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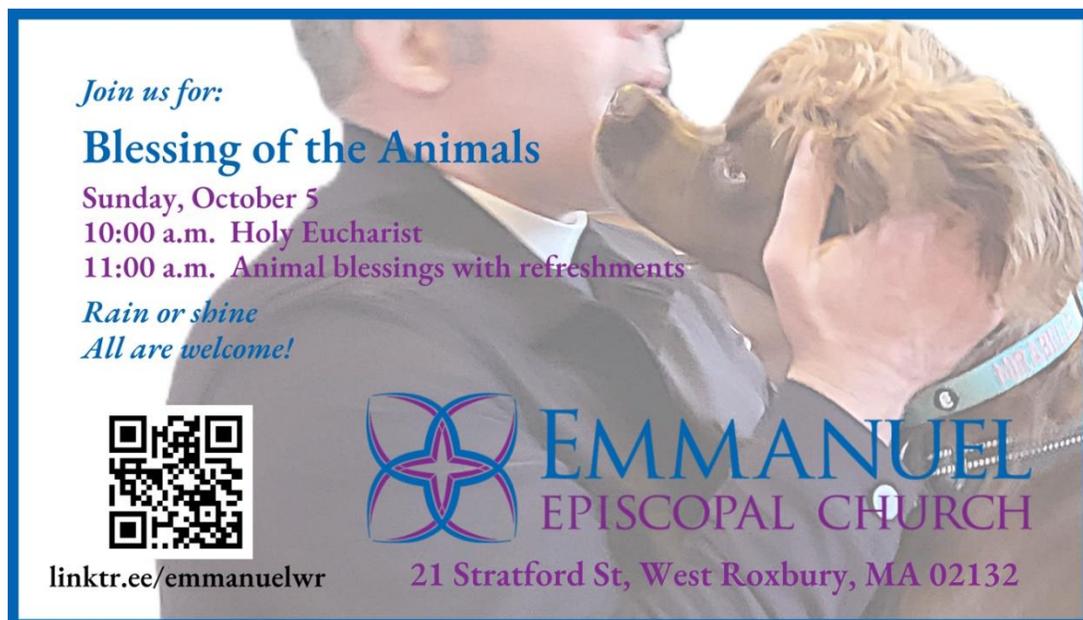
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Upcoming/Ongoing & Special Events - Mark Your Calendar!

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

- Sunday, October 5th 10 AM: Feast of St. Francis Observed, with Service of Holy Eucharist, followed by our annual **Blessing of the Animals** at 11 AM. We hope you and your pet (or “stuffie”) can join us. To remember your pet who has crossed the rainbow bridge, bring a photo or urn for a blessing. Invite your friends and neighbors.



Join us for:

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 5
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Animal blessings with refreshments

*Rain or shine
All are welcome!*



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EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

21 Stratford St, West Roxbury, MA 02132

- Sunday, October 19th 10 AM: kickoff to Stewardship reflections
- Sunday, November 30th: Advent begins!
- Tuesday evenings December 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd at 7 PM: Advent Contemplative Prayer Service

Emmanuel Vestry & Neponset River Deanery News

- The next upcoming monthly Monday Vestry meeting is scheduled for 7 PM October 20th. If you have questions for or about our Vestry, please speak with any one of our Vestry members.
- Vestry will meet with our Diocesan consultant to lay out the next steps for Emmanuel's Priest - In-Charge discernment process.
- Property work updates:
 - Demolition of our basement flood damaged areas is complete. For everyone's safety, please do not go down to the basement until further notice.
 - We are gathering estimates to complete the basement repair work and will announce more info as we have it. A work request has been submitted to repair the steeple shingles.
 - We worked with a vendor to deliver and maintain a clothing and book donation drop off bin by the edge of our Clement Avenue yard. This change supports recycling which, in turn, helps us to honor our promises to be good stewards of God's creation.
 - Check out our new special events sign!
- On September 17th, Emmanuel was pleased to host our friends from the Neponset River Deanery and guest speaker The Rev. Canon Christopher Wendell, our new Canon to the Ordinary and Chief of Staff. Canon Wendell updated us about the visioning work that has occurred and continues to happen and the transparency with which it is being done. If you have not already seen it on the Diocesan website, you will want to review the latest about the new Diocesan Vision, including Core Values, Mission and Priorities at: <https://www.diomass.org/visioning-2025>.

Other Upcoming/Ongoing News & Events

To learn what is happening in our own Diocese and in the greater Episcopal world community at:

[Calendar of Events | Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts \(diomass.org\)](#) , [Newsletters | Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts \(diomass.org\)](#) and [Episcopal News Service – The official news service of the Episcopal Church.](#)

Emmanuel Summer 2025 Highlights

This past summer, we enjoyed a perfect balance of restful and rejuvenating with inspiring and fun as we welcomed old friends and new. Some highlights included:

- We kicked off the season with festivities at our annual Parish picnic on June 15th.
- We enjoyed several services of Morning Prayer, led by a growing number of lay worship leaders (including one of our church school 'grads'!)
- Emmanuel offered a warm welcome and enjoyed the company and preaching of the Rev. David Killian when he visited us as our guest Celebrant and Preacher on July 13th
- We were inspired by The Reverend Anne Gardner, our Guest Preacher on August 3rd. Rev. Gardner reflected on her experience of walking the famed 500-mile Camino de Santiago and highlights from her book, titled And So I Walked, which those present had the opportunity to purchase. The book recounts the challenges of completing a long-distance hike as well as the emotional and spiritual undercurrents her time on the trail revealed. See her webpage: <https://www.anne-gardner.com>.

- Imagination Run Wild held their 2-week day camp at Emmanuel filling our halls and yard with the laughter of children.
 - We marked the end of summer and start of Fall programming with our Welcome Home gathering on September 14th.
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Prayers



We pray for peace and reconciliation at home, throughout the Ukraine, the Middle East and everywhere in the world. We pray for those impacted by earthquakes, hurricanes, tornados, fires, floods, and acts of terror or violence. To support Ukraine/ Please consider donating to one of these curated and trusted organizations raising money for Ukraine:

<https://www.helpsaveukraine.org/>

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.) If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact him at: [617.798.0770](tel:617.798.0770).