

Reminder: This is the last week to give a gift for DignityUSA's Jubilee. The \$5-50-500-5000 campaign ends on Monday, 9/30. You can select how you want your contribution to be spent. You can make a contribute through the "Give" tab on the DignityUSA website.

The Dignity Difference: You may have noticed a bit of a difference between the way Dignity/Boston celebrates liturgy compared to the way other catholic churches celebrate liturgy. We use inclusive language. Lay congregants frequently preside and preach. Easter, Pentecost, Pride and other major feasts are co-presided by lay and ordained leaders. We often use liturgical dance as part of our worship. Our liturgies are infused with the theology of our lived experiences as LGBTQI persons and our allies. We participate annually with other LGBTQI people of faith in the Pride Interfaith Liturgy. We collect funds monthly in our community to support diverse causes, including support for refugees and migrants, urban anti-violence efforts, transgender rights and protections, health for homeless individuals, and many others. That's the Dignity Difference! We hope it makes a difference for you!

Aging with Dignity Resources: Several aging resources for our community are listed on the DignityUSA website. They include organizations, publications, films, and books. Please feel free to go to the site and check it out.

Share with our Information Vehicles: Please share whatever you might know is going on in our Dignity/Boston, Dignity/New Hampshire, and Dignity USA communities. We will put the information in our Dignity/Boston Bulletin and share so that it appears on the website, Instagram, MeetUp, Facebook, and Twitter as appropriate. We appreciate your help!

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.



gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex Catholics & allies

September 22, 2019 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading
Amos: 8:4-7

Second Reading
Second Timothy: 2:1-8

Gospel
Luke: 16:1-13



"Autumn is a second spring where every leaf becomes a flower."

--Albert Camus

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Our Songs

Gathering: Come to Us (743)

Psalm: Here I Am (call and response)

Preparation: The Harvest of Justice (711)

Communion: Taste and See (837)

Sending Forth: Canticle of the Turning (556)

Note: Music selections may vary depending on available singers. Samples of our music can be found on the Dignity/Boston website.

Our Readings

Amos is a hard-hitting and blunt prophet, a champion of the poor and oppressed, who uncovers the hypocrisy of the rich who gain wealth at human expense. In the Second Reading we hear: for there is but one God by whom all are created, and for whom God desires full knowledge of the truth. Such knowledge leads us to be wise and prudent stewards of what is given us as mentioned in Luke's Gospel.

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

Liturgy Committee Meeting: The next meeting of the Dignity/Boston Liturgy Committee is tonight (9/22) following our weekly 5:00 service. All are welcome to attend.

Second Collection: Tonight's Second Collection will benefit the Ken Garber Scholarship Fund of the Trans Club of New England (TCNE, formerly the Tiffany Club). This fund provides financial support for eligible applicants attending the annual First Event, which welcomes all genders, non-binary, queer and questioning persons, their families, allies, and professionals to celebrate, meet old friends, make new friends, and teach and learn from each other at one of the oldest and largest transgender conferences in the world. If you'd like to write a check, please make it payable to Dignity/Boston. We'll then write one larger check to the scholarship. Thank you for your generosity.

Blessing of the Animals: Join us on Sunday, 10/6 for our annual Dignity/Boston Blessing of the Animals. This is a simple, beautiful, and touching ceremony where we say prayers and bless each of our Dignity pets who are present as well as pictures of our pets who can't attend. You are welcome to attend whether you have a pet or not. The ceremony is at 3:15 p.m. in the park (Blackstone Square Park) across from St. Stephen's. We hope that you can attend and participate in this service which gives blessing to our precious pets. Many pets stay after the ceremony and continue to play in the field.

Solidarity Sunday: Solidarity Sunday is a faith-based anti-violence initiative (this year on Sunday, 10/6). To participate, pray for an end of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex violence, wear a rainbow ribbon, and educate as many people as possible about the need to stop violence against all people, especially LGBTQI.

By-Laws: We are pleased to announce that the proposed revisions to the DignityUSA Bylaws have been approved with over 84% of the total votes submitted. We are thankful to the many members, former DignityUSA leaders, board members and other experts who helped us thoughtfully develop the proposed revisions, beginning with the drafting process, and through the multiple rounds of editing, then member communications and, finally, the balloting process.