

Thanksgiving Pot Luck: Please join us after liturgy next week to enjoy this wonderful meal provided through the hands of your community of Dignity/Boston. Thanks for preparing and partaking!

World AIDS Day: World AIDS Day, designated on December first every year since 1988, is an international day dedicated to raising awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection and mourning those who have died of the disease. Government and health officials, non-governmental organizations, and individuals around the world observe the day, often with education on AIDS prevention and control. As of 2017, AIDS has killed between 28.9 million and 41.5 million people worldwide, and an estimated 36.7 million people are living with HIV, making it one of the most important global public health issues in recorded history. Thanks to recent improved access to antiretroviral treatment in many regions of the world, the death rate from AIDS epidemic has decreased since its peak in 2005 (1 million in 2016, compared to 1.9 million in 2005).^[3]

Dignity/Boston Anniversary Lunch: Our Anniversary Lunch will be on Sunday, 12/8 at 12 Noon at Maggiano's Little Italy. The meal is just \$20 per person. Payment is required by Wednesday, 12/4. There will be a presentation by four Dignity members, long-term and new. The meal consists of two of each: appetizers, salads, pastas, entrees, and desserts. Beverages, such as coffee, hot and ice tea, and soda as well as a cash bar, are also available. Please see one of The Houlihan's for payment. Maggiano's is at 4 Columbus Ave.

Ballots: All members should have received an election ballot at this point. If you don't have one, electronic or paper, please see a board member. Paper ballots need to reach our P.O. box by Saturday, 12/7.

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. To place an issue on the agenda for the next board meeting, please see Chris Lawrence, email 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. The Bulletin deadline is every Wednesday at 9 p.m.



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November 17, 2019 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading
Malachi: 3:19-20

Second Reading
Second Thessalonians: 3:7-12

Gospel
Luke: 21:5-19



"It is the veteran, not the preacher who has given us freedom of religion." --Anonymous

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Our Songs

Gathering: All You Works of God (492)

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

Anointing: The Peace of the Earth

Preparation: Abundant Life (710)

Communion: Seed, Scattered and Sown (834)

Sending Forth: Let Justice Roll Like a River (716)

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

Our Readings

The Day of the Lord was believed to be the time when God would come in majesty and power to set all things right. In a passage that is brief but filled with vivid images, the prophet proclaims this day as when “the sun of justice” will rise, when good is rewarded and evil punished, and this goes for all peoples (Reading I). Jesus catalogs the omens and signs of the “end times” but first reminds his listeners not to be misled by rumors and false prophets. Hard times call for patient endurance (Gospel). St. Paul urges personal responsibility as he addresses specific behaviors that weaken community (Reading 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

Liturgy Committee Meeting: The next meeting of the Liturgy Committee is tonight (11/17), following our service. All are welcome!

Transgender Day of Remembrance: Transgender Day of Remembrance is an annual observance on 11/20, this year coming up this Wednesday. It honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence. Please note that there are events around the state both on this date and before or after. Some free with no sign up, some with registration costs and advance sign up. We hope you can attend an event.

Liturgy of Thanksgiving: Join us on Sunday, 11/24 at our normal 5:00 p.m. start time for our very special Liturgy of Thanksgiving. We welcome members of the Friday Night Supper Program who are attending this liturgy.

Thanksgiving Collection: Our Dignity/Boston Thanksgiving collection will benefit the Friday Night Supper Program (FNSP). FNSP is a community meal program dedicated to hunger relief, located in Boston's Back Bay neighborhood. It was co-founded in 1984 by Arlington Street Church and Dignity/Boston and has a dedicated team of volunteers that has served over 7,800 meals yearly to disadvantaged people every Friday evening for the past 30 years. Each guest is served a nutritious three course meal consisting of soup, dinner and dessert at their table by our courteous volunteer servers. FNSP serves 150 guests each Friday night from various backgrounds including veterans, those coping with AIDS, mental illness or substance abuse, youth living on the streets, elderly, disabled, abused women, individuals who are jobless, minimally employed, or living below the poverty level. If you'd like to write a check, please make it payable to Dignity/Boston. Dignity will then write one larger check to the program. Thanks for your generosity.

Signup for Thanksgiving Pot Luck: Bert O. would love it if you would sign up with him to bring an item for our Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner next Sunday (11/24). So many in our Dignity community have already told Bert what they plan to bring. It would be helpful, at this point, to ask Bert what items might still be needed. Thanks, in advance, for your help with this.