



NEWSLETTER – WINTER 2026 Volume 5

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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.

- Reminder that we spring forward to Daylight Savings Time at 2 AM March 8th.
- Adult Education Series, Sundays in Lent 11:30 AM: Episcopal 101 following Service of Holy Eucharist. Remaining sessions March 8th, 15th, and 29th. Our sessions to date have been informative and engaging.
- Sunday, March 22nd 10 AM: Service of Morning Prayer
- If anyone is curious about adult Baptism, Confirmation or Reception, please contact Fr. Jon as soon as possible.
- Sunday, June 21st: Bishop Visitation! Rt. Rev. Mary D Glaspool visits Emmanuel. Details will be provided later this spring.

Deanery & Diocesan News and Events

- Neponset River Deanery met March 4, 2026 at 7 PM at Church of The Good Shepherd, Dedham and welcomed special guest, The Rev. Canon Jean Baptiste Ntagengwa, Canon for Immigration & Multicultural Ministries
- Several of our Neponset River Deanery friends are hosting mid-week Lenten quiet hours and we are invited. See page 5 for days and locations.

- Our Diocese has published information and a link to support the Immigrant Legal Emergency Fund (see page 7 for more information)

Other Emmanuel News

Participants enjoyed another joy-filled Mardi Gras celebration at Emmanuel February 17th. The food was delicious, the music uplifting, the decorations, beads and masks were festive and the conversation was wonderful. The following evening, we began a sacred Lenten season with Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes.

For those interested, ways to act through prayer and other means

Emmanuel Lenten Mite Box Drive: A traditional part of Lenten discipline is the daily offering in a Mite box. Folks can make their own or pick one up from the table in the church. You are invited to prayerfully make a daily offering at home throughout Lent and to then bring your Mite boxes to the Easter Day Offering. Funds donated through the Lenten Mite Box effort will be used for Emmanuel's Clergy Discretionary Fund, which allows Fr. Jon to discreetly donate to individuals or organizations in need. If you are not familiar with the Mite Box, it is based on the story of the widow's mite:

Mark 12:38-44

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." (Source: *Lectionary.net*)



We pray for peace and reconciliation at home, throughout 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.

Do you want a way to respond as an Episcopalian to the United States' Attack on Iran? The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations has a simple way, with suggested language, to write to your Senators and Representatives: www.votervoice.net/EPISCOPAL/Campaigns/134780/Respond. The website also has other resources and causes for which you can advocate.

To join others across our Diocese with donations to the Immigrant Legal Emergency Fund:
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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.

Please accompany us on our Lenten journey:

LENT 2026 WITH EMMANUEL:

- **SUNDAYS FEBRUARY 22ND, MARCH 1ST, 8TH, 15TH AND 29TH (PALM SUNDAY): 10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS AND:**
- **OUR ADULT FORMATION SERIES: EPISCOPAL 101**
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND 10 AM SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER**

Holy Week: Times and Locations to be announced



Emmanuel Episcopal Church 21 Stratford Street, West Roxbury, MA
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DROP-IN LENTEN QUIET HOURS



a collaborative Episcopal offering
Open to All

TRINITY
STOUGHTON
414 SUMNER ST.

MONDAYS 10:00a-12:00p
Sanctuary open
Silent activities provided

GRACE CHURCH
NORWOOD
150 CHAPEL ST.

WEDNESDAYS 12:00-1:00p
Sanctuary open
Silent activities provided

- sand mandalas
- devotionals
- crafts
- prayer beads

ST. PAUL'S
DEDHAM
59 COURT ST.

WEDNESDAYS 9:00a-4:00p
Sanctuary open

ST. JOHN'S
SHARON
23 HIGH ST.

WEDNESDAYS 7:00-8:00p
Chanted Compline

EPIPHANY PARISH
WALPOLE
62 FRONT ST.

THURSDAYS 12:00-1:00p
Sanctuary open

beginning Wed. February 18th

Immigrant Legal Emergency Fund

Across the diocese, immigrants are experiencing their presence in this country being questioned and threatened. Growing numbers are struggling to get critical legal services as well as meet basic needs, such as rent and food, which are especially difficult to secure when it is frightening to pursue employment or assistance.

To help clergy quickly respond to these urgent needs, our diocese has established the **Immigrant Legal Emergency Fund** to support immigrant families with costs related to:

- Immigration status applications.
- Emergency legal representation.
- Other immediate expenses necessary for families affected by legal emergencies.

Clergy will be able to request funds from the diocese, and funds for approved requests will be rapidly transferred to the congregation's discretionary fund for dissemination to those in need.

The Immigrant Legal Emergency Fund is being seeded with a gift from the Bishop's Discretionary Fund and further contributions will be doubly matched.

"As followers of Jesus, we are called to advocate for justice and mercy in the face of discriminatory policies," says Bishop Julia Whitworth. "This fund is urgently needed by immigrants—in many cases serving as a lifeline. I hope you will consider making a gift today."

To make a direct gift with a credit or debit card, please, **click the "donate now" button:**

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For worshipping communities or others wishing to pledge a gift through other means, please [click here](#).

If you are interested in contributing a stock gift, please contact Tom Hamel at thamel@diomass.org.

Contact Us

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