



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 15 - 16, 2026 - 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 22 - 23, 2026 - 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

SEEKING A DYNAMIC LEADER FOR OUR JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP (GRADES 7 & 8)

Do you love God, youth ministry, and the distinct daily thrill of communicating with beings whose primary emotional vocabulary is a heavy sigh?



Faith...

**We need a brave soul to guide our
Jr. High Youth Group (comprised of 7th and 8th graders)
through bi-monthly Sunday morning meetings
(11:15 am-12:15 pm).**

... Pass it on!



Why You'll Love It

- **The Challenge:** Translate ancient scripture to humans who treat a two-minute car ride as a human rights violation.
- **The Energy:** Channel the intense, caffeinated mood swings of middle school into actual community.
- **The Vibe:** An open, progressive faith community that values questions over quietness.

What You Will Do

- Lead Sunday sessions for our Jr. High Youth Group during the FREP* year.
- Decode awkward silences and sudden outbursts of extreme laughter.
- Share snacks and snacks-based bribery.
- Help kids explore a loving, inclusive God.

For more information, please contact our Pastoral Minister of FREP and Social Justice **Susan Rutkowski**, Susan@Paulistcenter.org or 617-948-2426.

* Family Religious Education Program

MEET COLLEEN! - EAT ICE CREAM! - JOIN THE REALM TEAM!



We invite you to **meet our new Executive Director Colleen Burns** after each of the Masses the weekend of **August 15 & 16**.

At each of these meet-and-greets, we will serve **ice cream** while you get to know Colleen and learn **Realm**.



There will be in-person guidance and laptops available to help you get up and running on Realm Connect.



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 16, 10am
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
YouTube [Link](#)



Sunday, August 23, 10am
21st 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.

CONFIRMING MASS INTENTIONS

We recently transitioned to a new recording system for Mass intentions and would like to verify that all upcoming intentions are correctly scheduled and that no recent intentions were inadvertently missed.

If you previously requested a Mass intention that you were not present in June, July, August - or in the coming weeks/month, please send an email to norm@paulistcenter.org with the date, time and requested intention (name - living or memorial).

And for any new intentions, please stop by the reception area during the week, email **Sal Whooley** at sal@paulistcenter.org, or call **617-742-4460**, to arrange for a Mass and/or if you wish to make a \$10 donation for a Mass card.

Thank you for entrusting these intentions to the Paulist Center Community and for helping us to ensure that all requests are honored as intended.



CREATION CARE MINISTRY: SAVE THE DATE - OCTOBER 4

On Sunday, October 4, after the 10am Mass, we will honor the close of the Season of Creation with “The Crisis in Plastic” presented by **Phil Landrigan, M.D.**, of Boston College, a renowned pediatrician and public health expert.

Phil’s lifelong work has focused on protecting children and communities from toxic environmental exposures and advancing healthier public policy.

Save the date!



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION

Once again this year the **Creation Care ministry** offers daily reflections from **Sept 1 to Oct 4**. Each provides a 2-minute “pause–reflect–act” opportunity.

These are the same reflections as last year; if you received them before, you’ll receive them again (unsubscribing is easy).

To subscribe (free), email: seasonofcreationdaily@gmail.com.

WELCOME TO A NEW FREP YEAR

Continuing the work of re-imagining our Family Religious Education Program (FREP)!

Building on Last Year's Foundation

Re-imagining FREP has been at the top of the pastoral plan for the past year. Last year, we began Phase 1 by streamlining the curriculum and placing special emphasis on the social justice theme of the dignity of all human beings. We met with teachers to streamline the curriculum and with parents to better understand what families need to raise children who love God and know that God loves them. Our goal was to keep what works and re-imagine how our program can continue to grow.



What's New This Year

After considering your feedback and the input from our community meetings this past year, we are now rolling out Phase 2 of re-imagining FREP. This next phase will include more intentional ways to form the children of our community while strengthening the role of parents and families in that formation.

New offerings such as Family Pods and Parent Faith Formation, will complement our traditional religious education classes and create opportunities for parents and children to learn together, deepen relationships, and become more involved in the life of the Center.

The Details

Traditional Religious Education Classes - Grade-based classes, as have existed in the past, will meet approximately twice per month.

Family Pods – Families will be assigned to a group (pod) before the start of the FREP year. This group will include children, parents and grandparents and will meet five times over the course of the year. The intention is to offer an opportunity to get to know one another better and create community learning in a smaller intergenerational group rather than a large gathering. Families in each pod will share family traditions, holiday ideas, best practices on how to raise children in the Catholic faith, etc.

Parent Faith Formation – Four times a year, parents will get together during their child's class time to drink coffee, eat food, and discuss faith formation topics that interest them.

Inclusive Confirmation Program – In our attempt to be a radically welcoming faith community, this year we will intentionally offer an inclusive confirmation program. This program considers that our community includes many neurodiverse children and teens and that we all learn differently. We are shifting to a supportive environment built on inclusive language, flexible learning spaces, and multimodal options for exploring faith. Your teens can engage through art, discussion, or movement, and we will collaborate directly with you to meet their unique sensory and processing needs. The Body of Christ is glorious, beautiful, and neurodiverse! All are welcome!

Looking Ahead

We are grateful for your continued partnership as we begin this new FREP year. Together, we hope to create a program that forms children in faith, strengthens families, and builds deeper community at the Paulist Center. The finalized calendar will be available next week, but please mark **Sun, Sept 20 as our FREP Kick-off celebration and social!**

Please Register!



Please take a moment to fill out your FREP registration at <https://www.paulistcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/FREP-Registration-Form-2026-2027.pdf>

You can pay the registration fee online [HERE](#) or send a check to Paulist Center, 5 Park Street, Boston, MA 02108.

If you have any questions or concerns about any part of our programming, please contact **Susan Rutkowski** at susan@paulistcenter.org or 617-948-2426.

Thank you for your continued support of our Family Religious Education Program!

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 **August 15 - 16** we raise up **Casserly House** - a place of welcome and connection for immigrants and a collaborative partner on neighborhood issues in Roslindale.



Rooted in Boston
Open to the World



The weekend of **August 22 - 23** we raise up **Catholic Charities USA** in their efforts to provide disaster relief to those suffering and displaced by fast-moving wildfires in and around Spokane.

Around the Community

UPCOMING RETREAT FOR LGBTQ+ CATHOLICS, FAMILIES, AND ALLIES

September 11 - 13

Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center (West Hartford, CT)

New Ways Ministry is hosting a weekend retreat titled "**Unfolding the Moral Life**," led by **Fr. James Keenan, SJ**. This retreat offers a restorative space of reflection, presentation, shared meals, and prayer for LGBTQ+ individuals, family members, and allies navigating faith and identity.

Registration is \$435 (includes overnight accommodations and all meals). Partial scholarships are available prior to August 31.

To register or view the full schedule, visit NewWaysMinistry.org/unfolding or email info@NewWaysMinistry.org for more details.

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