



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 25 - 26, 2025
30TH 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

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



Join Paulist Center community members **this 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 12-2pm) and **after the 6pm Mass** (session held 7-8:30pm).

We will review the main themes from the feedback gathering sessions and begin collectively discerning a prioritization among the various opportunities and goals.



Lunch/dinner will be provided!

Contact **Deb Heimel** with any questions at deborah@paulistcenter.org.

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 will create opportunities for prayer, learning, and responding as this assault on the dignity of human life worsens.

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

To access the online platform hosting **ReVision: The Webcast**, log in to your account using the same email address you used to register for the event:

Link: [Access ReVision Online](#)

Username: susan@paulistcenter.org

Password: **Contemplate2025** (case sensitive)

CAC encourages authentic conversation in our various online experiences. We expect all participants to abide by our **community and conversation guidelines**.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

November is traditionally a time when Christians remember those who have passed away. We invite community members to inscribe the names of deceased loved ones who have passed in the past year (*from Nov 2, 2024 to the present*) in our **Book of Remembrance**. The Book will be displayed in the Mary Alcove throughout **November**.



WELCOME TO NEW STAFF MEMBER LIZ FRAMSKI!



We have hired **Liz** as a **fulltime Administration and Operations Coordinator**. This is currently a temporary role through June with an option to be extended as the pastoral planning process evolves. Liz will be working to support the numerous events and ministries of the Center as well as working to support and manage the logistics of the Center's operations.

Please introduce yourself to her as she shadows various staff members in the next few weeks.

Her email address is liz@paulistcenter.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SAT, MAY 2 - ANNUAL PAULIST CENTER AUCTION!

Based on Triduum dates and school vacation, the auction has been scheduled for the **evening of Saturday, May 2**. Similar to last year, the auction will be sharing a weekend with the Walk for Hunger, another major fundraiser for the Center, falling on the morning of May 3. We acknowledge that this is a busy weekend and hope that you will be able to join those of us who will be attending both.



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



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 10AM
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



YouTube [Link](#)

WORSHIP MATTERS

Weekend of October 25 - 26, 2025 – Issue #7

Sacred Space: The Altar

The altar is by far one of the most prominent and central features in our worship space. Typically, it is a free-standing table placed at the center of the sanctuary and serves as the focal point for the celebration of the Eucharist. As a symbol of our Christian faith, the altar has a twofold nature.

As an altar, it is the place of sacrifice, tracing its origins to the altars of the Judaic tradition, where sacrificial offerings were made in the temple. It is here that Christ—the one who offered himself on the Cross for our salvation—becomes present again in the form of bread and wine.

The altar is also a table. Here, the Christian community gathers to share the Body and Blood of Christ, recalling the Passover meal and receiving the sacred nourishment that equips the people of God to go forth as the eyes and hands of Christ in the world.

When the altar of a church is consecrated, the bishop anoints its top with Chrism—the perfumed oil reserved for the sacraments celebrated only once in a lifetime: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. The consecration of an altar sets it apart permanently for its sacred purpose. In this anointing, the altar also represents Jesus, whose title “Christ” means “anointed.” The proper gesture of reverence upon entering a church is to bow to the altar, unless the tabernacle is centrally located, in which case one genuflects to the tabernacle.¹

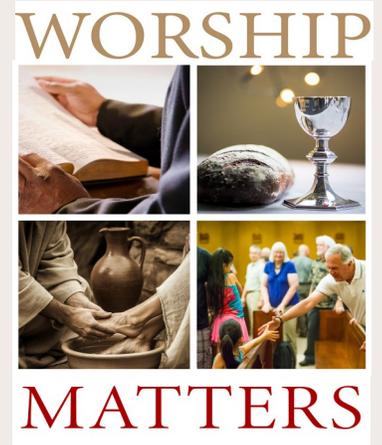
Most altars are crafted from solid materials such as stone, marble, or wood to highlight their beauty and dignity. They are typically rectangular or square and should be large enough to accommodate the vessels and other items used during the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The altar in our chapel, along with the ambo and a small credence table, were crafted by a cooperative in Appalachia and purchased by the Paulist Center in the mid-1970s. In keeping with the Paulist Center’s commitment to social justice, there was a conscious decision to support the work of artisans in an economically challenged region.

1. Paul Turner, *The Parish Church and Its Furnishings* (Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 2020),

© Archdiocese of Chicago.

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

www.paulistcenter.org/worshipmatters.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NEXT SUN, NOV 2



Daylight Saving Time **ends at 2am next Sun, Nov 2.**

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



NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE CATHOLIC FOR 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.



We are 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**

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NEXT SUN, NOV 2:

Please join us and past recipients at our **10am Mass next Sun, Nov 2** to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Isaac Hecker Award for Social Justice.

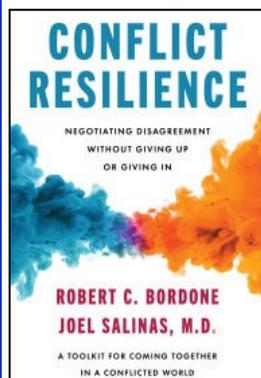
A reception will follow in the auditorium.

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.

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.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY IS PLANNING A TRIP TO SALEM ON SUN, NOV 16, AND ALL 20- AND 30- SOMETHINGS ARE INVITED!

There's no strict itinerary, it'll be a leisurely trip where the group will have a chance to, perhaps, visit some museums, see some sites, do a bit of shopping, get some food, etc.

The group will then be coming back for the 6pm Mass - so think of the day as a bit of a social retreat, if you will.

RSVP by Nov 7: If you're interested in joining the group to go to Salem, e-mail **Gus**, our Young Adult Minister, at gus@paulistcenter.org **no later than Fri, Nov 7!** Depending on how many sign-ups there are, Gus will beg and plead to the finance committee of the PC to subsidize tickets for the commuter rail (otherwise, they'll just carpool up).



SIGN UP FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

Families! This year we are presenting our more traditional Christmas pageant on **Sun, Dec 14** before the afternoon Christmas/Advent concert.



Please register your child(ren) for the following parts in our musical play: Joseph, Mary, baby Jesus, shepherds, wise people, angels and a variety of barnyard animals!

Email susan@paulistcenter.org to register.

There are **two rehearsals** for the Christmas pageant:

- 1) **Sun, Dec 7 @ 12:30pm**, and
- 2) immediately before the pageant on **Sun, Dec 14 at 12:30pm**.

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 25 and 26** we raise up **Haley House**, an organization that uses food with purpose and the power of community to break down barriers between people, empower individuals, and strengthen neighborhoods.

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(See our [website](http://paulistcenter.org) for staff contact information.)