



BULLETIN – January 30, 2023

Our Liturgies

- 2/5 Online Share the Word 5th Sunday Ordinary Time 5:00 p.m.
- 2/12 Online Share the Word 6th Sunday Ordinary Time 5:00 p.m.

Our Socials

Thursday, 2/2 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Dignity/Boston at 50: In Our Own Words

Please join us for "Dignity Boston at 50: In Our Own Words," a virtual/online social! Bring a personal photo, memento, or artifact related to your Dignity experience for display and discussion. Come and enjoy the memories and the stories, even if you don't plan on speaking. Listeners are welcome!

Host: Jon

Tech Support for In-Person Liturgies Needed!



The Liturgy Committee is seeking volunteers to help with tech support for our in-person liturgies. We need help to set up, run, and take down the sound system. We would also like to start streaming and recording our in-person liturgies, and we can use your help. Please note that although experience is helpful, it is not necessary as training is available. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, speak to Ron or send email to dignityboston@gmail.com with “In Person Liturgy Tech Support” in the subject line. Thank you!

Vision Meeting Recap

On Wednesday, 1/18 the Dignity/Boston Executive Board met to lay out its vision for the upcoming year. Among items the Board hopes to accomplish in 2023, the following four are top of the list:

- Host a celebration in recognition of our Chapter’s fiftieth anniversary
- Support Lit Comm scheduling/carrying out in-person/virtual liturgies
- Work with St. Stephen’s Church to maintain our good tenant status
- Reorganize and declutter the Chapter’s storage unit

To make these goals a reality the Board invites everyone in the community to participate, in ways big or small, by giving of their time and talent. Send an email to dignityboston@gmail.com to let the Board know how you plan to help. Thank you!

Next Meeting of the Dignity/Boston Executive Board

The next meeting of the Dignity/Boston Executive Board will be Wednesday, 2/1 at 7:00 p.m. Please email dignityboston@gmail.com if you’d like to attend.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy

Please join us on Wednesday, 2/22 for our online Share the Liturgy Ash Wednesday Liturgy. We will be gathering at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. So mark those calendars!

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.

New Phone Number!

Dignity/Boston has a new phone number. The new number is a Google Voice connection, the number is **617-431-6348**. Voicemails left at this number will be transcribed and sent to the Dignity/Boston gmail account.

News from DignityUSA

Seeking more families!

Families With Dignity is a two-year-old DignityUSA caucus. Our [mission statement](#) is expansive, but our geography is currently limited to southeast Michigan. The time has come to expand our boundaries, to embrace all kinds of families and to recruit new leadership. *We seek new members from anywhere in the U.S., with an emphasis on families—queer and straight parents, as well as relatives of LGBTQIA+ people. [If this describes you, won't you answer a few questions for us?](#)* Many thanks for your help with this outreach.

DignityUSA Emails

DignityUSA has learned that, unfortunately, many people are not receiving the emails from the subscribed mailing lists. They are aware that this has been an ongoing issue and are going to be upgrading the email deliverability service in order to attempt to correct this issue. **For the next few weeks, you may not receive emails at the typical time.** The process of implementing this fix requires emails be sent to smaller groups of people in order to fully integrate with the mailing list, so the emails will be sent in clusters. This is a temporary issue with updating over the next two weeks. When Dateline and Breath of the Spirit emails are sent out, they are also posted online and you can bookmark the links at the bottom of this article. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact DignityUSA's Manager of Operations and Mission Services, Darby, at operations@dignityusa.org.

[Dateline Archive](#)

[Breath of the Spirit Archive](#)

Membership Has Its Benefits!



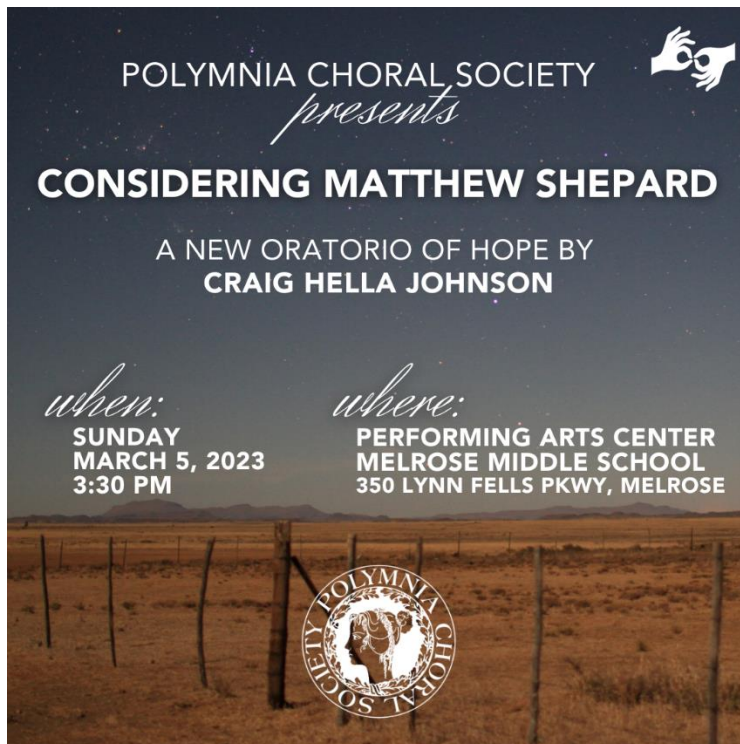
With a new year upon us please be sure to renew your DignityUSA membership which includes membership of your local Chapter, Dignity/Boston. For less than the average cost of a monthly internet subscription you can be a Dignity member for a whole year. For information on how to renew or become a member see a board member or email dignityboston@gmail.com to enquire. If you would like to join and need some financial assistance, a number of scholarships are available. Reach out by email to enquire. Your membership is your commitment to our community. Our members make us stronger as we work for full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ persons in the Church and society. Membership also allows you to vote in local and national elections, so you get to shape our movement into the future. Consider renewing and joining Dignity today!

Join Us for Lenten Scripture Reflections

Join us each Wednesday night in Lent starting on 2/22, Ash Wednesday, through 4/5 at 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. ET (7pm-8pm CT/ 6pm-7pm MT/ 5pm-6pm PT) to discuss the scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. Register once to get a reminder each week, and join us for a single session or the entire series! This series is free but [registration](#) is required.

Our Community

Complimentary Tickets



The poster features a dark blue background with white text. At the top right is a small icon of two hands holding a heart. The text reads: 'POLYMNIA CHORAL SOCIETY presents CONSIDERING MATTHEW SHEPARD A NEW ORATORIO OF HOPE BY CRAIG HELLA JOHNSON'. Below this, it specifies the date and time: 'when: SUNDAY MARCH 5, 2023 3:30 PM' and the location: 'where: PERFORMING ARTS CENTER MELROSE MIDDLE SCHOOL 350 LYNN FELS PKWY, MELROSE'. At the bottom, there is a photograph of a field with a fence and a circular logo for the Polymnia Choral Society.

The Polymnia Choral Society is performing "Considering Matthew Shepard" on Sunday, 3/5 at 3:30 p.m. at the Melrose Middle School, 350 Lynn Fells Parkway, Melrose. Dignity has been given 4 complimentary tickets to this concert. Polymnia is inviting organizations who serve the LGBTQ+ community to come and "table" on that afternoon. They have extended an invitation to Dignity/Boston as the only Catholic LGBTQ+ organization serving our

community with 2 complimentary tickets. In addition to these table tickets, we have 2 additional complimentary tickets. If you are interested in the complimentary tickets or you would like to 'table' at the concert, please complete the attached form. The tickets will be distributed randomly on Sunday, 2/5: <https://forms.gle/rrZpzVytcyARtfVT6> More information about the concert and Polymnia can be found at www.polymnia.org

Life and Work of John McNeill



The Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies at the Pacific School of Religion of the Graduate Theological Union sponsored a seminar with activist filmmaker Brendan Fay and theologian Mary E. Hunt outlining the life and work of gay priest and former Jesuit John

McNeill. The recording of the McNeill webinar is available [here](#). It really is a tour de force by Brendan and Mary about a great scholar. Enjoy!

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January Collection

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

February Collection

This collection benefits the [Greater Boston Food Bank](#). 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 (2/15/23) by Monday, 2/13 at 12 Noon.