



## 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.*



SEPTEMBER 17 - 18, 2022  
25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 24 - 25, 2022  
26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES

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

### WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday** 7:55 AM  
**Tuesday and Thursday** 12:05 PM

## ADVENT-CHRISTMAS CONCERT RETURNS

**W**e are excited to announce that an **Advent-Christmas Concert** will take place on **Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm** and **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm**.



**Rehearsals will be on Thursdays from 7-9pm in the Chapel beginning on September 29<sup>th</sup>.**

Please consider joining our Paulist Center Music Ministry for this year's concert. Singers and instrumentalists (current music ministers and interested volunteers) are encouraged and welcome to participate. For more information or to receive the electronic interest form please contact Norm Gouin, Pastoral Minister of Liturgy and Music at [norm@paulistcenter.org](mailto:norm@paulistcenter.org).

## LGBTQ+ SOCIAL GATHERING

**M**embers of the LGBTQ+ group will be going out for dinner on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> after the 5pm Mass. Center members Deb and Rebecca Heimerl will meet in the back of the church after Mass and walk over to Mast' restaurant together. Mast' has outdoor seating weather permitting for increased COVID safety. Center members who identify as LGBTQ+ are welcome to join. Contact Deb Heimerl at [dheimerl@yahoo.com](mailto:dheimerl@yahoo.com) with any questions.



## FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF LGBTQ+ PERSONS - MONTHLY MEETING

**A** consortium of seven Boston Catholic communities (including the Paulist Center) hosts a support group for family and friends of LGBTQ+ persons at **2pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month**. Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82518582498> Meeting ID: 825 1858 2498

## REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREP!

**W**e are back in person for our Religious Education and Sacramental classes! We will bless our children and teachers at our Kick-off Mass on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am! Classes will start at 11:15am. New this year are monthly intergenerational catechesis sessions focusing on the urgent issue of racial justice, including a subsequent service project. Register at: [paulistcenter.org/Faith Formation ages 3-18/Overview](https://paulistcenter.org/Faith%20Formation%20ages%203-18/Overview) - Registration is \$150 for each family (not for each child) and may be paid online at [www.paulistcenter.org/Giving/Donate](https://www.paulistcenter.org/Giving/Donate) and select Family Ministry Program, or send in a check with your registration form. Questions: Susan Rutkowski, [susan@paulistcenter.org](mailto:susan@paulistcenter.org), 617-948-2426.



**T**he Racial Justice Advocacy Group and the Family Religious Education Program all to our multi-generational event, Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:15am in our auditorium. More info to come next bulletin.



## COMMUNITY COFFEE RETURNS!

**W**e'll have our first in-person Community Coffee in 2 years on **September 25<sup>th</sup> after the 10am Mass!** If we have four teams of 4-5 people each to serve in this community-building ministry, we'll have coffee hours most weekends going forward. Contact Fr. Rich to get involved.

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

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> YouTube [Link](#)

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> Order of Worship [Link](#)



Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> YouTube [Link](#)

Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> Order of Worship [Link](#)

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED

There are many opportunities to share your gifts through the Liturgy here at the Paulist Center!

Currently, we are in need of **lectors, hospitality ministers, sacristans, and music ministers** to serve at our weekend liturgies.



If you feel called and drawn to serve in one of these ministries please contact **Norm Gouin, Pastoral Minister of Liturgy and Music** at [norm@paulistcenter.org](mailto:norm@paulistcenter.org) for more information about how to get involved.

Information about training and formation opportunities will be forthcoming.

## VOLUNTEER FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB!

We are planning to reopen Supper Club to **indoor dining** sometime this Fall, but **we need YOUR help**:



1. **Chefs**: This is an **IMMEDIATE** need. **No experience is required!** We provide the food, the kitchen, and many hands to help. **Chefs arrive 12pm – 1pm and leave when the meal is finished being prepared.** If interested, please email Emily Spicer Hankle at [ekayhankle@gmail.com](mailto:ekayhankle@gmail.com).

2. **Dinner Service for Indoor Seating**: plating food; serving to guests; pouring tea/coffee; etc. Shift is 5 - 7pm, in the basement, with guests who are eating. If interested, email [supperclubfood@gmail.com](mailto:supperclubfood@gmail.com).

3. **Clean-up Ministry**: washing tables; putting away chairs; cleaning the kitchen. Shift begins at 7pm. If interested, please email [supperclubfood@gmail.com](mailto:supperclubfood@gmail.com).

## “I DON’T KNOW HOW TO READ THE BIBLE. HOW CAN I LEARN?”

The Adult Education Committee invites you to join them on Zoom for an introduction to reading the Scriptures.



At this time, due to unforeseen circumstances, **Tom Stegman, SJ** will not be with us; however, our very own new **Director, Rich Andre, CSP** will serve as the **guest presenter**.

**Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 7-8pm.**

**Zoom [link](#); ID: 820 7734 1309; passcode: 519155**

## 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.

The weekend of **September 17/18: My Life My Choice**. They envision a world where no child is bought or sold.

The weekend of **September 24/25: Massachusetts Council of Churches**, which witnesses to our oneness in Christ among local churches and with our neighbors in Christianity.

### 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!!!!**

## FAMILY RETREAT, OCT. 8-10 -- REGISTER NOW!

This year's family retreat will be held **October 8-10**, at the **Craigville Retreat Center in Centerville on Cape Cod**. All families and all types of families are welcome to participate in this weekend of reflection, sharing, and spiritual growth.



For more information, see the retreat flyer here: <https://tinyurl.com/PCCRetreatFlyer2022> or email Elianna Nuzum at [eliannajoella@gmail.com](mailto:eliannajoella@gmail.com).

**Register at:** <https://tinyurl.com/PCCRetreatRegistration2022>

**Registration deadline is September 25<sup>th</sup>.** We hope you will join us!

## MARY: A MOM WITH REAL LIFE WORRIES

**Patricia M. Simpson, MDiv**  
**Pastoral Administrator**

*Simeon ... said to Mary, the child's mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."* (Luke 2:34-35)

When invited to write a reflection, I picked this week based on my schedule, without looking at the readings. When I did look at them, I thought, "The irony!" Our readings this weekend deal with dishonest, exploitative or self-serving manipulations of others by those in possession of or with authority over money. Go figure that the Administrator/business person on staff gets these readings! However, while I will say that each of us owes it to our self, others and our God to think about where our money comes from, how we handle what money we have, and what values our use of money supports, always asking ourselves "**Cui bono?**" (Who benefits?), and perhaps I will unpack that another day, this is not what spoke to me this week.

Instead, I was drawn to a feast celebrated by the Church on Thursday: Our Lady of Sorrows. Unless you go to daily Mass, closely follow the Church calendar or were/are affiliated with a church or school with this name, there's a decent chance you have not often focused on this feast. It is omitted by the Church when September 15th is a Sunday.

An ancient notion, with roots in the fourth and fifth centuries, when formalized in the 1400s, the feast was originally titled *Our Lady of Compassion*. The word compassion derives from roots which mean "to suffer with." While there are multiple versions of the seven sorrows settled on as "Mary's sorrows," the original ones cover sorrows Mary experienced throughout her life, including living with a prophecy that "*you yourself a sword will pierce*" (related to her child), being a refugee fleeing a massacre, fretting about a temporarily "lost" child, and watching her son condemned to and then suffering an agonizing, violent death. These experiences translate into a singular, core message for us: Mary gets it. Mary can relate, really relate, to so many of the sorrows, worries and challenges we experience in life, particularly those experienced by mothers/parents, the powerless, those marginalized by the Church and/or society.

I was struck by the coincidence (Is there any such thing?) that this feast falls during the week of 9/11, perhaps our most contemporary national collective day of sorrow. On a local level, awareness of the feast drew my heart to the many, many stories of personal sorrows shared so poignantly with me by so many of you over the thirty years I have been blessed to walk this faith journey with you, most especially in the five plus years since I lost my son, Owen.

As a past Harvard Divinity School student of mine, now assistant professor of theology at Emmanuel College, Kate Mroz-Weinstein, *runningtheologian* on social media, wrote last week on the Feast of the Nativity of Mary (quoted with permission), "...in my teaching, I do my best to share with my students how Mary is a model of social justice and concern for those who are suffering...she was faithful and tough, rather than pure, passive and obedient...She was a badass!" It's true. She was!

Our Lady of Sorrows, be with us in our moments of greatest anxiety and grief. Model for us compassion and resilience. As we continue our journeys, being there for and with each other, when someone asks, "Cui bono?" may our emulation of you make the answer obvious: "Each other."



## INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

**RCIA**  
*...A Journey in Faith*

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) classes will be held in-person on Thursdays, 7 - 8:30pm, beginning on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Contact Fr. Ed Nowak, CSP at [Ed@Paulistcenter.org](mailto:Ed@Paulistcenter.org) to set up an initial interview to find out more about the process.



## INTERESTED IN RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION?

In-person Confirmation classes for adults will be held on Tuesday evenings starting October 11<sup>th</sup> - November 1<sup>st</sup>, with confirmation happening on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St. Catherine of Genoa in Somerville. The classes will be from 7 - 8:30pm.

For more information and to sign up contact Fr. Ed Nowak, CSP at [Ed@paulistcenter.org](mailto:Ed@paulistcenter.org).



## SEASON OF CREATION 2022 ~ SEPTEMBER 1 - OCTOBER 4



September 1 through October 4 we celebrate the Season of Creation (SoC) which Pope Francis calls "a season of increased prayer and effort on behalf of our common home." The Season is a global ecumenical celebration of earth and our role in restoring ecological sustainability and environmental justice.



### WEEK 3: "VOICES FROM THE PEWS"

Wednesday, September 21, 7:00-7:45pm on Zoom: [Link](#)

Dialog with Center member Ted Kuklinski. Topic: "Adventures in Monarchy"

Ted is a long-term Center member and plays harmonica at the 10am Sunday Mass. He's a retired computer scientist. He is past president and 25-year board member of the Newton Conservators land trust organization; and member of the Newton Pollinator Group. As a bird and bug enthusiast, the Kuklinski front yard is an official Monarch Waystation. **Our video suggestions (each 6 minutes):**

- Pope Francis speaking on the call to climate action, why he wrote *Laudato Si'*, and action people can take: [Link](#)
- "The Bible doesn't talk about climate change, right?" Katherine Kayhoe, Climate scientist and evangelical Christian talks about bible references and why some deny human-caused climate effects: [Link](#)



### WEEK 4: "VOICES FROM THE PEWS"

Wednesday, September 28, 7:00-7:45pm on Zoom: [Link](#)

Dialog with Center member Bob Paine. Topic: "Working at the Local Level to Address Climate Change"

Bob is a Certified Consulting Meteorologist and Qualified Environmental Professional with 47 years of experience in air quality meteorology consulting. He is also the chair of the Medford Energy and Environment Committee. Bob has been a member of the Center community and the music group since 1976. **Our video suggestions:**

- 5-minute nature meditation with no words: [Link](#)
- 15-minute meditation on water: [Link](#)

## IN OTHER COMMUNITIES

### "LOVING AND REFORMING A HOLY YET BROKEN CHURCH"

Prof. Rick Gaillardetz's last lecture, takes place at Boston College, Gasson Hall 100 - Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm, followed by a symposium the next day. [RSVP link](#).

### AGAPE COMMUNITY CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

Join the Agape Community at their annual Francis Day on October 1<sup>st</sup> from 10am - 4pm. Agape is a lay Catholic residential community, interfaith in practice and outreach. More info: [paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com](mailto:paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com).



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#### **PASTORAL COUNCIL CHAIR:**

The Pastoral Council will elect a new Chair at their September meeting.

Please see our [website](#) for direct contact information.