



NEWSLETTER – Winter 2025 Volume 4

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 February 16th** 10 AM – 6th 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: The Book of Common Prayer. Sundays following the service on March 9th, 16th, 23rd and April 6th, and 13th.

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.
- **You are invited: Listening Sessions to vision for our diocese:** As the diocese embarks on a new season of ministry, Bishop Julia E. Whitworth is eager to hear from clergy and lay leaders in the worshipping communities of the diocese, in a process toward articulating the vision for the diocese's future. In partnership with Ministry Architects, a week of many listening sessions has been scheduled in March. In-person listening sessions will take place during the week of **March 15-20 at locations throughout the**

diocese, and via Zoom March 24-26. Find more information, the full schedule and the registration link at www.diomass.org/visioning-2025.

- 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](http://www.diomass.org/bch-center)
- 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 \(edow.org\)](http://www.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>
- The Diocese of Massachusetts continues to update their site with training opportunities and info about immigration advocacy resources and materials for worship and study to help the people of our diocese respond to federal policy changes at: [Immigration Resources and Advocacy | Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts \(diomass.org\)](http://www.diomass.org/immigration-resources)
- You can view more Diocesan news online at: [Newsletters | Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts \(diomass.org\)](http://www.diomass.org/newsletters)



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 16, 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 16, 2025, at 11:00 AM to act on the following:

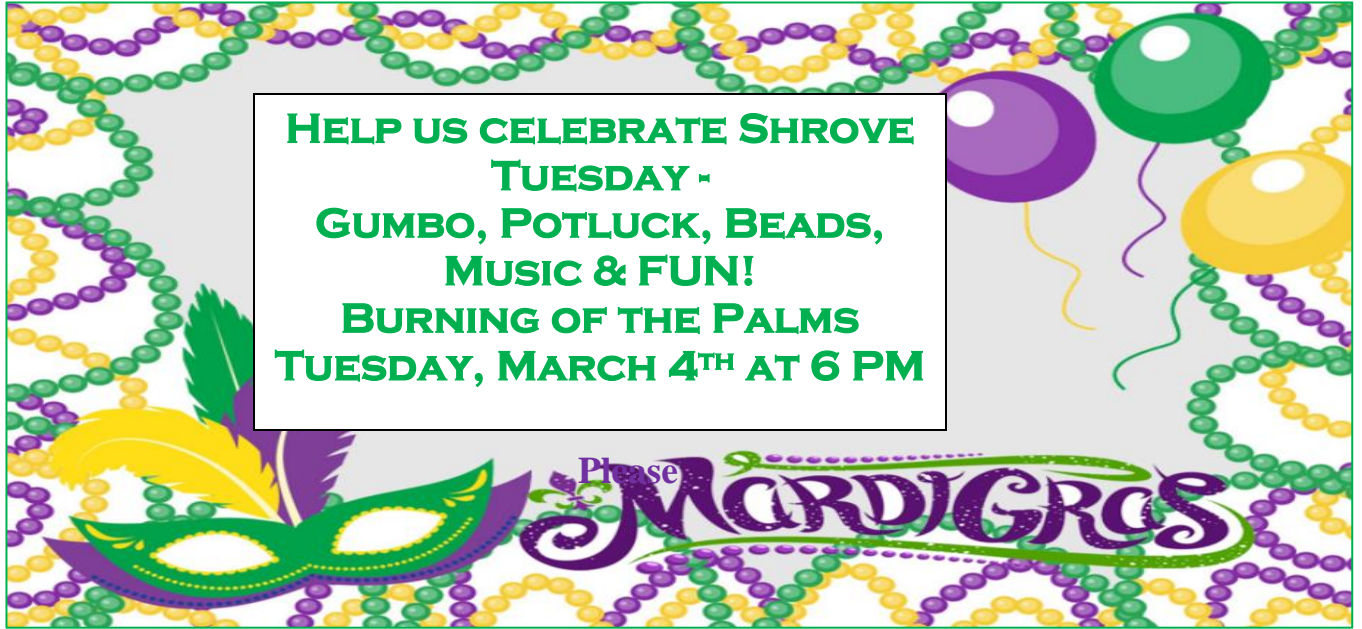
1. The election of Officers of the Parish
2. The election of the persons to serve on the Vestry
3. The election of two Delegates and one Alternate Delegate to represent the Parish at the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts
4. The election of five Delegates to represent the Parish in 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy McCarthy".

Cathy McCarthy, Co-Warden

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

Kenneth Thelen, Co-Warden



**HELP US CELEBRATE SHROVE
TUESDAY -
GUMBO, POTLUCK, BEADS,
MUSIC & FUN!
BURNING OF THE PALMS
TUESDAY, MARCH 4TH AT 6 PM**

Please accompany us on our Lenten journey:

LENT 2025 WITH EMMANUEL:

- **WEDNESDAY MARCH 5TH AT 7 PM
– ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY
EUCHARIST & IMPOSITION OF THE
ASHES**
- **SUNDAYS MARCH 9TH, 16TH, 23RD
& APRIL 6TH & 13TH (PALM
SUNDAY): 10 AM HOLY
EUCHARIST FOLLOWED BY
REFRESHMENTS AND OUR LENTEN
SERIES: EXPLORING THE BOOK OF
COMMON PRAYER**
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH 10 AM
SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER**

Holy Week: Times & Locations to be announced



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