



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.



AUGUST 2 - 3, 2025 - 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 9 - 10, 2025 - 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

Help Shape the Future of the Paulist Center | Join Our Community Planning Process

We are excited to invite the entire Paulist Center community to participate in an important Planning Process this fall! We hope you'll attend one of our virtual open community meetings as we reflect together on our Center's mission, values, and direction.

MEETING #1 | Virtual Community Gathering - Join one of two identical sessions:

Wed, Aug 6 • 7 - 8:30pm (via Zoom) **or** Thurs, Aug 14 • 7 - 8:30pm (via Zoom)

Please visit www.paulistcenter.org/pastoralplan for more information and to access Zoom links.



IMMIGRATION ADVOCACY GROUP PROTESTS AT THE BURLINGTON ICE FACILITY



Eleven PC community members (+ a canine!) protested the current administration's enforcement tactics that they say will severely impact health care in Massachusetts. People have been protesting outside the facility every Wednesday from 11am - 1 pm for the last 14 weeks, as a way to bear witness to the human toll of the current immigration policies. **Please join us on any given Wednesday!**

The *Globe* article on the protest can be found here:

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/2025/07/23/metro/health-care-workers-protest-outside-burlington-ice-facility/>

First They Came

First they came for the Communists
And I did not speak out
Because I was not a Communist

Then 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 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 out for me

Martin Niemöller, 1946

And I Spoke Up

First, they came for the immigrants
and refugees and I spoke up
because immigrants and refugees are our neighbors.

Then they came for transgender people and I spoke up
because transgender people are our neighbors.

Then they came for the poor and the vulnerable and I spoke up
because the poor and vulnerable are our neighbors.

Then they came for the aid workers, the federal workers,
and the civil servants and I spoke up
because they too are our neighbors.

They came for the students, the teachers, and universities
and I spoke up ***because they too are our neighbors.***

Then they came for us, and we spoke up
because we are here together
and we are called to love all our neighbors, no exceptions.

Bridget Moix, 2025

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

Sunday, August 3, 10am
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
YouTube [Link](#)



Sunday, August 10, 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.

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (FREP)

The **registration** form for our **2025-2026** year is posted on our [website](#)!

Please register your child(ren) for formal religious education classes and/or our sacramental preparation programs.

Any questions, please contact **Susan Rutkowski**, *Pastoral Minister of Family Religious Education*, at susan@paulistcenter.org.



ATTENTION TEENS OF THE PAULIST CENTER!

We are excited to announce that in the upcoming FREP* year, our **Jr. High and Sr. High Teens (grades 7-12)** will be part of **Mosaic Interfaith Youth Action** to learn about and experience social justice with other teens in the greater Boston area! The specific program is called **Circles of Action** and brings together teens of all faiths to take a deeper dive into the systemic issues in our world while participating in direct service projects. This program aligns with the Center's emphasis on learning more about, and living, our Catholic social teaching. This dynamic program will take place in different locations in the Boston area on a **monthly basis on Sundays from 2 - 5pm**.

The program also includes **Service Learning Days** that your whole family can participate in. The **first event** is an **Environmental Service Learning Day, 2 - 5pm on Sun, Aug 17 at Blue Hills Reservation** (exact location details will follow upon registration). This is a fantastic opportunity to get outside, connect with friends old and new, and give back to our planet. Together, we'll:

- Learn about the environmental issues impacting our local ecosystems
- Reflect on how our faith traditions call us to be stewards of the Earth
- Roll up our sleeves to help remove invasive species and support the health of the Blue Hills
- Have some fun in the sun while earning community service hours

This event is **open to youth, their friends, parents, guardians, and youth group leaders**.

Spots are limited, so please **RSVP by Tues, Aug 12** by filling out this form:

<https://forms.gle/cVh9cd79uN528ukJ8>

If you have questions, contact **Susan** at Susan@Paulistcenter.org.

We hope our teens and families of teens are excited to work with Mosaic!

More information about the upcoming year to follow.



* Family Religious Education Program

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY - AUG 15TH SUMMER EVENT!

Welcome to Young Adult Ministry! We are a community of young adults (21-39 years old) focused on living out our faith through community, service, and spirituality. Even if you don't consider yourself Catholic, we'd love to welcome you into our community! If you're interested in learning more, please reach out to our **Young Adult Minister, Gus Kellerman**, by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/PCI-on-1> or by emailing him at youngadults@paulistcenter.org.

August 15th Social at the Sox Game:

Dig out your mitt from the box at the back of your closet and join us for an evening of baseball on **Fri, Aug 15 at 6:15pm!**

We'll meet in front of the Paulist Center and head to Fenway Park together to watch the **Red Sox** battle the **Miami Marlins**.



Seats are limited to 10, so please RSVP ASAP by using the link: <https://tinyurl.com/YAMAUG2025>, or by scanning the QR Code.



First pitch is at 7:10pm. We'll handle the tickets; those in attendance must pay for their own concessions and/or souvenirs (save for any foul balls you might catch!). We can't wait for you to join us!



SEEKING FAITH-FILLED HUMANS!



As we "speak," families are registering their children for our **Family Religious Education Program (FREP)**. You can help them learn and grow in faith by:

- becoming a full-time religious ed teacher,
- co-teach (share a class with another volunteer), or
- substitute teacher for grades 1-6

At the Paulist Center, we partner with parents and other adult volunteers to prepare and provide weekly catechesis to children from late September until late May. Catechists must possess a love of the Catholic faith and a desire to nurture children's spiritual and religious potential. It is also essential to be able to communicate well with parents, prepare weekly lessons, be engaging, and maintain a disciplined yet fun catechetical session.

Our teachers have consistently remarked on how much they learn from the children! Weekly classes/group gatherings take place on Sundays after the 10am Mass (11:15am - 12:15pm). We provide you with training, materials, and support. For more information, contact **Susan Rutkowski, Pastoral Minister of Family Religious Education and Social Justice** at susan@paulistcenter.org or 617-948-2426.

MBTA ORANGE LINE SUSPENSION UPDATE

The Orange Line will be suspended between Wellington and Back Bay on the following weekends:

August 2 - 3 | August 9 - 10 | August 23 - 24

Use shuttles between Wellington & North Station.

Use Green Line between North Station & Copley/Back Bay.



SUMMER BULLETIN DEADLINES

Plan ahead! We are returning to a once-every-two-weeks bulletin for the summer.



Aug 17/24: text due 8/12, 12pm

Aug 31 text due 8/22, 12pm (*early due to Labor Day*)

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ISAAC HECKER AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Since 1974, the Paulist Center Community has presented the Isaac Hecker Award for Social Justice to an outstanding North American Catholic. Recipients have included locally and nationally recognized women and men – lay people, sisters, priests, and bishops.

Isaac Hecker, the founder of the Paulist Fathers, was particularly concerned with the growth and development of American Catholicism. Hecker and the early Paulists devoted themselves to mission preaching and communication of the Word of God.

The award was named to honor Isaac Hecker.



November 2nd at the 10am Mass we will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Hecker Award.

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. 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 charitable organizations with missions consonant with our own. These organizations receive an equal amount from our annual offertory.



The weekend of **August 2 - 3**, we raise up **Capuchin Mobile Ministries**, a ministry of spiritual caregiving to our homeless sisters and brothers. The Province of St. Mary of the Capuchin Order presents this ministry.



The weekend of **August 9 - 10**, 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.

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