



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.

AUGUST 24-25 AND AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

5:00 PM

Sunday

10:00 AM

12:00 PM

6:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday

7:55 AM

12:05 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation on

First Fridays from 11-11:45 AM

and by appointment

YOUNG ADULTS DINNER AND DISCUSSION

Join us on **Sunday, August 25th after the 6pm Mass**, as we gather on the **Common** for a picnic! We will **meet outside the Chapel** to carry over a portable meal.



If you have a picnic blanket, please bring it. Please bring \$5 to help cover the cost of the meal or side/dessert to share.

All young adults (18-39yrs) are welcome!

EUCCHARISTIC BREAD BAKERS NEEDED!

Over the past year, we've lost 3 bread bakers due to attrition, and we'd like to replenish our ranks. So, this might be a great opportunity for you to get (more) involved in a small way at Paulist Center. **It would only involve making about a dozen loaves every 4 months.**

We have molds to score the bread and **easy-to-follow instructions** how to prepare the dough and package the final product. All you need is to dedicate about an hour each time you're scheduled to make it. You can also use it as a meditative opportunity.

If you're interested in at least giving it a try, please see **Peter Ghiloni** or email **Jay Sampson** at jsamphome@aol.com.



You won't be without help getting up to speed.

PAULIST FATHERS COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN

The Paulist Fathers have embarked on a transformational fundraising campaign that will build our future seminary, repair presently owned Paulist properties, care for our senior Paulist Fathers, and enhance programs that support our fundamental mission of evangelization, reconciliation, and ecumenical and interfaith dialogue.

All members of the Paulist Center will be invited to participate in a campaign planning study which will help us determine support for a major fundraising effort and will provide us with information to prioritize our plans, identify prospective campaign leaders, and establish a realistic campaign goal.

This campaign preparation process is extremely important, and every member will be invited to participate.



Please look in our next bulletin for additional information.

ADVENT-CHRISTMAS CONCERT REHEARSALS

Rehearsals begin **Tuesday, September 17th, 7 - 9pm**, in the Chapel.

All voices welcome!



Welcome! If you are considering becoming a member, please fill out a membership inquiry form, found in the welcome brochure at the entranceway to the Chapel or 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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SAFETY OF CHILDREN:

The Paulist Fathers are committed to protecting children and aiding in the healing process for the victims and survivors of sexual abuse. To that end, the Paulist Fathers announced recently that **Antonia R. Nedder** will serve as their **Victim Assistance Coordinator**. She can be reached at **212-757-8072, ext. 211**, or anedder@paulist.org. Ms. Nedder has been a member of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM) Region II Review Board since 2009. Her relevant experience includes work as an Assistant District Attorney, where she prosecuted cases in both the District Courts and Superior Courts of Massachusetts. As an Assistant DA, she worked extensively with crime victims, especially victims of sexual assault.

In our local Paulist Center's continuing effort to assure the safety of all who worship at the Paulist Center Community, should you have any information about a Paulist center employee who has harmed a minor (including the priests), please contact the appropriate civil authorities.

Further, if that person is a **Paulist Father here at Park Street**, also please contact **Fr. John Behnke, C.S.P.**, Vice President and Safety Officer for the Paulist Fathers, at **212-757-8072** or JohnBehnke@paulist.org and our Victim Assistance Coordinator, **Ms. Antonia Nedder**, as noted above.

If you have any information about sexual abuse with a minor **by anyone employed by the Paulist Center, including the priests**, also contact Boston Archdiocesan Director of the Office of Victims Assistance, **Ms. Vivian Soper**, at **617-746-5995**.

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

	Last Week	Fiscal YTD (after 5% gift)
Weekend Collection	\$9,074	\$470,055
Budget Amount	\$8,676	\$517,894
Difference	\$398	(\$47,839)

We remind you that it is only through the generosity of your resources that makes the activities of the Paulist Center possible. Weekend collections are the "bread and butter" of our operating budget. If you wish to make an offering, please make checks payable to the "**Paulist Center**" and mail to 5 Park Street, Boston, MA 02108. Even better, sign up to give electronically through our website. We thank you for your generosity.



5% COMMUNITY GIFT

We give 5% of our total fiscal-year weekend collections to various organizations.

The weekend of August 25th we designate our gift to **SHARE**. SHARE strengthens solidarity with and among the Salvadoran people in El Salvador and in the United States in the struggle for economic sustainability, justice, and human and civil rights.

The weekend of September 1st we designate our gift to **Voice of the Faithful**, a lay organization of faithful Catholics, who provide a prayerful voice, attentive to the Spirit, through which the faithful can actively participate in the governance and guidance of the Catholic Church.

Thank You!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun	8/25	Young Adults Dinner - Common	7:00pm
Wed	8/28	Supper Club - Auditorium	6:00pm
Mon	9/2	Labor Day - Center Closed	
Wed	9/4	Supper Club - Auditorium	6:00pm
Fri	9/6	Dan Schutte Concert - Chapel	7:00pm
Sat	9/7	Dan Schutte Workshop - Auditorium	10:00am

PARKING AT THE PAULIST CENTER

One Beacon Street Garage \$12.00

Turn left at the bottom of the ramp. All weekend and after 4pm on weekdays. Validate your own ticket with the stamp on the shelf in the Chapel vestibule during Masses or in reception weekday evenings.

Boston Common Garage \$10.00

Purchase single tickets in the reception office weekday evenings or purchase a 20 ticket booklet at the garage office. Valid after 4pm weekdays and all weekend, as long as you exit before 8am the next day.

DIRECTOR'S REFLECTION

Dear Companions on the Journey,

Two parts to my reflection with you about **the Death Penalty**: this week, content; next week, form:

At least three times, the Paulist Center Community has conferred its Hecker Award for Social Justice to persons who have fought against the death penalty: Sara Ehrmann (1981), Helen Prejean (1994), and Charlie and Pauline Sullivan (1990, for wider prison reform). Although hardly in their category, during my first TDY as Director (1978-86), I/we worked with the *Massachusetts Campaign Against Restoration of the Death Penalty*. So the Paulist Center community has had a long track record working on this singular prolife issue.

Ca. 1979, I vividly remember being interviewed on radio about religion and the death penalty. I fielded many listener telephone calls asking me questions and voicing their opinion (then usually much more polite than on today's call-in shows!). What struck me about that experience was the listeners' almost unanimous preoccupation with crimes that were not liable for the death penalty. The tone and the substance usually went something like, "Have you ever been robbed, Father?" or "It's easy for you to pontificate, Father; I'll bet you have never had your life savings taken from you!" And so on.

Reflecting on that admittedly limited experience, I concluded that, for many, the death penalty was a way of expressing outrage and revenge against horrific crimes. (Indeed, in a similar vein, one recent commentator suggested the reinstatement of the death penalty for those priests exposed in the Pennsylvania Attorney General's report for sexually abusing children. I have to confess I felt some of the same outrage and desire for revenge.)

But now working for a number of years with **Catholic Mobilizing Network**, who have condemned the proposed resumption of the federal executions, I signed their *National Catholic Pledge to End the Death Penalty*. This included the following:

- "I will educate myself and my community about the injustices of the death penalty, including the ways it risks innocent life, fails victims' families, and contradicts the Catholic Church's pro-life teaching.

- "I will advocate for the dignity of all life, including those who are on death row and awaiting execution, and actively work to end the death penalty in my state and my country.
- "I will pray for mercy and healing for all who are involved in the criminal justice system: victims of crimes and their families, those in prison and on death row, communities where crimes are committed, and all who work in the legislative system."

It concludes with the prayer, "*God of mercy, help me to remember your loving compassion as I go forward to work for an end to the death penalty. Allow me to be a vessel for your mercy, so as to heal the broken and welcome the outcast. Amen.*"

Next week: the process.

What do you think?

And let us pray for/with one another.

Michael

The Paulist Center

PRAYER REQUESTS ...

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ms. Jeanne Shea**, mother of longtime Paulist Center member Sr. Patricia Shea; and



Ms. Martha Frances Barbas, sister of longtime community member Mary Hughes.

May they rest in peace.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS NEEDED

As we move toward September and the beginning of the new school year, we would like to ask you to consider sharing your faith with the children or teens of this community as part of our religious education program. **We need two teachers in grades 1-6 and we are also in search of a youth group leader.**

If you feel this would be of interest to you and you'd like to explore the opportunity further, please contact **Susan Rutkowski**, susan@paulistcenter.org, or 617-948-2426.



LOOKING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION?

This is for Catholics who received First Communion, but not Confirmation. The class will be held from 7-9pm on **Mondays: September 23rd and 30th, October 7th and 21st.**



The sacrament will be celebrated in November at St. Catherine of Genoa, Somerville.

Contact **Fr. Chuck**, chuck@paulistcenter.org, for more information and to register.

SAVE THE DATES

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH AND
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH**

Round Table Discussions after every Mass to get the community's input on a variety of topics related to the Paulist Center.



More information to follow.



Season of Creation

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Since the 1990s, Christians have celebrated **September 1st through October 4th** (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) as the **Season of Creation**, inviting people to pray and care for God's creation. Pope Francis' 2015 Letter *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home* invites us "to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor." **During the month of September, the Paulist Center will focus attention on Creation, inviting us to pray, act and advocate for God's creation.** Watch for themes, photos, and activities, and share what you are doing to care for our common home (email: careofourcommonhome@gmail.com)

SEASON OF CREATION DAILY

The *Common Home* ministry invites you to **receive an email, free of charge, each morning from September 1st through October 4th.** 3-minutes a day to reflect on images and quotes, and to act with care for our common home. Subscribe at:

www.seasonofcreationdaily.org or
email seasonofcreationdaily@gmail.com
-a daily reflection delivered by
National Catholic Reporter.

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