

**Liturgy Committee Meeting:** The next meeting of the Dignity/Boston Liturgy Committee will be next Sunday (2/23) after our normal 5:00 p.m. liturgy here at St. Stephen's. All are welcome to attend.

**Our Executive Director Honored at Conference:** At the Creating Change 2020 in Dallas, TX, the National LGBTQ Task Force recognized 20 people who have taken the lead on queering spiritual spaces. One of those people is DignityUSA's Executive Director, Marianne Duddy-Burke. Marianne says she is proud of this recognition, and sees it as a tribute to DignityUSA's importance in the LGBTQI justice movement.

**New Ways Ministries:** One of our sister organizations is New Ways Ministries. Through research, publication and education about sexual orientation and gender identity, New Ways fosters dialogue among groups and individuals, identifies and combats personal and structural homophobia and transphobia, works for changes in attitudes, and promotes the acceptance of LGBT people as full and equal members of church and society.

**New Theme for Our 2021 Conference:** DignityUSAs Board of Directors and the National Conference Committee announce the theme for the 2021 Conference, 8-20-21 to 8-22-21, in San Diego. The theme is: Proclaiming Our Vision: Church Transfigured. This theme looks to the future of DignityUSA. DignityUSA acknowledges the past 50 years of advocacy and service to the Catholic LGBTQI+ community and now moves into the next phase of the journey to create a place of welcome and inclusion within our Church. If you haven't already, we invite you to register for the conference on the DignityUSA website and take advantage of the 10% savings.

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](http://www.dignityboston.org). To place an issue on the agenda for the next board meeting, please see Mary Beth Cummings, email [dignityboston@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:houlivan@gmail.com). The Bulletin deadline is every Wednesday at 9 p.m.



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

## February 16, 2020 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading**  
**Sirach: 15:15-20**

**Second Reading**  
**First Corinthians: 2:6-10**

**Gospel**  
**Matthew: 5:17-37**



*"We should live our lives as though Christ were coming this afternoon."*

*--President Jimmy Carter*

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## Our Songs

**Gathering:** Come to Us (743)

**Psalm:** Blest Are Those Who Love You (125—Psalm 128)

**Anointing:** Out of the Depths (877)

**Preparation:** Harvest of Justice (711)

**Communion:** Eye Has Not Seen (638)

**Sending Forth:** Lover of Us All (633)

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

## Our Readings

The prophet Sirach offers an ode to wisdom: not worldly know-how, but the immense wisdom of God (First Reading). St. Paul adds that this deep and mysterious wisdom is revealed to us through the Holy Spirit (Second Reading). This wisdom shapes our choices and moves us beyond mere fulfillment of the letter of the law to a deeper insight into ourselves and our motives, and draws us into the Reign of God. Thus, this wisdom has a very practical side, i.e., it is meant to be practiced (Gospel).

## 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

**Aging with Dignity:** Last April Dignity/Boston met for a community conversation on aging in collaboration with the DignityUSA Aging with Dignity Caucus. Please join us tonight for part 2 of our conversation following our liturgy. We'll review our first discussion (part I) and set our sights on "next steps". Dinner will be provided after our liturgy for this meeting. If you would like more information, please touch base with Jon S.

**Ash Wednesday:** We ask that you please consider joining us on Wednesday, 2/26 at 7:00 p.m. as we join with the St. Stephen's community for our Ash Wednesday Service. This service will mark the start of our Lenten season. Dignity/Boston will have a member of our community read the First Reading. The Responsorial Psalm will also be offered by Dignity/Boston.

**Executive Board Meeting:** The next meeting of the Dignity/Boston Executive Board will be next Sunday (2/23) from 2:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. here at St. Stephen's Church. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

**Second Collection:** For our February Second Collection (next Sunday, 2/23), our Dignity community will seek to mitigate the damage that has been done to humans, animals, plants, and our ecosystems in Australia by climate change, following the recent bush fires that ravished over 42,000 square miles of land. To this end, we are collecting funds for Bush Heritage Australia, an Australian non-profit that works to conserve natural landscapes and to foster the health of native species. Their work includes buying land for conservation as well as research related to restoration ecology, wildlife resilience, threatened species, and fire ecology. In addition to their work with government agencies, community groups, corporations, and private land owners, Bush Heritage Australia also partners with Aboriginal groups to achieve conservation goals while creating jobs and livelihood for and with its Traditional Owners. Checks may be made out to Dignity/Boston and Dignity will then write a larger check for the organization. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.