



**NEWSLETTER**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 15, 2022**  
**Emmanuel Church**  
**West Roxbury, MA, 2022**

Fellow Parishioners,

This past Sunday was Mother's Day. During our service we celebrated Good Shepherd Day as well. But Mother's Day took the day. We offer many thanks to Andy who not only set up a beautiful table for the pictures of our mothers but brought in fresh altar flowers to compliment the still radiant Easter lilies. Andy also led the service and offered a wonderful tribute to his own mother. He extended the offer to all of those in the pews to share a tribute to their mother. It was an incredibly moving service. We are posting some pictures of the leader, lector, and table with the many other pictures on our FB page this week. I encourage you to have a look.

On Sunday, May 15, The Rev. Jon Eden will be the celebrant. He is from Cambridge and has spent several years at Trinity Church in Cambridge. We are still editing the Order of Service, as is customary with a new celebrant. As such we will not be including the OOS in this week's notice.

I know many of you are asking about our search for clergy. At this time all faiths are struggling with finding, affording, and retaining clergy. The supply list struggles as well. This is a convergence of the normal turnover of retired priests and the year and a half of closure due to COVID. Many small parishes are facing closure because their parish base has not returned and/or clergy presence is unavailable.

At Emmanuel we finished out 2021 with a strong bank account. Rev. Joyce retired and we did something other parishes are not doing. We have a long history of Morning Prayer. We turned to that as our weekly worship while we worked with the Diocese on hiring new clergy. There is movement in that direction, and we are thankful for the support offered by the Diocese. They, in turn, are very impressed with the decision we made concerning Morning Prayer and the support that our parish base has exhibited. So many have taken the role of officiant of the service, a lector, new acolytes. It has been one of the more rewarding times in my faith journey.

So, please, consider joining those that have answered the call. Your support in the pews and financially is essential to Emmanuel's continued journey. Perhaps next year you will have a tribute to share.

Thank you.

Terri and Ken, Co-wardens



As the war continues, we pray for Ukraine and its people.

Please consider donating to one of the many organizations raising money for Ukraine. If you prefer to donate directly to an organization focused on helping children in Ukraine, there is Save the Children: [https://support.savethechildren.org/site/Donation2?df\\_id=5746&mfc\\_pref=T&5746.donation=form1](https://support.savethechildren.org/site/Donation2?df_id=5746&mfc_pref=T&5746.donation=form1)

Another worthy organization is World Central Kitchen a nonprofit founded by Chef José Andrés providing food onsite in Ukraine and to refugees coming into border countries. Learn more at: <https://wck.org/>

**Слава Україні!**

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## PRAYER LIST



Please keep in your prayers the following persons: Paul, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Gail, Anne, Patricia, KJ, Fr. Robert, Joel, Barbara, and Franklin N.

Please email us the names of those who need special prayers---[info@emmanuelwr.org](mailto:info@emmanuelwr.org). Only first names will be used.