



NEWSLETTER

**The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 4, 2024
Emmanuel Church
West Roxbury, MA 02132**

Dear Fellow Parishioners and Friends of Emmanuel Parish,

We held our Annual Meeting, and it all went well. Vestry members and delegates for the Diocesan annual meeting and the Neponset River Deanery were chosen and approved. Terri Halliday is stepping down as co-warden and we welcomed Cathy McCarthy as Terri's replacement. Our Annual Meeting Report has the complete list of officers and Vestry. We held our business meeting over a wonderful warm brunch, appropriate for the rainy day outside.

Please continue to follow the newsletter as we will be listing upcoming events throughout the next few weeks. We are planning a Feb 13th celebration of **Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday**. For those who attended last year, you know how much fun we had. We hope you can all attend this year. Mark your calendars now. Details coming soon!

A Short Note from Terri Halliday

On a closing note, I would like to extend a warm Thank You to all of you at Emmanuel.

When COVID struck in 2020 we, like many other churches, wondered how we would sustain our worship community in the future. But all of you decided to do the work needed to remain open and build toward the future. We created a thriving Morning Prayer program to support us when we had to go forward without a priest for 6-7 months. So many members participated in leading Morning Prayer that we grew our attendance and income to sustain us during that time. Fr. Jon joined us as a Bridge Priest, and soon will become our Priest-in-Charge. He energized us with his positive, forward-thinking leadership. He led in establishing the system that enables us to both record and stream our services so everyone can hear the Word of the Lord. Our acolytes now serve in a variety of ways and are our future. I was honored to help in leading the way forward and none of this would have been possible without the support and action of the Vestry and parishioners at Emmanuel. Thank you.

Best regards,

Ken and Cathy, Co-wardens

Watch Emmanuel via Facebook/YouTube

Can't make it to church? No problem. You can catch the live service or later on Facebook or YouTube. (Morning Prayer Services are not streamed live or videotaped.)

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/> **СЛАВА УКРАЇНІ!**

Pray also for peace in the Middle East



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, Christina and Tony and his wife Manny and son, Alex.

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