

Preregister for DignityUSA National Conference: If you haven't already, please consider pre-registering for the DignityUSA 2021 National Conference in San Diego. The dates are Thursday, 8/19 to Sunday, 8/22. You'll save 10% on the registration cost by pre-registering now. No worries if your plans change as the preregistration deposit is refundable through April of 2021.

We're Close to 1,000 Likes on Facebook: As of this printing, we're at 970 likes on Facebook. Go to Facebook, type "Dignity Boston" in the search field. Once there, click on the "community" heading. Click "invite friends to like this page" and select all your friends. Let's try to get 30 more likes within the next week!

Saturdays in September: Please save the date of Saturday, 9/7 for Worcester Pride. Also, another date to save is Saturday, 9/14 as our Cardinal Sins Harbor to the Bay team rides again! If you're interested in participating in either of these events to represent Dignity/Boston, please see a Dignity/Boston Executive Board member.

Our Readings: You'll notice a new section of the Bulletin that's titled, "Our Readings". This section hopes to give you insight into the First, Second, and Gospel Readings each week and provide some thoughts on common themes among the readings. Many thanks to Jon S. for providing the writeups for these readings.

St. Stephen's on WGBH: Our host community, St Stephen's, recently was on 89.7 WGBH talking about their parent mentee program. Here's the link if you're interested:
<http://features.wgbhnews.org/missing-at-the-mic-boston-public-schools-latino-parents>

The Bulletin is a weekly publication of Dignity/Boston. Listings are at the discretion of the Dignity/Boston Board. The chapter does not endorse nor will be responsible for any personal views expressed in these announcements. In unusual circumstances, such as when the Governor declares a State of Emergency because of bad weather, Dignity/Boston may cancel its events, including the regular Sunday liturgy. Cancellations will be posted on our website and recorded on our voicemail message at 617-421-1915. We will email the cancellation to the listserv. Dignity/Boston is a progressive and inclusive Catholic community for people of all sexual orientations, genders and gender identities, especially gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex persons, our family, friends and supporters. Board meetings and Liturgy Committee meetings are open to all members of Dignity/Boston. Both groups meet monthly year-round. All meetings are announced in the bulletin, during announcements at the end of liturgy each Sunday, and at www.dignityboston.org. To place an issue on the agenda for the next board meeting, please see Chris Lawrence, email dignityboston@gmail.com, or call 617-421-1915. Please leave a detailed message. For bulletin submissions, send an email to Dave Houle at houlivan@gmail.com. The Bulletin deadline is every Wednesday at 9 p.m. except during the summer when the Bulletin deadline moves to 3:00 p.m. each Wednesday.



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July 21, 2019 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading
Genesis: 18:1-10

Second Reading:
First Colossians: 1:24-28

Gospel
Luke: 10:38-42



"Immigration is about reclaiming our roots as a nation of immigrants and a refuge for those who have been cast aside."

--Mike Quigley

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Our Songs

Gathering: Rain Down (sheet)

Psalm: They Who Do Justice (22—Psalm 15)

Anointing: Sing for Peace

Preparation: Servant Song (669)

Communion: One Love Released (sheet)

Sending Forth: We Are Called (718)

Note: Music selections may vary depending on available singers.

Our Readings

Hospitality is of God as we see in the welcome extended by Abraham and Sarah in the First Reading from Genesis. Jesus enlarges the meaning of hospitality in the home of Martha and Mary in our Gospel Reading from Luke. In our Second Reading from the First Book of the Colossians, St. Paul offers the hospitality of the heart, in which we find our completeness.

Our Liturgy

The glass chalices contain consecrated grape juice, for those who wish to abstain from alcohol. Gluten-free wafers are available as well.

Dignity/Boston continues to grow in awareness about gender diversity, and we recognize and welcome a spectrum of gender identities and expression. Unfortunately, our current hymnals do not reflect that well. As we strive to do a better job, we encourage you to change language as needed. We also encourage you to identify the pronouns you use on your name tag.

Please silence your cell phone.

Find us on:



Our Announcements

Second Collection: Tonight's Second Collection is for Freedom for Immigrants, a non-profit organization and movement that aims to abolish immigrant detention. Over 50,000 adults and children are trapped in immigrant jails and prisons on any given day, many of whom are subject to medical neglect, assault, and other forms of abuse, and who are denied access to a court-appointed attorney, free phone call, or a speedy trial. Freedom for Immigrants works towards its mission through policy advocacy, a visitation network and hotline, a national bond fund, education and storytelling, by advocating for alternatives to detention, and through international organizing efforts. The organization's name is inspired by Fannie Lou Hamer: "Nobody's free until everybody's free." If you'd like to write a check please make it payable to "Dignity/Boston", Dignity will then write another check to the organization. Thanks, in advance, for your generosity.

Mary of Magdala: Next Sunday Dignity/Boston celebrates the Feast of Mary of Magdala. Dignity/Boston began its annual liturgy observing the feast of Mary of Magdala in 1997, the year Future Church began the movement dedicated to "promote contemporary scholarship about Jesus' inclusive practice and to provide a place for women to serve in visible liturgical roles." Over 300 faith communities around the globe now make this feast an annual part of their liturgical calendars, committing to an annual reflection on the ways that women do – and do not – figure into our communal worship. The feast day is actually tomorrow, 7/22.

Executive Board Meeting: The next meeting of the Dignity/Boston Executive Board is next Sunday, 7/28 from 1:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. here at St. Stephen's. This meeting will serve as the board meeting for both July and August. All are welcome to attend.

Liturgy and BBQ: The next Dignity/New Hampshire Liturgy is Sunday, 8/4 at 1:00 p.m. We hope you can attend. That liturgy will be followed by a barbeque at the home of Mary Beth and April. Letting April or Mary Beth know that you plan to attend will help them with planning for the event. Please note that the liturgy is located 58 Lowell St. in Nashua. We hope to see lots of Dignity folks at the service and the barbeque. Many thanks to both April, Mary Beth, Tuukka, and Rocky for hosting.