



**NEWSLETTER**  
**The Second Sunday of Advent**  
**December 10, 2023**  
**Emmanuel Church**  
**West Roxbury, MA 02132**

Dear Fellow Parishioners and Friends of Emmanuel Parish,

We have a lot coming up this Advent and Christmas season:

**Santa and Friends**



We invite you and your vaccinated pet or stuffy to our annual photo event with Santa this Sunday, Dec. 10 beginning at 11:30 a.m. Two legged friends are also welcome. Given the canine respiratory news from the past month, we do request that dogs remain leashed and kept at a social distance from other 'unrelated' dogs in an abundance of caution for their health. It will

be a fun event with music, refreshment for humans and treats for dogs as we capture photos of your loved ones with Santa. We hope you can join us.

### Christmas Flowers



If you would like to contribute for the flowers which will decorate our Sanctuary during the Christmas season, please mark your donation as "Christmas flowers" and provide the name(s) in whose memory or honor you are giving. There are forms on the table at the church. Please contact Gail Halpin-Evans with questions ([ghe9876@aol.com](mailto:ghe9876@aol.com)). The deadline for names to be listed in the Christmas bulletin is Sunday, Dec. 17.

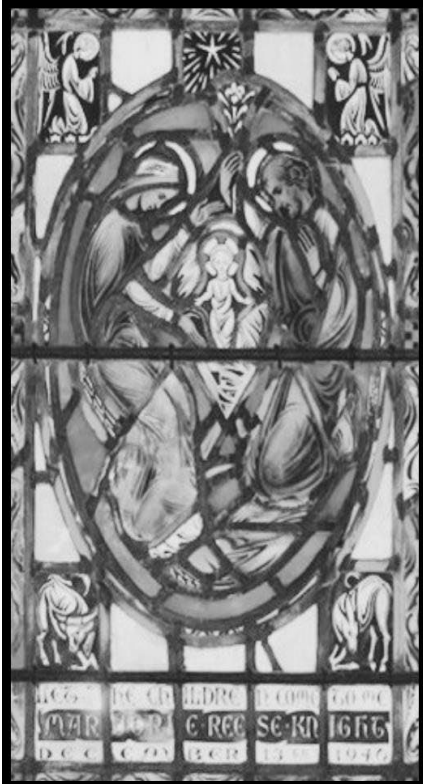
Finally, we continue with our Advent Contemplative Services offered by Fr. Jon on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. This is a wonderful way to worship and wind down at the end of the day.

We look forward to seeing you Sunday at our 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist service.

Thank you.

Terri and Ken, Co-Wardens

**December Calendar of Services/Events, Mission items, Reminders, and Prayers**



## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AT EMMANUEL

CONTEMPLATIVE ADVENT PRAYERS	TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 7:00 PM
ADVENT I	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 10:00 AM
CONTEMPLATIVE ADVENT PRAYERS	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 7:00 PM
ADVENT II	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 10:00 AM
VISIT FROM SANTA WITH FURRY FRIENDS!	11:30 AM
CONTEMPLATIVE ADVENT PRAYERS	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 7:00 PM
ADVENT III	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 10:00 AM
CONTEMPLATIVE ADVENT PRAYERS	TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 7:00 PM
ADVENT IV	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 10:00 AM
CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY EUCHARIST	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 5:00 PM



### **“Help Us Help Our Neighbors” Campaign**

We continue to collect donations to Emmanuel Church for Rose’s Bounty Food Pantry operating from the Stratford Street Church located just up the street on the same block as us. Our goal is to match a diocesan grant given to us for \$500. Any questions, please reach out to Gail Halpin-Evans ([ghe9876@aol.com](mailto:ghe9876@aol.com)) if you have questions. Please make checks payable to Emmanuel Church with a memo that is intended as a Rose’s Bounty contribution.

### **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 and winter is upon us, prolonging the suffering of the Ukrainian people. We pray 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/> **СІЛАБА УКРАЇНИ!**

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*We pray for those who are homebound or ill:* For all those who have asked for our prayers, especially Alfred, Stanley, Peter, Felix, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Anne, Patricia, Barbara, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Paul, Eddy, Christopher, Michael Curry and Christina.

We also pray for those who have died, especially Laura.

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

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