



**NEWSLETTER – Winter 2025 Volume 2
HAPPY EPIPHANY!**

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

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](#).

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendar!

- Sunday, January 19th 10 AM – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany - Service of Holy Eucharist
- Sunday, January 26th 10 AM – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany – Service of Morning Prayer
- Sunday, February 2nd 10 AM – 4th Sunday after Epiphany – Service of Holy Eucharist
- **Sunday February 9th 10 AM – 5th Sunday after Epiphany – Service of Holy Eucharist, followed by brunch and Emmanuel’s 132nd Annual Meeting** (meeting will start at approximately 11:30 AM.)
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. **Your presence is crucial to continuing the democratic governance of our parish.**
- Tuesday March 4th 6 PM - Shrove Tuesday – Mardi Gras Celebration!
- Wednesday March 5th 7 PM – Ash Wednesday - Holy Eucharist and imposition of Ashes
- Thank you to those who donated 2025 Liturgical calendars. If you haven’t gotten yours, pick one up at the back of the church before they run out.
- Scroll down for photos of Emmanuel’s celebrations of Epiphany and the Baptism of our Lord

Other News & Events

- Love Casts out Fear: An Inauguration Eve Vigil at St. Paul’s Cathedral Sunday January 19th at 5 PM. Everyone is welcome to join Bishop Julia E. Whitworth and other diocesan and Episcopal Peace Fellowship leaders in person or online on their [YouTube channel](#). *(More details on page 4)*
- Our Diocese is offering a Day of Discernment on Saturday, February 1st, with registration closing January 29th. 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](#). *(More details on page 5)*

- Bishop Julia Whitworth has announced our new **regional canon for Central Region: The Rev. Marissa S. Rohrbach** who will begin her new ministry by mid-March. The [Central Region](#) comprises the 60 congregations and other church-related institutions in the Boston Harbor, Alewife, Charles River and Neponset River deaneries. Emmanuel is an active member of the Neponset River deanery.
- Registration for the Barbara C Harris Camp and Conference Center 2025 summer camp is open! The 2025 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 4 one-week youth camp sessions July 6 and Aug. 1 that are open to campers completing 2nd through 11th grades.
- You can view more Diocesan news online at: [Newsletters | Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts \(diomass.org\)](#)

See how Emmanuel celebrated the start of Epiphany!

Following a spectacular Christmas season at Emmanuel, a group of dedicated members, both young and ‘seasoned’ , did the hard work of removing the beautiful Christmaside decorations. **THANK YOU ALL!!**

We then observed the Feast of the Epiphany with our Sunday service and January 5th. The following evening, on the actual Day of Epiphany, January 6th, we celebrated with sparkling cider and Kings’ cake (including hidden prizes!) The winners of those hidden prizes had the honor of processing with the Epiphany figures through the church and outside, where we enjoyed a service and burned greens. The experience was made even more invigorating with the evening cold wind.



Kings' cake with prizes



Joyful prize winners getting ready to process (did anyone count how many pieces of cake they had?)



Star and camel and kings, oh my!..... Full of cake, our Epiphany procession sings “We Three Kings of Orient Are”



Burning greens with an inspiring service kept us warm on a chilly evening



**The Asperges & Thanksgiving over Water following our Renewal of Baptismal Vows
Christ the King Sunday**

This year, the season of Epiphany lasts until Wednesday, March 5th (Ash Wednesday) 2025

Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

**Love Casts
Out Fear:
An Inauguration
Eve Vigil**

**Sunday, Jan. 19
5 p.m.**

**Cathedral Church of St. Paul
138 Tremont Street, Boston**

 **Please join us! Details and register at:
www.diomass.org/love-casts-out-fear**



The Diocese of Massachusetts and Episcopal Peace Fellowship invite all to join for "Love Casts Out Fear: An Inauguration Eve Vigil" on Sunday, Jan. 19 at 5 p.m. at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston.

Everyone is welcome to join Bishop Julia E. Whitworth and other diocesan and Episcopal Peace Fellowship leaders--in person or via livestream at the cathedral's [YouTube channel](#)--for this prayer service, to hold sacred space for leaning into the Christian teaching that love casts out fear, the church stands with the marginalized, and love in practice looks like justice and peace.

Please register in advance so the Cathedral Church of St. Paul can plan well.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Childcare will be available on site, if registration is received by Jan. 14.

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



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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, fires and acts of violence.

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 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/>



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