



BULLETIN – March 30, 2023

Our Liturgies: Palm Sunday and the Triduum

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

Before the Triduum, please join us for our Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday) Service.

Sunday, 4/2 **In-Person** Eucharistic Palm Sunday 5:00 p.m.

The services that take place during the Triduum are:

Thursday, 4/6 Online Holy Thursday (Mass of the Last Supper) 7:00 p.m.

Friday, 4/7 Online Share the Word Good Friday 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, 4/8 Online Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday) 7:30 p.m.

Note: STW = Share the Word.

Our Socials

Thursday, 4/13 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sustainability Through the Years

In honor of Earth Day, join us for a conversation about environmental sustainability and its evolutions through our lifetimes. What are some actions that you take or would like to take in your own life to preserve the planet? You might think about using resources like water and fuel, growing and buying food, shopping or diet practices or other environmental ethics-based choices about what you consume, community sharing, transportation choices, and what to do with waste of all kinds. How has your understanding of sustainability changed over the course of your life? We'll tell stories, ask questions, and trade tips for eco-friendly lifestyles.

Host: Robin

A Tribute to Friday Night Supper Volunteers!



Dignity/Boston sponsored a very successful trivia night for the volunteers from Friday Night Supper program. Thirty-two current and previous volunteers got together for a night of fun. Cathedral Station provided the venue and

appetizers and the bakery, Flour, provided dessert cookies. During the evening **Kathy Hassey** was acknowledged for her work with the clothing closet, which will be renamed as 'Kathy's closet'. In addition, **Peggy Burns** was acknowledged for her 30 years of service as a volunteer - prayer leader, greeter, organizer, sweeper, supporter, and board member. A new coffee station was donated to the program in Peggy's name.

Congratulations to them both. Pictured above (left to right—Robin, Alice, Kathy Ann, and Bob) is the "winning table". The winning prize was an Amazon gift card!

Fun Facts

A Dignity/Boston Executive Board Member shares Fun Facts about April.

- April comes from the Latin word *aperio*, meaning “to open or bud,” because plants begin to grow this month.
- April 5th is the start of Passover, beginning at sundown.
- April 16th is Orthodox Easter.
- Easter Sunday always occurs on the first Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon.
- The Paschal Full Moon is the first Sunday following the full Moon that occurs on or after the March or spring equinox.
- One of the most well-known dates of the month is April Fools’ Day on the [1st of the month](#). No one is sure where this originated from, but some believe it to be inspired by Geoffrey Chaucer’s story in “Canterbury Tales” called “Nun’s Priest’s Tale.”

Next Dignity/Boston Executive Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive Board is Wednesday, 4/12 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! To attend, please email dignityboston@gmail.com

News from DignityUSA

DignityUSA Speakers and Panelists at Outreach 2023.

The Outreach 2023 LGBTQ Catholic Ministry Conference will be held at Fordham University’s Lincoln Center Campus in New York City, Friday, 6/16 to Sunday, 6/18. DignityUSA Executive Director Marianne Duddy-Burke will be giving a keynote speech: *Learning from Dignity: 50 Years of Ministry with LGBTQ Catholics*. Secretary Sam Albano, author of [God's Works Revealed](#), will also be a panelist for the session *LGBTQ Catholics and the Life of Prayer*.

On Vacation in Palm Beach

Should you be on vacation in Palm Beach, Dignity Palm Beach will have Mass every Sunday at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary of The Metropolitan Community Church located at 4857 Northlake Blvd., Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Guests should park in the rear of the church since the entrance is located there. After Mass some people choose to go to a nearby restaurant for coffee and conversation. If anyone has a question, they can contact Al at netalfred@netzero.net

Our Community

St. Stephen's Invitation

The church invites us to its Friday, 4/7 Noontime Good Friday service!

Share Your Life Story Through SpeakOUT Boston



SpeakOUT seeks individuals interested in sharing their personal LGBTQ+ story and engaging in dialogue with various audiences like schools, colleges, businesses, **faith communities** and more. We particularly invite people of color, people of faith, transgender and nonbinary people, and others who represent

communities not always heard from. The training is also open to those who just want to improve their public speaking skills.

You'll learn valuable skills such as setting the right tone, overcoming fear, crafting and telling your personal story, handling questions effectively, and working with a co-speaker. The training is Saturday, 4/22 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Suffolk University on Beacon Hill. The registration fee is \$75 with students and seniors at a \$35 rate. Group rates, sliding scales, and scholarships are also available. Please don't let the cost be a deterrent.

Register at <https://bit.ly/SpeakOUTSpring2023Training> Please email info@Speakoutboston.org to find out more!

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March Collection

This collection benefits the [Boston Health Care for the Homeless](#) program. Please click [here to donate](#).

April Collection

Our April Collection benefits the [Lazarus Ministry of St. Anthony’s Shrine](#). 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 (4/15/23) by Thursday, 4/13 at 12 Noon.