



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.



NOVEMBER 1 - 2, 2025

ALL SOULS' DAY

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 at 11:15am**, FREP classes **K-6** will meet in their usual locations; **Jr. and Sr. High Teen Youth Group** will meet in the 3rd Fl Library for a social gathering.
- The **1st Reconciliation Workshop** will take place on **Sun, Nov 16 from 12:30 - 1:30pm**. Parents, if you have not picked up your packet for 1st Reconciliation, please contact **Susan Rutkowski** at susan@paulistcenter.org.
- And finally, please sign up your child(ren) for our annual Christmas Pageant!

SIGN UP FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

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

Please email susan@paulistcenter.org to 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!

There are **two rehearsals**:

- 1) **Sun, Dec 7 @ 11:15am**, and
- 2) immediately before the pageant on **Sun, Dec 14 at 12:30pm**.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF HECKER AWARD - THIS SUN, NOV 2

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

A reception will follow in the auditorium.



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**.



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR PASTORAL PLANNING IN-PERSON MEETINGS LAST SUNDAY!

Thanks for all who came out last Sunday to use your voices toward contributing to our Pastoral Planning Process as we prioritize focus areas for the next three years. More info about this process can be found on our website at:

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



RESPONDING TO ASSAULTS ON THE DIGNITY OF LIFE - NEXT EVENTS

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 two events are:

- **50th Anniversary of the Hecker Award and all past recipients - Nov 2 at the 10am Mass** with reception to follow. A celebration of all awardees committed to extraordinary work for peace and justice.
- Adult Education Faith Formation: Lecture and **book signing** with community member, **Bob Bordone**, on his new book **Conflict Resilience - Nov 16 after the 10am Mass**. (see page 3)

Welcome! If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form that can be found on our [website](http://www.paulistcenter.org). 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, NOVEMBER 2, 10AM

All Souls' Day

YouTube [Link](#)



WORSHIP MATTERS

Weekend of November 1 - 2, 2025 – Issue #8

LITURGICAL YEAR: All Souls Day

All Souls Day, the commemoration of the faithful departed, is celebrated on November 2, and intimately connected with the Solemnity of All Saints, celebrated on November 1. When it falls on Sunday, the Mass texts are from All Souls and there are numerous options for the scripture readings which can be taken from the Order of Christian Funerals.

Historically, in the late 900s, Odilo of Cluny established a commemoration on November 2 for all Cluniac (monastic) houses. The custom spread quickly throughout Europe but was not adopted in Rome until the 13th century. It continues to this day!¹

The Solemnity of All Souls naturally follows that of All Saints. Together, these two feasts point to our deep belief in the communion of saints—the holy ones who have gone before us and who now intercede for us before God. We remember in a special way our family members and friends who have died, the lonely and forgotten, and even those public figures whose lives have inspired and shaped our own. It is a time to honor their memory by not only recalling but by living the graces and gifts they embodied during their earthly lives.

The celebration of All Souls invites us also to reflect on our own future and to remember those who have preceded us in death. A time to affirm our faith in the resurrection—not only the lifting up of Christ's victory over death, but as the promise of our own share in that glory.

Sunday's commemoration of all the faithful departed celebrates the gifts of eternal life and peace. It gives us sacred space to grieve all that has changed with the loss of a loved one. Together, we come to rejoice and to weep, to wonder and to remember the Easter promise: that hope does not disappoint, and that we are a resurrection people—honoring those who have gone before us by living that mystery and promise here and now, in this moment, in this time.

¹Witczak, Michael, *The New Dictionary for Sacramental Worship*, editor, Peter Fink. ©1990, The Liturgical Press. Chicago, IL.

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

www.paulistcenter.org/worshipmatters.

WORSHIP



MATTERS



MOSAIC INTERFAITH YOUTH ACTION

Our Jr. High and Sr. High teens, along with other teens from greater Boston, participated in **Mosaic's** first **Circles of Action** session of the year on October 19th. They met at the Presentation School Foundation Community Center where they welcomed **Abel Cano**, founder of **The Arc of Change**, who led an inspiring storytelling workshop that encouraged participants to discover how their personal stories can serve as powerful tools for leadership and social impact.

FOOD CRISIS

Due to the potential end of SNAP benefits next month, our Food Pantry is **mobilizing** to fill our shelves and have the resources needed as those in need come to our doors.

Please consider bringing in, or sending, extra **non-perishable food**, for our current guests and those expected.

Good choices would be ramen noodles, hearty soup and chili, protein bars, nuts, pasta, beans, canned veggies and fruits, shelf-stable milk, coffee, tea, and snacks.

Gift cards to grocery stores are also very valuable to hand out, as they **allow our guests to purchase perishable items** as well. The 4 most requested are:

Whole Foods ~ Trader Joe's ~ Star Market ~ Stop & Shop

Gift cards can be **mailed to Susan Rutkowski here at the Center, or dropped off.**

Thank you in advance as we continue to fight for human dignity during this challenging time in our nation.



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*".

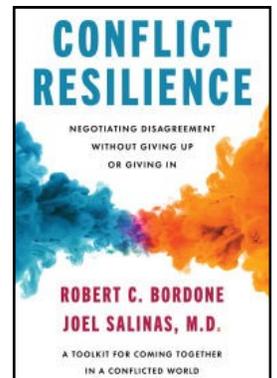
Bob's work speaks to the urgency of this time, in the United States and in the Catholic Church, in which many people find themselves challenged to live and work next to people they are in disagreement with. Bob will offer insights and faith filled ways we can all move forward with curiosity and self-reflection.

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.



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.**

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY IS PLANNING A TRIP TO SALEM ON SUN, NOV 16 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).

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, at susan@paulistcenter.org

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.

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 **Nov 1 and 2** we raise up **Refugee Immigration Ministry**, which, through volunteer interfaith support system, provides services for refugees, immigrants and detainees.

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