



**NEWSLETTER**  
**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 24, 2023**  
**Emmanuel Church**  
**West Roxbury, MA 02132**

Fellow Parishioners and Friends,

What a difference a week makes! When Fr. Jon notified us he had contracted COVID and would be out on Homecoming Sunday, we had to move quickly to rearrange our service. Gail Halpin Evens quickly created a new service bulletin for Morning Prayer. The Morning Prayer service went very well as our two lay leaders are very familiar with it and Esther, our organist, was fully versed on the order of hymns. We've offered Morning Prayer services many times in the past, so our parishioners were comfortable with the switch.

On the facility side, the heavy rains we've experienced this summer pushed our plans for getting the gutters and downspouts cleaned. But the work needed was more extensive and vestry approved a bid for a bigger project. Our contractor, Carlos, will ensure better drainage with exit points, add additional downspouts, and divert the water into grassy areas away from the building. Our next project will be a better top railing for our wooden fence.

Our Annual Homecoming Celebration was the usual combination of goodies. We are fortunate our parish enjoys fellowship time. Most of our people were back from summer vacations and able to attend, with a few others having prior commitments. They were missed. Please see our Face Book page for some great pictures taken by John Gooley, Cathy McCarthy and Anne Jackson (plus the two photos below in this newsletter).

We also posted a picture of Virginia Lamb. Virginia passed away in 2020 due to complications from COVID. She was our long time Parish historian and Parish Administrator and would have been 91 this September.

Thank you all for your commitment to Emmanuel. We hope to see you Sunday at the 10am Holy Eucharist Service. Hopefully, Fr. Jon will be leading this service.

Terri and Ken, Co-Wardens

**Emmanuel Homecoming Sunday, September 17, 2023**





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### WATCH EMMANUEL VIA YOUTUBE

Missed the in-person service? No problem. You can catch the service, usually posted by Tuesday 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) (Morning Prayer Services are not videotaped nor posted.)

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### PRAY FOR and SUPPORT UKRAINE



The war continues. We prayer for Ukraine and its people. Our prayers truly help, as they keep us mindful of God's love for us and his miracles.

Please consider donating to one of these curated and trusted organizations raising money for Ukraine. <https://www.helpsaveukraine.org/> **СЛАВА УКРАЇНІ!**

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*We pray for those who are homebound or ill:* For all those who have asked for our prayers, especially Bud Cederholm, Paul, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Anne H, Patricia, Barbara, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Marilyn, Eddy, Christopher, Laura, and Steve for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

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