



**NEWSLETTER**  
**February 26, 2023**  
**Emmanuel Church**  
**West Roxbury, MA 02132**

Fellow Parishioners and Friends,

It's been a very busy week. On Sunday, Feb 19 we brought together a good group of people to cook up the Gumbo dinner that will serve as the main dish for the Shrove Tuesday feast on Feb. 21 before the fasting, discernment and reflection of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22.

The Parish Hall has been decorated in Mardi Gras celebration of this special week. There will be food, traditional bright colored beaded necklaces, bright colored face masks and lots of good cheer. We look forward to seeing you at 6:00 pm for this fun event.

On Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm we celebrate the Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist. The 40 days of Lent are easily marked and seen with the deep, rich color of purple on the Altar, the draped Altar Cross and the Shrouded Processional Cross. It is not meaningless ritual. It marks the solemn journey we take with Christ during Lent. After the Sunday Lent service, Fr. Jon will host an Adult Formation and Reflection series on our Lenten Journey. We invite all to attend immediately after the service.

Thank you all for your contributions to make this week a memorable one!

Terri and Ken, Co-wardens

### Lent Preparations





**February 26, First Sunday in Lent  
Adult Lenten Series Begins**



**Sunday, March 5, 10am  
Visitation from Bishop Alan Gates**

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**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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEQm5KH2wGB_XbZ8h9jIdhA)

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**PRAY FOR UKRAINE ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE OUTBREAK OF  
THE WAR**



As the war continues into a second year, 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=fo  
rm1](https://support.savethechildren.org/site/Donation2?df_id=5746&mfc_pref=T&5746.donation=fo<br/>rm1)

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 УКРАЇНИ!

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### 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](mailto:info@emmanuelwr.org). Only first names will be used.