



## **BULLETIN – October 15, 2023**

### **Our Liturgies**

#### **Upcoming Liturgies**

Sun., 10/15	Online STW 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time	5:00 p.m.
Sun., 10/22	I-P Eucharistic 29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time	5:00 p.m.
Sun., 10/29	Online STW 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time	5:00 p.m.

Note: There will be a healing service during the 10/15 Share the Word liturgy. STW refers to a Share the Word service. I-P refers to an in-person service.

#### **Liturgy of Remembrance and Reading of Names**

This liturgy will be in-person on Sunday, 11/5. Please join us. If you would like to have the name of a person who has died since our last Liturgy of Remembrance read aloud in our Liturgy of Remembrance, you can send the name or names via email to [DBBookofremembrance@gmail.com](mailto:DBBookofremembrance@gmail.com) or write the person's name in our Book of Remembrance. In either an email or writing the name in our book, please include a guide to pronunciation if needed.

## **In-Person Liturgy Schedule**

For the months of November and December, our in-person liturgies at St. Stephen's will be on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, not the 2nd and 4th Sundays. The third Sunday in November (11/19) will be our Liturgy of Thanksgiving. The first Sunday in December (12/4) will be our Anniversary Liturgy. Thanks, in advance, for considering joining us for these in-person services.

## **Some Guidelines for In-Person Liturgies**

Please note that the Executive Board of Dignity Boston is continuously monitoring the spread of Covid. Out of concern for rising rates of Covid infection we encourage you to wear a mask to our liturgies. If you are not feeling well (fever, cold symptoms, or a positive Covid test) please join the liturgy through streaming. Unless previously provided, attendees will be asked to show proof of vaccination including having received a Covid booster shot.

## **Our Socials**

**Thursday, 10/19** 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### **Queer Catholic Art Night 2.0**

We will continue discussing and investigating new works! Visual culture has been instrumental to the Catholic faith. From architecture to painting to sculpture, the visual arts have been used to wrestle with the beauty and complications of faith. We will be looking at a wide range of artists, themes, and topics that center around queerness in Catholicism. As LGBTQ+ Catholics, we deserve to be able to see and celebrate ourselves within the arts. Feel free to bring an image of your own favorite artwork to share!

Host: Tyler

## Dignity's Anniversary Dinner: A Huge Success!



Forty-seven people gathered on Friday, 9/29 at Club Café in Boston to celebrate Dignity Boston's 50th year. It was a warmly received event where people got to visit with some old friends and new friends. Attendees enjoyed watching a photo history of Dignity Boston over the years. It brought back those who are no longer with us and reminded us of moments essential to our purpose, as well as some fun and joyous times. The success of this event was due to the creative spirit and precisely engineered program that was designed, directed, and implemented by Diane Sidorowicz and Jon Schum. Thank you to Diane and Jon for the program; to Tom and Ron for the video presentation; to the Club Cafe staff for setting the environment; and a heartfelt thank you to all who attended and contributed to making it a true celebration of the Dignity Boston Community.

## Men's Spirituality Group Turns 30 !!!



Dignity Boston's Men's Spirituality Group, fondly known as MSG, is observing its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month. It began as an outgrowth of intense interest in personal and communal spirituality, akin to a Dignity Boston flourishing women's spirituality group. In fact, for a long stretch both groups met jointly once a month for shared discussion. And, of course, it always included a meal! In the beginning members signed up to provide dinner (3 courses) and as the group expanded, it took three volunteers to provide dinner. Up until the pandemic it became potluck. MSG then took to meeting virtually and has continued to do so with occasional dinner gatherings. Three of its founding members (Tony, Bill, and Ron) are still active in the present group of ten members. In its early days MSG revisited biblical texts and re-read them through the lens of our gay identities and experience. Over the years MSG members have probed the great Mystery that is the essential spiritual side of ourselves. They have explored the place and the impact of spirituality in their personal lives, the life of the Church, politics, the creative arts (music, art, poetry, mask making, storytelling), Eastern religions, personality development, aging, growing up gay – all within the arc of our personal journeys. There is no shortage of topics!

## Our Elections



Consider using your time and talent to serve as a Dignity Boston Executive Board member. Nominations Night is Sunday, 10/29 after our online service. Candidates Night, where the nominees share their vision, is Sunday, 11/5 after our in-person liturgy. Voting happens after this and ballots must be received by Noon on Saturday, 12/2.

## Our Meetings

The Dignity Boston Liturgy Committee meets on Sunday, 10/29 following our online liturgy. The Dignity Boston Executive Board Meeting meets on Wednesday, 11/1 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. You may request the online link for the Dignity Boston Executive Board meeting by emailing [dignityboston@gmail.com](mailto:dignityboston@gmail.com)

## Strides for Action

Thanks to all who contributed and walked in the Strides for Action Walk. It was a beautiful day for walking! Dignity Boston raised \$1,359 for LGBTQI+ wellness causes.

## Our Community

### Wonderfully Made

DignityUSA Executive Director Marianne Duddy-Burke will be speaking at Wonderfully Made and had a key role in this documentary!



The Greater Boston LGBTQIA Catholic Collective  
invite you to the Boston Premiere  
of the film

# Wonderfully Made LGBTQ+R(eligion)

Directed by Yuval David  
Produced by Mark McDermott

**Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 PM**  
**St. Cecilia Church**  
**18 Belvidere St.**  
**Boston, MA 02115**

Q&A with the creatives and advocates following the screening  
Light reception immediately follows.



For more information email [lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org](mailto:lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org)

*Wonderfully Made - LGBTQ+R(eligion)* is a feature-length documentary striking at the root of anti-LGBTQ attitudes by exploring the challenges and aspirations of LGBTQ+ Catholics. The film focuses on the Catholic Church because it is one of the largest religious organizations and its anti-LGBTQ+ stance is known and growing more hardline. It features interviews with leading advocates rarely seen all together, including clergy, organizational leaders and activists. The narrative of the film is shaped by the process of a fine art project creating unprecedented, photographic iconography depicting Jesus as a member/ally of the LGBTQ+ community, represented by multiple LGBTQ+ models.

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## **MBCC LGBTQIA+ Dance**

On 10/21, the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition (MBCC) will hold its 26th Annual LGBTQIA+ Lesbians and Friends Dance, in-person at Boston's best venue, Club Cafe, and virtually on Zoom. Tickets are available at [mbcc.org/dance](http://mbcc.org/dance). Find out more about MBCC at [mbcc.org](http://mbcc.org). MBCC strives to change the legacy of breast cancer for future generations.

## **News from DignityUSA**

Pope Francis's statement to five Cardinals that there might be ways for church officials to bless same-sex unions is a "welcome sign of openness" on LGBTQIA+ issues, says DignityUSA. Read more about this [here](#).

## **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**



Support Dignity Boston through our Second Collections by contributing at our in-person liturgies or sending donations to: Dignity/Boston, PO Box 170428, Boston, MA 02117-0408. Make checks payable to "Dignity Boston". If your contribution is for the monthly Second Collection, please write "Second Collection" on the memo line.

## October Collection



Our Dignity Boston October collection benefits Boston GLASS. To donate or get more details, please click [here](#).

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