



Emmanuel Newsletter
March 27, 2022
Emmanuel Church
West Roxbury, MA

Fellow Parishioners,

We are already in the Fourth Sunday in Lent. I refer back to what my thoughts were last year during Lent, and I was joining others on the Dialogue Sermon Zoom service. During the Dialogue portion I could not really add much mostly because my thinking was different from the orthodoxy of fasting and giving up something for Lent.

But later I did forward what the season of Lent meant for me, and I will share it here: I have never been in the 'melancholy circle of Lenten worshiper's. I prefer a more subdued worship of a conversation with God. To open my heart and mind to what God is saying to me, what He is trying to do for me, to help me reset my path forward. To accept the imperfections of my past, repentance, and rely on God's wisdom to guide me forward to a brighter future with Christ.

I hope you have all given some thought to what the season of Lent can mean for you. This Sunday we continue our season of Lenten Morning Prayer and invite all of you to join us at 10am.

After this week's service we will host Matt Demko, who runs a small film production company. He will use our Parish Hall to film the dancing scenes with the elderly actors. The movie is a comedy featuring the elderly among us. We are excited to have Emmanuel play a role in the movie/tv production world for the fifth time!

Thank you and have a great week.

Terri and Ken, co-wardens



For those who wish to donate to agencies helping Ukraine, Episcopal Relief & Development is supporting Action by Churches Together (ACT Alliance) as it provides critical assistance to support people affected by violence in Ukraine, according to a [March 9 news release](#). Working through ACT member Hungarian Interchurch Aid (HIA) and other local organizations, ACT Alliance is providing emergency assistance such as food, shelter, water and basic supplies to refugees and people displaced within Ukraine.

A “Donate Now” button is available on the news release page referenced above. Please keep Ukraine in your prayers.

Слава Україні!

PRAYER LIST



Please keep in your prayers the following persons: Paul, Mary, Catherine, Brant, Michael, Sergio, Parker, Martha, Gail, Anne, Patricia, Joanna, KJ, and Fr. Robert. Please email us the names of those who need special prayers---info@emmanuelwr.org. Only first names will be used.

Emmanuel Church hall is being used for another film production. Matt Demko, who owns a small production company is filming a comedy about the elderly. He is filming the dance scene(s) at Emmanuel this Sunday afternoon, March 27, 2022. Below are a few stills from the movie:



Speaking of Hollywood productions, the HBO Max, “Julia” begins airing on March 31. This is the production that used our facilities for COVID testing and costume changes. Here’s the trailer—look for the brief scene of Julia leaving her “house” which is two houses south of the church on Stratford. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PZBacZqwbCA>