

Scholarships Offered: Harbor to the Bay offers scholarships for first time riders and for folks with HIV. Join our team, the Cardinal Sins! To donate to our bike team, who is riding over 100 miles to Provincetown to fight HIV/AIDS, please go the Harbor to the Bay website. The website is located at <https://www.harbortothebay.org> Once there, please click on the “donate” header. Then click on the radio button to choose “team”. From the list of teams, choose “Cardinal Sins”. You may also click on the radio button for “person” and enter in the name of one of our wonderful riders. Thanks, in advance, for your contribution. Also, we need crew to help on Saturday, 9/14 for our Cardinal Sins/Harbor to the Bay bike ride. In particular, we will need help at Pit Stop #5. This pit stop is at the Barnstable Fire Station behind 3249 Main St. in Barnstable. We will need help from 10:45 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. Please see Matt M. to sign up to assist. Thank you for your consideration to help!

Meet the People: Most of us know the people of Dignity/Boston rather well but how well do we know the people of DignityUSA. To learn more, access this: www.dignityusa.org/meet-people-dignityusa Here you will find more information about the officers (Chris, Lauren, Bob, and Linda), the staff (Marianne, Peggy B., and August), and the board (Patrick, Martin, Daniel, Meli, Peggy H., Patricia, Shawn, and Marie). Here you will learn all about the many wonderful people working very hard to make DignityUSA the organization that it is today and for the future. Check it out! (Pictured above is DignityUSA’s current president, Chris Pett)



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.



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

August 25, 2019 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading
Isaiah: 66:18-21

Second Reading
Hebrews: 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel
Luke: 13:22-30



“I’m just terrified about the day that I enter the gates of heaven and God says to me... just a minute.” --Maureen O’Hara

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Our Songs

Gathering: Rain Down (sheet)

Psalms: Cry of the Poor (48—Psalm 34)

Preparation: The Summons (700)

Communion: One Love Released (sheet)

Sending Forth: Walk in the Reign (319)

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

Our Readings

We would likely take issue with the second reading's assertion that suffering is a punishment to make us stronger, so "make straight the paths you walk on" – be of clear intent and purpose, keep a humble and generous heart and do not be content to simply follow the rules and rituals as cited in the Gospel. In the First Reading we hear walk with a broad and wide vision of God's all-embracing and restorative love.

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

By-Laws Voting Deadline: Tomorrow (8/26) is the DignityUSA By-Laws voting deadline. Results will be announced to all members by Monday, 9/16. If you did not receive either an electronic or paper ballot and believe you should have, we ask you to please contact info@dignityusa.org or call 1-800-877-8797. Thanks for voting!

Second Collection: Tonight's Second Collection will benefit the Cardinal Sins/Harbor to the Bay team. The Harbor to the Bay bike ride's ethos is "to improve community awareness of HIV/AIDS care and services, to support those organizations that advance the quality and accessibility care, to help prevent HIV infection, to positively impact people living with HIV/AIDS, and to donate 100% of rider-received pledges to our beneficiaries." It was launched in 2003 and, since then, has raised over \$4 million dollars for four local HIV/AIDS organizations: Fenway Health Center, AIDS Support Group of Cape Cod, Community Research Initiative, and AIDS Action Committee of Massachusetts. It is a grass-roots event which is supported by dedicated individuals. If you're writing a check, please make it payable to Dignity/Boston. Dignity will then write one larger check for Harbor to the Bay. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Worcester Pride: Dignity/Boston will be represented at Worcester Pride this year but, of course, we welcome all who wish to come. The Worcester Pride celebration on Saturday, 9/7 includes a Pride March at 11:00 a.m. that runs from Worcester's Institute Park down to City Hall in the downtown. There is also a festival on the Worcester Common throughout the entire afternoon (Noon to 5:00 p.m.). The Worcester Pride Tea Dance starts at 5:00 p.m. and the Worcester Pride Block Party @ MB Lounge starts at 5:30 p.m. In addition, there is a Youth Pride Dance at the YWCA from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There are many more events in advance of this date too. Check out <https://worcesterpride.org>

Newsletter: The Arlington Street Church and Dignity/Boston supper program, The Friday Night Supper, has a new newsletter. If you'd like to have access to find out about all of the great things that the Program is doing, please email info@fridaynightsupper.org and ask to subscribe. Of course, you can always check out the website too at www.fridaynightsupper.org