

Dignity/Boston Anniversary Lunch: Dignity/Boston is sponsoring an “Anniversary Lunch”. It will be on Sunday, 12/8 at 12 Noon at Maggiano’s Little Italy. The meal is just \$20 per person with the rest of the cost subsidized by Dignity/Boston. Payment is required by Wednesday, 12/4. There will be a presentation by four Dignity members, long-term and new. The meal consists of two appetizers, two salads, two pastas, two entrees, and two desserts. Beverages, such as coffee, hot and ice tea, and soda as well as a cash bar, are also available. Please see one of The Houlihan’s for payment. Maggiano’s is at 4 Columbus Ave. We hope to see you there!

Beatitudes of Dignity: We have our own Beatitudes! Blessed are you, gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, straight beloved one—you are a unique and glorious reflection of God’s astounding creativity and love! Blessed are you when you dare to bring the truth of who you are into loving relationship with others—you heal and strengthen the body of Christ! Blessed are you who challenge stereotypes and caricatures—you bring light to the world! Blessed are you who speak out against religious hypocrisy—you help to birth justice and peace! Blessed are you when you work for full equality and inclusion—you honor the sacredness of all people! Blessed are you when you create new kinds of families, families formed by love rather than by law—you live the truth that all God’s people are one family! Blessed are you who seek to worship in spirit and in truth, whose prayer arises from humble hearts—the Spirit of Holiness will inspire and guide you! Blessed are you who offer comfort to the dying, healing to the sick, food to the hungry, housing to the homeless, presence to the lonely, hope to the hopeless—you are the Gospel, the Good News our aching world so desperately needs to know! Blessed are you, reviled and persecuted, yet persistent in faith, hope and love! Rejoice and be proud, for in you God’s love is revealed.

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, including 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.



gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex Catholics & allies

November 10, 2019 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

Second Maccabees: 7:1-2, 9-14

Second Reading

Second Thessalonians: 2:16—3:5

Gospel

Luke: 20:27-38



“It is the veteran, not the preacher who has given us freedom of religion.” --Anonymous

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Our Songs

Gathering: Now the Feast and Celebration (742)

Psalm: In God Alone (59—Psalm 62)

Preparation: Diverse in Culture, Nation, and Race (739)

Communion: Take and Eat This Bread (842)

Sending Forth: Voices that Challenge (721 and sheet)

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

Our Readings

The Scriptures for this Sunday and next Sunday mark a thematic shift as we turn attention to the final destiny of humankind, and specifically those who are faithful to the Word of God. The martyrdom of the brothers during a period of cruel repression gives witness to this fidelity (Reading I). Jesus perceives a trap as he is questioned about resurrection and turns the tables on his interrogators (Gospel). With a series of exhortations, St. Paul urges mutual prayer and reliance upon the power of the Risen Christ and the Spirit who rules our hearts with love (Reading II).

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.

During our liturgy each Sunday, we ask you to please silence your cell phone.

Find us on:



Our Announcements

Candidates Night: Please join us after liturgy tonight for Candidates Night. During this evening, you'll hear from those candidates who were nominated and accepted a run for the Board last week. This will give members of our community an opportunity to hear the goals and vision of those running, helping you to make an informed decision when you vote. The Dignity dinner of choice--PIZZA!--will be served as well as salad, beverages, and some light treats.

Conference Recap: Also, tonight, we plan on providing our Dignity/Boston community with a short 2019 Conference Recap. Perhaps you have some good stories to share?

Executive Board Meeting: The next meeting of our Dignity/Boston Executive Board is next Sunday, 11/17, from 1:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. here at St. Stephen's. All are welcome to attend.

Liturgy Committee Meeting: The next meeting of the Dignity/Boston Liturgy Committee is also next Sunday, 11/17, following our normal Dignity/Boston service. All are welcome to attend.

Transgender Day of Remembrance: Transgender Day of Remembrance is an annual observance on 11/20, this year a Wednesday, that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. Please note that there are events around the state both on this date and before or after. Some free with no sign up, some with registration costs and advance signup. We hope you can attend an event.

Liturgy of Thanksgiving: Join us on Sunday, 11/24 at our normal 5:00 p.m. start time for our very special Liturgy of Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving Pot Luck Signup: Bert O. would love it if you would sign up with him to bring food or drink for our Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner on Sunday, 11/24. Prepare a punch. Bring a tasty dessert. Cook up some mashed potatoes. Prepare a homemade apple sauce dish. Make a vegetable medley. What is your food or drink specialty? Perhaps it is perfect for our Thanksgiving Pot Luck. Bert is keeping a list and is very excited about the event. So, please let him know. We want to keep Bert happy.