



NEWSLETTER – Spring 2025 Volume 4

Come Holy Spirit – Welcome Pentecost!

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/Ongoing Events - Mark Your Calendar!

- Sunday, June 8th 10 AM: **The Day of Pentecost**, Holy Eucharist, Renewal of Baptismal Promises & Asperges. Many read a short passage from the Book of Acts in many languages from our pews at the same time, creating a cacophony. Wear **RED** if you chose (fun but not required).
- Sunday, June 15th 10 AM: Trinity Sunday, Holy Eucharist (Fathers' Day), followed by our **Annual Parish Picnic** to kickoff summer and its shift to a less busy parish life for us to enjoy the short summer season. Please tell Anne Jackson (grammarlady@verizon.net) how you might help (set up, clean up) and/or if you have yard games to offer and/or what you dish you want to bring to help us plan a well-rounded buffet (ideally beverages, ice, salad, main, side, desserts, etc.) If you are not able to bring anything, please come anyway – your presence is the most important contribution!
- Emmanuel's weekly 10 AM worship services will continue throughout the summer and will be followed by light refreshment and fellowship following the service.

Preserving Emmanuel's Pipe Organ

The beautiful sacred music coming from Emmanuel's century old pipe organ is a major part of our worship together whether in 'ordinary' weekly services; major holy feasts; weddings, funerals, etc. We recently required a few unplanned repairs that, by virtue of being unplanned, were not included in our budget. We therefore are asking those who love our organ music for a special donation to help offset the expenses. If you choose to donate, please mark your donation "Organ". Special envelopes will be available at the Pentecost and Trinity Sunday services. (If we do raise more funds than the recent repairs, then they will be set aside and designated for future organ work.)

Neponset River Deanery

The Neponset River Deanery met Wednesday, May 21st, when we enjoyed the hospitality of our friends at St. Michael's in Milton. Attendees had the honor of meeting our new Regional Canon, Rev. Marissa Stuart Rohrbach. Rev. Michael Bousquet, our Deanery representative to Diocesan Standing Committee, reminded us that this year there is a requirement that the Diocesan budget align with the Diocesan Mission Strategy. The focus of the meeting was to review and decision the many requests for the annual Neponset River Deanery Sending and Serving and House of Mercy Grants. This year there were more requests than there were funds available so a portion of each original request was approved. Besides Emmanuel's request for Rose's Bounty, other grants requested and proportionately approved included: support for Christ Church Hyde Park's sister church in Nigeria; City Reach, the NeboKray Kindergarten in Kiev, Ukraine. New Life Furniture, BMC (Boston Medical Center Grow Clinic), and B-LOVE. Emmanuel was approved to receive \$302.00 to support our local food pantry, Rose's Bounty.

In addition to donating and volunteering, you can also help Rose's Bounty with any eat-in or take-out meal purchased at the Brickhouse Café in Dedham on Monday, **June 9th**.

Other Upcoming/Ongoing News & Events

- June is Pride Month and the Diocese of Massachusetts invites you to **"Join with Episcopalians witnessing for love and joy during Pride celebrations this June!"** There are many geographic offerings, including Boston's Pride Parade. "Central Region deaneries (Alewife, Boston Harbor, Charles River, Neponset River) are encouraged to participate in the **Boston Pride for the People Parade on Saturday, June 14 at 10:30 a.m.** (meeting up near Copley Square). Bishop Julia Whitworth will lead our delegation at this Pride event, riding in a convertible. Trinity Church welcomes those who are not marching and want to cheer on the 11 AM parade to gather on the church's clarendon Street porch and lawn for a watch party." Read the full article at: [Join Pride celebrations across the diocese | Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts \(diomass.org\)](#)
- Diocesan Mission Strategy Update: Read the latest article Visioning 2025 here: [Visioning 2025 | Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts \(diomass.org\)](#). Organizations typically revisit and revise their strategy once every 5 years and our Diocese is no different. Bishop Julia's goal is to present a new Mission Strategy at our annual convention in November.
- The Listening Session Report is now available. As you may recall, each of us were invited to participate in one of 35 in person listening sessions to voice our own perspectives about hopes and challenges for our parishes. While our Diocese is comprised of diverse parishes with diverse needs – from smallest to largest, from those with multiple full-time clergy and staff to those with only part time clergy and lay volunteers – it is encouraging to see many of Emmanuel's hopes and challenges included in the report (on item reflects our input verbatim!!) The report summarizes the key items voiced by participants and provides next steps. Of the next steps, Bishop Julia invited 55 people from around our Diocese for a follow up Vision Summit and will form a Vision Implementation Team. Read the entire report here: [EDOM Listening Report FINAL Draft \(diomass.org\)](#)

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

Emmanuel opened our doors May 20th to the West Roxbury Neighborhood Council (WRNC) who hosted a meeting for approximately 100 residents to receive information about the temporary housing family shelter on Redlands Road, opening this summer. Officials from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) and Making Opportunity Count (MOC) provided a slide show and answered questions.

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 earthquakes, hurricanes, tornados, 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 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/>

SUNDAY, JUNE 15th
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.
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