



BULLETIN – November 15, 2022

Liturgy of Thanksgiving



Please join us on Sunday, 11/20 at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom for our special Liturgy of Thanksgiving. It's a great opportunity during our Share the Word homily to share what you give thanks for. The Dignity/Boston Executive Board wishes you and yours a wonderful Thanksgiving.

First Sunday of Advent Liturgy



Join us for an online Share the Word liturgy on Sunday, 11/27 for our First Sunday of Advent service. Advent is a season of the liturgical year observed as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for both the celebration of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas and the return of Christ at the Second Coming. Advent is the beginning of our liturgical year.

World AIDS Day



World AIDS Day is Thursday, 12/1. Please remember to wear an AIDS ribbon as we remember those who have passed and also those currently dealing with HIV/AIDS.

Election of the 2023 Board



On Friday, 11/11, you should have received via email entitled “Election and Future Liturgy Preferences”. It’s through this email that you can vote in the Dignity/Boston 2023 Election. Members who have not provided an email address will soon receive a paper ballot through the U.S. Postal Service. Please vote as your voice matters. This year five candidates (Peggy Burns, Becky Burke, Catherine McLeod, Tyler Mills, and Julia Spiegelman) are running for four open slots. Four of these candidates will join Aidan Hennigan, Bert Ouellette, and Alice Knowles on next year’s board. Ballots are due by Saturday, 12/3 at 12 Noon.

Personal Preferences for Future Liturgies Survey



This year’s election ballots include a short survey of five questions regarding personal preferences for future liturgies. The Dignity/Boston Executive Board is requesting members respond to these questions when returning their ballot. Community feedback will help inform the balance of in-person and online liturgies planned for the coming year.

Upcoming Events for Dignity Boston's 50th Anniversary Year



A late scheduling conflict with St. Stephen's Church has necessitated moving our planned celebratory events. Please mark your calendars with these new dates and times. On **Sunday, 12/4** join us for "Dignity Boston through 50 years," an exhibit featuring artifacts, documents, and photos of our chapter's rich history. Slide shows will be featured. The exhibit opens at 3:30 p.m. in St. Stephen's social hall followed by our anniversary liturgy at 5:00 p.m. On **Thursday, 2/2**, join us for "Dignity Boston at 50: In Our Own Words," a virtual/online social at 7:00 p.m. Bring a personal photo, memento, or artifact related to your Dignity experience for display and discussion. A third event of the series will be scheduled for April 2023. More details later. The committee also is working on an in-person celebratory event for the spring. Please let Diane or Jon know if you're able to help.

President, Meli Barber, Shares Homily at Anniversary Liturgy

Dignity/Boston's Anniversary Liturgy will be held in-person at St. Stephen's on Sunday, 12/4. Our special guest is DignityUSA President Meli Barber. She joins us as homilist for this very special event as we celebrate 50 years of Dignity/Boston. We hope you join us!

Listening Night

Please join us for a Community Listening Night on Sunday, 12/18 following our online Share the Word Liturgy for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Our discussion will include an analysis of responses to the membership survey which was included with ballots for the 2023 board election. The community discussion will aim to determine the right balance of liturgies, online and in-person, during the upcoming year.

New Information on Dignity/Boston's Social Hour

As the days shorten and get cooler our social hour has returned to the in-doors. The social will now be held in the church hall each Sunday we meet for in-person liturgy at St. Stephen's Church. As we continue to live in the era of Covid, participants are encouraged to social distance and to respect those who may wish to continue wearing a mask while in-doors.

Participate in the DignityUSA Advent Reflection Series

DignityUSA invites you to participate in our Advent Reflection Series for 2022. An advent-themed reflection on the week's readings will be given, followed by group discussions. This reflection series takes place each Wednesday, 11/30 through 12/21 from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The reflection series is free, but registration is required. Click [here](#) to register!

Joyful and Triumphant and Gay!



Join the Boston Gay Men's Chorus (BGMC) for its first in-person holiday show since 2019. It's sure to be "Joyful and Triumphant and Gay"! As BGMC begins its season, the group presents "Joyful and Triumphant and Gay", an entrancing program that depicts joy, encouragement, and pride in the human spirit. Experience the holidays with BGMC! For dates, times, and tickets, please click [here](#).

First Event is BACK!



One of the longest running conferences in the U.S. for transgender and gender expansive people and those who love and support them is BACK in full format Wednesday, 1/25/23 to Sunday, 1/29/23!! The Trans Community of New England (TCNE) is so excited to

be bringing our flagship [First Event](#) back to the Boston Park Plaza, with full workshop schedules, networking events, and the not-to-be-missed banquet and fashion show in the amazing grand ballroom. This event will fill up fast. Save the date! Here's a [link](#) for registration information. Look forward to seeing you there!

Beloved by God: Catholic Commitment to Trans-Affirmation



As more states and Catholic dioceses implement policies that discriminate against transgender and nonbinary people, DignityUSA has launched a campaign to make Catholic support for this community visible. “Beloved by God: A Catholic Commitment to Trans-Affirmation”

goes public, co-sponsored by 18 organizations and a growing list of Catholic leaders. Beloved by God asks people to sign a declaration stating: “As Catholics, we firmly believe our transgender and nonbinary members are beloved by God. We recognize that these individuals are living into the dream God had for them long before their birth...We pledge to make an open commitment to supporting justice, equity, and affirmation for transgender and nonbinary individuals throughout the Catholic Church and the world.” Click [here](#) for more information on this, including the key elements of the 12-point pledge.

Holy Women Wanderers Retreat

Dignity/Boston invites you to join “The Holy Women Wanderers” virtual retreat. There is information in the flier below as well as on their website at www.womensordination.org

H O L Y W O M E N W A N D E R E R S

An Advent Retreat
with the Women's Ordination Conference
Facilitated by Crystal Catalan



Tuesday evenings:
Dec 6, Dec 13, Dec 20
7:00 - 8:30 ET

Register by Dec. 1 at:
<http://bit.ly/wocadvent22>



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When you donate each month, let us know by filling out the google form! Our recipients are grateful! <https://forms.gle/sz55Ycd2MHQcAhg6A>

Please contact dignityboston@gmail.com if you have any items that you would like to suggest for our next Bulletin (11/30/22) by Monday, 11/28/22 at 12 Noon.