



BULLETIN – November 30, 2022

Our Liturgies

December 4th : In-Person Anniversary Liturgy



Please join us this Sunday (12/4) at 5:00 p.m. for our special In-Person Anniversary Liturgy. This is also the Second Sunday of Advent. Our special guest is DignityUSA President Meli Barber. She joins us as homilist for this event as we celebrate 50 years of Dignity/Boston. In addition, please join us before and after the liturgy for some very special celebrations.

- ***Dignity/Boston Through the Years:*** Join us at 3:30 p.m. (12/4) at St. Stephen's social hall as we feature exhibits of artifacts, documents, and photos of our chapter's rich history, including slide shows.
- ***Installation of the 2023 Board:*** During liturgy, our plan is to announce those who will serve on the 2023 Dignity/Boston Board.
- ***Milestone Membership:*** Post liturgy, we will be presenting pins marking milestone anniversaries of our members.
- ***Celebratory Cupcakes:*** What's any Dignity/Boston special event without food. Join us for delicious cupcakes during our "after liturgy celebrations".

December 11th : Online Share-the-Word Gaudete Sunday Liturgy

Join us for an online Share the Word liturgy on Sunday, 12/11 for our Third Sunday of Advent service. This is also known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent in the liturgical calendar of Western Christianity, including the Roman Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion, Lutheran Churches, and other mainline Protestant churches. It can fall on any date from 12/11 to 12/17, this year falling on Sunday, 12/11.

Our Socials

Thursday, 12/15

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Good Life: Life Well Lived

What does the good life mean to you? How do you live the good life? Is the good life the life of pleasure? Of virtue? Of meaning? Of happiness? Of music? Of laughter? Of kindness? And what do those things mean to you? And what theologies, philosophies, thinkers, and practices influence your thinking? An hour is far too short a time for an in-depth discussion; but at this social on the good life, maybe we can share some thoughts and ideas that we think may benefit others and remind ourselves of what we think is important. Join us!

Host: Mike

World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day is this 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



If you haven't voted already, check your email from 11/11 as this is when you should have received something labeled "Election and Future Liturgy Preferences". It's through this email that you can vote in the Dignity/Boston 2023 Election. If you did not provide an email address, you should have received 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 this 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.

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.

Listening Night

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

Dignity/Boston at 50: In Our Own Words

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.

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 is taking place now 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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November Collection:



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Our December collection benefits the [Women’s Ordination Conference](#). Please click [here to donate](#).

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Please contact dignityboston@gmail.com if you have any items that you would like to suggest for our next Bulletin (12/15/22) by Tuesday, 12/13/22 at 12 Noon.