



**Emmanuel Newsletter
First Sunday of Advent
Sunday, November 28, 2021
Emmanuel Church,
West Roxbury, MA**

Dear friends,

It has been a long two years since my arrival at Emmanuel due to the complications of the COVID pandemic. I have enjoyed being with the parish community very much. But alas it is time for me to finally retire from parish ministry. I have been working in one way or another since 16 and as a priest for 37 years. I will be leaving Emmanuel at the end of December.

There are already plans underway, under the able leadership of Terri Halliday and Ken Thelen to find a priest to continue the ministry that is so vital in West Roxbury. You will hear more about that as we progress.

On a positive note, I am very pleased to announce that Brink Bush has agreed to be with us until the end of December as our organist. Brink is a very accomplished musician and will bring an exciting Advent and Christmas Season to Emmanuel. We are lucky to have found him.

Please join us on Sundays in Advent to welcome Brink and to be blessed by his musical offerings.

Our lessons for this week remind us to cast of darkness and put “on the armor of light”. May God assist us all as we strive to do accomplish that in our individual lives and in our parish community.

Beginning this Sunday November 28, we will be offering a four-week Confirmation Class led by Leslie Thelen. In addition, we will also have an adult education class after a brief coffee hour. The first of these classes for both adults and children will focus on ‘things we have been told to believe’. We will talk about things we have learned in the past about the church and about our faith. We will have an opportunity to learn from each other and make connections with one another.

Many 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 for coffee hour/confirmation class this Sunday, Nov. 28 at 11:30. It will be the first in a series of classes during Advent.



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!
