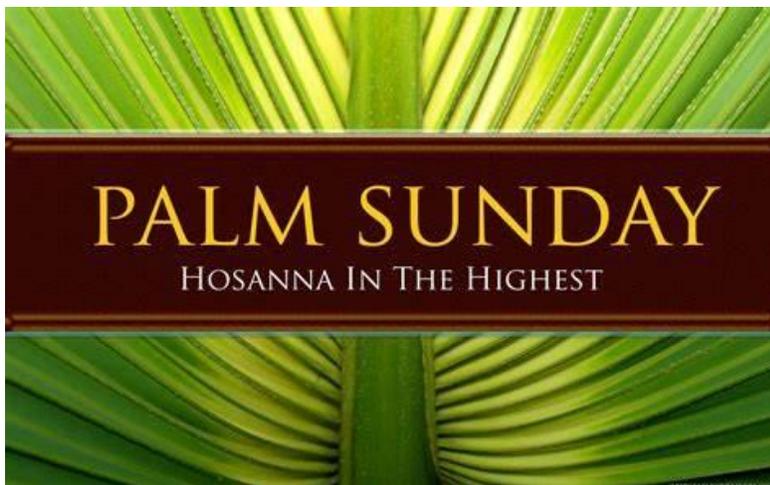




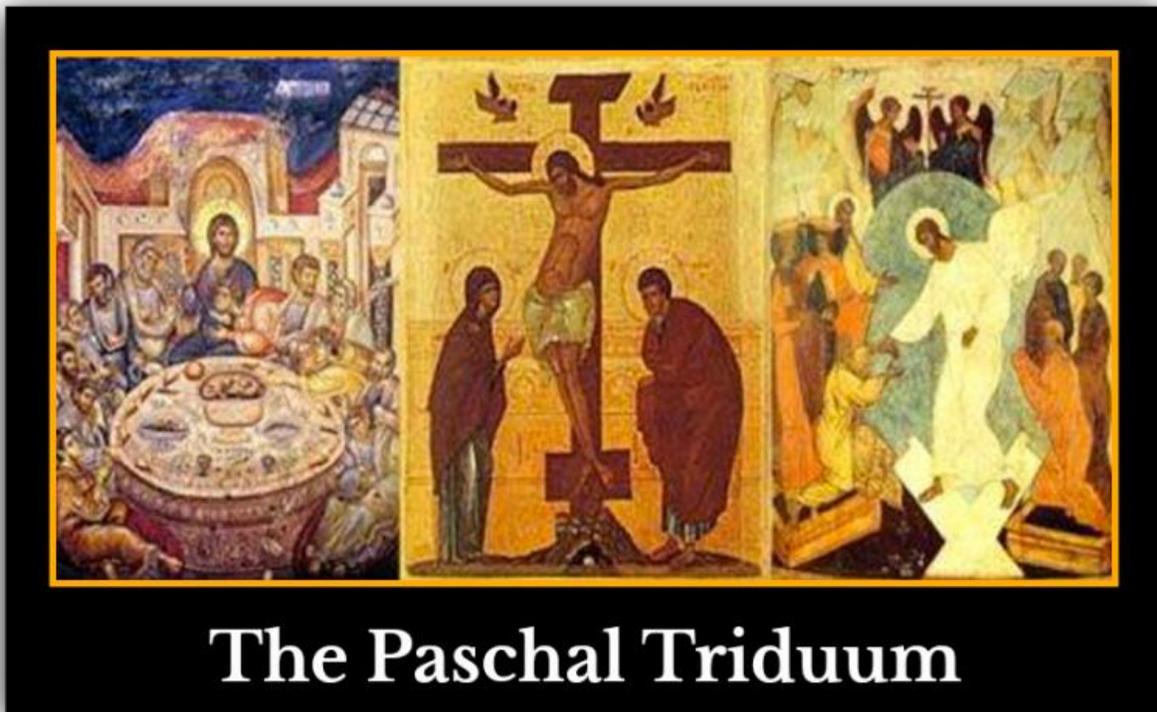
## BULLETIN – March 30, 2022

### Palm Sunday Liturgy and Social - 4/10



The Liturgy Committee is planning to hold a two-part liturgy on **Palm Sunday, 4/10 beginning at 2:00 p.m.** with a short in-person service. This will include a reading, blessing of the palms, and procession with the palms. We will also be distributing the balms blessed during the 4/3 virtual liturgy at this in-person Palm Sunday service. We will meet in Blackstone Park across the street from St. Stephen's Church, 419 Shawmut Avenue in the South End. Following this service, you are invited to stay for our first informal social of the year. Participants are respectfully asked to wear a mask as we will be observing public health safety protocols. Bring a folding chair and your own beverage. The social will continue until 3:00 p.m. **Our Palm Sunday service will continue virtually at 5:00 p.m. EDT with a Share the Word liturgy.** Note the in-person service and social are weather permitting. Please watch for emails from Dignity/Boston in the event a cancellation is necessary. Also, join us on Sunday, 4/3 at 5:00 p.m. for our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Share the Word service, which will include healing and anointing.

## Triduum



Please join us for Dignity/Boston's Triduum over Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil. The services are as follows.

Holy Thursday	4/14	Eucharistic service	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday	4/15	Share the Word	7:00 p.m.
Easter Vigil	4/16	Share the Word	7:30 p.m.

Please note that there will not be a service on Easter Sunday itself.

### Save the Date: Listening Night

Please plan to join us for a community listening night following our Share the Word liturgy on Sunday, 5/1. We will review and discuss recommendations from the Task Force charged with determining how we can safely restart our in-person liturgies. Watch for upcoming emails from Dignity/Boston for further information including the Task Forces' recommended guidelines.

## Upcoming Socials



**“We can only begin to understand the meaning of the crucifixion when we take away our polished and shiny crosses and try to locate the cross in our own time, in our own landscape.”**

**- Mary Button**

**Stations of the Cross**  
The Struggle for LGBT Equality

Believe **(+)**  
**OUTLOUD**

**Thursday, April 7**

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### **Stations of the Cross**

This Stations of the Cross is based on “Stations of the Cross: The Struggle for LGBT Equality” by Mary Button from *Believe Out Loud*.

Host: Bob P.

## Spring Trivia Night

FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPER PROGRAM'S

# SPRING TRIVIA NIGHT

an evening to build social connections and raise funds for  
Boston's most vulnerable residents

Saturday, May 14th

5:30-9:00pm

Arlington Street Church

351 Boylston Street, Boston, MA

Join us for food, music, and friendly competition to support  
FNPS!

Join us for a fun-filled evening to raise critical funds to support the Friday Night Supper Program. You'll enjoy a buffet of delicious finger foods and appetizers, engaging rounds of trivia with prizes for the top teams, musical entertainment, and an exciting variety of auction and raffle prizes. This event is 21+. Tickets are \$60 per person. Discounted tickets (\$40) are available for regular Friday Night Supper Program volunteers and young Professionals/students (under 30). You can register up to eight individuals for a trivia team. Visit our event [website](#) to learn more about the event and purchase tickets.

## Speakers from Faith Communities Needed

[SpeakOUT Boston](#) is holding a SpeakOUT training at Suffolk University which will train people in the LGBTQ community to share their stories. Speakers from faith communities, like Dignity, are particularly welcome. SpeakOUT speakers share their stories in corporate settings, educational institutions, non-profit organizations, and faith communities. The next [training](#) is Saturday, 4/9. For more information, please contact [Ellyn@SpeakOUTBoston.org](mailto:Ellyn@SpeakOUTBoston.org)

## Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

### Committee Survey

Thank you, in advance, for responding to this survey of our members regarding 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events.

### Events

Our chapter hope to do a number of events this year to commemorate our anniversary, including an outdoor party or dinner in September or early October. We are looking for volunteers to help plan and put together the event. If you are interested in helping, please let us know by emailing us at [dignityboston@gmail.com](mailto:dignityboston@gmail.com).

### Timeline

As Dignity Boston prepares to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary we look back to the past and reflect on the important milestones in our history. Today we look at 1975 – 1977.

1975

Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issues a declaration distinguishing "between homosexuals whose tendency is transitory or at least non-incurable; and homosexuals who are definitely such because of some kind of innate instinct."

**Boston hosts the Second Dignity National Convention August 29-September 1 with the theme, "Enactment of Our Position and Purpose."**

***Time* magazine mentions Dignity/Boston in an article about homosexuality.**

1976

**United States Catholic Conference. A Call to Action recommends "that the Church encourage and affirm the pastoral efforts of Dignity."**

National Conference of Catholic Bishops issues statement saying that "Homosexual activity—as distinguished from homosexual orientation—is morally wrong." NCCB also states that homosexuals "should not suffer prejudice against their basic human rights."

**Brian McNaught joins Dignity/Boston and becomes Mayor's Liaison to the Gay and Lesbian Community.**

1977

Anita Bryant, a fundamentalist Christian popularly known as the spokeswoman for the Florida citrus industry, makes national news when she leads the repeal of a gay rights ordinance in Dade County.

The U.S. State Department announces that it will no longer automatically bar employment based on sexual orientation.

Ellen Marie Barnett becomes the first open lesbian to be ordained as an Episcopal priest.

The National Women's Conference of International Women's Year passes a sweeping gay rights resolution.

**Dignity/Boston services move from St. Clement's to Arlington Street Church.**

New Ways Ministry is founded to promote justice and reconciliation between lesbian and gay Catholics and the wider Catholic community.

**Dignity/Boston's new constitution sets up Executive Board of nine members.**

**Dignity/Boston becomes incorporated.**

**Dignity, Inc. National Offices move from Boston to San Diego.**

## Weekly Discussions During Lent

DignityUSA is currently hosting a weekly discussion during Lent on the Sunday Scriptures on Wednesday evenings through 4/13 (8:00 p.m. EDT). Join for a single session or the entire series as their schedule permits. <https://www.dignityusa.org/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=131&noFullMsg=true>

## Dignity Invites You to Stand with Trans Youth!

### WE ARE A STATE OF LOVE: A GATHERING OF VISIBLE SOLIDARITY WITH LGBTQ YOUTH



Join us on International Transgender Day of Visibility to stand in solidarity with trans youth and their caregivers in the face of nationwide state-sponsored discrimination. We call upon Massachusetts state officials and entities to take action, to say it with us loud and clear: *LGBTQ youth belong here and everywhere.*

**Date:** Thursday, March 31st

**Time:** 10:00 AM (exact time TBD based on House session schedule)

**Place:** Steps outside Massachusetts State House

**Event website:** [gbpflag.org/TDOV22](http://gbpflag.org/TDOV22)

**Contact:** The MA Commission on LGBTQ Youth  
[commission@ma-lgbtq.org](mailto:commission@ma-lgbtq.org)



## **Our Collections**

### **Donate Via PayPal**

You can support Dignity/Boston by sending your donations via [Pay Pal!](#) Once logged in and on the site, please select “send” and then search for “DignityBoston@gmail.com”.

### **Donate Via Mail**

You can also support Dignity and its second collections by sending donations to: Dignity/Boston, PO Box 170428, Boston, MA 02117-0408. Checks can be made payable to: Dignity/Boston. If it’s for the Second Collection of the month, write “Second Collection” on the memo line. We’ll then write just one check and will forward to the organization.

### **Second Collections:**

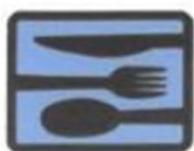
Our second collections are very much appreciated. See the thank you note from the Friday Night Supper Program at the conclusion of this Bulletin. For March, our second collection is for the British Red Cross - Ukraine Crisis Appeal. Your donation could help someone affected by war receive food, water, first aid, medicines, warm clothes and shelter. You can donate using this [link](#). For April, our second collection benefits the [Lazarus Ministry of St. Anthony Shrine](#). Thank you, in advance, for your [donation](#).

**Let Us Know About Your Donation:** When you donate each month, let us know by filling out the google form!

<https://forms.gle/sz55Ycd2MHQcAhg6A>

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*Please email [dignityboston@gmail.com](mailto:dignityboston@gmail.com) if you have any items that you would like to suggest for the next Bulletin (4/15/22) by Wednesday, 4/13/22 at 12 Noon.*



**FRIDAY NIGHT** SINCE 1984  
**SUPPER PROGRAM**

**Friday Night Supper Program**  
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Boston, MA  
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January 19, 2022

Christopher Lawrence, Treasurer  
Dignity/Boston  
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Dear Chris,

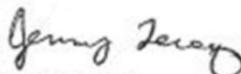
On behalf of the Friday Night Supper Program (FNSP), our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and hundreds of guests we serve every month, I want to extend a heart-felt thank you for your generous donation of \$1,500 to our program on December 31, 2021. Your donation ensures that some of the most vulnerable members of our community continue to receive the nutritious meals they depend on- today and for as long as is needed in the future.

Wintertime is especially challenging for our guests, and this year is no different. Each week, we provide hot, nutritious, and delicious meals for more than one hundred individuals who are experiencing poverty. We continue to adapt our food service delivery model to ensure the safety of our guests, staff, and volunteers. As we experience another tough New England winter, we are also distributing coats, boots, warm socks, and other winter essentials to our guests through our bi-weekly Clothing Closet. Thank you Dignity Boston for your generous support of this program as well. The generosity of our friends and donors like you helps make this possible and we are so grateful! Your contribution will not only feed a neighbor in need, it will also ensure that we can continue to do "whatever it takes" throughout 2022 and for as long as we are needed. FNSP has been a vital lifeline for vulnerable people for more than 37 years!

Please visit our website at [www.fridaynightsupper.org](http://www.fridaynightsupper.org) and follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FridayNightSP/> to learn about how we are serving our guests. I also invite you to reach out to me at any time at [giving@fridaynightsupper.org](mailto:giving@fridaynightsupper.org) or 617-221-6402 to learn more about the program.

*Wishing you all the best for a healthy and happy 2022!*

With gratitude,

  
Jenny Lecoq  
Development Director

*We were so surprised  
and delighted to  
receive this second  
donation from your  
collection for FNSP!  
Thank you!!*

Cc: Jennie Vital, FNSP Board Chair; Peggy Burns, FNSP Board

*PS: For your IRS records, please note that no goods or services have been received in return for this donation. Federal Tax ID#: 04-3238043*