



Dignity/Boston

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

Second Collection: Next Sunday's (1/26) Second Collection will benefit the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR). The scope of the conference's concerns is broad and includes collaborating in Catholic church and societal efforts that influence systemic change, utilizing their corporate voice in solidarity with people who experience any form of violence or oppression, and creating and offering resource materials on religious leadership skills. If you're writing a check, please make it payable to "Dignity/Boston". Dignity will then write one larger check for LCWR. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

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.

Ash Wednesday: Our Ash Wednesday service is Wednesday, 2/26 here at St. Stephen's. More details are forthcoming as the time get closer.

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.

January 19, 2020 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading
Isaiah: 42:3, 5-6

Second Reading
First Corinthians: 1:1-3

Gospel
John: 1:29-34



"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve."

--Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Our Songs

Gathering: All Are Welcome (753)

Psalm: Here I Am (49—Psalm 40)

Anointing: Precious Lord, Take My Hand (874)

Preparation: You Are the Voice (549)

Communion: Here I Am, Lord (686)

Sending Forth: We Shall Overcome (724)

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

Our Readings

Although we have returned to Ordinary Time, today's gospel story follows very closely on the baptism of Jesus, literally, "the next day." John the Baptist is the first to give public testimony to Jesus as the "Lamb of God," an image rich in biblical meaning, and names Jesus as "God's Chosen One." The appearance of the mysterious servant (Reading I) as the one who will not only restore Israel but be the light of the nations finds fulfillment in Jesus and his ministry. In the opening salutation to his letter (Reading II) St. Paul addresses the faithful as a holy people consecrated in Christ, and sends them blessings of grace and peace.

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

Precious Lord, Take My Hand and We Shall Overcome: In honor of Martin Luther King, tonight we are singing "Precious Lord, Take My Hand". Many hymns are conceived in the throes of tragedy. "Precious Lord" was written in Chicago in 1932 following the death of Thomas Dorsey's wife Nettie and infant son during childbirth. Dorsey (1899-1993) was born in Georgia. His father was a Baptist preacher, and his mother a piano teacher. Known as the "Father of Black Gospel Music," Dorsey combined African American church hymns such as those by Methodist minister, Charles A. Tindley (1851-1933), with blues and jazz. This "worldly" combination was not without controversy at first, but set the tone for gospel music for decades to come. Also, we will be singing "We Shall Overcome", a gospel song which became a protest song and a key anthem of the Civil Rights Movement.

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 this Tuesday (1/21) from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at 45 Day St. in Somerville. Portions of proceeds from all pizzas sold that night will go to FNSP. Please RSVP Patrick at pdhutch605@hotmail.com We hope to see you there!

Executive Board Meeting: The next Dignity/Boston Executive Board Meeting is next Sunday (1/26) from 1:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. here at St. Stephen's. All are welcome to attend.

About Christian Unity Sunday: Please join us next Sunday (1/26) for Christian Unity Sunday Liturgy, at our normal 5:00 p.m. time. This year our guest co-presider will be Lisa Loughlin from First Congregational Church in Winchester, The Outdoor Church Cambridge, and the Dwelling Place meal program. She is approved for ordination with United Church of Christ pending a call. Lisa has focused her ministry to meal programs, helping the homeless, and those in recovery. She was raised Catholic but found her call to ministry at UCC. Lisa identifies as Lesbian and her pronouns are She, Her, Hers.