



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.



AUGUST 1 - 2, 2026 - 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 8 - 9, 2026 - 19TH 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

MEET COLLEEN! - EAT ICE CREAM! - JOIN THE REALM TEAM!

AUG 8/9 AND AUG 15/16



We invite you to **meet our new Executive Director Colleen Burns** after each of the Masses on **August 8 & 9** and **August 15 & 16**.

We will gather in the auditorium where we will host an **Ice Cream Social!**

There will also be **in-person guidance on Realm Connect**, available on the weekends of Aug 8/9 and Aug 15/16. Assistance will be available to help you get up and running on Realm.



STILL LOOKING FOR ONE TEACHER FOR GRADE 4-6 CLASS!



Our energetic and inquisitive 4th through 6th graders are so much fun!

They have big questions about faith, science, and the meaning of life (why CAN'T I have more screen time???)

Help them navigate the answers this fall with a supportive group of teachers here at the Center. Curriculum, training and snacks all provided!

Please contact **Susan Rutkowski** at susan@paulistcenter.org or 617-948-2426.

BEWARE SPEAR PHISHING

This past week, several Paulist Center community members and staff received **fake email messages, claiming to be from staff and other members**, asking for **gift cards**, and/or sending **fake E-Invitations**.

DO NOT CLICK ON LINKS OR RESPOND!

For tips from the state of Massachusetts on how to identify and respond to social engineering and phishing attempts, here is the link:

<https://www.mass.gov/guides/how-to-use-email-securely>



Welcome! If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form that can be found on our [website](https://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 LINKS

One weekend Mass is Live-Streamed. *(available as recording at same link after the Mass)*

Sunday, August 2, 10am
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
YouTube [Link](#)



Sunday, August 9, 10am
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
YouTube [Link](#)

At the time of each livestream,
the appropriate **Order of Worship** will be available at paulistcenter.org/order-of-worship.

WELCOME TO THE PAULIST CENTER!



The Paulist Center warmly welcomes recently registered members:
Claire Marie Kathleen Kuhn & Benjamin Cole Skillin
East Boston, MA

SUMMER ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES AT THE PAULIST CENTER FOUR CONSECUTIVE THURSDAY EVENINGS - 6:30PM TO 8:30PM

August 13:

Introduce self...why are you here?

- Faith journey that got you to this point?
- What does it mean to be Catholic?
- Where is God in your life?
- How do you pray?

Prayer:

August 20:

Baptism, Eucharist, Mass, Scriptures



August 27:

Confirmation and Holy Spirit

September 3:

Healing Sacraments:

Anointing of the Sick
Reconciliation

Vocation/Service Sacraments:

Marriage
Ordination

A Confirmation Mass will be scheduled with the Archdiocese of Boston.

Please contact **Fr. Rick Walsh, CSP** at rick@paulistcenter.org for more information.

WELCOME TO A NEW FREP YEAR

Continuing the work of re-imagining our Family Religious Education Program (FREP)!

Building on Last Year's Foundation

Re-imagining FREP has been at the top of the pastoral plan for the past year. Last year, we began Phase 1 by streamlining the curriculum and placing special emphasis on the social justice theme of the dignity of all human beings. We met with teachers to streamline the curriculum and with parents to better understand what families need to raise children who love God and know that God loves them. Our goal was to keep what works and re-imagine how our program can continue to grow.



What's New This Year

After considering your feedback and the input from our community meetings this past year, we are now rolling out Phase 2 of re-imagining FREP. This next phase will include more intentional ways to form the children of our community while strengthening the role of parents and families in that formation.

New offerings such as Family Pods and Parent Faith Formation, will complement our traditional religious education classes and create opportunities for parents and children to learn together, deepen relationships, and become more involved in the life of the Center.

The Details

Traditional Religious Education Classes - Grade-based classes, as have existed in the past, will meet approximately twice per month.

Family Pods – Families will be assigned to a group (pod) before the start of the FREP year. This group will include children, parents and grandparents and will meet five times over the course of the year. The intention is to offer an opportunity to get to know one another better and create community learning in a smaller intergenerational group rather than a large gathering. Families in each pod will share family traditions, holiday ideas, best practices on how to raise children in the Catholic faith, etc.

Parent Faith Formation – Four times a year, parents will get together during their child's class time to drink coffee, eat food, and discuss faith formation topics that interest them.

Inclusive Confirmation Program – In our attempt to be a radically welcoming faith community, this year we will intentionally offer an inclusive confirmation program. This program considers that our community includes many neurodiverse children and teens and that we all learn differently. We are shifting to a supportive environment built on inclusive language, flexible learning spaces, and multimodal options for exploring faith. Your teens can engage through art, discussion, or movement, and we will collaborate directly with you to meet their unique sensory and processing needs. The Body of Christ is glorious, beautiful, and neurodiverse! All are welcome!

Looking Ahead

We are grateful for your continued partnership as we begin this new FREP year. Together, we hope to create a program that forms children in faith, strengthens families, and builds deeper community at the Paulist Center. The finalized calendar will be available next week, but please mark **Sun, Sept 20 as our FREP Kick-off celebration and social!**

Please Register!



Please take a moment to fill out your FREP registration at <https://www.paulistcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/FREP-Registration-Form-2026-2027.pdf>

You can pay the registration fee online [HERE](#) or send a check to Paulist Center, 5 Park Street, Boston, MA 02108.

If you have any questions or concerns about any part of our programming, please contact **Susan Rutkowski** at susan@paulistcenter.org or 617-948-2426.

Thank you for your continued support of our Family Religious Education Program!

PAULIST CENTER YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM) NEEDS YOUR FEEDBACK!

If you've ever felt the desire to be involved in, have had a gripe with, or, have enjoyed being a part of YAM, we **NEED** to hear about it. In a moment of transition for the Young Adult Group, we have put together an anonymous survey to assist in discerning the future of the ministry. Please scan the QR code to access the survey.



We appreciate your honesty and sincere suggestions as we aim to cultivate a community of friendship, spiritual care, and commitment to service.



SUMMER YOUNG ADULT FAITH-SHARING GROUP SCHEDULE

This summer young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to join **Young Adult Ministry's** weekly faith-sharing group, on Sunday evenings immediately **following the 6pm Mass in the 3rd Fl Library.**

Gatherings will include an invitation to check-in; a reflection on a brief text to be provided, and light snacks. These gatherings are a great way to get to know other Paulist Center young adults, and 'center' yourself as the week begins.

We will gather on August 2nd, 9th, and 16th



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 **August 1 - 2** we raise up **Victory Programs** which opens doors to hope, recovery, and community for individuals and families facing homelessness, addiction, or other chronic health conditions.

The weekend of **August 8 - 9** we raise up **My Brother's Table**. Their mission is to nourish the community every day through hospitality, free meals, and unconditional love. It is the largest soup kitchen on the North Shore.



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