

**Book of Names:** Our Dignity/Boston Book of Names is now available at the back of the church. We ask that you please consider writing the names of those who have passed away within the last year in the book. Please provide a pronunciation guide to facilitate the name reading for the readers and to ensure the name of your friend or loved one is read correctly.

**2020 Executive Board:** Dignity/Boston is seeking members to run for the 2020 Board. We'll be nominating members on Sunday, 11/3 after liturgy. Those who accept nomination to the Board will then be available for a question/answer session the following Sunday (11/10). Please consider if a run for the Board is a good way for you to give back to your spiritual community of choice, Dignity/Boston.

**Preregister for DignityUSA National Conference:** If you haven't already, please consider pre-registering for the DignityUSA 2021 National Conference in San Diego. The dates are Thursday, 8/19 to Sunday, 8/22. You'll save 10% on the registration cost by pre-registering now. No worries if your plans change as the preregistration deposit is refundable through April of 2021.

**New DignityUSA National Board:** October is the start of the fiscal calendar for DignityUSA as well as the beginning of a new DignityUSA Board of Directors. DignityUSA would like to thank Lauren Carpenter, Daniel Barutta, and Marie Sweeney for their exceptional years of service. We also welcome Ellen Euclid, Ann Pennick and Meli Barber, and are thankful for the gifts and dedication they will bring to the work of moving Forward from 50. Thank you and congratulations

The Bulletin is a weekly publication of Dignity/Boston. Listings are at the discretion of the Dignity/Boston Board. The chapter does not endorse nor will be responsible for any personal views expressed in these announcements. In unusual circumstances, such as when the Governor declares a State of Emergency because of bad weather, Dignity/Boston may cancel its events, including the regular Sunday liturgy. Cancellations will be posted on our website and recorded on our voicemail message at 617-421-1915. We will email the cancellation to the listserv. Dignity/Boston is a progressive and inclusive Catholic community for people of all sexual orientations, genders and gender identities, including gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex persons, our family, friends and supporters. Board meetings and Liturgy Committee meetings are open to all members of Dignity/Boston. Both groups meet monthly year-round. All meetings are announced in the bulletin, during announcements at the end of liturgy each Sunday, and at [www.dignityboston.org](http://www.dignityboston.org). To place an issue on the agenda for the next board meeting, please see Chris Lawrence, email [dignityboston@gmail.com](mailto:dignityboston@gmail.com), or call 617-421-1915. Please leave a detailed message. For bulletin submissions, send an email to Dave Houle at [houlivan@gmail.com](mailto:houlivan@gmail.com). The Bulletin deadline is every Wednesday at 9 p.m.



*gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex Catholics & allies*

## October 13, 2019 Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**First Reading**  
**Second Kings:** 5:14-17

**Second Reading**  
**Second Timothy:** 2:8-13

**Gospel**  
**Luke:** 17:11-19



*"People don't know what it's like being the foreigner until they are one." --Amber Liu*

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## Our Songs

**Gathering:** Come to Us (743)

**Psalms:** All the Ends of the Earth (95—Psalm 98)

**Preparation:** At Evening (759)

**Communion:** Taste and See (837)

**Sending Forth:** We Will Sing Our Song to God (sheet)

*Note: Music selections may vary depending on available singers. Samples of our music can be found on the Dignity/Boston website.*

## Our Readings

Reluctantly, the foreigner Naaman plunges into the Jordan River at the word of the prophet Elisha and was miraculously cured of leprosy in our First Reading. In the Gospel, not lost on us is the parallel healing of the ten lepers by Jesus wherein the key player is a Samaritan, who recognizes the gift of healing in a powerful gesture of thanksgiving. If we persevere in Christ, we shall reign with Christ (II).

## Our Liturgy

*The glass chalices contain consecrated grape juice, for those who wish to abstain from alcohol. Gluten-free wafers are available as well.*

*Dignity/Boston continues to grow in awareness about gender diversity, and we recognize and welcome a spectrum of gender identities and expression. Unfortunately, our current hymnals do not reflect that well. As we strive to do a better job, we encourage you to change language as needed. We also encourage you to identify the pronouns you use on your name tag.*

*During our liturgy each Sunday, we ask you to please silence your cell phone.*

**Find us on:**



## Our Announcements

**October is Membership Month:** We continue with membership month here at Dignity/Boston as we have a special membership opportunity going on. Join or renew your membership and you'll be discounted 20% of the normal cost. With this discount, an individual membership becomes just \$40 and a couple membership just \$80. To renew or join, all that you need to do is go to the DignityUSA website. Go to the URL [www.dignityusa.org/join](http://www.dignityusa.org/join) In the "other amount" field, enter \$40 or \$80. Complete the form. Choose "Dignity/Boston" under "chapter affiliation". It's as easy as that! Please note that your membership in DignityUSA and Dignity/Boston supports the social justice efforts toward full inclusion of LGBTQI+ persons in the church. We hope you take advantage of this special offer.

**Executive Board Meeting:** The next meeting of the Dignity/Boston Executive Board is next Sunday (10/20) here at St. Stephen's from 1:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. The meeting is open to all and may be of particular interest to those considering a run for the 2020 Board.

**Second Collection:** Next Sunday's (10/20) Second Collection will benefit the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute is guided by the principles of love, unity, faith, home, courage, justice, and forgiveness to be a "center of healing, teaching, and learning for families and communities impacted by murder, trauma, grief, and loss." Located in Dorchester, they work with families and communities in order to sustain environments that support living in peace, with dignity and compassion. For over twenty years, they have worked with families impacted by murder and have developed the best practices in the field of homicide response. They are currently the go-to community-based agency that responds to homicides. If you'd like to write a check, please make it payable to Dignity/Boston, Dignity will then write one larger check for the institute. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

**Liturgy of Remembrance:** Please join us for our Dignity/Boston Liturgy of Remembrance on Sunday, 10/27. During this liturgy the names of those who passed away during the past year will be read aloud at our service. These will be the names from our Book of Names.