



## NEWSLETTER – CHRISTMAS 2024



*Also please worship with us any/every Sunday at 10 AM and join us for hospitality and refreshment after the service.*

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### **Watch Emmanuel via Facebook/YouTube**

Did you miss it? Would you like to hear it again? No problem. You can catch the live service or later on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#). Want to donate to our continuing ministry? Donate online [HERE](#) or visit our [website donate page](#).

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### **Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendar!**

- Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> 10 AM Advent IV and Stewardship In-Gathering Sunday to offer your commitment pledge. At 11:30 AM (after service & fellowship) – rehearsal for our Christmas Eve pageant, then all are welcome to sing Christmas hymns and/or help us prepare the church for our Christmas Eve service
- Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup> 5 PM - Christmas Eve Service – our warm candlelight Service of Holy Eucharist, pageant and music to celebrate the birth of Christ
- Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> – 10 AM First Sunday after Christmas - Morning Prayer Service with Hymns.
- Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> 10 AM - Second Sunday after Christmas - Service of Holy Eucharist with Renewal of Baptismal Vows
- Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 7 PM - The Feast of the Epiphany Service & Party (see flyer on page 3)

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- Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> 10 AM– The Baptism of our Lord - Service of Holy Eucharist with renewal of Baptismal Vows

**Save the Date: Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> – Annual Meeting after 10 AM Service (approx. 11:30)**

Annual Meeting is an important gathering of all parish members to elect officers and members of the Vestry, Delegates to Diocesan Convention and to the Neponset River Deanery, as well as to review and approve parish financial reports and budgets and to discuss and decision other proposals for the good of the parish.

**OTHER NEWS & OFFERINGS**

- **Thank you** to all who helped with Santa and Friends, an annual event to meet and welcome members of our community and their furry friends during the holiday season. Everyone, including Santa had a great time. Check out the photos on page 6!
- **Thank you** to all who generously donated to our efforts to support **Rose’s Bounty**, the food pantry run by our neighbors from the Stratford Street United Church. It serves residents of West Roxbury, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain, Hyde Park and Mattapan with programs including in person pick up, home delivery to the homebound and a pop-up pantry for Chittick School families. In the next issue, we will report on the total donations presented to them for their important work in our community.
- **Emmanuel’s Annual Stewardship Campaign** While we each hope we give gratitude for and stewardship of God’s gifts every day throughout the year, our annual campaign reminds us that a commitment pledge from each member is critical to keep our community thriving. The campaign re-energizes us in our endeavors to offer our time, talent, and treasure in thanksgiving for all our blessings. **We will offer up our cards to pledge our commitment during the Offering on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**, In-Gathering Sunday. Let us discern together what God is calling us to give both financially and the individual talents we each have in support of our Emmanuel community.
- Registration for 2025 summer camp at the Barbara C Harris Camp and Conference Center is open! The 2025 summer schedule includes [Family Camp](#), June 27-30—an extended weekend of shared play, worship, community and rejuvenation that welcomes all family configurations—as well as four one-week [youth camp sessions](#) between July 6 and Aug. 1 that are open to campers completing 2nd through 11th grades. If you want to know more, details can be found at: [Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center](#)
- Our Diocese is offering a Day of Discernment on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, with registration closing January 29<sup>th</sup>. Historically this event was focused on those discerning a call to ordained ministry, but in 2025 all who wish to discern their call to either lay or ordained ministry are invited. For more information, please visit and/or to register, visit [here](#).
- You can view more Diocesan news online at: [Newsletters | Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts \(diomass.org\)](#)



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SERVICE & EPIPHANY PARTY**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 7 PM**

**EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**21 STRATFORD STREET, WEST ROXBURY. MA**

**[WWW.EMMANUELWR.ORG](http://WWW.EMMANUELWR.ORG)**

# *How is God calling me?*

*A Day of Resources for  
Vocations of All Kinds*

**SATURDAY, FEB. 1**

**9 A.M.-3 P.M.**

**CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, BOSTON**

**ALL who are interested in discerning calls  
to ministry in the church and in the world,  
both lay and ordained, are warmly invited!**

*Details and registration at:*

*[www.diomass.org/ministry-discernment-2025](http://www.diomass.org/ministry-discernment-2025)*



**Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts**

Registration is open through Jan. 29. For details and to register, click [here](#).



**We pray for peace and reconciliation at home, throughout the Ukraine- and the Middle East and everywhere in the world. We pray for those impacted by recent hurricanes and fires.**

It may be 2024 but the suffering of innocent people continues.

We pray for those in sorrow, anguish, despair and for those who are sick, especially for those named in this week's Order of Service. We also pray for all who travel, that their journeys may be safe, rejuvenating and filled with the knowledge of God's presence.

**Our prayers truly help, as they keep us mindful of God's love for us and his miracles.**

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please be in touch with The Rev. Jonathan Eden, Priest-In-Charge ([therev.jonteden@gmail.com](mailto:therev.jonteden@gmail.com) 617.798.0770)

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



**СЛАВА УКРАЇНІ!**

**SANTA AND FRIENDS**



**Santa said**



**we've all been  
very good this year**

**December 8, 2024**