



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.

2019-2020 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The 2019-2020 Family Ministry Brochure is out in the racks in the back of the Chapel and on our website. Here, you will find all pertinent information for formal catechesis for your child and our sacramental preparation programs. If you would like to register your child for **Little People's Program (ages 3-5)**, **formal religious education (grades 1-6)**, **Jr. High Youth Group (grades 7 & 8)**, **Sr. High Youth Group (grades 9-12)** and/or register for the **sacraments of First Reconciliation and/or First Communion**, please fill out the registration form included with the brochure and send it in to the Center with the registration fee. **Deadline is Monday, September 16th!**

SEEKING TEACHERS!

We are actively **searching for a co-teacher for our 3rd grade religious education class and a teacher for our 4th grade class.**



Please contact **Susan Rutkowski**, susan@paulistcenter.org, with any questions or interest.

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.

SEPTEMBER 7 - 8, 2019

23RD 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

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 inter-faith dialogue.

All members of the Paulist Center are invited to participate in our campaign planning study. Your feedback will help the Paulists prioritize the plans, identify campaign leaders and donors, and establish a realistic campaign goal.

If you received a survey via mail, please complete it and **return it in the next week to the Steier Group**, our Catholic development firm, in the envelope provided. Everyone is welcome to learn more about the projects and complete an **online survey by going to steiergroup.com/survey, clicking on the Paulist Fathers, and entering the password: Paulist.**

We will also provide a few moments during next week's Masses to complete an in-pew survey. More information about the campaign is also included in today's bulletin insert.

Please know your thoughts are valued and appreciated.



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ADULT SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Looking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? This course is *for Catholics who received First Communion, but not Confirmation*. The class will be held on Mondays, 7-9pm in the 3rd Floor Library:

- September 23rd and 30th
- October 7th and 21st



The sacrament will be celebrated on in the late Fall at St. Catherine's in Somerville. Contact Fr. Chuck, chuck@paulistcenter.org, for more information.

Inquiry Class will be starting on **Thursday, September 12th, 7-8:30pm on the 6th Floor**. An

information-based time, based on participants questions. This course is for those who may be thinking about becoming Catholic through the Sacrament of Baptism or Profession of Faith. Should you know someone, have them contact Fr. Chuck, chuck@paulistcenter.org, for more information.

Parent preparation for infant/child baptism –

The Paulist Center offers a preparation session on the 3rd Saturday of odd months.

Our next session will be on **Saturday, September 21st from 10am-12pm in the 3rd Floor Library**. Expecting parents

are invited to attend before their child is born/adopted. We do not have childcare.

Contact Fr. Chuck, chuck@paulistcenter.org, to register for the session.

SHOE UPDATE

Because of your generosity, we sent **over 600 pairs** of new and gently used shoes to the Humanitarian Respite Center in McAllen, Texas! This was their number-one requested item for those whose long and difficult journey is not yet over. As usual, Paulist Center community members stepped up and heeded the call to help. **Thank you!**



STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

	Last Week	Fiscal YTD (after 5% gift)
Weekend Collection	\$1,659	\$1,576
Budget Amount	\$1,174	\$10,606
Difference	(\$9,515)	(\$9,030)

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. This weekend we designate our gift to our Sister Community in El Salvador, *Hacienda Vieja*. We have journeyed with them for decades in their advocacy, fundraising, and overall support for their community. Thank you for your continued support!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wed 9/11	Charismatic Prayer Group - Chapel	6:00pm
	Supper Club - Auditorium	6:00pm
Thur 9/12	Inquiry Class - 6 th Fl, Room 22	7:00pm

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.

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,

Last week, I wrote about the **Church's teaching** – which has grown only stricter during the last twenty years – **against the use of the death penalty.**

In 2015, Pope Francis called for “the global abolition of the death penalty...[A] just and necessary punishment must never exclude the dimension of hope and the goal of rehabilitation.” More recently Pope Francis asserted that the death penalty was inconsistent with Catholic teaching, calling it “inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and the dignity of the person.” (*The Catechism of the Catholic Church* now includes this prescription.) As a result of these clear statements, it was no surprise that some Catholics were quite critical when the Attorney General, who is a Catholic, advocated for resuming federal executions. As Krisanne Murphy, Executive Director of the Catholic Mobilizing Network, said, “Resuming federal executions – especially by an administration that identifies itself as ‘pro-life’ – is wrong-headed and unconscionable.”

Is it? Indeed, as of at least a year ago, fifty-three percent of American Catholics support the death penalty.

My *thought-question* with you this week is not so much about the death penalty itself (that was *last week*), but about the *relationship between Church teaching, the individual Catholic Christian conscience, and American public policy* (illustrated by, but not confined to, the death penalty).

Have you ever found yourself saying something like, “I wish the Church would speak out about ‘fill-in-the-blank’”? Or, “I wish the Catholic Church was as strong in condemning X as it is talking about Y”?

Why doesn't the Church speak more about racism? Sexism? the plight of the Palestinians? Miscarriages? Opioid addiction? Mental illness? Addiction to alcohol? Video games? Pornography? Gun control?

What would you wish “the Church” (do you mean the bishops? your Catholic neighbor? Pope Francis? your pastor?) to say?

Would you like any of those mentioned to proclaim positions you disagree with? Positions you agree with and you would like to have some clout in your next argument? Often I hear Christians (not just Catholics) speak about “prophetic preaching,” but I have never heard anyone request sermons advocating positions they oppose...and that is what classically constitutes “prophetic preaching.”

What do we wish of our Church leaders? Do we wish them to be merely cheerleaders for our own political agenda? And, frankly, after the clergy sexual abuse scandal, who wishes to hear from priests at all, especially older white guys? “Church teaching is all well and fine, but it's not going to sway *my* opinion!” Well, what's it good for, then?

I am asking a lot of questions here, and you can bet I have some opinions (teachings?) about the answer. Or the directions of the answers.

But I would like to leave you with only one: given your strongly held opinions, what do *you* look for from official Church teachers?

What do you think?

And let us pray for/with one another.

Michael

The Paulist Center

PRAYER OF HEART AND BODY

Meditation and yoga in a Christian context. The practice includes: chanting; breathing exercises; prayerful postures; praying with your body; mind; heart; and spirit. Instructor: **Fr. Tom Ryan, CSP**, certified yoga instructor.

- **Two Tuesdays: September 17th and 24th**
- **Four Mondays: September 30th, October 7th, 21st, 28th, 5:45-7:25pm.**



\$12 per session (\$6 for students).

Registration forms available in rack in the back of Chapel or at reception office (617-742-4460).

Register by **Monday, September 16th.**

LGBTQ MINISTRY

The Paulist Center Community **welcomes LGBTQ individuals and allies**. Our LGBTQ Ministry hosts occasional events or social gatherings.

In addition to bulletin announcements, information is shared via a **confidential email listserv**. If you'd like to be added to this email list, contact **Deb Heibel** at dheibel@yahoo.com.

If you'd like to talk to a Center member for more information on the group, please contact either **Deb** or Center member **Christopher Brunner** at cpbrunner@gmail.com.



Fr. Mike, michael@paulistcenter.org, is also a resource.

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. 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.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Our Group meets on **Wednesday nights**, usually twice a month, in the **Holy Spirit Chapel**, from **6-8pm**. For the month of **September** we are meeting on the **11th** and the **25th**.



During our meetings, we share time in worship, song and praise, and discuss various Scripture passages and topics that have powerfully moved us. All are welcome to join us for a joyous time of worship. If you have any questions, please contact: **Nora Bolcon** at **617-573-1664**.



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; share what you are doing to care for our common home.

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.

THE LAUDATO SI' PLEDGE

September 14th, 15th, 21st, and 22nd, all Masses will be introduced with a **1-minute video message from the Cardinal of the Philippines** about Care for Our Common Home. He talks about "The St. Francis Pledge". Do you know what it is? Be sure to arrive here in time to see the video.

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