



Paulist Center Boston

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SEPTEMBER 28 - 29, 2019

26TH 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

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Next weekend, **October 5th and 6th**, after **each Mass**, all are invited to the Auditorium for a **roundtable discussion** about:

- **WHO** we are as the Paulist Center,
- **WHY** we are the Paulist Center, and
- **HOW** we might better serve the mission of the Paulist Center.

Everyone is invited to join us for one hour to give your input. Refreshments will be served.



FAIR TRADE COFFEE AND CRAFT SALE

The *Sister Community* group looks forward to seeing you **after the 10am and 12pm Masses** at

Community Coffee in the **Auditorium**.



We have your favorite Equal Exchange coffee, snacks and exceptional crafts from Thailand and fair trade artisans across the globe.

Your purchase will benefit our college scholarship fund for two students from *Hacienda Vieja*, our sister community in El Salvador. Purchasing of Fair Trade gifts benefits many.



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.

2019-2020 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Family Ministry brochures are located in the back of the Chapel and on our website. There 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 and send to the Center with the registration fee ASAP.**



SEEKING 4TH GRADE TEACHER!

Last call for a **4th grade teacher!** Please contact **Susan Rutkowski**, susan@paulistcenter.org, with any questions or interest.

LITTLE PEOPLES PROGRAM (AGES 3 TO 5)

Religious education for children ages 3 to 5 **begins next Sunday, October 6th**, during the **10am Mass**. Children will accompany leaders to the 3rd Floor Library for prayer, song, and activity that Breaks Open The Word in a child-friendly language. **Parents of three- and four-year-olds are expected to accompany their children.** The group rejoins Mass after the homily. Please register by using the form in the family ministry brochure. Contact **Susan Rutkowski**, susan@paulistcenter.org, for additional information.



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YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

PRAYER THROUGH STORY TELLING

Join us this **Wednesday, October 2nd**, at **6:45pm**, for a **creative prayer night!**



Participants will be encouraged to reflect on **their own stories** through a contemplative prayer exercise and then have the opportunity to discuss in small groups.

All sharing is optional and confidentiality is strongly encouraged. We will meet in the **2nd Floor Seminar Room**.

YOUNG ADULT FALL RETREAT

Join us for our annual **Fall Retreat, November 8th - 10th**, at **Glastonbury Abbey!**

This year, we will spend some time reflecting on our relationship with others; our relationship with God; and our call to service.

The retreat will begin on **Friday, November 8th at 6:30pm** and end on **Sunday, November 10th around 1pm**.

All young adults (18-39) are welcome to join us for a weekend to connect with God and one another!

Please register at:

<https://forms.gle/8pryiBgsTiVksP3P7>

to reserve your spot!

We have a limited number of spaces!



STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

	Last Week	Fiscal YTD (after 5% gift)
Weekend Collection	\$11,882	\$30,611
Budget Amount	\$11,164	\$42,423
Difference	\$718	(\$11,812)

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 **Catholic Relief Services**, specifically to help the Bahamas with the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian. If you would like to make an additional donation, please use the envelopes marked “Disaster Relief” in the pews. **Thank you!**

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sat	9/28	<i>Soufra</i> - 3 rd Fl, Library	6:30pm
Sun	9/29	FREP - Rms 2, 13, 16, 17, 22	11:15am
		Jr. High Group - 2 nd Fl, Seminar Rm	11:15am
		Sr. High Group - 3 rd Fl, Library	11:15am
		<i>A Plastic Ocean</i> documentary - Auditorium	11:15am
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	11:15am
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	1:15pm
Mon	9/30	Adult Confirmation Prep - 3 rd Fl, Library	7:00pm
Tues	10/1	Christmas Concert Rehearsal - Chapel	7:00pm
Wed	10/2	Supper Club - Auditorium	6:00pm
		Young Adults - 2 nd Fl, Seminar Rm	6:45pm
Thur	10/3	RCIA - Inquiry Class - 6 th Fl, Rm 22	7:00pm
Sat	10/5	Round Table - Auditorium	6:00pm
Sun	10/6	FREP - Rms 2, 13, 16, 17, 22	11:15am
		Round Table - Auditorium	11:15am
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	11:15am
		Round Table - Auditorium	1:15pm
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	1:15pm
		Immigration Advocacy-2 nd Fl, Seminar Rm	4:00pm
		Round Table - Auditorium	7:00pm

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,

From the Biblical Book of Proverbs, one sentence has always struck me: "Without a vision, the people perish."

Here at the Paulist Center, we have a *vision statement* which continues to resonate with me (it's on the front page of our bulletin): "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."

As a ministry served by the Paulist Fathers, the **Holy Spirit's** place right at the beginning and at the heart of our Paulist Center spirituality makes a lot of sense. We believe that God's Holy Spirit calls us, animates us, sustains us, and accompanies us in all our endeavors.

As followers of Jesus, the heart of our communal life is our weekly gathering at the Table of the Lord where both the Word of God and the Bread of Life give us direction and sustenance.

Our Mennonite Christian brothers and sisters have an interesting practice: at all their meetings, they designate one member to be the **vision-keeper**, one person to always remind the community of its vision. All communities have tendencies to division and to spinning out. I envision our Pastoral Council in this role of vision-keeper: they meet monthly, sometimes with very mundane agenda, but always with the overall task to see that we are staying true to our Mission. They help us to keep our vision.

Over the years, every now and again, the community has stepped back to review and recommit to just how we are living out our mission. A few times, a full-fledged strategic planning process has been the proper route to take. Other times, we have stepped back to assess how we are fulfilling our Mission Statements. Still others, we have asked

ourselves the fundamental questions of Christian community: **WHO** we are as the Paulist Center Community; **WHY** we are the Paulist Center; and **HOW** we might better serve the mission of the Paulist Center.

Please reserve the hour after the Mass you will attend on the **weekend of October 5th and 6th** to gather with other members of your community to ask ourselves these fundamental questions. This is not strategic planning, as such, but drawing energy and inspiration from the Dan Schutte concert and workshop, we recommit ourselves to being Catholic Jesus followers in downtown Boston. This is about our future, this is about our vision, this is about our faith. *And without a vision the people perish.*

What do you think?

And let us pray for/with one another.

Michael

The Paulist Center



PRAYER REQUESTS ...

Please remember in your prayers
Maureen Strafford, longtime member of the



Paulist Center Community who died two weeks ago, and

Paulist Father Wilfrid Dewan,



who died on September 22.

May they rest in peace.



NEW MASS CARDS

Please stop by the reception area during the week or call 617-742-4460, if you would like to arrange to purchase a Mass card in memory of someone who has died, in honor of a special occasion, or for the special intentions of yourself or a loved one.

We also now have Mass Cards for **Birthdays** and **Thanksgiving**.

Mass Intentions



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 dheimel@yahoo.com.

If you'd like to talk to a Center member for more information on the group, please contact:

- **Deb**, dheimel@yahoo.com, or
- **Christopher Brunner**, cpbrunner@gmail.com
- **Fr. Mike**, michael@paulistcenter.org, is also a resource.



Season of Creation

SEASON OF CREATION EVENTS

This Sunday, September 29th, at 11:15am, the *Care for Our Common Home* Ministry will be showing the award winning documentary, *A Plastic Ocean*.



Join us in the **Auditorium** for coffee and learn what's happening to our oceans and what **you** can do about it.

Celebrating the Agape Story: 30 Years of St. Francis Day - Saturday, October 5th, 10am - 4:30pm. Join with members of the Paulist Center's Care for Our Common Home ministry for a day of celebrating a community committed to nonviolence, contemplation, and sustainable living ... music, reflections, workshops, conversation, and more! The day will feature Agape Community co-founders Brayton & Suzanne Shanley and friends of Agape including Harry Duchesne, Matt Carriker and Frida Berrigan. **2062 Greenwich Rd., Hardwick, MA.** Please email careofourcommonhome@gmail.com, if you would like to carpool to the event from the Boston area.

MINISTERIAL STAFF



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Please see our website for direct contact information.