



*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.*

**WELCOME OUR NEW LITURGY/MUSIC MINISTER AS OF AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>, NORMAND GOUIN!**

**A**lleluia, Alleluia, Peace and Good Will to All. *Peace and Goodwill.*<sup>[1]</sup> These words set to song were the beginning of our shared prayer and ministry together in our Chapel with **Normand Gouin, our new Pastoral**



**Minister of Liturgy and Music**, during his interview session with our musicians. Norm comes to us most recently from the campus ministry team at

St. John's University in Queens, NY. He has also served on the campus ministry team at Holy Cross College and on the pastoral staff at Old St. Joseph's, the Jesuit parish in Philadelphia, PA. Norm's roots are in southern Maine, and he is glad to be relocating closer to his parents, siblings and their families. Norm wrote the below note to all who were part of his interview process, and we want to share it with our whole community. His bio follows on the next page. **Please give Norm a warm Paulist Center welcome as he starts easing his way into his new duties on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.**



<sup>[1]</sup> William B. Bradbury. *Sing and Rejoice, Traditional.*

*Dear Paulist Center Community,  
There are no adequate words to express my gratitude for the hospitality, generosity, and openness you extended to me on June 18. As I shared with family and friends, the whole experience was like a sort of home-*

**AUGUST 7 - 8 AND AUGUST 14 - AUGUST 15, 2021**

**19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES**

**Saturday**      **Sunday**  
5:00 PM      10:00 AM  
6:00 PM

**LIVE-STREAMED MASS**

**Sunday**      10:00 AM

**WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES**

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday**  
7:55 AM

**Tuesday and Thursday**  
12:05 PM

*coming for me, even though I have never really spent much time in Boston or had ever been to the Center. Your deep faith, commitment to the life and work of the Center, and love of the community was so evident to me during our time together. I really did feel like I was coming home, and for this I am most grateful.*

*As I look forward to beginning my ministry with you, it is my hope and prayer that we can truly support, inspire, and encourage one another, especially as we continue to navigate these challenging and uncertain times – placing complete trust in our gracious God, whose relentless love and compassion is unfailing and eternal.*

*In closing, I offer you this prayer. It is one that I often used with the students before our rehearsals or meetings. It reflects my own deepest intention both for my own ongoing conversion and for my ministry to the Paulist Center Community.*

Gracious God, you are a generous giver and the source of every blessing.

Shed Christ's light upon our minds and cast the Spirit's fire into our hearts; that true holiness may inform our thinking and charity guide our every word.

Give us wisdom, courage, and insight, to be of one heart and one mind on the way to you.

Help us to be your instruments of praise, healing and joy, through the ministry we humbly offer to your glory. Help us to see and know your will, that what you begin in and through us, may be brought to perfection, through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

*Wishing all of you much peace and well-being.*

*Your servant in Christ,*

*Norm*

**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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## BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR PARENTS

One responsibility of being a parent is **sharing your Catholic faith with your children.**

To assist new parents as they begin this responsibility, we offer this required class for **members of the Paulist Center** Community.

We also welcome to this baptism preparation class, parents or prospective Godparents who are members of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Boston.

The preparation program includes:

- A presentation on the history and theology of baptism
- Explanation of the ritual signs and symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism
- Discussion of the roles of parents and Godparents



In light of the current health concerns, this preparation class is offered **via the Zoom platform on a Saturday morning at 10am.** Fall 2021 dates are:

- **September 25<sup>th</sup>**
- **November 13<sup>th</sup>**

For more information or to register for the class, please contact **Fr. Chuck Cunniff, CSP.**

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION

The workshop, *Transformed in Love*, is one of many aspects that need to take place in preparation for the celebration of the **Sacrament of Matrimony**. Please contact **Fr. Chuck** for more information about all that is involved in preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony.



The Paulist Center is one of the locations for this Archdiocesan program.

Our **next session** will be on **Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.**

More information, and future dates, can be found on our **website.**

## LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINKS

**F**or **Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**, and **Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**, **Live-Streamed Mass from the Chapel, is at 10am.** (*available as recording at same link after 11:15am*)

**August 8<sup>th</sup> YouTube [Link](#)**

**August 8<sup>th</sup> Order of Worship [Link](#)**

**August 15<sup>th</sup> YouTube [Link](#)**

**August 15<sup>th</sup> Order of Worship [Link](#)**

## BIO: NORMAND GOUIN

**N**ormand Gouin has served the Church as a pastoral musician and liturgist for over 29 years and has worked in parishes, colleges, and other Catholic institutions throughout the country.



As an active and accomplished composer, he has been commissioned to write works for cathedrals, churches, and religious communities throughout the country.

In 2015, his hymn, "Sound the Bell of Holy Freedom," written in collaboration with Rev. Andrew Ciferni, O. Praem, was selected as the official hymn of the World Meeting of Families, an event that marked Pope Francis' first official visit to the United States.

Norm's publishers include *GIA Publications* and *MorningStar Music Publishers*. He has been a contributing writer for the *Liturgy and Music Journal*, the *GIA Quarterly*, as well as a workshop presenter for the National Pastoral Musicians Association.

He has served on several diocesan liturgical commissions and has led workshops on liturgy and pastoral music throughout the country.

He holds degrees from The Catholic University of America and the University of Notre Dame.

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

The Paulist Center is offering *a program to prepare active, practicing adult Catholics* for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**.

It will take place on **four Monday evenings**:

**October 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, November 1<sup>st</sup>, and November 8<sup>th</sup>, from 7-8:30pm; via the Zoom platform.**

**The sessions will include:**

- ♦ a review of sacraments, especially Baptism and Eucharist,
- ♦ the history and theology of Confirmation



Through prayer and discussion, we explore the roles of faith and the Church in our lives. These particular sessions are geared toward celebrating this sacrament on

**Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at**

**Sts. Louis & Zelie Martin parish in Somerville**

Contact **Fr. Chuck** for more information or to register.

## BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Might you know **someone who seeks to be baptized?**



A member of another Christian denomination who would like to **become a Catholic?**

Invite them to contact **Fr. Chuck** for more information.

## BIBLE STUDY GROUP - DATE CHANGE

**Bible Study Group** now takes place on **Thursdays from 7-8pm**. Readings will include the upcoming Sunday liturgical readings for the Catholic Mass, as well as Orthodox liturgies.

**The format will be:**

- opening prayer
- check-in
- the readings
- sharing thoughts and reflections
- closing prayer



Feel free to contact **Connor May** at **[csmay93@gmail.com](mailto:csmay93@gmail.com)** if you are interested.

## WAYS OF GIVING

Our **"Community Gift"** is the Paulist Center's tradition of **giving away 5% of our weekend offerings**, averaged out over the year, to a group outside of ourselves. **We are so very grateful** for your support during this time of uncertainty and financial challenge.

The weekend of **August 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>**, we designate our gift to **My Life, My Choice**. They envision a world where no child is bought or sold. Through survivor-led programs they work to end commercial sexual exploitation of children by empowering youth and their allies to fight back.

The weekend of **August 14<sup>th</sup>/August 15<sup>th</sup>** we designate our gift to **Victory Programs**. They open doors to health, housing, recovery, and hope for individuals and families facing homelessness, addiction, or other chronic illnesses like HIV/AIDS.

**Two ways to give to the Paulist Center:**

1. To make a one-time or recurring donation to the Center using your bank account or credit card, click on this link:

**<https://tinyurl.com/DonatePaulistCenter>**

2. Giving by text: Text a whole dollar donation amount to **844-899-7511**; this will be designated as your "Weekend Offering."

*Thank You!*

## PAULIST CENTER ROSARY CIRCLE

**All are welcome to the Paulist Center Rosary Circle, every Monday at 7:30pm.**

Here's the **Zoom link**









**Meeting ID: 487 503 158; Passcode: 021078**

## SEASON OF CREATION, 2021



**S**eptember 1<sup>st</sup> through October 4<sup>th</sup> will mark the fourth year we have celebrated the Season of Creation (SoC) here at the Paulist Center. What began as a one-time experiment, has become an annual tradition for us. SoC is a global ecumenical celebration of earth and our role in restoring ecological sustainability and environmental justice. Our observance this year will include:

-  Special prayers, songs, and devotions during our weekly Liturgy
-  A Day of Work and Prayer at Agape Christian Community, Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>
-  Quotes from *Laudato Si'* published and displayed each weekend
-  A Creation Care **photo show** by community member **Dave Perkins** on display in the Chapel
-  **Daily Reflections** written by community member **Peter McLoughlin**, offered in partnership with *National Catholic Reporter*
-  A visit from Pope Francis (well, it's a life size cardboard cutout, but he'll be here in spirit!)

Watch this space for more information in the coming weeks. To receive more information about how to **Care for Our Common Home**, please send an email to [paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com](mailto:paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com)



### CREATION CARE (CC) WORK DAY AT AGAPE COMMUNITY

**T**o more fully enter into the **Season of Creation** we invite you to join the **CC Ministry** on our field trip to the **Agape Community (Hecker Award Recipients)** in **Central MA**, Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 10am - 4pm. A day of contemplation in action, we will begin and end with prayer sandwiched around supportive homesteading work with this Catholic Christian community rooted in eco-theology, nonviolence and prayer. For more information and carpooling coordination (it is a 90-minute drive), email [paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com](mailto:paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com) Please bring your own lunch.

### CREATION CARE MINISTRY OFFERS DAILY REFLECTIONS

**F**or the 34 days of the Season of Creation, you are invited to receive an email each day linking to a brief, 90-second reflection on God's creation and Care for our Common Home. These reflections, authored by our own **Peter McLoughlin**, appeared in the **2019 National Catholic Reporter** and were well received. If you would like to receive these reflections (ending October 4<sup>th</sup>), email

[seasonofcreationdaily@gmail.com](mailto:seasonofcreationdaily@gmail.com)

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