



NEWSLETTER – Winter 2025 Volume 3

Epiphany

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

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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, February 2nd 10 AM – Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple - 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.)
 - Our 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.
 - Enjoy the food and fellowship
 - **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
- Lenten Formation Series: Our Episcopal prayer books. Sundays following the service. Dates and additional details will be announced.

Other News & Events

- 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. Camperships

are available to those with need. For more information, you can ask Fr. Jon, who serves on the board and/or visit: [BCH Center – A ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts](#)

- The Episcopal Church has been in the news since Bishop Mariann Budde’s words for unity at the National Cathedral January 21st. To read the text: [A Service of Prayer for the Nation Homily \(edow.org\)](#)
To watch and hear her sermon: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xwwaEuDeqM8>
- Our Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe and House of Deputies President Julia Ayala Harris issued a letter upholding the biblical call to welcome the stranger. It is available [here](#).
- Our MA Episcopal bishops issued a joint statement supporting Bishop Budde’s call for mercy: <https://www.diomass.org/news/diocesan-news/ma-episcopal-bishops-issue-joint-statement-supporting-bishop-buddes-call-mercy>
- A few days prior to Bishop Budde’s address, our Diocesan Bishop Julia Whitworth provided information about our Diocesan Ministries with Immigrants: <https://www.diomass.org/news/diocesan-news/statement-bishop-whitworth-diocesan-ministries-and-immigrants>
- You can view more Diocesan news online at: [Newsletters | Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts \(diomass.org\)](#)



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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**THE PARISH OF EMMANUEL CHURCH
WEST ROXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS**

132nd ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday, February 9, 2025

The 132nd Annual Meeting of the Parish of Emmanuel Church, 21 Stratford Street, West Roxbury, Massachusetts will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday, February 9, 2025, at 11:00 AM to act on the following:

1. The election of Officers of the Parish
2. The election of the persons to serve on the Vestry
3. The election of two Delegates and one Alternate Delegate to represent the Parish at the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts
4. The election of five Delegates to represent the Parish in the Neponset River Deanery, and such other delegates as may come before the meeting
5. The presentation and receipt of reports from all Parish Officers and organizations, and the conducting of such business as may appropriately come before the assembly.

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Cathy McCarthy, Co-Warden

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kenneth Thelen".

Kenneth Thelen, Co-Warden