



NEWSLETTER
March 12, 2023
Emmanuel Church
West Roxbury, MA 02132

Fellow Parishioners and Friends,

A great many thanks go out to all who helped make Bishop Alan Gates' and his Assistant Kevin Vetiak's visit such a wonderful event. Over my many years at Emmanuel I have had the honor of being present at the visits of Bishop Tom Shaw, Bishop Suffragan Barbara Harris, Bishop Suffragan Bud Cederholm, Bishop Suffragan Gail Harris, and now Bishop Alan Gates. All of them more than once.

It goes without saying that such an event brings anxiety about so many things. Who will do what, when they will do it and how they will do it? What will we serve for brunch/lunch, what can we talk to the bishop about, will the weather cooperate and will the basement flood (as it had prior to my arrival at Emmanuel many years ago). This year was no different, right up to a potential New England winter weather event.

But, as it always does, it all worked out. The enthusiasm for the visit superseded all the stress. It was a beautiful service and Bishop Gates delivered a sermon reminding us of the quiet and true power of faith. A faith that, when mixed with its practical application, can lead to both an immediate and long-lasting legacy of living that faith. The service was followed by a delicious brunch/lunch with fellowship and conversation with the bishop.

We also had the opportunity to recognize Andy Castiglione's birthday. He was presented with a salute-to-your-90 years birthday cake. What a delicious end to a scrumptious luncheon. Thanks to everyone who joined us for the bishop's visit, and we invite you to check out our Face Book page for a glimpse of our service and fellowship. You can also view the entire service on our website: <https://emmanuelwr.org/tslr-sermon/the-second-sunday-in-lent-march-5-2023/>

Have a wonderful week. We hope to see you at next Sunday's 10am service.

Terri Halliday, Co-warden



**Sunday, March 5, 2023
Second Sunday of Lent
Visitation from Bishop Alan Gates**



A celebration of Bishop Gates' visit and Andy's 90th birthday. So much to be grateful for!

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

PRAY FOR UKRAINE



As the war continues into a second year, we pray 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=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 УКРАЇНИ!



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.