



EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NEWSLETTER – Winter 2025 Volume 5

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!

- 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.
- **Diocese announces Devotional Lenten Companion:** This year's joint Massachusetts & Vermont diocesan devotional focuses on the prophet Isaiah and will feature daily prayers and readings alongside individual reflections from members of all seven Episcopal dioceses in New England, as well as artwork from Christian artists. The [devotional will be available online by early March here](#). An introductory session will take place on Thursday, March 6, with subsequent gatherings on Wednesday evenings, March 12 through April 30, 6-7:45 p.m. For more information, visit [Interdiocesan devotional offered as a Lenten companion | Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts \(diomass.org\)](#) E-mail communities@diovermont.org to register for the series.

- 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>
- 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 \(diomass.org\)](#)
- 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/>

Emmanuel 132nd Annual Meeting Held February 16, 2025

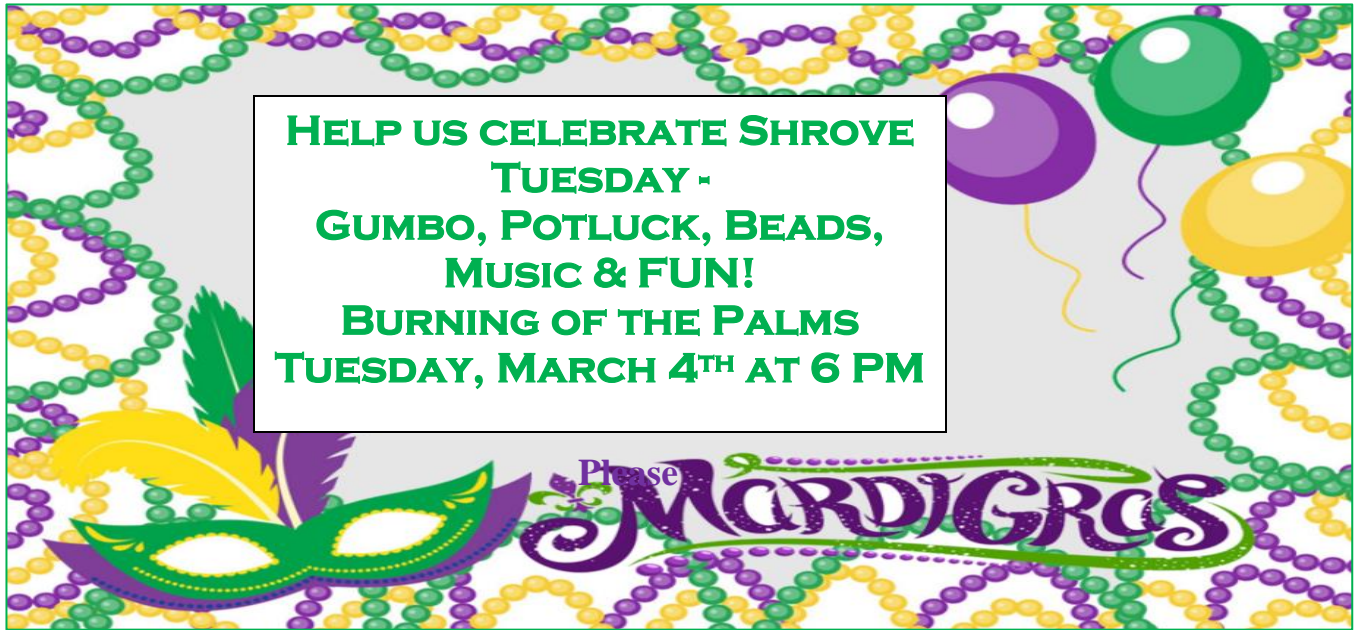
Emmanuel’s 132nd Annual Meeting was held Sunday, February 16th, 2025. Thank you to all those who braved the snow and slush to attend and participate in this important piece of our Episcopal democratic governance! Attendees were provided a copy of the Annual Report, which included minutes from the 131st Annual Meeting and reports from the Priest-In-Charge, Co-Wardens, Property*, Building Usage*,

Music*, Parish Life*, Events*, 2024 Financials, 2025 Budget, Assets & Liabilities and Nominating Committee. The body approved the Financial Reports including the 2025 Budget proposal and the slate of Officers, Vestrypersons and Delegates. As is our custom and in consideration of attendees' time, several reports were commended to personal reading and were not read aloud during the meeting.

If you have not already done so, we encourage you to take the time to review those reports of 2024 activity not read during the meeting or you could miss important information! For example, the Property Report includes news that the cause of the leak which had damaged the walls of our Clement Ave entrance and adjoining Sanctuary was finally identified and corrected by our vendor, thanks to the perseverance of co-warden Cathy McCarthy! The Building Usage report includes ways sharing our building beyond worship makes a positive impact to our local community. The music report expresses our appreciation to Esther Kwok for her gift of sacred music to our worship experience. The Parish Life report is full of many rewarding ways our parishioners are active in parish ministries together with whom you can contact to find our more information about anything that interests you. The Events report from our events committee recaps our many fun 2024 events. If you're interested in helping in 2025, please see any member of the committee. If you need a copy of the Annual Report, please see Ken Thelen. We can hardly wait to see what we can do in 2025!



- Good food!
- Connecting with our home viewers
- Calling the meeting to order



**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
EUCCHARIST & IMPOSITION OF THE
ASHES**
- **SUNDAYS MARCH 9TH, 16TH, 23RD
& APRIL 6TH & 13TH (PALM
SUNDAY): 10 AM HOLY
EUCCHARIST 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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