



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 26 - 27, 2026
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

JOIN US THIS SATURDAY TO CELEBRATE COLLEEN SHARKA, RECIPIENT OF THE 2025 ISAAC HECKER AWARD FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE!



Colleen Sharka, LMHC, co-founder of “CAN WE TALK” (CWT),
a community sharing program on trauma and healing
based at the Social Impact Center of Roxbury Presbyterian Church,
will receive the Hecker Award in our Chapel
at the 5 PM Mass this Saturday, September 26.



A reception to follow.



In 2014, Colleen partnered with Rev. Liz Walker to co-found CAN WE TALK, a spiritually grounded, peer-led program for trauma survivors. Colleen developed the program's curriculum and built its network of sites nationwide; as of May 2025, CWT operates in 20 locations across six states and Washington, D.C. Since 2014, CWT has offered urban neighborhoods a peer-centered path through trauma, helping individuals move from surviving to actively helping others heal.

At a moment of deep polarization and daily violence in our communities, Colleen's work offers a model for healing that is spiritually rooted, clinically sound, and empowering. Isaac Hecker was committed to faith in action — Colleen Sharka lives that same commitment today.

Congratulations, Colleen!

Hecker Award for Social Justice Mass and Presentation will be livestreamed - [Link](#)

A.I. ETHICS THROUGH A CATHOLIC LENS: CAN A.I. BE ETHICAL? this Sunday, September 27, 7pm, Chapel

In a world increasingly driven by algorithms, what does it truly mean to love our neighbor? As artificial intelligence (A.I.) reshapes our society, how do we ensure it serves the common good rather than leaving the most vulnerable behind? Join us for an intriguing discussion at this first in a series of seminars on Catholicism and the ethics of A.I. We will look at tech through the framework of Catholic Social Teaching—exploring how ancient wisdom can help us guide tomorrow's tools.

Dr. Raúl Zegarra will introduce the historic new papal encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*, which directly addresses the protection of human dignity and labor in the age of automation.

Richard Geruson, author and lecturer at Harvard Divinity School, will dive deeper into our moral obligations to harness technology for human liberation and systemic fairness.

Discussion and Q&A to follow the presentations. Refreshments will be served before the event.

To register, please click [here](#). The event will also be livestreamed: [Link](#)



Welcome! If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form that can be found on our [website](#). 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

YouTube [Link](#)

Sunday, September 27, 10:00 am
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Order of Worship [Link](#)

LITURGY AND MUSIC

Called to Proclaim the Word?



Have you ever considered serving as a lector at the Paulist Center? Proclaiming Scripture at Mass is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your relationship with God's Word, share your gifts in service to the community, and grow in faith alongside other ministers.

Join us for a **Lector Ministry Information Session on Tues, Sept 29 at 7:30 PM on Zoom**. Come learn more about the ministry, formation, and what it means to serve as a proclaimer of the Word.

There is no commitment—just an invitation to listen, learn, and discern!



To sign up, please fill out this [Lector Information Form](#), or scan QR code.

Tues, Sept 29, 7:30pm

[Link](#) to Zoom session

QR Code



Youth Liturgical Ministry Program



We are excited to once again invite the young people of our community to share their gifts through the **Youth Liturgical Ministry (YLM) Program**! Young people are invited to serve as **lectors, liturgical dancers, musicians, and audio-visual ministers** at designated YLM Masses throughout the year.

Participating in YLM is a wonderful way for our young people to become more actively involved in the life and worship of our community, deepen their faith, develop their gifts, and experience the joy of serving alongside others.

Interested? Please complete the [YLM Interest Form](#) using the link or QR code provided. New and returning participants are warmly welcome!



Festival of Readings and Carols — Call for Musicians

Come, share your voice and make music with us! Preparations are beginning for the Paulist Center's annual **Festival of Readings and Carols**, and we invite singers from throughout our community to join the Festival Choir.

Rehearsals are **Thursdays from 7:00–9:00 PM in the Chapel**, with performances on **Saturday, December 12 at 8:00 PM** and **Sunday, December 13 at 2:00 PM**.

Whether you are a longtime member of our Music Ministry or have been thinking about joining for the first time, we would love to have you! Come experience the joy of making music together and helping create this beautiful celebration of Scripture, prayer, and song.

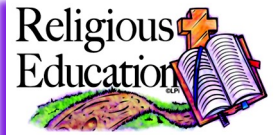


Interested in participating? Please fill out the [Musician Information Form](#) using the link or QR code provided.

For more information please contact Norm Gouin at norm@paulistcenter.org.



LAST CALL TO SIGN UP FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREP PROGRAMS!



Families, if you have not yet signed up for either formal religious education or sacramental preparation classes (1st Reconciliation, 1st Communion, and/or Teen Confirmation), **please do so asap!**

The first class for K-6 and our teen confirmation program is Sunday, 9/27!

***Parents, please bring your kiddos to class (locations posted), fill out some forms, meet your child's teacher, and then join other parents down in the auditorium for coffee and snacks.**



FREP calendar: <https://www.paulistcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2026-2027-FREP-Calendar.pdf>

Register: <https://www.paulistcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/FREP-Registration-Form-2026-2027.pdf>

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

****The parent's meeting for 1st Confession/1st Reconciliation happens on Sunday, October 18 at 11:30am with Fr. Rick. Please mark your calendars!**

Questions or concerns, contact Susan Rutkowski at susan@paulistcenter.org or 617-948-2426.



SEASON OF CREATION 2026 - SEPTEMBER 1 - OCTOBER 4

St. Francis Day at Agape Community – Saturday, October 3, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Every year the **Agape Community** <https://agapecommunity.org>, a non-violent, sustainable faith community founded in 1982, celebrates St. Francis Day with a gathering for individuals and communities committed to Peace and Justice. This year, on Saturday, October 3 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, long-time non-violence activist Shane Claiborne will lead the morning session. Marysol Castro, an immigrant attorney and Maritza Cruz, an anti-racism activist, will lead the afternoon session. (Click on the above link to learn more about AGAPE and the event.) Agape Community, founded by Hecker Award winners Suzanne and Brayton Shanley, has carried the faith torch of love and justice for many years. Consider traveling with others from the Paulist Center and come celebrate, connect and learn! Questions, email paulistcentercreationcare@gmail.com

The Crisis in Plastic – Sunday, Oct 4 11:30am, Auditorium



Plastics are a grave and growing threat to human health. The harms from plastics fall most heavily upon the most vulnerable. These harms can be prevented through the same types of intelligent, evidence-based interventions that we have used to control air pollution, reduce lead poisoning, and protect ourselves and our children against other environmental dangers. - actions that place protection of the vulnerable and advancement of the common good above short-term gain.” Session led by **Philip J. Landrigan, MD, MSc, FAAP**, a pediatrician, epidemiologist and Professor at Boston College where he directs the Global

Observatory on Planetary Health. Dr. Landrigan's research examines the impacts on human health, especially children's health, of hazardous exposures in the global environment. He co-chaired the *Lancet* Commission on Pollution and Health, which found that pollution causes 9 million deaths per year. He led the Minderoo-Monaco Commission on Plastics and Human Health, which found that plastics cause disease, disability and premature death at every stage of their life cycle. He is now co-leading The *Lancet* Countdown on Health and Plastics. He serves as Editor of *Annals of Global Health* and is a member of the National Academy of Medicine.

"THE CHRISTMAS STORY" CASTING CALL

Rehearsals for "The Christmas Story" for this year will soon be underway!

This reverent interpretation of the birth of Jesus will take place as a **prelude to the Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 13 at 2:00pm.**



This is a casting call for angels! shepherds! barnyard animals! wise people!
All Paulist Center children and teens are invited to participate in this very special performance.

Please let **Christine Tardiff** know of your child or teen's interest in participating by emailing her at cetardiff@gmail.com.

JIMMY TINGLE FUNDRAISER – HOPE IN HUMANITY, SUN, NOV 8 @ 3 PM

Jimmy Tingle uses comedy as a force for good and a catalyst for social change, proving that personal resilience can inspire collective hope. Tingle exercises the fundamental right to free speech and artistic expression to critique society and address systemic issues. In addition, he demonstrates that privilege and talent come with a responsibility to give back. Through his organization Humor for Humanity, he uses his platform to fulfill a civic duty—raising funds and awareness for non-profits and mobilizing audiences to "turn toward" social causes and work for a better world.

November 8 - Save The Date!



THE PAULIST FATHERS COME & SEE DISCERNMENT RETREAT

November 6 - 8, Hecker House, Washington, DC

Joyful, Hopeful. Spirit-Driven ~ *Could God be calling you?*

For more information and to register, contact **Vocation Director Fr. Ed Nowak, CSP** at

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PAULIST FATHERS VOCATIONS

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: tinyurl.com/DonatePaulistCenter, or scan the **QR code** in **blue**. This method can also be used for donations for specific programs, and, if you are a registered member, 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**: donorbox.org/paulistcenter, scan the **QR code** on the **red** cards in the pews. Please note that **these donations will NOT be included** in any year-end giving tax records.

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.

Sept 26 - 27 we honor the ministry of the 2025 Hecker Award for Social Justice recipient, Colleen Sharka. Envelopes will be in the pews if you wish to make an additional donation. Please make checks payable to "**Roxbury Presbyterian Church Social Impact Center**" (and notate "Hecker Award" in the check memo.)

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