EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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

Upcoming/Ongoing 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 29th 10 AM: Service of Holy Eucharist (First Sunday of Advent; start of new church year and begin use of B Lectionary cycle)
- Tuesdays, December 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd 7 PM: Advent Contemplative Prayer Service
- Sunday, December 6th 10 AM: Service of Holy Eucharist (Advent 2) followed by our annual Santa and Friends, when our favorite pets (and/or people) visit Santa and have photos taken
- Sundays, December 13th and December 20th 10 AM: Service of Holy Eucharist (Advent 3 and 4)
- Thursday, December 24th 5 PM: Christmas Eve Service of Holy Eucharist with candlelight. Note: If you are interested in participating in the Christmas Choir, please see Fr. Jon ASAP.
- Sundays, December 31st & January 3rd 10 AM: Service of Morning Prayer
- Sunday, January 10th 10 AM: First Sunday after the Epiphany. Please mark your calendars for our Epiphany party following the service.

Other News

- We we thrilled to have a wonderful Stewardship In-gathering Sunday! If you have not yet submitted your pledge card and wish to do so, it's not too late
- Some of our members continue to join many other local volunteers with ongoing support at the food pantry, Rose's Bounty. in one week, volunteers unpacked 25,000 pounds of food and served 1,035 families. To learn about the volunteer opportunities and calendar, visit their website at: How to Help (stratfordstreetunitedchurch.org)

- The next meeting of the Neponset River Deanery is Wednesday, December 16th at 7 PM when we will be hosted by our friends at Christ Church, Hyde Park. While only elected delegates are empowered to vote, all are welcome to attend.

Diocesan News and Events

November 14th: The 241st Annual Diocesan Convention took place on Saturday, Nov. 14, at Trinity Church in Boston. This year's theme was "Behold, I am making all things new" (Revelation 21:5).

The day began with an uplifting service of Holy Eucharist with a thought-provoking sermon. Bishop Julia gave her address and highlighted the work accomplished and being done in the Diocese. Throughout the day, she highlighted the core values of the Diocese: Welcome, Courage, Justice and Joy - all in the name of Love. She also demonstrated how work and budget are structured around the strategic priorities:

- Strengthening Worshipping Communities
- Renewing Communication, Evangelism and Prophetic Witness
- Advancing Formation, Discipleship, and Leadership Development
- Improving Diocesan Stewardship and Asset Management

Rev. Dr. Laura Everett from the Massachusetts Council of Churches (MCC) spoke about the collaborative efforts of the 18 churches, including our Diocese, comprising the MCC.

Bryon Rushing was recognized by the Bishop and received 2 standing ovations for his work as a leader in the wider Episcopal Church and 30 years as Parliamentarian of Diocesan Convention. There were several moving tributes and he was also awarded the Bishop's Cross.

Clergy and Lay delegates voted on business matters including elections for open positions, modifications to the Constitution and Canons and acceptance of reports including the 2027 Diocesan budget. You may watch the convention and/or review any of the materials via the following links:

- Video of the Convention: 241st Annual Convention Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts - YouTube
- Convention Handbook: Annual Convention 2026 Covers (diomass.org)
- Diocesan Budget: : Annual Convention 2026 Covers (diomass.org)

if you have any questions, please feel free to ask one of our lay delegates, Ed & Frank Fleming or Fr. Jon.

In past newsletters, we have published Bishop Julia's pastoral messages advocating how we can help our at-risk immigrant brothers and sisters across the Diocese. To read moving accounts of how lives have already been impacted to date by our donations, read the latest article: Donors Across Diocese Support Immigrants at Risk | Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts (diomass.org) **To join others across our Diocese with donations to the Immigrant Legal Emergency Fund**: DONATE NOW To read a recent article about how funds have already helped, see Diocesan news: Donors

Across Diocese Support Immigrants at Risk | Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts (diomass.org) Our Diocese recently made national church news:

To remain current on what's happening around our Diocese, follow them on FaceBook and Instagram, and review the news items at: News | Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts (diomass.org)

Episcopal News Service: Episcopal City Mission distributes $2.75 million in reparations to Massachusetts organizations supporting justice. To read the article: Episcopal City Mission distributes $2.75 million in reparations to Massachusetts organizations supporting justice – Episcopal News Service

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For more Diocesan news, please visit: News | Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts (diomass.org)

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



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.

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

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 6

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

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