



## BULLETIN – July 15, 2023

### Our Liturgies: In-Person Mary of Magdala Eucharistic Liturgy



Please join us on Sunday, 7/23 at 5:00 p.m. in-person for our Mary of Magdala Eucharistic In-Person Liturgy. Mary Magdalene, sometimes called Mary of Magdala, or simply the Magdalene or the Madeleine, was a woman who, according to the four canonical gospels, traveled with Jesus as one of his followers and was a witness to his crucifixion and resurrection. She is mentioned by name twelve times in the canonical gospels, more than most of the apostles and more than any other woman in the gospels, other than

Jesus' family. Mary's epithet *Magdalene* may mean that she came from the town of Magdala, a fishing town on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee in Roman Judea.

Also join us on...

Sun., 7/16: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Share the Word Online, 5:00 p.m.  
Note: Healing and anointing takes place at this 7/16 Share the Word.

Sun., 7/30: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Share the Word Online, 5:00 p.m.

*Next In-Person after the 7/23 Mary of Magdala liturgy: Sunday, 8/13*

## Commissioning Right/Blessing for World Youth Day Pilgrims



Members of our community will be actively involved in a Commissioning Ritual to send our 9 World Youth Day Pilgrims to Lisbon with our blessings and good wishes! All are welcome. This event is generously sponsored by Dignity

Boston. The event will be held Sunday, 7/30 at the Doubletree Boston Logan Airport Hotel, 201 Everett Avenue, Chelsea. There will be free parking in the hotel's lot for the event and the hotel is accessible by T. The schedule is: 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a social to meet the Pilgrims (with refreshments provided) and 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. with a commissioning ritual (this portion of the event will be live-streamed). If you would like to be part of the ritual, or can help staff the registration table (starting 12:30 p.m.), please contact Marianne at [execdire@dignityusa.org](mailto:execdire@dignityusa.org) Part of the ritual will involve speaking a brief blessing in multiple languages. If you'd like to participate in that, please let Marianne know what language(s) you can speak, and she'll send you the text. Click [here](#) to register for the send-off event online. Click [here](#) to register for the send-off event in-person. Click [here](#) to donate.

## Save the Date



It's time for us all to celebrate! Please join us for our Dignity Boston Anniversary Dinner on Friday, 9/29 at Club Café in Boston's Back Bay. More details and the exact time will be shared in future bulletins as the time gets closer.

## About April



April's surgery is over. She is doing well! Dignity Boston will be supporting April and Miles Cummings as they navigate through April's kidney transplant. The Dignity Boston Executive Board authorized a DoorDash community gift card. If you'd like to contribute to the Door Dash gift certificate from the community you can send your contribution to: Dignity Boston, PO Box 170428, Boston, MA 02117-0408. Note "Cummings" on the memo line so we know it's a contribution for them. If you want to send them money to help defer their housing costs, you can send money

through Venmo. The account is @mb-cummings. Because April's immune system will be suppressed for a short while longer, the family will need to minimize contact with people. They will, however, need and appreciate help with things like getting food and groceries and doing laundry (their Airbnb does not have washer/dryer and going to a laundromat would not be a good idea at this time). In addition, Miles may need some respite at times. The Dignity Boston community has expressed an interest in giving a helping hand. The Cummings Family have asked Becky and Marianne to coordinate their needs and schedule the assistance. If you are looking for other ways to help, please contact Becky, [duddyburkeb@gmail.com](mailto:duddyburkeb@gmail.com) or Marianne, [duddyburkem@gmail.com](mailto:duddyburkem@gmail.com). April and Miles have also created a CaringBridge site where you can receive updates from them: [April Cummings Website](#). We have blessed April and we have prayed that she can return to her family and community, fully recovered and ready to embrace life anew as it appears she is well on her way to doing. Please continue to keep the Cummings family in your prayers and many thanks for your generosity.

## **News from DignityUSA**

### **Board Elections**

Please remember to cast your vote for candidates in DignityUSA's 2023 Board Elections. Members should have received a personal ballot for the election. We will be closing the ballot at 11:45 p.m. EDT on Saturday, 8/26, so vote now! You can also watch the candidates in a Board Forum this afternoon (7/15) at 3:00 p.m. EDT with the link to register [here](#) by 1:00 p.m. EDT. today (7/15). Registering by 1:00 EDT ensures that you're in the final mailing to get the link. The session will be recorded.

## **Our Community**

### **Wellness Walk**

On behalf of St Stephen's Youth Program (SSYP), everyone at Dignity is invited to join the St. Stephen's community for its First Wellness Walk. This happens on the evening of Thursday, 7/27. The purpose of the walk is to visit the neighborhood where many of the St. Stephen's community of young people live in order to bear witness and pray for all the families, and for SSYP. At the conclusion of this Bulletin, as an addendum, you'll see a flier explaining the details of the event. We invite you to register at [development@ssypboston.org](mailto:development@ssypboston.org)

## **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 In-Person or Via Mail**

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.

## **July Collection**



Our Dignity Boston July collection will benefit the [First Baptist Church in Jamaica Plain](#). First Baptist is a Christian community of many cultures and one faith. It is unified in its diversity and strengthened by the Holy Spirit as community gathers together in worship, witness, and service to glorify God and follow the example of Jesus’

inclusive love. Please click [here](#) to donate.

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*Please contact [dignityboston@gmail.com](mailto:dignityboston@gmail.com) if you have any items that you would like to suggest for our next Bulletin (7/30/23) by Friday, 7/28/23 at 12 Noon.*

*[Note that the Wellness Walk article as an addendum appears on the next and final page]*



FROM THE DESK OF

**CHRIS SUMNER**



## JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST WELLNESS WALK

Blessing and kindness to all of you!

SSYP is alive with beginnings in this summer season. In the past few weeks, we have seen our oldest LEARN elementary students move up to our Youth Leadership Corps for middle schoolers and our YLCers move into Junior Counselor in Training positions. At our Reach Beyond Ceremony, we celebrated 16 high school graduates who are off to college, job training and military careers. On Friday, June 16th, 37 Parent Mentors graduated from a year long-training program where they were prepared for professional positions with Boston Public Schools. Of these accomplishments, we could not be prouder.

The energy of this season is found in our profound gratitude for community and the boundless joy we feel as we watch our youth and community mark these milestones.

You are invited to join another community celebration this summer. On July 27th, we will lead an intentional Wellness Walk through the neighborhoods where our youth and parents live. We are presenting this walk with our partners Will Dickerson from the Mayor's Faith-Based Community Liaison Office, Dr. Kevin Simon from Children's Hospital and the City's Chief Behavioral Health Officer and Reverend Michael Deegan from St. Stephen's Church.

Our goal is to be present, be visible and to see, listen and feel the vibrancy of our streets, parks and community spaces. We will seek during our walk to engage in meaningful encounters with our culturally rich, spiritually rich people of humanity. We can do more together than we can do apart! Come join us for what will be an opportunity to touch, see and feel humanity at its best!

We will gather at St. Stephen's at 5:30 pm for instructions and conclude with a community dinner at 6:30 pm. To register, please email [development@ssypboston.org](mailto:development@ssypboston.org). ALL are welcome, in your RSVP please note any mobility issues so we can make accommodations. Please bring friends, neighbors, family members as our arms are wide open and our hearts are full.

Leaving you in peace and the love of God until we gather soon and embody 2 Corinthians 5:7-9 *For we walk by faith, not by sight.* –Chris Sumner, Executive Director