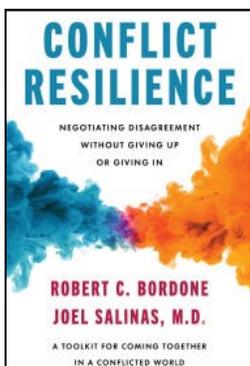
All guidelines can be found on our website at:

<https://www.paulistcenter.org/hecker-award/>

Send nominations to **Susan Rutkowski, Pastoral Minister of Family Religious Education and Social Justice:** susan@paulistcenter.org

CONFLICT RESILIENCE - SUN, NOV 16 @ 11:30AM

Join us on **Sun, Nov 16, 11:30am - 1pm** for a talk and conversation with community member **Bob Bordone** as he shares from his book, the USA Today Bestseller "*Conflict Resilience: Negotiating Disagreement Without Giving Up or Giving In*".



Bob's work speaks to the urgency of this time, in the United States and in the Catholic Church, in which many people find themselves challenged to live and work next to people they are in disagreement with. Bob will offer insights and faith filled ways we can all move forward with curiosity and self-reflection.

Please help us plan by registering at <https://tinyurl.com/BordoneNov16registration>.

The first fifteen people who **register to attend** will receive a free copy of the book.

You may also order a copy of the book at a discounted rate of \$24 (including tax) **here by Nov 13** and Bob will bring the copy to the event on Nov 16.

You can purchase the book at <https://tinyurl.com/BordoneBookPaulistCenter>.

Please note: books will not be available for purchase at the event.

DIWALI 2025



We pray for our Hindu, Jain, and Sikh neighbors celebrating Diwali on Monday, October 20.

May their day be free of darkness and abundant with light!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME IS ENDING SOON ...

Daylight Saving Time is ending at 2:00am on Sun, Nov 2.

Don't forget to **set your clocks back** an hour before you go to bed on Sat, Nov 1.



IMPORTANT MESSAGE ABOUT VOTING FROM OUR RACIAL JUSTICE ADVOCACY GROUP (RJAG)

What will you be doing **November 3, 2026**? Although 13 months away, it will be a day to exercise your fundamental **constitutional right to vote!** **The Voting Right Act of 1965 secured that right for all US citizens.**

In some states, efforts are underway to change voting districts and the impact of certain votes. Usually evaluated every ten years after the US census, changing districts more often in representative electoral systems like ours can be seen as an effort to advantage one party, group, or socioeconomic class within the constituency. This is sometimes called "**gerrymandering**". Did you know that this term came about when Elbridge Gerry who, as MA governor, signed a bill in 1812 creating a partisan district in Boston that was compared to the shape of a mythological salamander?

In the RJAG section of the Paulist Center website, there is an **article by Heather Cox Richardson** where you can learn the history and struggle of the right to vote for all US citizens.



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.



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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 **Oct 18 and 19** we raise up **Project HOPE Boston**, a multi-service agency that works in partnership with women and families in the Dorchester and Roxbury neighborhoods of Boston on their journeys up and out of poverty.

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