



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 8 - 9, 2025

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

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

There are **NO CLASSES** this weekend due to the Veterans Day holiday.



Classes resume on Sun, Nov 16.

The **1st Reconciliation Workshop** will be on **Nov 16**, 12:30 - 1:30pm on the 6th Fl, Room 22.

The **sacrament** will be celebrated the following weekend, **Nov 23** at 12:30 in the Chapel. *All are welcome.*

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 (*Nov 2, 2024 to the present*) in our **Book of Remembrance**.

The Book will be displayed in the Mary Alcove throughout **November**.



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. Email

susan@paulistcenter.org to register your child(ren) for the parts:

Joseph, Mary, baby Jesus, shepherds, wise people, angels and a variety of barnyard animals! There are **two rehearsals**:

- 1) **Sun, Dec 7 @ 11:15am** as part of our FREP hour.
- 2) **Sun, Dec 14 @ 12:30pm** (before the pageant).



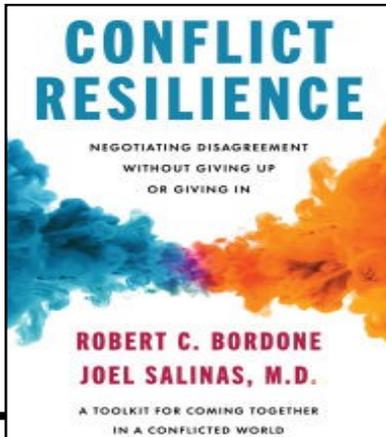
The Paulist Center will be closed this Tuesday, **November 11** in observance of Veterans Day.



There will be no Mass that day.

RESPONDING TO ASSAULTS ON THE DIGNITY OF LIFE - NEXT EVENT

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:

Adult Education Faith Formation: **Lecture and book signing** with community member **Bob Bordone**, on his new book *Conflict Resilience* – **next Sun, Nov 16, 11:30am - 1:00pm.**

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

Please register at: <https://tinyurl.com/BordoneNov16registration>.

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 9, 10AM
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
 YouTube [Link](#)



WORSHIP MATTERS

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LITURGICAL YEAR: Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

This weekend’s feast honors a physical space that has held prominence as the “mother of all Christian churches” throughout the centuries—a space that represents the beginnings of the Catholic Church in Rome, the Basilica of St. John Lateran.

The custom of consecrating or dedicating sacred places is a ritual found in nearly all religious traditions. Setting apart a place for God is an act of recognizing God’s dwelling among us—the One to be honored and glorified.

Over the centuries, the Judeo-Christian tradition has discerned the immaterial divine presence in specific material spaces: the Ark of the Covenant, the Jerusalem temples, the womb of a Galilean girl, the bread and cup, the cross and tomb, the upper room.¹

For Jesus, the Temple was more than a sacred structure—it was the symbolic expression of all that is true, good, and beautiful, the ultimate hope and desire of his people for the presence of God.² It was also a symbol of who he was: God’s holy and living temple made flesh, through whom all are invited into the life of the Eternal.

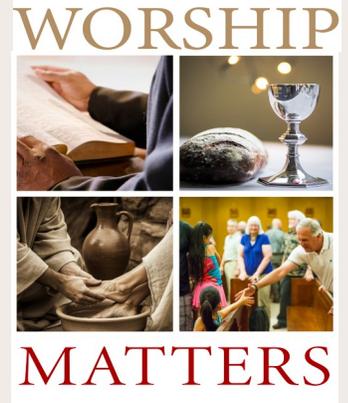
Saint John Lateran is the pope’s own church—the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome, where the Bishop of Rome presides. The Lateran Basilica holds a place of profound significance: it was the first basilica built after the end of Christian persecution in 313. Rising in the fourth century on land granted by Emperor Constantine, once belonging to the noble Lateran family, it became the heart of Christian Rome. Though scarred by fire, earthquakes, and war, it endured as the church where popes were consecrated.

The present structure was rebuilt under the pontificate of Benedict the XIII and dedicated in 1724 where it stands today as one of Rome’s most majestic churches. It was at that time that the feast celebrated today was established and extended to the universal Church.

This feast reminds us that the Lateran Basilica is more than a sacred building—it is a symbol of the entire Church. It stands as a sign of unity, binding us to our ancient roots and to the See of Rome. We are called to remember that the churches of stone and wood we cherish are but reflections of a deeper mystery: that we ourselves are living temples of God, consecrated in the waters of Baptism and by the Spirit, and sent forth to proclaim the good news of salvation to all the world.

¹ *Reflection on the Feast of the Lateran Basilica in Rome*, Alan Hommerding, © 2025, NPM, Washington, DC.

² Walter Brueggemann, adapted from *The Collected Sermons of Walter Brueggemann, Volume 1*



THE PLACE OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH - NOV 20 @ 7 PM

Join **Dr. Phyllis Zagano** in a discussion and synodal conversation in the spirit of **Paragraph 60 of the Final Document of the Synod on Synodality**, about the place of women in the Church.

Dr. Zagano is the **world expert on the question of women in the diaconate**. She is a past Hecker Award recipient and holds a research appointment at Hofstra University.

Join us for a spirited discussion on **Thur, Nov 20, at 7 pm in the 3rd Floor Library**.

COME TO SET US FREE: A FESTIVAL OF READINGS AND CAROLS

Advent and Christmas at the Paulist Center

- Sat, Dec 13 at 8 pm
- Sun, Dec 14 at 2 pm

Join us for one of the major spiritual and community-building events of the year. This year's program will feature readings and carols highlighting the themes of Advent and Christmas, as we wait in hope and joyful expectation.



On Sun, Dec 14, the program begins with a Christmas Pageant presented by the youth of the Paulist Center.

Donations and Sponsorships

- To donate online, please click [here](#) and select the "**Festival of Readings and Carols**" category and specify the number of attendees, and preferred concert date.
- For mail-in donations, please make checks payable to "**The PaulistCenter**" with "**Come To Set Us Free**" in the memo.

Sponsorship Levels

- **Angelic:** \$100 - \$149
- **Celestial:** \$150 - \$199
- **Archangel:** \$200 and above

Please consider inviting family and friends to sponsor this year's celebration!

Sponsorship Acknowledgements

Sponsorships received by **December 3** will be acknowledged in the program. Please indicate how you would like your name to appear.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...



Please pray for the repose of the souls of community members **Rosanne Procopio** and **Nathan Bourque** who passed away recently. Funeral arrangements are pending.

May they rest in peace.

FEEDBACK SESSION - CAC REVISIONING CONFERENCE: "WHAT TO DO WITH CHRISTIANITY?"

If you are interested in participating in a **discussion group** and sharing insights from last weekend's webcast to inform our pastoral planning session, please email susan@paulistcenter.org. We'll find a time either after Mass or on Zoom. And, as a reminder, **you can still watch the replay** using this link and sign-in information:

[Access ReVision Online](#)

Username: susan@paulistcenter.org

Password: **Contemplate2025** (Please note, password is case-sensitive.)



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



The first sessions in September were a smash hit! Please join us for our **next session on Nov 23** 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.

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

FOOD CRISIS

Due to the cutting of SNAP benefits, our Food Pantry is mobilizing to fill our shelves 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: 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 valuable, 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.



THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE



We are collecting **new** hats, gloves, scarves, and socks of all sizes to prepare small gifts for our guests this holiday season.

Items can be dropped off by Sun, Dec 21 at the Paulist Center.

Contact supperclubfood@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

Thank you!



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.

Please consider **nominating** a North American Catholic - **Deadline is Dec 1.**

Guidelines are on our website: <https://www.paulistcenter.org/hecker-award/>

Please send nominations to **Susan Rutkowski** at susan@paulistcenter.org



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](https://www.paulistcenter.org/give/ways-to-give) for ways to give. Two options:



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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 8 and 9** we raise up **Unite Boston** which nurtures unity among diverse Christians through relationships for the flourishing of the city.

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