



## NEWSLETTER – Spring 2025 Volume 3

### Happy Eastertide!

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

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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/Ongoing Events - Mark Your Calendar!

- Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 10 AM: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Holy Eucharist (Mothers' Day)
- Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 10 AM: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Holy Eucharist
- Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 10 AM: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Service of Morning Prayer
- Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 10 AM: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Holy Eucharist
- Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 10 AM: **The Day of Pentecost**, Holy Eucharist. We read a short passage from the Book of Acts in many languages. If you can read basic text in a language other than English, your participation would be most welcome! Fluency is not required, as everyone will be reading in different languages at the same time from the pews, creating a cacophony. If you would like to read, please tell Anne Jackson (GrammarLady@verizon.net) *Pentecost is also one of the Sundays set aside for baptism. If you, or someone you love is considering baptism, please let Fr. Jon know before June 1<sup>st</sup>.*
- Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 10 AM: Trinity Sunday, Holy Eucharist (Fathers' Day), followed by our Annual Parish Picnic to kickoff summer. (More details to follow).

Stay tuned for future announcements about visits being planned with our new Diocesan Central Region Canon, Rev. Marissa Stuart Rohrbach and with Rev. Edwin Johnson, Director of Organizing at Episcopal City Mission, to tell us more about the important work, and ways in which we might participate.

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#### Neponset River Deanery

The Neponset River Deanery will meet Wednesday, May 21st at 7 PM. The agenda for this meeting will include review and decisioning requests for Sending and Serving and House of Mercy Grants. Emmanuel is requesting a grant to support our local food pantry, Rose's Bounty. Emmanuel's elected lay delegates for 2025 are: Ed Fleming, Anne Jackson, and Ema Sullivan. Fr. Jon is our Deanery clergy co-convenor.

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**Rose’s Bounty Walk for Hunger Team Stops at Emmanuel**

Boston’s annual Walk for Hunger was held Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. The Rose’s Bounty team walked a 2-mile route around West Roxbury. Emmanuel was honored to be a stop where we ‘stamped’ each walker’s card to confirm that the walker had passed our checkpoint. We were the last stop before walkers returned to Stratford Street United for a party. According to their website, the Rose’s Bounty team raised approximately \$36,000 for Project Bread!



Each month, the Rose’s Bounty food pantry is open for pick up the 2nd Saturday from 2PM - 4PM and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday from 11AM -1PM. Please see their website for many volunteer opportunities including setting up, serving and cleaning up from in person pick up as well as packing and delivering: [How to Help](#). Check back often for updated needs and schedules.

**Other Upcoming/Ongoing News & Events**

- The Rev. Shannon Kelly has joined the diocesan staff as interim missionary for youth and young adult formation. She most recently served on the presiding bishop's staff as officer for young adult and campus ministry and grant director for the Camino Project. She brings a long vocational history of advocating for and ministering with children, youth, and young adults, and has served congregations and ministries in California, New York and Wisconsin.
- Episcopal City Mission (ECM) has worked closely with churches, partner organizations and legal review to develop guidance for how to handle immigration enforcement actions on church property. ECM's new guide, located at [www.episcopalcitymission.org/ice-protocols](http://www.episcopalcitymission.org/ice-protocols) and available in several languages, includes "Frequently Asked Questions" and sample ICE protocols and policies for Episcopal churches in Massachusetts, covering ICE or Homeland Security presence; privacy and information sharing; and public and private spaces.
- 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](#)

- 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 earthquakes, hurricanes, fires and acts of violence.**

We pray for those in sorrow, anguish, fear, 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/>

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# Celebrate the Day of Pentecost with us

**Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM**

**Holy Spirit - Holy Eucharist**

**Reading of Acts in Multiple Languages\***

**Wear Red (optional but fun)**

**As always, followed by refreshments and conversation in the Parish Hall**



*Pentecost is a designated day for Holy Baptism. If you or someone you love are considering the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact Fr. Jon before June 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*\*It is our custom for multiple congregants to read a short passage from the Acts of the Apostles from their pew, in different languages. Reader volunteers are invited! Reading does not require fluency, only the ability to read a few lines in a language other than English as all readings will happen at the same time, creating a cacophony. Please contact Anne Jackson, [GrammarLady@verizon.net](mailto:GrammarLady@verizon.net) for more information and/or to sign up.*

# **SAVE THE DATE**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 15<sup>th</sup>**

## ***Emmanuel Parish Picnic***

- Immediately after our 10 am service, rain or shine.
- Weather permitting, we will hold our parish potluck picnic in the church yard; otherwise in the Parish Hall.



*More details to follow*

***Kick off to Summer***