



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.



SEPT 28 - 29, 2024 - 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKEND IN-PERSON MASSES
Saturday 5pm
Sunday 10am
6pm

WEEKDAY IN-PERSON MASSES
Monday - Friday
12:05pm

CONFESSIONS

Friday, 11:00-11:45am, and by appointment



FRAN LUDWIG

TO RECEIVE THE 2023 ISAAC HECKER AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE THIS SAT, SEPT 28!



Please join us **this Sat, Sept 28** to celebrate **Fran Ludwig**, Founder and Director of the Boston Catholic Climate Movement, now a chapter of the Global Catholic Climate Movement. Fran will receive the 2023 Hecker Award in our Chapel at our **5pm Mass**. We will also live-stream the event. Here is the [link](#).



Even before Pope Francis's Letter on Care for our Common Home was published, Fran Ludwig provided leadership in Catholic responses to environmental and social justice causes. *Laudato Si'* was a dramatic statement and summons from the leadership of the Catholic Church. Protestant churches took the lead 25 years ago, celebrating the Season of Creation to highlight the charism of St. Francis of Assisi and the pressing need for Christians to heed the call of creation and the poor. Pope Francis' powerful letter in 2015 issued an invitation and challenge to Catholics. Our nominee has been a leader in shaping the answer to this question and in facilitating many Massachusetts Catholics to respond

with both contemplation and action.

Our nominee has a dual emphasis in her work with American Catholics: (1) the spiritual, contemplative response to God's creation and (2) the assertive action required to protect creation and especially the marginalized who suffer most from its degradation. Isaac Hecker was committed to faith in action, particularly in the American Church. Fran Ludwig is living out productive responses to the environmental and social justice needs of our day and leading Catholic organizations in Massachusetts to do the same.

All are welcome to join us on Sat, Sept 28 at 5pm to celebrate *Fran Ludwig*! Reception to follow.

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (FREP) IS UNDERWAY!

We hope all families had an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher/leader last Sunday at our Parent/Teacher Orientation. Classroom locations are posted in the elevator lobby and on each floor.

If you still need to register, you can go to <https://www.paulistcenter.org/family-programs-registration/> and pay the fee online [here](#). Or, go to your designated classroom and register with your teacher. All information can be found in **Overview** under the **Exploring Our Faith** tab on our website, www.paulistcenter.org.



1ST RECONCILIATION PREP - STARTS THIS SUN!

First Reconciliation (Confession) preparation starts **THIS Sun, Sept 29** with a **parent's only** meeting with Fr. Rick! Please join us in the **3rd Fl Library at 11:30am** to hear more about the sacrament for your child(ren).



COMMUNITY COFFEE THIS SUN!

Please join us **after the 10am Mass** for refreshments and coffee in the auditorium!



YAM HOSTS COMMUNITY POTLUCK - THIS SUN!

This Sun, Sept 29, the Young Adult Ministry (YAM) will host a **Community-wide dinner** in the **3rd Fl Library after the 6pm Mass**. Open to **all** who bring a dish, of any age!



This month's theme is **Game Night** so please bring some of your favorite **finger foods** suited for the game table. If you didn't get a chance to RSVP, bring a dish, or stay after to clean up!

Please join us!



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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LIVE-STREAMED MASS LINK

Sat, Sept 28, 5pm
Hecker Award Mass

YouTube [Link](#) Order of Worship [Link](#)



Sun, Sept 29, 10am
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YouTube [Link](#) Order of Worship [Link](#)

BLESSING OF YOUR ANIMALS THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS - FRI, OCT 4, 6-6:30PM

This Friday, Oct 4, Fr. Rick will be happy to **bless your pets** on **Boston Common**. Bring along your dog, cat, bird, or other pet to the other side of the fence **right across from the Paulist Center** between **6:00 & 6:30**.

Please bring your pets on a leash or in a container.

This is a fair weather only event!



JOIN THE CHOIR FOR OUR UPCOMING ADVENT CHRISTMAS CONCERT!

There's **still time** to be part of the choir for this special event!



Rehearsals are held on **Thurs evenings** from **7-9pm**, starting **this Thur, Oct 3**.

Concerts will take place on **Sat, Dec 14 at 8pm**, and **Sun, Dec 15 at 2pm**.

Please visit [CONCERT INTEREST FORM](#) to get involved and for more information.



INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A LECTOR?



We invite you to consider joining one of our four Lector Teams! If you're interested in exploring this ministry, please reach out to our Pastoral Minister of Liturgy and Music, **Norm Gouin**, at norm@paulistcenter.org for more information.

A **Lector Formation and Information Session** will be held **next Sun, Oct 6, from 1-3pm**. Please fill out the registration form by visiting this link [Lector Formation 2024](#)

2024 FAMILY RETREAT!

We are excited to announce the plans for *Attentive to the Spirit*, this year's annual Family Retreat, a one-day retreat at the Paulist Center on **Sun, Oct 20 from 11am-5:30pm**. There will also be an evening event for **teens on Sat, Oct 19!**



This is a smaller, in-house version of our past family retreats (previously held on Cape Cod). The **retreat starts with a teen leadership pizza party Saturday night**. All families will gather on **Sunday at 11am** for lunch, time for adult faith sharing, kids' planning to share skits and other talents, a skit/talent show, and a family Mass. We are asking families to contribute **\$15 a person** for the cost of the retreat. Children **under 6 are free**, and donations are welcome.

Registration: Email eliannajoella@gmail.com with the names and ages of family members who will be attending, and the email addresses for updates. Registration payments can be made by **venmo** to **@ELIANNAWL**, last 4 digits - **6162**. Contact **Elianna** if you need to make alternate payment arrangements.

FREE WALKING TOUR IN DOWNTOWN BOSTON - LEARN ABOUT ISAAC HECKER AND SOME OF HIS FAMOUS FRIENDS



Isaac Hecker, founder of the Paulist Fathers and a native New Yorker, **spent time in the Greater Boston area** during his long journey toward Catholicism. While here, he became friends with such Transcendentalists as **Ralph Waldo Emerson, Bronson Alcott and Orestes Brownson**, all of whom influenced his spiritual formation.

On **Sun, Oct 20**, all are welcome to join some local Paulist Associates on a **free, 90-minute guided walking tour** through downtown Boston, visiting sites and hearing about people and circumstances important to Hecker.



Meet in the Paulist Center Chapel at 11:30am following the 10am Mass on **Oct 20**.

ELECTION PREP!

In light of the fast-approaching elections, the **Racial Justice Advocacy Group (RJAG)** invites everyone to a Zoom discussion on **Thur, Oct 17, from 7-9pm**. **Network For Social Justice** has produced a series called "**White Supremacy and American Christianity**". We will share some of Network's series on this topic as the focus for our discussion. The primary speakers in the series are 2020 Isaac Hecker awardee **Rev. Bryan Massingale**, and **Dr. Robert Jones**.

Rev. Massingale is the author of *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church*, and a Professor of Theological and Social Ethics.

Dr. Jones is the author of *White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity* which won a 2021 American Book Award.

Please join RJAG in exploring how we - as Catholic Christians - approach this election and the choices before us.

To register, email **Tom Sharkey** at sharkey.te@verizon.net and watch the bulletin next week for more details on this critical community conversation.



Save the Date - Sun, Oct 27 -

TOXIC POLARIZATION: HOW THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CAN FAITHFULLY RESPOND

Paulist Steven Bell and the Paulist Toxic Polarization Initiative Coming to Us Just in Time for Election Day!

As you may or may not be aware, the Paulist Father's nationally have launched an initiative to address toxic polarization in our church and nation.



Paulist Steven Bell, a founder of this initiative and a quite-gifted preacher, is joining us the weekend of Oct 26/27, right before the election, to help connect us with this initiative. He will be preaching at all the Masses and will be offering a talk with opportunity for small group interactions after both the 10am and 6pm Masses. The talk is entitled **Toxic Polarization: How the Christian Community can Faithfully Respond**.

Please mark your calendars and invite your friends and neighbors for this event! We are hoping for robust community engagement on this important topic! Free will offering.

DESSERT MINISTRY AT THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB NEEDS HELP!

Do you like to bake cookies, brownies, and cupcakes and want to help our hungry neighbors and friends at the Wednesday Night Supper Club?

Join the dessert ministry and bring a **well-wrapped donation of treats once or twice a month** to Mass. Or, drop them off at the Center during the week.



Our coordinator, **Mary McTigue**, will give you more detailed information. If interested, Mary can be reached at mary.mctigue@gmail.com. Please join us!



Season of Creation 2024

September 1 – October 4

Week 4: Sept 28/29

The bad news and the good news.

Did you know?

Landfills are the **third largest source of methane emissions** in the US. When we consider the impacts of methane over the short term, we see that landfills are emitting the amount of CO2 that would be produced annually by **79 coal-fired power plants**. The best way to reduce methane emissions from landfills is simple: keep organic materials OUT of landfills by composting leftover food and reducing food waste.

Did you also know?

To reduce food waste, **The Food Drive**, a local nonprofit, located in Melrose, MA, connects food that would otherwise be wasted with people who need it. With a two-person staff and 150 volunteers they collect food from commercial and community sources and deliver to local food pantries seven days a week, year round.

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. **Thank you!** 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. Giving by this method helps us with our budgeting and stewardship efforts.



Use **Apple Pay** or **Google Pay** by visiting donorbox.org/paulistcenter, scanning the QR code on the red cards in the pews, or scanning the QR code 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 other charitable organizations with missions consonant with our own. These organizations receive an equal amount from our annual offertory.

This weekend, **Sept 28 - 29**, the community gift goes to our **Hecker award recipient Fran Ludwig, and the organizations she supports**. Envelopes will be in the pews if you wish to make an additional donation.

ANNUAL PAULIST APPEAL MAILING LIST REQUEST - OPT-OUT REQUIRED IF DESIRED

The Paulist Fathers' Annual Appeal happens every January. It is the **ONLY** time we share the Paulist Center's mailing list with anyone. The Paulists will only use the list for seven mailings a year (the appeal, four *The Voice* newsletters, a Christmas card, and a thank you if you make a donation to the appeal). They also pledge to us that they do not share their list with anyone.



If you wish to have your information opted out from the mailing list we send them for this purpose, please email Patty at patty@paulistcenter.org by **Oct 15** at the latest. Thank you!

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