



**NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2025 Volume 4.2**

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**Watch Emmanuel online, learn more, and donate!**

By scanning the QR Code or going to the web address below, you can find out more about who we are and what we're doing. You will find links to Facebook and YouTube to see our livestream or watch it later. You will also find ways to donate easily and quickly to Emmanuel, either through Venmo or Tithely. Your presence and support are very important to us, and crucial to making sure we are always here for you.

<https://linktr.ee/emmanuelwr>



*Rejoice! Rejoice!*  
Join us this Advent  
and Christmas at Emmanuel

Tuesdays in December  
7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayers by candlelight  
A 30-minute service of prayer, song, and silence

Sundays in Advent  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 7  
11:00 a.m. Visit from Santa!!  
Pictures with families  
and furry friends

Christmas Eve, December 24  
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
with Carols and  
Pageant

## **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, November 30<sup>th</sup>: Advent begins! Each Sunday we will worship with Holy Eucharist after lighting another candle on our Advent Wreath and preparing the manger for Christ's birth
- Tuesday evenings December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM: Advent Contemplative Prayer Service
- Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>: Service of Holy Eucharist, followed by Santa & Friends – our annual event when you can celebrate and have a photo of you and your family (furry and/or human) with Santa
- Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, following our Advent 4 Holy Eucharist service:
  - Rehearsal for the Christmas Eve “pageant”. Please see Fr. Jon if you are interested in reading and/or singing.
  - Please consider staying to help clean and decorate the church for Christmas Eve. Many hands make light work!
  - This date is also the deadline for submission of donations for Christmas flowers with the names in whose memory or honor you want printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. (form is on page 4.)
- Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM: Warm candlelight Holy Eucharist celebration with carols and pageant
- Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>: Save the date for our annual Epiphany party and service! Details will be announced in the coming weeks.

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## **Emmanuel Vestry & Neponset River Deanery News**

- Property work updates:
  - Steeple shingles have been repaired.
  - The outside lights which illuminate our sign have been replaced.
  - Multiple basement repair estimates after post-flood demolition have been requested and we are reviewing them as they come in. For everyone's safety, please do not go down to the basement level until further notice.
- Church of the Epiphany, Walpole hosted our November 12<sup>th</sup> Neponset River Deanery meeting and guest speaker the Rev. Marisa Rohrbach. Canon Rohrbach spoke with attendees about the Diocesan Core Values, Mission and Priorities. She gave a brief overview of the role of the Canon and shared that Bishop Julia values building relationships and collaboration. She also wants the Diocese to provide more support to parishes as we've requested and the Diocesan budget will reflect that goal by increasing staff. We also heard from a St. John's parishioner about his passion for an organization called the Leonard Education Organization (LEO), [Home - Leonard Education Organization](#). He told us a bit about their mission: “to empower young under-resourced Palestinian students from the West Bank, Gaza, Lebanon, Jordan and beyond to overcome challenges to pursue higher education.....to become future leaders in fields like science, education, policy, and entrepreneurship.” He stressed that it is not a political organization. The next Deanery meeting will be March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026.
- Fr. Jon and lay delegates Ed Fleming and John Gooley represented Emmanuel well at the 2025 Diocesan Convention. There are various reports about resolutions passed and speaker addresses on the Diocesan website at: [News | Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts \(diomass.org\)](#) including:

- Elections, resolutions, budget votes and outcomes, including election of our own Fr. Jon to a 3-year term on the Board of Directors for the Barbara Harris Camp and Conference Center: [Actions of the 240th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts | Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts \(diomass.org\)](#)
- Bishop Julia's address when she specifies our mission, goals and priorities: [2025 Diocesan Convention Bishop's Address by Rt. Reverend Julia E. Whitworth | Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts \(diomass.org\)](#)

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### **Other Upcoming/Ongoing News & Events**

To learn what else 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.](#)

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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](mailto:therev.jonteden@gmail.com).) If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact him at: [617.798.0770](tel:617.798.0770).

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS TO EMMANUEL**



**If you wish to donate toward our Christmas flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one, we are gratefully accepting donations through Sunday, December 21st.  
If you pay by check, please be sure to note “Christmas Flowers” in the memo.**

**My Christmas flower donation is in loving memory of:**

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*If you have any questions, please see Gail Halpin-Evans. ([ghe9876@aol.com](mailto:ghe9876@aol.com))*