



BULLETIN – May 30, 2023

Happy Pride!

Our Liturgies

Online Share the Word: The Most Holy Trinity



During our Online “The Most Holy Trinity” Share the Word liturgy on Sunday, 6/4 (5:00 p.m. EDT), 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. We hope you join us for this special liturgy and homily.

In-Person Eucharistic Service: Corpus Christi and Pride Liturgy



We also invite you to join us on Sunday, 6/11 for our In-Person Eucharistic celebration of Pride and Corpus Christi. We will celebrate Pride following the service in our social hall space (or perhaps outside of the social hall if it's nice weather) with a celebratory cake. This service is also at our normal 5:00 p.m. time.

Guidelines for Streaming Our In-Person Liturgies

We are streaming our in-person liturgy for those who cannot attend the in-person gatherings. When liturgies are streamed, use Wi Fi or a wired Ethernet connection instead of cellular service, keep your mic muted, and keep your camera off. In addition, it may be helpful to optimize your audio settings by selecting "Original sound for musicians" which is explained in this link: [Instructions for setting Desktop Zoom audio settings: "Original sound for musicians"](#)

June-October Planned In-Person Sunday Liturgies at 5:00 p.m.

Join us for these in-person liturgies at St. Stephen's in the South End.

6/25 and 7/9	Ordinary Time Liturgies
7/23	Feast of Mary of Magdala
8/13, 8/27, 9/10	Ordinary Time Liturgies
9/24, 10/8, 10/22	Ordinary Time Liturgies

Our Socials

Thursday, 6/8

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

Pride Storytelling—Identity Over the Years

Often, stories about realizing your LGBTQIA+ identity are reduced to a single moment. But for many of us, our knowledge of our own gender and sexuality evolves over time: as we meet new people, have new experiences, and encounter new language to describe ourselves. Join us for this social to listen and share stories about how our knowledge of our own identities, and the language we use to describe who we are, has emerged and changed over our lifetimes.

Host: Julia

Dignity/Boston Marches in the Return of Boston Pride



[Boston Pride](#) returns with a parade and festival on Saturday, 6/10. The parade starts at 11:00 a.m. on Boylston Street and a festival will follow on Boston Common. Dignity/Boston will have a marching group and table. Plan to join us to get the word out that 50 years since our founding we continue to be a strong and vibrant faith community.

Pride Eve Dyke March



The evening before on Friday, 6/9, Dignity/Boston will participate in the annual [Dyke March](#) at 6:30 p.m. Please meet us at the Parkman bandstand on Boston Common.

Dignity Members Interviewed/Discounts for “Gayly Show”

Dignity members Maddie M. and Tyler M. were recently interviewed by Alexa Albanese for a monthly event called “[The Gayly Show](#)”. Maddie and Tyler talked about their involvement in Dignity/Boston for the show. Alexa identifies as an LGBTQ Catholic and chose to use this platform to showcase LGBTQ Catholic groups in the area for Pride month. The next offering of “The Gayly Show” is Wednesday, 6/7 at 7:30 p.m. at The Rockwell in Davis Square, Somerville. To celebrate Pride month, come be a part of the live studio audience for this female-led, queer driven spin on late night TV. There will be news, desk bits, drag, music, and plenty of laughs. Plus, this is where you can also catch the interview with members of Dignity/Boston and The LGBTQ+ Ministry of St. Anthony Shrine. Dignity members are being offered \$5 tickets by using the promo code ALEXAFIVE. Go [here](#) and click on “get tickets” to plug in the promo code and buy tickets.

It Takes A Village

It takes many resources to allow us to continue doing in-person services. Consider how you might help us: (1) be a greeter and check vaccinations as people enter the church, (2) coordinate our after-service social by supplying snacks and drinks as well as setting up and cleaning up, (3) help with the liturgical setup of our space by bringing liturgical materials from basement cabinets to the sanctuary and returning them to the cabinets post-liturgy, (4) clean up our space by taking out trash and combine, and (5) provide some comfort and care for those attending by opening and closing windows as needed. Thanks for your consideration.

Our Meetings

<i>Liturgy Committee Meeting</i>	Sunday, 6/4	after 5:00 p.m. service
<i>Executive Board Meeting</i>	Wednesday, 6/7	7:00 p.m.

Email dignityboston@gmail.com if you'd like to attend. All are welcome!

[News from DignityUSA](#)

[Dateline](#)

Check the latest edition of DignityUSA's [Dateline](#). Here you'll find information about San Francisco's and Philadelphia's 50th Anniversary celebrations, Families with Dignity events, and how to help our DignityUSA pilgrims for World Youth Day.

[Our Community](#)

[Annual Fundraising Event for Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition](#)



On 6/17 in Hopkinton, MA and 8/12 in Brewster, MA, the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition (MBCC) will hold our annual fundraising events, Against the Tide. These are family-friendly running, swimming, and walking events, suitable for all ages and abilities. Please consider registering. The registration is open at mbcc.org/swim.

[Our Collections](#)

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Please support Dignity/Boston and DignityUSA as well as our Second Collections by contributing at our in-person liturgies or sending donations to: Dignity/Boston, PO Box 170428, Boston, MA 02117-0408. Please make checks payable to “Dignity/Boston”. If your contribution is for the monthly Second Collection, please write “Second Collection” on the memo line. Please note that the second collection for the month will be taken at the in-person service that is offered on the second Sunday of each month, or, if for some reason the in-person schedule changes, it will then be collected on the next Sunday that we meet in-person.

May Collection



Our May Collection benefits [Keshet](#), a Jewish organization envisioning a world where all LGBTQ+ people and their families can live in full equality. Please click [here](#) to donate.

June Collection



Our June collection will benefit [BAGLY](#). BAGLY is the Boston Alliance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer youth. It is a youth-led, adult-supported organization committed to social justice, and creating, sustaining and advocating for programs, policies and services for the LGBTQ+ youth community. Please click [here](#) to donate.

Please contact dignityboston@gmail.com if you have any items that you would like to suggest for our next Bulletin (6/15/23) by Tuesday, 6/13/23 at 12 Noon.