

First Event: Dignity/Boston is participating in First Event. It is being held from Wednesday, 1/29 to Sunday, 2/2 at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. First Event is hosted by Trans Club of New England (TCNE). The organizing team is committed to creating an accessible and inclusive conference for all trans and gender non-binary communities while maintaining the same great content and social events that you've come to enjoy and expect. There will be workshops, a job fair, an art show, professional networking, and more. There will be some celebrity sightings too! Among those in attendance will be Carmen Carrera, model/actor/activist; Jes Tom, actor/writer/comic; Carter Brown, the executive director of Black Transmen; Ce Ce Mc Donald, activist of Trans prison reform; and Dale Le Page, Pride TV host and Worcester native. Register now! The hotel registration deadline is tomorrow (1/13).

Activist Minute: Are you volunteering, marching, phone banking, canvassing, contacting public officials, writing letters, or working for social justice in other forms? Would you like to let your community know about your efforts to make the world a better place and invite others to join you? Please sign up before liturgy to be called upon to speak briefly to the community (for about 1 minute) during the community announcements, near the end of the liturgy. Interested members of the community can follow up with you at the social hour. The signup clipboard is near the nametags or roving before church. For more information about how it works, please see Peggy H.

Save the Date: Please save the date for our Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, 2/26. We hope to have more details soon.

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 Mary Beth Cummings, 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.



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

January 12, 2020 Baptism of Jesus

First Reading
Isaiah: 42:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading
Acts: 10:34-38

Gospel
Matthew: 3:13-17



"Baptism is an outward expression of an inward faith".

--Watchman Nee

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Our Songs

Gathering: River of Glory (sheet)

Psalm: Isaiah/With Joy You Shall Draw Water (148)

Preparation: You Have Anointed Me (676)

Communion: Christ Be Our Light (sheet)

Sending Forth: Let Justice Roll Like a River (716)

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

Our Readings

In Christian tradition, the baptism of Jesus is considered the second of a threefold Epiphany (the third being the Miracle at Cana), as Jesus is clearly revealed to be God's chosen, confirmed by the presence of the Spirit (Gospel). His ministry will mirror that of the mysterious servant (Reading I) who will establish the reign of justice, not with brute force, but with compassion and healing. In his exhortation to the gentile Cornelius, the apostle Peter affirms that this "good news" is intended for all peoples (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.

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Our Announcements

About the Baptism of Jesus: The baptism of Jesus is described in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Most modern theologians view the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist as a historical event to which a high degree of certainty can be assigned. Along with the crucifixion of Jesus, most biblical scholars view it as one of the two historically certain facts about him, and often use it as the starting point for the study of the historical Jesus. The baptism is one of the events in the gospel narrative of the life of Jesus; others include the Transfiguration, Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension. Most Christian denominations view the baptism of Jesus as an important event and a basis for the Christian rite of baptism.

Liturgy Committee Meeting: The next meeting of the Dignity/Boston Liturgy Committee is this Thursday (1/16) at 7:00 p.m. via a conference call. Anyone one is interested in participating on the call, who is not on the Liturgy Committee, is welcome to contact Jane P. to get the information to listen in. All are welcome!

About Christian Unity Sunday: Dignity//Boston celebrates Christian Unity Sunday on Sunday, 1/26 at our 5:00 p.m. liturgy. At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (see John 17.21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services. We hope to have more information in the Bulletin as it becomes available.

Volunteer Appreciation and Fundraiser: Please join the Friday Night Supper Program (FNSP) for its Volunteer Appreciation and Fundraiser at Flatbread Pizza! Come and enjoy a fun evening of pizza and bowling with your fellow volunteers. FNSP will provide pizza and first round to our volunteers at Flatbread Pizza in Davis Square. It's Tuesday, 1/21 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at 45 Day St. in Somerville. A portion of proceeds from all pizzas sold that evening will go to FNSP. Please RSVP Patrick at pdhutch605@hotmail.com We hope to see you there!