



## BULLETIN – December 15, 2023



**Merry Christmas from Your Dignity Boston Executive Board!**

*“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”*

*--John 3:16*

## Our Liturgies

### Upcoming Liturgies

Sun., 12/17	I-P Eucharistic 3rd Sunday of Advent	5:00 p.m.
Sun., 12/24	Christmas Eve Liturgy	5:00 p.m.

Note: STW refers to a Share the Word service. I-P refers to an in-person service. 12/17 is also known as Gaudette Sunday and will have a healing service during the liturgy.

### In-Person Liturgies



Our Dignity Boston In-Person liturgies during the calendar year 2024 will go back to the normal second and fourth Sundays on the month. Our last in-person liturgy for 2023 is this Sunday (12/17). Our next one is Sunday, 1/14/24. All in-persons are at our normal 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated. We hope to see you this Sunday and at our future in-person liturgies. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### 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 Elections

### Newly Elected



Welcome to our newly elected 2024 Dignity Boston Executive Board Members: Maddie Marlett (left), Kate McLoud (center) and Matthew McNeff (right).

### Welcoming Back

We welcome back to our Executive Board: Peggy Burns, Juia Donnelly-Spiegelman, Becky Duddy-Burke, and Tyler Mills.

### Thankful for Your Service

We thank those who are leaving the Executive Board at the end of this year: Aidan Hennigan, Alice Knowles, and Bert Ouellette.

## Our Meetings



The next meeting of the Dignity Boston Liturgy Committee is Sunday, 1/21 following our Christian Unity Sunday liturgy. All are welcome!

## **Our Committees**

### **Follow-up on Men's Spirituality Anniversary Reunion**

The Dignity Boston Men's Spirituality Group (MSG) met in reunion on Tuesday, 12/5 with a number of current and former members to celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Members took time to provide updates on where they are today and what's evolved in their lives over the years. The meeting, via Zoom, featured lots of reminiscing about MSG projects and memorable moments along with photos and anecdotes. Five of the original MSG founders were present. They marveled at the range of topics covered over the years and called to mind many members who moved on to other spiritual horizons. Not all the activity was spiritual. There was always dinner preceding discussion, which meant preparing and transporting three courses for 12+ members every Tuesday. All in all, it was agreed that 30 years is a remarkable milestone!

## **Our Community**

### **Religious Literacy Initiative**

Dignity Boston has been invited by the Boston Children Museum to participate in their Religious Literacy Initiative. This is meant to mediate the impact of religious illiteracy which can look like diminishing respect for diversity, reinforcing stereotypes, and overlooking intersectional identities that may lead to lack of empathy. An art piece will be on display made by one of our members, Tyler Mills, which celebrates our unique gifts as a LGBTQ Catholic organization. The piece combines traditional forms of an altarpiece but elements of queer histories (e.g. the mirrored disco ball). This work exemplifies how art can be used as practice of creating new forms of worship and faith traditions from a LGBTQ perspective. The initiative runs through Sunday 12/17. The exhibit may have certain viewing times so please contact [info@childrensmuseum.org](mailto:info@childrensmuseum.org) or visit the Boston Children Museum website for more information about hours and tickets: <https://bostonchildrensmuseum.org/>

## **St. Stephen's Christmas Service**

If you're interested in attending an in-person Christmas service, the St. Stephen's community has invited the Dignity Boston community to attend its Christmas service. The location is 419 Shawmut Ave. in Boston's South End. People will gather at 4:00 p.m. for a community meal followed by the service at 5:00 p.m. After the service, there will be treats and socializing.

## **First Event**



The Trans Community of New England (TCNE), sometimes referred to as the Trans Club of New England, will once again hold its First Event at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel from Wednesday, 1/24 to Sunday, 1/28. There's lot of information on the [TCNE](#) website.

## **Our Parent Organization: DignityUSA**

### **Pre-Register for DignityUSA's 2025 Conference**



Pre-registration is now open for the DignityUSA 2025 Conference near Columbus, OH (town of Dublin) from Friday, 7/4 to Sunday, 7/6 in 2025. For more information, click [here](#). To pre-register, click [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 by contributing at our in-person liturgies or by 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.

## **December Collection**



Our December collection benefits Helping our Women (HOW), the trusted resource center for women living with chronic or serious health conditions in the Outer Cape towns from

Eastham to Provincetown. Through personalized outreach the organization educates, supports, and empowers women to take control of their healthcare, well-being, and diverse needs. For more information, please visit [www.helpingourwomen.org/thriving](http://www.helpingourwomen.org/thriving). Please click [here](#) to donate. Our own Dignity/Boston members, Diane and Lourdes, are HOW volunteers and Lourdes is a member of its Board. If you missed the opportunity to donate to this on 12/3, there will be another opportunity to donate on Sunday, 12/17.

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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 (12/30/23) by Thursday (12/28)*