

Music: We hope you've had a chance over the past year to browse through our new and improved Dignity/Boston website. One thing that you'll notice is a new header, "Music". Under this header you'll find some of Dignity/Boston's best music as composed by our own, Chris C. Featured are songs from Chris' "Perfect Shade of Blue" album including "There Is Another Way", "Prophets to the World", "Open Our Hearts", and "One Woman's Welcome". Check it out at our website: www.dignityboston.org/music

By-Laws Voting: Back in May, all DignityUSA members in good standing were contacted by email or postal mail with information about the proposed amended version of the DignityUSA Bylaws. Developed in a multi-year process, the proposed revisions seek to achieve to update our by-laws to reflect current operational and environmental realities, to ensure the format and content better conform to the requirements of the District of Columbia Code where we are officially registered, and to simplify and streamline our bylaws to maximize our efficiency and ability to adapt to changing internal and external conditions. We asked members to study the revised bylaws document to provide their input by mail and during the Membership Meeting at the Chicago Conference. Members in good standing received either an electronic ballot from Survey Monkey or a paper ballot in the mail. Voting began on Saturday, 7/27 and will conclude on Monday, 8/26. Results will be announced to all members by Monday, 9/16. If you did not receive either an electronic or paper ballot and believe you should have, please contact info@dignityusa.org or call 1-800-877-8797. Thanks, in advance, for voting!

The Bulletin is a weekly publication of Dignity/Boston. Listings are at the discretion of the Dignity/Boston Board. The chapter does not endorse nor will be responsible for any personal views expressed in these announcements. In unusual circumstances, such as when the Governor declares a State of Emergency because of bad weather, Dignity/Boston may cancel its events, including the regular Sunday liturgy. Cancellations will be posted on our website and recorded on our voicemail message at 617-421-1915. We will email the cancellation to the listserv. Dignity/Boston is a progressive and inclusive Catholic community for people of all sexual orientations, genders and gender identities, especially gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex persons, our family, friends and supporters. Board meetings and Liturgy Committee meetings are open to all members of Dignity/Boston. Both groups meet monthly year-round. All meetings are announced in the bulletin, during announcements at the end of liturgy each Sunday, and at www.dignityboston.org. To place an issue on the agenda for the next board meeting, please see Chris Lawrence, email dignityboston@gmail.com, or call 617-421-1915. Please leave a detailed message. For bulletin submissions, send an email to Dave Houle at houlivan@gmail.com. The Bulletin deadline is every Wednesday at 9 p.m. except during the summer when the Bulletin deadline moves to 3:00 p.m. each Wednesday.



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August 11, 2019 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading
Wisdom: 18:6-9

Second Reading:
Hebrews: 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel
Luke: 12:32-48



*"Remember to be gentle with yourself and others. We are all children of chance and none can say why some fields will blossom while others lay brown beneath the August sun."
--Kent Nerbern*

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Our Songs

Gathering: God of Day and God of Darkness (761)

Psalm: Let Your Mercy Be on Us (45—Psalm 33)

Preparation: Sing for Peace (sheet)

Communion: Pan de Vida (848)

Sending Forth: Let This be the Time (sheet)

Note: Music selections may vary depending on available singers. Samples of our music can be found on the Dignity/Boston website.

Our Readings

True pilgrims remember where they come from and where they are going. The pilgrim people of Israel celebrated Passover to remember their freedom from slavery as we hear in Wisdom. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus encourages his disciples to be vigilant and resourceful along the way, promising a never-ending treasure. What is required is authentic faith, as seen in our ancestors who trusted the divine promise as we hear in the Second Reading.

Our Liturgy

The glass chalices contain consecrated grape juice, for those who wish to abstain from alcohol. Gluten-free wafers are available as well.

Dignity/Boston continues to grow in awareness about gender diversity, and we recognize and welcome a spectrum of gender identities and expression. Unfortunately, our current hymnals do not reflect that well. As we strive to do a better job, we encourage you to change language as needed. We also encourage you to identify the pronouns you use on your name tag.

Please silence your cell phone.

Find us on:



Our Announcements

Liturgy Committee Meeting: The next meeting of the Dignity/Boston Liturgy Committee is tonight (8/11) following our 5:00 service here at St. Stephen's. All are welcome to attend.

The Assumption of Mary: Next Sunday (8/18), Dignity/Boston celebrates the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. This, according to the beliefs of the Catholic Church, Eastern and Oriental Orthodoxy, is the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. The Catholic Church teaches as dogma that the Virgin Mary "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory". The actual feast day is this Thursday, 8/15.

Worcester Pride: Dignity/Boston will be represented at Worcester Pride this year but, of course, we welcome all who wish to come. The Worcester Pride celebration on Saturday, 9/7 includes a Pride March at 11:00 a.m. that runs from Worcester's Institute Park down to City Hall in the downtown. There is also a festival on the Worcester

Common throughout the entire afternoon (Noon to 5:00 p.m.). The Worcester Pride Tea Dance starts at 5:00 p.m. and the Worcester Pride Block Party @ MB Lounge starts at 5:30 p.m. In addition, there is a Youth Pride Dance at the YWCA from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There are many more events in advance of this date too. Check out <https://worcesterpride.org>

Harbor to the Bay: On Saturday, 9/14 our Dignity/Boston Cardinal Sins Harbor to the Bay team rides again! If you're interested in helping at Pit Stop #5, please see Matthew M. We encourage you to donate to this cause if you are able. You can check out our team at <https://www.harbortothebay.org/profile/candidates> Also, perhaps you're interested in training to do the ride itself. If you are, you might consider having a conversation with one of our Dignity/Boston members that has been doing our ride for several years. We thank you for your commitment to the fight against HIV/AIDS through our Cardinal Sins/Harbor to the Bay event.

