



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.

LGBTQ KICK-OFF

This Sunday evening, September 24th, the **LGBTQ Group** will kick-off the new year with an evening of small group sharing about the gifts and challenges of being LGBTQ and Catholic **following the 6pm mass in the Auditorium**. Come to share experiences of joy and struggle in our shared journey or simply to hear from others in the community. We particularly welcome those who may be new to the Paulist Center community or those who have been coming for a while but who haven't been involved in our ministry so far. **Family and straight allies are welcome**. We will also be sharing our plans for the year ahead and we are interested in hearing your ideas. Pizza and drinks provided.

ANNUAL ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CONCERT RECRUITMENT

Rehearsals for the annual Advent/Christmas/Concert will begin on **Thursday, October 12th, 6:45-8:45pm** in the **Chapel**. The **Concert** will take place on **Saturday, December 9th** and **Sunday, December 10th**. If you sing or play an instrument and would like to be part of this annual event, please email **Peter Ghiloni** at peter@paulistcenter.org.



MONTHLY PRAYER NIGHT

New this year! The Young Adult Community will be hosting a monthly prayer night **open to the entire community** where we will make space to connect with God through different prayer forms. There'll be a different theme or prayer practice every month. Please come join our first one, **Thursday, September 28th, 7pm in the Library**. **September Theme: Prayer Through Music**.

Welcome! If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form, found in the welcome brochure at the entranceway to the chapel or on our website. You may also call Chilton Bretin at 617-742-4460. After returning the form, a staff member will contact you.

SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2017

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

5:00 PM

Sunday

10:00 AM

12:00 PM

6:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday—Friday

7:55 AM

12:05 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation on First Fridays from 11–11:45 AM and by appointment

CALL FOR HECKER AWARD SUBMISSIONS

We are now accepting submissions for the **2017 Hecker Award for Social Justice** which will be given out in late fall. Guidelines for submissions can be found on our website at Paulist-Center.org under Social Justice: Hecker Award. Deadline is looming. Please get in your submissions directed to **Susan Rutkowski** at susan@paulistcenter.org or **617-948-2426**. **Thank you!**



FREP KICK-OFF MASS & FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

This Sunday, September 24th, join us for the first mass of the **Religious Education School year**. Afterwards, join us in the **Auditorium for the Family Fall Festival** to meet new people, catch up with families you haven't seen over the summer, sign up for religious education or just to have fun. Arts & crafts and games for children of all ages!

LOOKING FOR ONE MORE TEACHER

We are preparing for our 2017/18 year of Family Religious Education. If you are interested in teaching or leading one of the children's programs at the Center - Liturgy of the Word with Young People, religious education grades 1-6, Jr. High Youth Group or Sr. High Youth Group - please **contact Susan Rutkowski** at susan@paulistcenter.org or **617-948-2426 for more information**. Training is available. Classes begin next week.



COMMUNITY COFFEE

Please join us for our **Family Fall Festival** after the 10am mass and coffee after the 12pm mass, in the **Auditorium**.



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PRAYER OF HEART AND BODY



Come try meditation and yoga in a Christian context. The invitation is to a refreshing and powerful way of praying with the whole of your being: body, mind, heart, and spirit. Each session culminates in movement to music, engaging with a variety of postures that give bodily expression to song-prayers, followed by a period of quiet sitting in centering prayer. Instructor: **Fr. Tom Ryan, CSP**, certified yoga instructor and author of numerous books on spirituality, see www.tomryancsp.org. **9 Mondays, September 25th -November 27th** (except October 9th), **5:30-7:15pm in the Auditorium. \$12 per session (\$6 for students)**. Registration forms available in rack in the back of Chapel or at reception office, 617-742-4460.

MULTI-FAITH PRAYER VIGIL FOR UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE

The Paulist Center Immigrant Advocacy Group urges you to join a group of Boston-area congregations and the Massachusetts Communities Action Network (MCAN) for a multi-faith prayer vigil in solidarity with our brothers and sisters detained at the ICE Detention Center at the South Bay Correctional Facility. This is a moment of heightened turmoil and fear for immigrant communities across Massachusetts. Join us in the power of prayer as we come together to make a public statement that people of faith stand up for the rights of undocumented people. How do our faiths call us to act in this moment? Where is our moral voice and vision leading us? Join us on **October 15th, 2-3pm at the South Bay Correctional Facility at 20 Bradston St., Boston**. For more information call or email Paulist Center member **Christopher Spicer at 617-832-5010** or email at spicer.christopher04@gmail.com.

SIX-FOOT HALF-ROUND TREE FRAME AVAILABLE FOR A DONATION TO THE CENTER

The poinsettia tree frame we have used for the last few Christmases is available in exchange for a donation to the Center. The frame holds 35 6-inch plants. If you are interested, please contact Dorothy at **617-948-2427** or info@paulistcenter.org. Go to this link to see approximately what it looks like. <http://www.creativedisplaycenter.com/index.php?cPath=48>.

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

| | Last Week | Fiscal YTD |
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| Weekend Collection | \$9,825 | \$26,828 |
| Budget Amount | \$11,164 | \$31,817 |
| Difference | (\$1,339) | (\$4,989) |

As always, we remind you that it is only the generosity of your resources that makes the activities of the Paulist Center possible and weekend collections are the "bread and butter" of our operating budget. If you wish to make an offering, please make checks payable to the Paulist Center and mail to 5 Park Street, Boston, MA 02108, or even better, **sign up to give electronically through our website!** We thank you for your generosity.



5% COMMUNITY GIFT

We give 5% of our total fiscal-year weekend collections to various organizations. This weekend we will designate our gift to the **Massachusetts Council of Churches**, an organization which witnesses to our oneness in Christ amongst local churches and with our neighbors of other faiths. Additional information can be found at www.masscouncilofchurches.org. We thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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| Sat | 9/23 | Mid-Life Group Kick-Off Dinner –Library | 6:00pm |
| Sun | 9/24 | Family Fall Festival –Auditorium | 11:15am |
| | | Sr. High Youth Group –Library | 11:15am |
| | | LGBTQ Group Kick-Off –Auditorium | 7:00pm |
| Mon | 9/25 | Prayer of Heart and Body –Auditorium | 5:30pm |
| Wed | 9/27 | Supper Club –Auditorium | 6:00pm |
| Thu | 9/28 | Monthly Prayer Night –Library | 7:00pm |
| Sun | 10/1 | LWYP –2nd Fl Seminar Rm & 3 rd Fl Library | 10:00am |
| | | FREP Co-Op –6 th Fl Rms. 13, 16, 17, 22 | 11:15am |
| | | FREP Co-Op –2 nd Fl Play Room | 11:15am |
| | | Climate Change –Back 1/2 of Auditorium | 11:15am |

ENGAGING CHILDREN ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Do you work with kids? Have kids? Everyone is welcome on **Sunday, October 1st after the 10am mass** in the **Auditorium**. Community members John Rogers and Dr. Gigi Garcia-Rogers invite you to join in on **Engaging Children in a Conversation on Climate Change**. Bring a cup of coffee or juice with you and join in the conversation.

PARKING AT THE PAULIST CENTER

One Beacon Street Garage \$12.00

Turn left at the bottom of the ramp. All weekend and after 4pm on weekdays. Validate your own ticket with the stamp on the shelf in the chapel vestibule during Masses or in reception weekday evenings.

Boston Common Garage \$10.00

Purchase single tickets in the reception office weekday evenings or purchase a 20 ticket booklet at the garage office. Valid after 4pm weekdays and all weekend as long as you exit before 8am the next day.

DIRECTOR'S REFLECTION

Dear Companions on the Journey,

*First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Socialist.*

*Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Trade Unionist.*

*Then they came for the Catholics, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Catholic.*

*Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Jew.*

Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.

The difference made by inserting a “Catholic stanza” in Niemöller’s quotation (not in the original) may be a way of appropriating someone else’s history, a way of making me (as a Catholic) a victim. And achieving victim’s status *may* put me in the position of 1) seeking sympathy, and 2) deflecting attention from the primary victims of history’s tragedies. Seizing one’s status as victim is a current effort by many on the American scene. But we are *not all* victims or at least not by planet-earth standards.

And, in the end, Jesus, the Ultimate Victim, has relieved us of that often self-centered, narcissistic effort to count ourselves victims when others are, and there are many gradations. As many African Americans remind those of us who enjoy white privilege, some people in our society have suffered, and do suffer much more.

But the issue is not to earn our victim status, but to seek ways to work for those who suffer most.

My measure? The hot water came out of the spigot this morning, I had my shower, and I don’t have to worry about food on the table this evening. Most everything else is gravy. And first world problems.

Is it bad taste to remind ourselves that, while the American death toll for Hurricanes Harvey and Irma hovered around 50, more than 1500 died by floods this last week in India, Nepal and Bangladesh?

But, you know, perhaps such comparisons of body counts are more obscene than they are illuminating.

What do you think?

And let us pray for/with one another.

Michael

The Paulist Center

CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF CREATION

From Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si*: “Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society.” (#91) “... so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.” (#49)

BUY PLANTS NOW FOR NEXT YEARS GARDEN

Father Rick has donated daylily bulbs and Siberian iris rhizomes which we will be selling **after the 10am and 12pm masses on Sunday, October 1st**. They are very reasonably priced and the proceeds will benefit the Sister Community in El Salvador.

SIGN UP FOR FAMILY RETREAT BY SEPTEMBER 24

The annual **Paulist Center Family Retreat** will take place Columbus Day Weekend at the **Craigville Retreat Center** on the Cape in Centerville—**Saturday morning, October 7th until Monday morning, October 9th**. Please consider joining us for reflection, spiritual growth and connection with other families! This year’s theme is “**Passing Down Catholicism.**” The cost is \$210 for adults and children 12 and over, \$140 for age 6-11 and free for those 5 and under. For more information or to sign up, please contact **Chase Duclos-Orsello** at chase.duclosorsello@emdmillipore.com or **781-249-5830**.

IN OTHER COMMUNITIES...

LISTENING TO NATIVE VOICES: STANDING ROCK IS EVERYWHERE

PCC Care of Our Common Home Ministry asks that you join us for **St. Francis Day on Saturday, October 7th**, from **10am-4pm** at the Agape Community, 2062 Greenwich Rd., Hardwick. Suzanne and Brayton Shanley, past Hecker Award recipients, are honored to have Chief Arvol Looking Horse and Beatrice Menase Kew Jackson as presenters. If you need a ride to Agape or are willing to provide transportation please email us by September 27th at careofourcommonhome@gmail.com.

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