



BULLETIN – January 15, 2023

Our Liturgies

Please join us on Sunday, 1/22 at 5:00 p.m., online, for our annual celebration of **Christian Unity Sunday**. During this Share the Word liturgy, we will have a guest homilist join us, Rev. Amy Whitcomb Slemmer. Amy arrived in 2012 at St. Stephen's and was immediately drawn to the community there, especially its work with youth. She continues there as Priest Associate. Amy is a longtime health policy and HIV/AIDS advocate, including working as a staff person in Senator Ted Kennedy's Washington office during the height of the AIDS pandemic, and later as executive director of Health Care for All. She was ordained to Episcopal priesthood in 2017. Amy's call is to be a bi-vocational priest which means that in addition to offering sacramental ministry, she maintains a license to practice. She has also served as Chief Compliance Officer at Fenway Health since 2019. Also, please join us on the 15th and 29th with our "Share the Words" listed below:

1/15 Online Share the Word 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time 5:00 p.m.

1/29 Online Share the Word 4th Sunday Ordinary Time 5:00 p.m.

Note: 1/15 service includes healing and anointing followed by a Liturgy Committee Mtg. The 1/22 service is also the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Our Socials

Thursday, 1/19

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

New Year's Aspirations



We've all heard of New Year's resolutions, but have you considered what your aspirations are for the New Year? Inspired by an exercise some of us participated in together years ago, we will consider, rather than what we resolve for 2023, to what do we

aspire? All are welcome to join for an inspiring and uplifting conversation.

Host: Jane

Listening Night Feedback

The Dignity/Boston Executive Board would like to thank everyone for attending the 12/18 listening night. The new Board will be reviewing the feedback from both the recent [survey](#) and listening night in an effort to assist the Liturgy Committee in planning in-person and online liturgies in the new year.

Next Meetings of the Dignity/Boston Executive Board

The next meeting of the Dignity/Boston Executive Board will be on Wednesday, 2/1 at 7:00 p.m. However, there will also be a meeting of the Executive Board on Wednesday, 1/18 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Board's vision for this year. All are welcome to attend board meetings. Please email dignityboston@gmail.com if you'd like to attend.

[Dignity/Boston Has Table at First Event!](#)



Dignity/Boston will have a table at the upcoming First Event conference. This conference is one of the longest running conferences in the U.S. for transgender and gender expansive people and those who love and support them. The event runs from Wednesday, 1/25/23 to Sunday, 1/29/23! [First Event](#) will once again include 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. If you're interested in helping us out at the table, please email dignityboston@gmail.com Look forward to seeing you there.

[A Talk with God's Works Revealed Author, Sam Albano](#)

This Thursday (1/19) at 8:30 p.m. EST, Sam Albano will discuss and answer questions on his new book: *God's Works Revealed: Spirituality, Theology, and Social Justice for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Catholics* (Paulist Press, 2022). Sam Albano is a member of Dignity/Indianapolis and currently national secretary for DignityUSA. You can find more details [here](#).

Dignity/Boston's Year End Financial Report

Below please note Dignity/Boston's Year End Financial Report:

Dignity/Boston				
Treasurer's Report				
For The Year Ending December 31 2022				
		Year to Date	2022	
		Total	Budget	Variance
<u>REVENUE</u>				
	Donations	27,045.18	24,443.00	2,602.18
	Membership Dues	440.00	620.00	(180.00)
	Bank Interest	96.95	100.00	(3.05)
	Second Collection *	3,336.00	2,000.00	1,336.00
	Friday Night Supper Grant	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
	<u>TOTAL REVENUE</u>	<u>\$ 33,418.13</u>	<u>\$ 27,163.00</u>	<u>\$6,255.13</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
OFFICE/ORGANIZATION				
	Church Rent/Storage Unit	10,651.96	10,258.00	(393.96)
	Insurance	428.00	500.00	72.00
	Other Office Expenses	1,648.28	1,750.00	101.72
	Communications	300.00	1,200.00	900.00
	Dignity Conference	2,500.00	1,250.00	(1,250.00)
	Fifithe Anniversary Committee	1,741.87	1,250.00	(491.87)
	Friday Night Supper Donation	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
	GROUPS & COMMITTEES	10,687.15	5,955.00	(4,732.15)
	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>\$ 32,957.26</u>	<u>\$ 27,163.00</u>	<u>\$ (5,794.26)</u>
	INCOME/(LOSS) FOR YEAR	\$ 460.87	0.00	\$ 460.87

*Second collection amount includes only those donations received by the Chapter. It does not include donations made directly to individual organizations.

Convention Stole Lifts Spirits of Ukrainian LGBTQ+ Catholics



Readers of DignityUSA's Dateline may have seen the request from an LGBTQ+ Catholic community in Ukraine for rainbow stoles. DignityUSA has been providing guidance and moral support to this community and to the priest who initiated it since it started organizing in 2019. DignityUSA was able to send two stoles to the community, including one from the 1997 convention held in Boston. It took a couple of attempts to get the stoles to the Zaporizhzhia, as the USPS suspended service there due to nuclear threats and the resumption of shelling. But they arrived just before Christmas, and this tangible symbol of solidarity from people in the US brought great comfort to the community, according to the priest. Please continue to hold this community in prayer, and in the hope of a just and lasting peace.

Welcome Rev. Deegan as New Interim Rector at St. Stephen's

Reverend Michael Deegan has joined the staff of St Stephen's as an interim Rector. Rev. Deegan grew up in Hyde Park and lived in Boston for more than 30 years. Throughout his career in banking operations, Michael lived in several other cities, ending up in Los Angeles. It was there that he took a big step leaving business in 2004 and then beginning work for a Los Angeles Episcopal Church as Director of Outreach Ministries. He was ordained to the Diaconate in 2009 and then priested in 2010 which led to serving at Salisbury Cathedral in the UK for three years. While in England Michael served as Warden of the Pilsdon Community, an intentional Christian community. It was there that he operated a small farm and provided a place of safety for people in recovery from addiction, mental illness, and life crisis.

Save the Date

Please save the date of Monday, 3/27 for a very special Appreciation Event, hosted by the Friday Night Supper Program. We plan to have more details, such as time and place, in future Bulletins.

WATER's Liturgy on Injustice This Month

Consider attending a special online liturgy from WATER (The Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual). It's called "[Standing Against Injustice Empowers the Marginalized](#)". Please click [here](#) to register.

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January Collection:

In honor of the upcoming First Event, our January collection benefits the [Trans Club of New England](#). Please click [here to donate](#).

Let Us Know About Your Donation:

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 (1/30/23) by Saturday, 1/28 at 12 Noon.