



NEWSLETTER

**The Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2024
Emmanuel Church
West Roxbury, MA 02132**

Dear Fellow Parishioners/Friends of Emmanuel Church,

Lent can be a very busy time. Our Shrove Tuesday potluck feast had it all--gumbo, jambalaya, onion pizza pie, sweet potatoes, soup and more! Our event experts, Peggy and Cathy appropriately decorated the parish hall. New Orleans jazz filled the air. After our meal, we went outside where Fr. Jon burned last year's palms to be used for Ash Wednesday. There is nothing like a robust fire on a dark and cool night.

Our Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 14 was subdued as we enter 40 days of fasting and reflection that will ultimately lead to the triumphant entry and Crucifixion of our Lord Jesus Christ. For Lent, purple is the dominant color, representing repentance and Passion. Crosses are shrouded in purple and the shiny altar elements are replaced with ceramic ones.

After the Sunday service on Feb. 18, a short fellowship hour was followed by an Adult Formation Lenten program organized by Fr. Jon. It was informative and offered time for questions and discussion.

Fr. Jon will be away this Sunday. We'll be celebrating Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m. Join us!

Make sure to check our Facebook page for photos of this past week's events!

Thank you.

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.