



Emmanuel Newsletter
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 14, 2021
Emmanuel Church,
West Roxbury, MA

Dear Friends of Emmanuel,

I am happy to learn that last week's celebration of All Saints was a success. A special thanks to John Gooley for leading the service in my absence. I am sure that God has heard our laments and blesses our lives and the lives of those we love who have died.

This week we read about Hannah, a very troubled but loved wife who could not bear children. She suffered abuse and shunning from the women in the community as she was not able to produce heirs. It is an interesting phenomenon that continues to this day, even knowing that there are couples and women who choose not to have children. And today we have women who choose to have children with no husband. Our modern lives challenge long held sensibilities. Through the use of modern medical practices, we have opportunities never before imagined. These new possibilities bring new challenges to flex our theological muscles.

The story of Hannah and her faithfulness in spite of being persecuted by her community, is a model for the way we are called by God to live our lives. The circumstances are certainly different today, but the issues in part remain the same. Do we shame those who are different from ourselves? How do we open our hearts and minds to those whose lives are lived differently? I believe that if we live, like Hannah, continually praying to God for guidance, we will surely find our way and be blessed.

Come visit us on Sunday, November 14th to celebrate the Holy Eucharist at Emmanuel, where surely God is with us.

Blessings,

The Rev. Joyce Caggiano

Priest in Residence



PRAYER LIST

Please keep in your prayers the following persons: Paul, Mary, Catherine, Brant; Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Gail, Hal IV, Anne, and Patricia. Also say a prayer for Terri on the passing of her brother, Michael. (Please email us the names of those who need special prayers---info@emmanuelwr.org. Only first names will be used.



Join us Sundays at 10:00 am, in-person and indoors at Emmanuel Church. You can download the service via our website. Remember to wear a mask!
