



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 27 - 28, 2025
26TH 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

FAMILY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (FREP) - THIS SUN, SEPT 28

THIS SUNDAY is a busy day around here! Classes formally begin, AND we will hold our first in-person pastoral planning meetings. After Mass, please bring your child(ren) to their designated classroom (locations posted in the elevator and lobby), fill out some brief paperwork with your teacher, and then head down to the auditorium for lunch and the start of our meeting. **We want/need the voices of parents, so please do participate!** Classes end at 12:15pm, so a parent should plan on heading back to the classroom to collect their child(ren).



Jr. & Sr. High Teen families! The Executive Director and Director of Programming from **Mosaic Interfaith** will be here for an orientation of our new teen program. Please meet in the **3rd floor library** to meet **Matt and Kimberly (and our leader, Grace!)** and learn more about the program that will happen on Sundays from 2 - 5pm at various locations in and around Boston. (Please see calendar for monthly dates.) **EACH FAMILY MUST REGISTER THEIR CHILD FOR THIS PROGRAM! Please use this registration Link: <https://forms.gle/pVRHE3SLCrPAHwhA7>**
The first Mosaic session will take place on October 19.



Please reach out with questions and concerns about any details of our Family Religious Education Program. The calendar and registration form are found on our website at www.paulistcenter.org.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to the Center on Sunday for the official start of classes for grades K-6 and orientation for our teens!



PASTORAL PLANNING IN-PERSON MEETINGS - THIS SUN, SEPT 28

Join Paulist Center community members after the **Sunday 10am or Sunday 6pm Mass** for the initial in-person meetings of our **2025 Pastoral Planning Process**.

During the meeting community members will have the opportunity to reflect on our mission, discern needs, and share recommendations for ministry priorities over the next 3 years.



The same session will be held after the 10am Mass (session held 12-2pm) and after the 6pm Mass (session held 7-8:30pm). Lunch/dinner will be provided for both!

Contact **Deb Heimel** with any questions at deborah@paulistcenter.org.

More info can be found on our website at: <https://www.paulistcenter.org/pastoralplan/>.

RESPONDING TO ASSAULTS ON THE DIGNITY OF LIFE



This year we hold up the theme – **the life and dignity of the human person** – front and center in all of the Paulist Center's programming.

Our hope is that this theme meets the range of the community where we are and will create opportunities for prayer, learning, and responding as this assault on the dignity of human life worsens.

Please click the link to read the entire announcement: <https://www.paulistcenter.org/dignityoflife/>

The next event to help us on this journey is:

The benefits of Solar Energy – Community Coffee
led by our Creation Care Ministry - Oct 5

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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 LINK



Sunday, September 28, 10am
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



YouTube [Link](#)

WORSHIP MATTERS

Weekend of September 27 - 28, 2025 – Issue #3

Sacred Space: The Tabernacle

Among all the liturgical appointments found in our churches, the history, meaning, and purpose of the tabernacle remains one of the most misunderstood.

The word *tabernacle* comes from the Latin *tabernaculum*, meaning “tent” or “hut.” It holds two related meanings: a place of temporary dwelling, and a place where God resides.

In the early Church, Christians cherished the Eucharist so deeply that they began reserving a portion of it for those too ill to gather with the community. A representative would bring the consecrated host to the sick—a tradition we continue today through our Eucharistic ministers.

Over time, the tabernacle came to serve several important purposes. First, it was a storehouse for the Eucharist to be brought to the sick. As its significance deepened, it became a focal point of devotion and private prayer. Eventually, it also took on the practical role of holding reserved hosts for Mass, in case more was needed during the distribution of Communion.

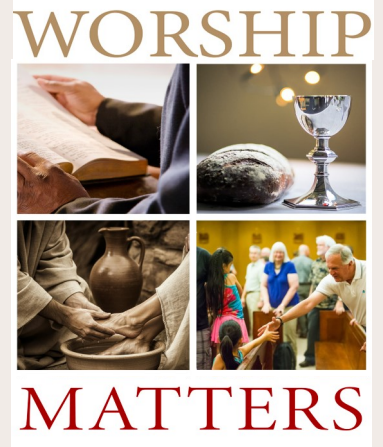
The placement of the tabernacle has also shifted over time. Before Vatican II, it was typically located at the center of the high altar. With the Council’s reforms—especially the priest facing the people—the altar was moved forward, and the tabernacle was either left on the old high altar or placed on a smaller side altar.

In many modern churches, the tabernacle is placed in a dedicated Blessed Sacrament Chapel near the main worship space. This allows the reserved Eucharist to be housed in a separate chapel or alcove, while remaining accessible for its original and primary purpose: distribution to the sick and homebound.

In our chapel, the tabernacle is recessed into the wall of the alcove in the front right corner of the chapel. Like our altar, it is carved from mahogany. This symbolic link highlights the connection of our liturgical action with adoration and communion to the sick and homebound. Designed and hand-carved by Fr. Frank Sabatté, CSP, this simple yet beautiful tabernacle reminds us, just as we are reminded each time the community gathers around of the table of the Word and table of the Eucharist, that Christ is always present among and within us.

For more detailed information about the design of our tabernacle, please visit:

www.paulistcenter.org/our-chapel



Come To Set Us Free: FESTIVAL OF READINGS AND CAROLS 2025 - CALL FOR MUSICIANS

Join the Paulist Center Music Ministry for our annual Festival of Readings and Carols!



Rehearsals:

- * **Thursdays, 7 - 9pm**, in the Chapel, beginning **October 2**.

Performance dates:

- * **Saturday, December 13 at 8pm**
- * **Sunday, December 14 at 2pm**

Interested in participating? Please contact **Norm Guin** directly at norm@paulistcenter.org.

YOUTH LITURGICAL MINISTRY PROGRAM (YLM) – 2025-2026

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 Opportunities:

- **Lector Ministry**
- **Assistant Sacristans**
- **Liturgical Dance**
- **Music**
- **Audio-Visual Ministers**



Schedule of YLM Masses - 2025-2026

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| • Sun, Oct 19 | • Sun, Jan 11 |
| • Sun, Nov 2 | • Sun, March 8 |
| • Sun, Dec 7 | • Sun, April 19 |
| • Weds, Dec 24 (4 pm) | • Sun, May 17 (First Communion) |

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

The first sessions at the beginning of September were a smash hit! Please join us for **future sessions this fall** (*see below*) as we reflect on key documents that have challenged and inspired our faith tradition over time. We will learn about them and consider what insights and actions they inspire as we face myriad assaults on social justice today.



of Social Justice

Raúl E. Zegarra, a community member and Asst. Prof. of Roman Catholic Theological Studies at Harvard Divinity School, will lead the sessions.

Future Fall Sessions:

- **Oct 19 @ 11am** (Auditorium)
- **Nov 23 @ 11am** (Auditorium)

Solar Energy Seminar - Sun, Oct 5

During the coffee hour **after the 10am Mass on Sun, Oct 5**, the **Creation Care Committee** will present a seminar for community members interested in learning about **solar energy**.

There will be information on:

- the Center's recent shift to the purchase of solar-generated electricity at 5 Park St
- how community members can capture similar benefits without needing to install solar panels on their home

Members will describe their experience using solar and answer questions.

Please join us for a sun-filled presentation!



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual Direction is an opportunity for one to reflect and share one's life and prayer experience and be guided in one's search for God.



Spiritual Direction is available at the **Paulist Center** from **Sister Kathleen Hagerty, CSI**, and **Christopher O'Rourke**.

Sister Kathleen can be reached at **617-755-9729**.

Christopher can be reached at **617-817-3977**.

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.



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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 **Sept 27 and 28** we raise up **Voice of the Faithful**, a lay organization that works to provide a prayerful voice, attentive to the Spirit, through which the Faithful can actively participate in the governance and guidance of the Catholic Church.

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