



BULLETIN – February 15, 2023

Our Liturgies

Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder of our human mortality and the need for our close relationship with God. It marks the beginning of the penitential Lenten season. Please join us on Wednesday, 2/22 at 7:30 p.m. for our Online Share the Word Ash Wednesday Liturgy. Please mark your calendar!

Other Liturgies

Please join us on Sunday, 2/19 at 5:00 p.m. for our Online Share the Word Liturgy. There will be a healing and anointing component in the service. A Liturgy Committee meeting will follow the service and a short online social. On Sunday, 2/26, we invite you to join us **in-person** as we begin Lent (First Sunday of Lent) with a eucharistic liturgy at St. Stephen's. The time is our usual 5:00 p.m. time slot.

Our Socials

Thursday, 3/9 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Stars in Your Eyes



What famous people have you met? What were they like? Were they everything you expected or did you expect more? Did you meet them by accident or was it planned? Tell us all about your encounters with people that we know from TV, radio, the big screen, and more. If you haven't met a famous person, who would you like to meet? What do you think the meeting would be like? How do you think you would react emotionally? We can't wait to hear more.

Host: Dave H.

Dignity/Boston Attends First Event

Dignity/Boston had a strong presence at First Event on Saturday, 1/28. Robin and Dave H. connected with so many great people and gave away lots of DignityUSA and Dignity/Boston items including fliers about our accomplishments: rainbow cross pins; an "Open to Commitment to Trans and Non-Binary" card; a flier that recommends joining the Dignity/Boston email list; the DignityUSA "Statement of Position and Purpose" document; a brochure from Dignity/Boston entitled "A Catholic Voice in the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersex Community"; a DignityUSA "Raise Your Voice" brochure; and some fun "Whole and Holy" refrigerator magnets. Many thanks to Peggy B. for organizing!

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.

Spring Volunteer Appreciation Event

Please be our guest at the Friday Night Supper Program's (FNSP) Spring Volunteer Appreciation Event which will take place on Monday, 3/27 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Cathedral Station in Boston. FNSP is looking forward to celebrating its volunteers, staff, Board, and supporters together - in person! Please contact Peggy Burns to let her know you are coming at mgtburns@comcast.net. Also, please register for this free event and get a ticket by clicking [here](#). Up to two individuals can be registered through the link as well as the ability to take back a spot by clicking "reverse a spot". Put in "FNSP" when asked for a password. Please register by Monday, 3/13. Contact Jenny Lecoq at giving@fridaynightsupper.org with any questions. Thank you for all you do for FNSP! Hope to see you on 3/27!

The poster features a green background with stylized red and orange flowers on the left and white and yellow starburst shapes scattered throughout. The text is centered and right-aligned.

SAVE THE DATE FOR FNSP'S

SPRING VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

March 27th • 6-9pm
Cathedral Station
1222 Washington Street, Boston, MA

JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING OF TRIVIA, DELICIOUS FOOD, AND
DRINKS CELEBRATING OUR VOLUNTEERS, STAFF AND BOARD!

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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, 3/1 at 7:00 p.m. Please email dignityboston@gmail.com if you'd like to attend.

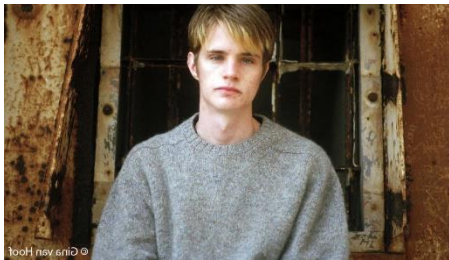
News from DignityUSA

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

Considering Matthew Shepard



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. Information about the concert and Polymnia can be found at www.polymnia.org

Gender Expansive Youth Group

Dignity/Boston has recently learned about a new youth group for youth ages 11 to 17. It's the Gender Expansive Youth Group (GEY). GEY meets every Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. over Zoom. The program is open to anyone interested in exploring gender, identity, and trans rights. Weekly sessions will include conversation about queer activism, art, trans representation, LGBTQ artists, and more. There will also be a focus on what it's like to be trans, non-binary, gender-nonconforming, and much more. There will be some fun games as well. The space centers trans and gender non-conforming youth but is also open to anyone interested in exploring how gender socialization affects their identity. Weekly topics rotate. The space is always open to newcomers. Please contact Puja (he/him) at youthleadership@ywcacam.org for more information. You may also text 781-885-4023 with any questions.

Our Collections

Donate Via PayPal

Please support Dignity/Boston by sending your donations via [Pay Pal!](#) Once logged in and on site, please select “send” then search for “DignityBoston@gmail.com”.

Donate Via Mail

Support Dignity and its second collections by sending donations to: Dignity/Boston, PO Box 170428, Boston, MA 02117-0408. Make checks payable to “Dignity/Boston”. If it’s for the monthly Second Collection, write “Second Collection” on the memo line. Thanks for your generosity.

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 (2/28/23) by Sunday, 2/26 at 12 Noon.