



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 16 - 17, 2025 - 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 23 - 24, 2025 - 21ST 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

PASTORAL PLANNING COMMUNITY MEETINGS

We are grateful to the community members who joined our initial pastoral planning meetings the first two weeks of August. If you missed the meetings you can go to our website to review the slides that were shared, or use the link <https://tinyurl.com/Augustpastoralplanning>.

In these meetings we grounded ourselves in both the mission of the Paulist Center and the mission of the Paulist Fathers and we also began a dialogue around defining our "mission field" and the nature of this time in which we are living. **As we listen to the signs of the times and how God is calling us, these mission statements will be foundations as we build a pastoral plan that seeks to meet this moment.**

<https://www.paulistcenter.org/our-mission/>

<https://www.beapaulist.org/about-us>



PRAYER AND ACTION IN TROUBLED TIMES: LESSONS FROM CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS

Join us in a **year-long reflection** on key documents that have challenged and inspired our faith tradition over time. Together we will learn about them and consider what insights and actions they inspire as we face myriad assaults on social justice today. **Raúl E. Zegarra**, a community member and Assistant Professor of Roman Catholic Theological Studies at Harvard Divinity School, will lead the sessions.



We will introduce this series on Sept 7 after the 10am and 6pm Masses. After that, starting in Oct, participants will meet every other month at the Center **or online** to reflect together on a selected text. **Sponsored by the Immigration Advocacy Group.** Email **Susan Rutkowski** with questions at susan@paulistcenter.org. **Meeting Dates:**

- Sept 7 @ 11am (Auditorium)
- Sept 7 @ 7pm (Library)
- Oct 19 @ 11am (Auditorium)
- Nov 23 @ 11am (Auditorium)
- Feb 8 @ 7pm (Library)
- April 12 @ 7pm (Library)
- May 31 @ 11am (Auditorium)
- June 7 - Time & Location TBA

BANNER MAKING EVENT FOR SunDAY!



To prepare for **Sunday** - a global day of action on Sept 21 celebrating the unstoppable rise of clean energy - community members are invited to **make banners/posters showcasing your creative thoughts on the power of the sun and wind**, energy sources that can power our world without pollution. **Our neighbor, St. Paul's, is hosting this banner-making session on Sun, Aug 31 at noon.**

You are invited to proudly display your banner during the interfaith procession on Sept 21 (approx. 1 mile) - led by joyous brass band music, which will start at 1pm at the Old South Church on Boylston St. and continue down Newbury St. to the State House, with a brief multi-faith celebration of hope. All are welcome, especially families, whether guided by faith or personal conviction.

Led by Boston Interfaith Climate Allies (BICA) with support from Third Act Massachusetts and GreenFaith, **our Creation Care Team is an official sponsor of this event.**

Welcome! If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form that can be found on our [website](https://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 17, 10am
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
YouTube [Link](#)



Sunday, August 24, 10am
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
YouTube [Link](#)

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! 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 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>



DO YOU LIKE TEACHING?

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**
- **be a 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.

We are seeking catechists who:

- possess a love of the Catholic faith,
- have a desire to nurture children's spiritual and religious potential,
- 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**. Questions: contact **Susan Rutkowski, Pastoral Minister of Family Religious Education and Social Justice** at susan@paulistcenter.org or 617-948-2426.

YOUTH LITURGICAL MINISTRY PROGRAM (YLM) – 2025-2026

As we move into the fall and the start of a new academic year, we are excited to once again offer ministry opportunities through our Youth Liturgical Ministry Program at the Paulist Center. If you're interested in getting involved, please visit this [link](#) for the [YLM Interest Form](#), or **scan the QR code**.



YOUTH LITURGICAL MINISTRY (YLM) OPPORTUNITIES

LECTOR MINISTRY

In the ministry of Lector, the assembly is nourished and strengthened through the proclamation of God's holy word. Youth lectors (grades 3-12) have the opportunity to proclaim the Word and offer the intercessions. All youth involved as lectors will receive training and guidance on how to prepare for their assigned Mass.

ASSISTANT SACRISTANS

Youth (ages 11-18) in this ministry assist the Sacristan during Mass. Assistant Sacristans arrive thirty minutes before Mass and help to set up before Mass, preparing the vessels for the Eucharist, coordinating the collection and offertory, and helping clean up afterward. Through their faithful service, they ensure that all is ready and prepared as we gather around the table of the Word and the table of the Eucharist.

LITURGICAL DANCE

Children of all ages are invited to learn and perform liturgical dance at special Masses and occasions throughout the year. Training and rehearsals are required. Contact Christine Tardiff at christine.tardiff@childrens.harvard.edu.

MUSIC

The music ministry plays a vital role in supporting and strengthening the community's faith and worship. Youth (grades 3 - 12) are encouraged to participate in the music ministry at one of the nine YLM Masses scheduled throughout the year. Rehearsals take place at 8:45 a.m. before the scheduled Mass.

AUDIO-VISUAL MINISTERS

Audio-Visual Ministers (ages 13-18) operate the projection system used during Masses and other special liturgical celebrations. This ministry's mission is to glorify God by ensuring the liturgy, including music and text, is accessible to all. Youth volunteers should be comfortable with computers and mobile devices. Familiarity with Apple OS is preferred. Training will be provided for any specific technical skills needed. AV Ministers need to arrive thirty minutes before Mass.

SCHEDULE OF YLM MASSES – 2025-2026

- Sunday, Sep 21
- Sun, Oct 19
- Sun, Nov 2
- Sun, Dec 7
- Weds, Dec 24 (4 pm)
- Sun, Jan 11
- Sun, March 8
- Sun, April 19
- Sun, May 17 (First Communion)



INVITATION TO JOIN THE PAULIST CENTER'S EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY TEAM

We invite you to serve as a Eucharistic Minister this year. Eucharistic Ministers distribute the Body and Blood of Christ during Communion, helping create reverent flow and serving our community in a very sacred moment. We offer two initial formation and training sessions to prepare you and build community among the ministers for the year: **Sun 9/14 11:30-12:30** or **Sun 10/5 11:30-12:30**

While there's no scheduling commitment, you are asked to arrive 20 minutes before Mass and sign up to serve that day. This flexibility lets you serve when you're available while also ensuring we have the ministers we need. This role is open to all, including teenagers who have been confirmed. If you have questions, ask **Norm Gouin** norm@paulistcenter.org, go to this [link](#) to fill out an interest form, or **scan the QR code**.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY - FALL EVENTS

Welcome to Young Adult Ministry - 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! If interested, please contact our **Young Adult Minister, Gus Kellerman**, by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/PCI-on-1>.



We have different events every month, so stay up-to-date on everything that's happening by visiting paulistcenter.org/young-adult-events, or by following us on **Instagram** and **Facebook** at [paulistcenteryoungadults](https://www.facebook.com/paulistcenteryoungadults).

Help us decide our next monthly outings by scanning the QR Code; and then join us in Sept and Oct. They could be anything from trips to the MFA, ISG Museum, or TimeOut Market, to a Theology on Tap, or Movie Night - so if you have a preference, hurry-up and vote!





Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18

SEASON OF CREATION DAILY REFLECTIONS

Once again this year the **Creation Care ministry** invites you to receive a **2-minute reflection** each day of **Season of Creation, Sept 1 thru Oct 4.**

If you have received them before, you will automatically receive the newly revised reflections again starting Sept 1.

If you would like to start receiving them, please email seasonofcreationdaily@gmail.com

WELCOME TO THE PAULIST CENTER!



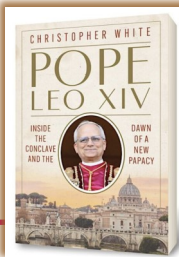
The Paulist Center warmly welcomes recently registered members:

Valerie Fletcher
Boston, MA



Rita Ingersoll
E. Boston, MA

ALL ABOUT POPE LEO XIV: A PAULIST CENTER EVENT THURS, SEPT 25 AT 7PM



Christopher White, who spent four years covering Pope Francis as Vatican correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter, **will be at the Center to discuss his new book and provide a behind-the-scenes look at the conclave that elected the first American Pope.**

Paulist Center member **Bill Mitchell**, a former NCR publisher, will interview Christopher, followed by audience Q and A. Please **RSVP** for the 7pm event here: chriswhite.eventbrite.com.

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:



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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 16 - 17**, we raise up **St. Francis & St. Therese Catholic Worker House in Worcester** which provides emergency shelter in addition to two meals a day and laundry twice a week. The program is available for two and three weeks.

The weekend of **August 23 - 24**, we raise up **Casserly House** - a place of welcome and connection for immigrants and a collaborative partner on neighborhood issues in Roslindale.

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