



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.



MAY 23 - 24, 2026 - PENTECOST

MAY 30 - 31, 2026 - MOST HOLY TRINITY

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



THANK YOU!

Thank you to our Religious Education and sacramental preparation teachers and leaders! They showed up every Sunday and/or every other Sunday to share their faith, teach, guide, and lead the children and teens in our community and we are all eternally grateful!

Thank you to **Kathleen Kerr, Chloe Slocum, Meg Timperi, Brigid Rowlings, Joan Byrne, Gretchen Saunders, Grace Terry, and Rick Saunders** for being true teachers of the faith. **YOU ARE AMAZING!**
We are blessed to have you!



CONGRATULATIONS to our 13 First Communicants

Who celebrated the sacrament this past Sunday! We are so proud of you!
Remember, don't make your first communion your last communion! :) See you at Mass.



Anne Adams
Robert Bench
Owen Bhattacharyya
Mackenzie Corsi
Hailey Dalton
Reid Dalton
Frances Damian



Caroline Kingsley
Sabrina LeBlanc
Katherine Papalia
Elizabeth Papalia
Eleanor Spicer
Jeremiah Sullivan

SIGN UP TO HELP PLANT TREES AT OUR LAST FAMILY EVENT OF THE YEAR - MAY 30!

Sign up link: <https://forms.gle/25yieqRdjuxTtddb6>

If you are planning on attending our last FREP event with our Creation Care Ministry, please sign up at the link above. Children are encouraged and welcome! Our tree planting will take place at **Mount Calvary Cemetery, 366 Cummins Highway in Roslindale.**

Parking is available at the chapel inside the Cemetery.

We hope you'll join us by planting, preserving, and advocating for trees in under-canopied, underserved neighborhoods to combat climate change and address environmental justice.



**MEMORIAL DAY
REMEMBER & HONOR**

On this Memorial Day, as we pray for those who lost their lives in conflict throughout our history, we recognize the ongoing war and violence that continues to plague humanity in many places, many forms.

Today, we pray for peace, which those we honor today fought valiantly to achieve.

In Your name we pray. Amen.

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, May 24, 10am

Pentecost

YouTube [Link](#)



Sunday, May 31, 10am

Most Holy Trinity

YouTube [Link](#)

At the time of each livestream,
the appropriate **Order of Worship** will be available at paulistcenter.org/order-of-worship.

WORSHIP MATTERS

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SEQUENCE FOR PENTECOST: Ancient Hymn to the Holy Spirit



Throughout the Church year, our great liturgical feasts are filled with a rich treasury of music. We all know and cherish the many beloved Christmas carols. At Easter, without the majesty of the great songs proclaiming the resurrection and the joyful strains of our alleluias, it would simply not feel the same. In fact, if we were to close our eyes and hear the hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* or *Ubi Caritas* sung, we would no doubt be transported to a specific liturgical season, feast day, or ritual action within the Church year. Music wedded to biblical and inspired poetic texts has always had the power to draw us ever deeper into the mystery of God.

The great solemnity of Pentecost, which commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other disciples following the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ (*Acts of the Apostles*, chapter 2), also has its own distinctive music. This weekend we will sing a setting of the ancient sequence *Veni Sancte Spiritus* (*Come, Holy Spirit*) immediately before the Gospel. This chant is traditionally sung at solemn liturgical and sacramental moments in the life of the Church, including ordinations, the sacrament of Confirmation, the election of a pope, the Easter Vigil, and, of course, Pentecost.

The sequence is generally thought to have emerged around the ninth century, when Gregorian chant was flourishing throughout Europe. Because these lengthy chants were often difficult to learn, poets and musicians developed poetic texts to help singers memorize complex melodies. Many early sequences drew from the final “A” of the Alleluia, a melodic extension known as a *melisma* or *jubilus*. While the Church included many sequences during the medieval period, the current Roman Missal retains four: *Victimae Paschali Laudes* (Easter Sunday), *Veni Sancte Spiritus* (Pentecost), *Lauda Sion* (Corpus Christi), and *Stabat Mater* (Our Lady of Sorrows).

Because chant originally served as a meditation on Scripture, the Pentecost Sequence developed as a musical reflection on the Alleluia verse: “Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.” Literary scholars, musicians, and liturgists have sometimes referred to the Pentecost Sequence as the Church’s “Golden Sequence.”

As we sing these words this weekend, may we *pay attention* to the implications of this plea to the Holy Spirit. May we experience and know the enormous and unfathomable power of this force of Love that opened the eyes and hearts of the Apostles to recognize that the Advocate, which Jesus had promised, has truly come to unite and not divide, to heal and to restore, to disturb the status quo and free us from our complacency, to dispel all fear and wipe out all despair.

Come, Holy Spirit!

To hear a version of the Pentecost Sequence go to the link below:

Link to Come, Holy Spirit – Collegeville, MN

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oe8pnl4mDlo>

SUMMER YOUNG ADULT FAITH-SHARING GROUP SCHEDULE

This summer all young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to join **Young Adult Ministry's weekly faith-sharing group**, (almost) every Sunday immediately **following the 6:00pm Mass**.

Gatherings will always include an invitation to check-in with the group, and a reflection on a brief text to be provided. These gatherings are a great way to get to know other Paulist Center young adults, and 'center' yourself as the week begins. **We hope to see you there!**



Faith sharing group sessions will occur:

- May: 5/24, 5/31
- June: 6/14, 6/28
- July: 7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26
- August: 8/2, 8/9, 8/16, and 8/23

RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW

If our faith has you concerned about Creation Care and environmental justice in Massachusetts, **this month is a great time to send a few emails / make a few calls.**

The Paulist Center's Creation Care ministry is sharing an easy to use template to follow, in the next two weeks when the Senate and House are deliberating environmental legislation.

If you would like to receive tips on 'who and what' for brief emails, contact us at: [**paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com**](mailto:paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com)



PAULIST CENTER'S IMMIGRATION ADVOCACY GROUP (IAG) EVENTS

Seasons of Faithful Witness - Boston

A meeting was held on May 12 and welcomed people to join the following workstreams:

- **Responding to direct needs in our communities:**
This group will support the direct needs of heavily migrant Catholic parishes whose members have been detained or risk detention by ICE by coalescing the anonymized stories to call for solidarity and explore direct support including financial and legal resources.
- **Public Witness on Corpus Christi:**
Corpus Christi, the feast celebrating the body of Christ and that we are the body of Christ, takes place on **Sunday, June 7**. This group will coordinate a Catholic coalition at Bearing Witness for Corpus Christi.

IAG Thursday Monthly Gathering rescheduled to June 4

Join the Immigration Advocacy Group by **Zoom** on **Thursday, June 4, 7:00pm - 8:00pm**.

Theme: partnering with Seasons of Faithful Witness - Boston

We will start with a prayer, review the May 12th meeting of Seasons of Faithful Witness - Boston, and, as a group consider our partnership with this effort.

Zoom link:

[**https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83054229759?pwd=NjBToCyu4ULpR8phxN9284Q9B6z8bP.1**](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83054229759?pwd=NjBToCyu4ULpR8phxN9284Q9B6z8bP.1)

Meeting ID: 830 5422 9759

Passcode: 245183



THE GREATER BOSTON LGBTQIA CATHOLIC COLLECTIVE*

The Paulist Center is a member of the Greater Boston LGBTQIA Catholic Collective and is working with other local churches to sponsor two events in June.



**The Greater Boston
LGBTQIA
Catholic Collective**

Composed of: The Paulist Center, St. Anthony's Shrine,
St. Cecilia Parish (Boston), Blessed Trinity Parish (Littleton/Westford),
St. Susanna Parish (Dedham), St. Ignatius (Chestnut Hill),
Dignity Boston, and Mary Queen of Martyrs Parish (Plymouth)

Invites everyone to the annual
All Are Welcome Mass

Friday, June 5 at 6:30 pm
The Paulist Center
5 Park Street, Boston, MA 02108

Festive reception to follow

For more information please email:
greaterbostonlgbtqiatholics@gmail.com

Friday, June 5 - *All Are Welcome* Mass & Reception

The Paulist Center is excited to be hosting this year's annual *All Are Welcome* Mass on **Friday, June 5 at 6:30pm**. Everyone is welcome as we celebrate Pride Month and stand in solidarity with the LGBTQIA community and renew our commitment to creating a more inclusive and accepting world for all.

Festive reception - following Mass, we'll gather in the auditorium for refreshments and to continue the celebration with our friends and neighbors. Please join us!

Saturday, June 6 - Boston Pride for the People Festival

The Collective will be working together to staff a **booth at the Boston Pride Festival** happening on **Boston Common on Saturday, June 6**.

For more information email: greaterbostonlgbtqiatholics@gmail.com

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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 **May 23 and 24** we raise up **Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC)**; through solidarity and service with local communities, fosters the formation of young people dedicated to a faith that promotes justice.

The weekend of **May 30 and 31** we raise up **Ignatian Spirituality Project** which offers homeless men and women in recovery from addiction the opportunity to change their lives.

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