



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.

OCTOBER 5 - 6, 2019

27TH 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

LITTLE PEOPLE'S PROGRAM STARTS OCTOBER 6TH

On the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month - beginning this Sunday, October 6th - the Little People's Program will consist of a 30-minute program for children ages 3-5 that will take place **DURING** the **10am Mass**.

Participants will be formally dismissed during Mass and meet in the **3rd Floor Library** for prayer, song and an activity. **Parents must accompany children ages 3 and 4.**

Please use the **registration form** in the Family Ministry Brochure to register.



If you are interested in leading or co-leading this program, please contact **Susan Rutkowski** at **617-948-2426** or susan@paulistcenter.org.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

The first gathering with **Fr. Michael** will take place on **Sunday, October 20th at 11:15am**. This meeting is **for parents only**. If you would still like to register your child(ren) for this Sacrament, **please use the registration form** in the Family Ministry brochure found in the vestibule or on our website.



First Reconciliation

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.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

This 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.



COMMUNITY COFFEE

Please join us **this Sunday** for **Community Coffee** after the 10am and 12pm Masses in the **Auditorium**.



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YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

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!

DINNER AND DISCUSSION

Join us **after the 6pm Mass on Sunday, October 20th** as we gather to learn about some of the different ministries at the Paulist Center! Whether you're new to the Paulist Center or have been with us for years, there's always more to learn about the Paulist Center's thriving ministries!



Grab a plate of good food and explore some of the opportunities to be involved with at the Center!

Please bring \$5 to help cover the cost of the meal or a dessert to share!

All young adults (18-39) are welcome to attend!

STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

	Last Week	Fiscal YTD (after 5% gift)
Weekend Collection	\$7,375	\$37,618
Budget Amount	\$11,164	\$53,029
Difference	(\$3,789)	(\$15,411)

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 **Project Hope**, a multi-service agency at the forefront of efforts in Boston to move families up and out of poverty.

Thank you for your continued support!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sat	10/5	Round Table - Auditorium	6:00pm
Sun	10/6	Little People's Program - 3 rd Fl, Library	10:15am
		FREP - Rms 2, 13, 16, 17, 22	11:15am
		Round Table - Auditorium	11:15am
		Community Coffee - Auditorium	11:15am
		Round Table - Auditorium	1:15pm
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		Immigration Advocacy-2 nd Fl, Seminar Rm	4:00pm
		Round Table - Auditorium	7:00pm
Mon	10/7	Adult Confirmation Prep - 3 rd Fl, Library	7:00pm
Tues	10/8	Christmas Concert Rehearsal - Chapel	7:00pm
Wed	10/9	Charismatic Prayer - Chapel	6:00pm
		Supper Club - Auditorium	6:00pm
Thur	10/10	RCIA - Inquiry Class - 6 th Fl, Rm 22	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,

As many of you know, I lived for eleven years in Jerusalem. Now, with the benefit of Frequent Flier miles and a few days off, I have returned (where this is being written) to the *sacred* stones (shrines) and the *living* stones: the people. It has been a blessing to reconnect with many friends – Israeli, Palestinian, and “ex-pats.”

Early on in my visit, I went to one of my favorite places, the rock that tradition tells us is where Jesus was crucified. Since the city is overflowing with pilgrims, I was fortunate to find a seat towards the back of the chapel. I prayed and watched as hundreds lined up patiently for their twenty-seconds of kneeling down, putting their arm through the plexiglass hole, and touching the rock of crucifixion, almost saying by their awkward gesture: “If I touch the place where Jesus’ blood dripped and Jesus died, I can touch Jesus.”

But who really knows, exactly, *where* the crucifixion occurred?

Wanting to know where the crucifixion occurred is an important question, urged on to us by our Catholic urgency for “incarnation” (a big word for wanting our *body* to be involved in our faith – like genuflections, signs of the Cross, baptismal water poured over the forehead).

But another question also looms: since we believe that Jesus is alive today, *Where might he still be suffering?* And where might our faith move us to touch His wounded body, transferring, almost like electrical current, our healing touch?

In the last few months around the Paulist Center, I have been with people in their last few days. And, at each place (with permission, of course), I have joined with families in the sacred touch, the sacred bodies of those waiting, preparing to fall into the arms of our loving God.

Our Easter faith yearns to express itself, *requires* that we express it through our bodies. Is anyone you know in need of such a sacred touch, your holy presence, that flows from us out of our Easter faith? Such a healing touch does not travel well through a smart phone. Only a touch...

What do you think?

And let us pray for/with one another.

Michael

The Paulist Center

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 **October** we are meeting on the **9th** and the **23rd**.

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.



**Servant of God
Isaac Hecker
Founder of the Paulist Fathers**

200 Years
December 18, 1819 – December 18, 2019
Birthday Bicentennial

During this year we celebrate the 200th birthday of Servant of God, Isaac Hecker, founder of the Paulists.

Fr. Hecker, was born on **December 18th, 1819**, in lower Manhattan of German immigrant, Protestant parents. He grew up embracing American values, converted to Catholicism and became convinced that Catholicism was a natural fit for the American character and political system.

**QUOTE FROM SERVANT OF GOD
ISAAC T. HECKER**

If we wish to attract Americans we must present Catholicity to them as affirming in superabundance those qualities of character which are distinctively American – affirming them in an aspect which reveal their universality.

(From “The Things That Make for Unity,” in the April 1988 issue of The Catholic World.)

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

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual Direction is an opportunity for one to reflect and share one’s life and prayer experience and be guided in one’s search for God.

Spiritual Direction is available at the Center from **Sister Kathleen Hagerty, CSJ**, or **Christopher O’Rourke**.

Sister Kathleen can be reached at **617-755-9729**.

Christopher can be reached at **617-817-3977**.

MINISTERIAL STAFF

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Please see our website for direct contact information.