



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.



NOVEMBER 15 - 16, 2025

33RD 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 - THIS SUN, NOV 16

- **FREP classes K - 6 meet in their regular classrooms, 11:15am-12:15pm**
- **1st Reconciliation Workshop** meets in **Room 22** on the 6th Fl, **12:30-1:30**.
The sacrament will be celebrated next Sun, Nov 23 at 12:30 in the Chapel.
- The **Teen Youth Group** meets with **Mosaic Interfaith, 2 - 4 pm at Boston Bowl, 820 Morrissey Blvd in Dorchester**. The bowling alley requires advance registration, so please complete this short form: <https://forms.gle/9gEF2L9975d34aH78>



SIGN UP FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

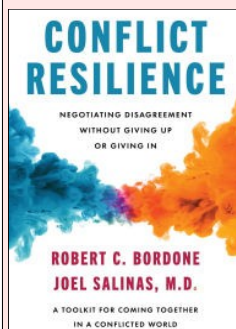


Our Christmas pageant will be presented on **Sun, Dec 14** before the Christmas/Advent concert. Email Susan at susan@paulistcenter.org to **register** your child(ren) for the following parts: **Joseph, Mary, baby Jesus, shepherds, wise people, angels and a variety of barnyard animals!** There are **two rehearsals**:

- 1) **Sun, Dec 7 @ 11:15am** as part of our FREP hour.
- 2) **Sun, Dec 14 @ 12:30pm** (before the Pageant).

RESPONDING TO ASSAULTS ON THE DIGNITY OF LIFE - NEXT EVENT, THIS SUN, NOV 16

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.



The next event to help us on this journey is **this Sun, Nov 16 - Adult Education Faith Formation: Lecture and book signing** with community member **Bob Bordone**, on his book *Conflict Resilience*, **11:30am - 1:00pm in the auditorium**.

Bob's work speaks to the urgency of this time, in the United States and in the Catholic Church, in which many find themselves challenged to live and work next to those they are in disagreement with. Bob will offer insights and faith filled ways we can all move forward with curiosity and self-reflection.

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/BordoneNov16registration>. A limited number of books will be available for purchase at the event.

THE PLACE OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH - THIS THURS, NOV 20

Join **Dr. Phyllis Zagano** in a discussion and synodal conversation in the spirit of **Paragraph 60 of the Final Document of the Synod on Synodality**, about the place of women in the Church.

Dr. Zagano is the **world expert on the question of women in the diaconate**. She is a past Hecker Award recipient and holds a research appointment at Hofstra University.

Join us for a spirited discussion **this Thur, Nov 20, at 7 pm in the 3rd Floor Library**.



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 LINK
Saturday, November 15, 5pm
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
YouTube [Link](#)



THANKSGIVING EVE MASS

Join us for our annual **Thanksgiving Eve Mass** at **7pm on Wed, Nov 26**.

The Mass will be **livestreamed**, but we warmly invite you to attend in person and **bring the bread** you plan to use at your Thanksgiving meal for a special blessing.



WORSHIP MATTERS

Weekend of November 15 - 16, 2025 – Issue #10

LITURGICAL YEAR: The Three-Year Cycle: A rhythm of sacred time and story

Our lives are shaped by many calendars—social, civil, personal, and familial. The ebb and flow of our daily experiences form and transform us, helping us find meaning in our relationships with one another and with God—in the rhythm of life's joys and sorrows, its living and its dying.

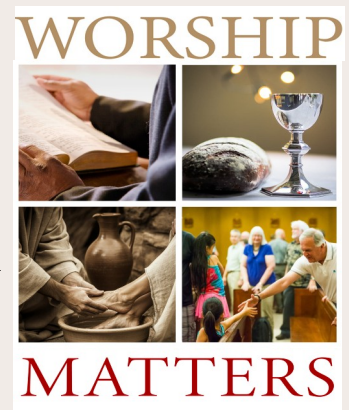
The Church, too, has given us a calendar—a sacred rhythm that draws our attention to what God has done throughout history and continues to do among us today. We are part of a rich heritage that remembers and celebrates not only the story of our ancestors and all of salvation history, but also our own place within that story: to encounter, to ponder, to proclaim, and to reveal Christ in our midst.

The liturgical year, with its unfolding seasons and commemorations, was the Church's first curriculum. The familiar pattern of Advent–Christmas–Epiphany and Lent–Holy Week–Easter emerged from the early Church's desire to guide catechumens through the great narratives and teachings of faith—those that would shape their understanding of God in Christ for a lifetime. This Christian calendar drew deeply from the ancient rhythms of temple and synagogue worship in Jesus' time. The roots of faith formation grounded in lectionary and liturgy, therefore, reach far back into our shared spiritual heritage.¹

During the Second Vatican Council, an international commission of scholars was convened to renew and enrich the Church's biblical life through a new *Lectionary for Mass*. On Palm Sunday in 1970, the result of their work was introduced—a three-year cycle of readings that opened the treasury of Scripture more fully to the faithful.

This *Lectionary* follows a three-year cycle—A, B, and C—for Sundays, each anchored by one of the Synoptic Gospels: Matthew (A), Mark (B), and Luke (C). These Gospels serve as the primary thread of each liturgical year, while passages from John appear during the Easter season, on select Sundays in Cycle B, and at other moments throughout the year. Weekday readings follow a two-year cycle, allowing the Word of God to speak to the Church with ever-deepening richness and breadth.

Unlike the civil calendar, which begins in January, the Church's year and each new cycle begins with the First Sunday of Advent and culminates with the Solemnity of Christ the King—celebrated near the end of November. It is a fitting conclusion to the sacred rhythm of time, as the Church gathers her praise to the Word Made Flesh, the Lord of history and the heart of every season, Christ “the same yesterday and today and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8).



¹*The Prayer Book Guide to Christian Education*, 3rd edition by Sharon Ely Pearson and Robyn Szoke (Morehouse, 2009).

COME TO SET US FREE: A FESTIVAL OF READINGS AND CAROLS

Advent and Christmas at the Paulist Center

- Sat, Dec 13 at 8 pm
- Sun, Dec 14 at 2 pm

Join us for one of the major spiritual and community-building events of the year. This year's program will feature readings and carols highlighting the themes of Advent and Christmas, as we wait in hope and joyful expectation.



On Sun, Dec 14, the program begins with a Christmas Pageant presented by the youth of the Paulist Center.

Donations and Sponsorships

- To donate online, please click [here](#) and select the "**Festival of Readings and Carols**" category and specify the number of attendees, and preferred concert date.
- For mail-in donations, please make checks payable to "**The PaulistCenter**" with "**Come To Set Us Free**" in the memo.

Sponsorship Levels

- **Angelic:** \$100 - \$149
- **Celestial:** \$150 - \$199
- **Archangel:** \$200 and above

Please consider inviting family and friends to sponsor this year's celebration!

Sponsorship Acknowledgements

Sponsorships received by **December 3** will be acknowledged in the program. Please indicate how you would like your name to appear.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS ...

Please pray for the repose of the souls of community members **Rosanne Procopio** and **Nathan Bourque** who passed away recently.



The **funeral for Nathan** will be at the **Paulist Center** on **Fri, Nov 21 at 10am**

The **funeral for Rosanne** will be at the **Paulist Center** on **Sat, Nov 22: 9am - Viewing; 10am - Funeral Mass**

May they rest in peace.

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

The first sessions in September were a smash hit! Please join us for our **next session - Sun, Nov 23 at 11am in the auditorium**, 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. **Raúl E. Zegarra**, a community member and Asst. Prof. of Roman Catholic Theological Studies at Harvard Divinity School, will lead the session.



NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE CATHOLIC FOR 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. Please consider **nominating** a North American Catholic -

Deadline is Dec 1.

Guidelines are on our website: <https://www.paulistcenter.org/hecker-award/>

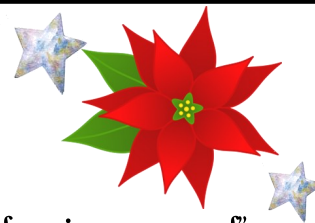
Please send nominations to **Susan Rutkowski** at susan@paulistcenter.org

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS TO HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES

Honor your loved ones, living or deceased, by making a donation towards the Christmas decorations with which we'll adorn the Chapel. The suggested donation is \$10. Contributions can be made:

- at the front desk Mon - Fri from 10:30am - 4:30pm
- by going to **Donate Online**, and choose "**Flower Donation**" and **note** who it is "**in honor of, or in memory of**"
- by using the **envelopes in the pews** which will be **available starting Nov 29/30**.

Please write legibly when notating your loved ones' names.



THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER CLUB HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

We are collecting **new** hats, gloves, scarves, and socks of all sizes to prepare small gifts for our guests this holiday season. Items can be dropped off at the Paulist Center by **Sun, Dec 21**.

Contact supperclubfood@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer. Thank you!



FOOD CRISIS

Our Food Pantry is mobilizing to fill our shelves as those in need come to our doors. Please consider bringing in, or sending, extra **non-perishable food** such as: ramen noodles, hearty soup and chili, protein bars, nuts, pasta, beans, canned veggies and fruits, shelf-stable milk, coffee, tea, and snacks.

Gift cards to grocery stores are also valuable, as they **allow our guests to purchase perishable items** as well.

The 4 most requested: **Whole Foods ~ Trader Joe's ~ Star Market ~ Stop & Shop**

Gift cards can be **mailed to Susan Rutkowski here at the Center, or dropped off**.

Thank you in advance as we continue to fight for human dignity during this challenging time in our nation.



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.



Use **Apple Pay** or **Google Pay** by visiting donorbox.org/paulistcenter, scanning the **QR code** on the red cards in the pews or 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 **Nov 15 and 16** we raise up the **Retired Religious Sisters**, in recognition of the ministry they have provided to us in the Archdiocese of Boston, and for us to help provide for their healthcare needs. Should you wish to make an additional donation, there will be envelopes in the pews. Make checks out to the "Paulist Center" and write "Retired Religious Sisters" in the check memo line.

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