



NEWSLETTER
February 5, 2023
Emmanuel Church
West Roxbury, MA 02132

Dear Friends and Fellow Parishioners,

The 130th Annual Meeting of Emmanuel Parish, West Roxbury has come and gone!! It was a memorable event for the wonderful bounty of food and fellowship. The business of the Parish, although paying some attention to the financials that were quite positive this year, focused instead on the things that stood out as strong positives. We started out with 'shout outs' to those youngest that stood forth: Natalie and Grant Thelen as our youngest Acolytes and Seraiah Belfon as our youngest leader on our media presence.

We thanked Fr. Jon for choosing to come to Emmanuel and helping us not only chart a new path but get our service up weekly on YouTube — using his own camera to record the service. Kellon Belfon and Ken Thelen will take the lead in working toward getting Emmanuel's services live streaming in the future. This is important in order to maintain a presence in our worship community.

Cathy McCarthy spoke eloquently about our unique events in 2023. She and her team put together three very well attended and fun events: The Blessing of the Animals, Music on the Lawn and Pets and Photos with Santa. We also want to make a special call out to Ed Fleming who has served for many years on the Vestry and as a Diocesan and Deanery delegate. He's our guy working in the background with other parishes and the Diocese. His service to Emmanuel is very appreciated these many years.

There are many that may not have been mentioned but their service to the Emmanuel community is a vital component of our mission: Kafi Belfon, Leslie Thelen (our lead for the kids at Easter), Andy Castiglione, Gail Halpin-Evans, Anne Jackson, Frank Fleming and Beth Doris-Gustin (who saved fellowship hour!). Thank you, Esther Kwok, for the glorious music every Sunday.

We wish to recognize Ed Barrett who is retiring off of Vestry this year but has been a committed and active member of our faith community for many, many years. We thank you for your service. And very special thanks to John Gooley, whose contributions cannot be covered. He has maintained our finances without a presence on Vestry. Our gratitude for that service and much more is heartily extended.

It was a wonderful day for this 130th year at Emmanuel. See the pictures below and visit our Facebook page to see more. Thank you and see you Sunday for our 10am service.

Terri and Ken, Co-wardens



WATCH EMMANUEL VIA YOUTUBE

Missed the in-person service? No problem. You can catch the service, usually posted by Monday evening, via our website, <https://emmanuelwr.org/> or you can go directly to the Emmanuel YouTube site, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEQm5KH2wGB_XbZ8h9jIdhA

Parish Calendar

February 19
11:00 a.m.

Gumbo Cook for Shrove Tuesday

February 21
6:00 p.m.

Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Dinner!

February 22
7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday

February 26
10:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Lent

March 5
10:00 a.m.

Visitation from Bishop Alan Gates

(With time to meet with Bishop Gates after the service)

PRAY FOR UKRAINE



As the war continues to now escalate, we prayer for Ukraine and its people. Our prayers truly help, as they keep us mindful of God's love for us all and the miracles that occur even when all seems lost.

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

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!

PRAYER LIST



We pray for those who are homebound or ill: Paul, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Gail, Anne H, Patricia, Anne J, Barbara., Maureen, Tony, Louise, Edmond, Lucy, Rachael, Kathleen, and Scott.

Please email us the names of those who need special prayers---info@emmanuelwr.org. Only first names will be used.