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Janet McKenzie's art comes to Arlington in Eastertide

In April, artist Janet McKenzie will pack up several of the luminous, sometimes haunting paintings of holy people that she is renowned for, and will drive them down from her home in Vermont to Arlington, where they'll go on display for the [April 10 music and art retreat](#) that is part of the Order of St. Anne's centennial celebration this year.

"I am always surprised when the word 'provocative' surfaces with regard to my work," she said in a recent interview.

[Read the interview here.](#)



"Mary and Jesus with the papel picado" by Janet McKenzie (36" x 48" oil on canvas)
www.janetmckenzie.com

'Now is our new creation,' Haiti's bishop tells church

It took 12 whole seconds for the world to collapse, Sister Marjorie Raphael, SSM says of the Jan. 12 earthquake that brought down the Society of St. Margaret's Convent and much of Port-au-Prince. Read her full account in the latest "[St. Margaret's Quarterly](#)."

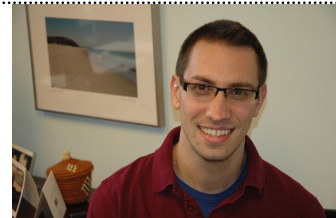
With Episcopalians' continued generosity, [Episcopal Relief and Development](#), through the Diocese of Haiti, continues to supply food and water and has secured delivery vehicles, as well as fuel and camping supplies to provide shelter. These efforts are expanding the diocese's capacity to help 25,000 survivors at more than 60 sites.



PHOTO: Courtesy of the Society of St. Margaret
Sister Marie Margaret, SSM at the survivors' camp on the soccer field at College St. Pierre in Port-au-Prince

"The earthquake of Jan. 12 was our baptism; now is our new creation," the Diocese of Haiti's bishop, Jean Zache Duracin, writes in this [March 5 letter](#) to the Episcopal Church. "In this Lenten season, the season of repentance, conversion and intense prayers, we ask you to remember our diocese and all the people of Haiti in this difficult moment. We also ask you to continue to support us by your prayers and your gifts, so that by Eastertide, we will be able to sing together with great joy, 'Alleluia! He is Risen!'"

Jude Harmon, a postulant for ordination in this diocese and a former Young Adult Service Corps missionary in the Diocese of Haiti, is available to speak at church services and events. Harmon had been in Haiti for four months at the time of the earthquake and has a moving story to tell. Contact him directly to make arrangements (860-389-6408 or eighth.day.dawning@gmail.com). Check out his blog [here](#).



Learning Event-goers 'get out of the God box'

Get out of the "God box" and work on ways to help members "be church away from the church's buildings," guest speaker Chip Stokes urged the 150 people who gathered for the diocese's annual spring learning event on March 6 at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston.

[Read more.](#)

"What I learned at the Learning Event": Watch the video [here](#).



PHOTO: Tracy J. Sukraw

The Rev. Leslie Sterling coaches a small group in discerning how their individual gifts for ministry match up with need in the world.

Bishop Cederholm is on the mend after knee injury

Bishop Bud Cederholm is recuperating at home from knee-repair surgery following injury from a fall on Feb. 16.

He will work from home for several weeks before gradually resuming his visitation schedule.

He sends greetings and gratitude to the diocesan community in this March 6 [video](#).



PHOTO: Tracy J. Sukraw

Bishop Bud Cederholm is on the mend at home after his Feb. 16 fall.

Parish circuit

Help this baptismal font find a new church home: The diocese is in the process of finalizing the sale of the church property that housed the former St. Alban's Church in Lynn. Several items from the church building need a new home, including a pipe organ, a baptismal font and pews. [View photos of the available items here.](#)

Steve Pierce (spierce@diomass.org) can provide more information and arrange viewings, but he needs to hear from you by Tuesday, March 23. Items must be removed from the building by Tuesday, April 20.



Two Joans and a dream come true Joan Gay and Joan Metcalfe (at right) of St. Andrew's Church in Framingham shared a dream across the years of their nursing and social work careers.



"We always said that when we retired we wanted to start a parish health ministry. So here we are," Gay says.

What they had in mind was broader than the practical care provided by parish nursing programs. "Bridging is a good word for what this is about. It connects all the players, the clergy giving pastoral care and the medical professionals with parishioners and their families," Gay explains.

"It gets back to the practice of the church in early times of people taking care of one another within the community," Metcalfe adds.

The two Joans, as they refer to themselves, have their ministry up and running at St. Andrew's and hope other parishes in the diocese will follow suit. They are hosting a gathering on April 24 at St. Andrew's for anyone interested in learning more (registration begins at 9 a.m., followed by a program and brown-bag lunch). RSVP by calling 508-875-5095.

Charles River Deanery youth try "Living on the Edge"

Forty middle school kids and their adult mentors in the Charles River Deanery recently had an 18-hour experience of what it might be like to be homeless.



The group met on March 5 at St. Paul's Church in Newton Highlands and, in teams, went on a scavenger hunt through the neighborhood, looking for loose change, redeemable bottles and cans, cheap meals and places to use the bathroom and make phone calls. Then, back at the church, each team made a "trash castle" out of cardboard boxes, plastic bags, newspapers and duct tape and tried to sleep out for at least a couple of hours.

"For me, last weekend's event was summarized by a kid from St. Paul's, Brookline, who stumbled in from outdoors at 3 a.m. and said in a tired voice, 'Being homeless is so hard.' It is, and with God's help, maybe someday we will find a way to house everyone. In the meantime, also with God's help, we stand with those living on the edge, offering them the love and hope of Christ," Taylor said.

"Living on the Edge" is the third of five events planned by the Charles River Deanery Youth Collaborative this year. Now in its third year, the collaborative is a ministry with middle school kids who attend parishes in

Brookline, Dover, Needham, Newton and Wellesley.

Newslinks

The roof hits the lawn: Life is almost back to normal at Trinity Church in Haverhill after the storm, the *Eagle Tribune* [reported](#) on March 1.

Screen dreams: The Rev. Sarah Brockmann shops her movie script in this Feb. 25 *Rockland Standard* [feature](#).

'Summer jobs equals summer fun': That's according to the big blue sign Atiera Horne carried up to the State House on Feb 18. She and a group of teens from St. Stephen's Church in Boston rallied with 700 others for summer jobs funding. Read the Feb. 24 *South End News* report (and see Atiera and her sign) [here](#).

A joint celebration: St. Paul's Church in Hopkinton and Christ Church in Medway meet halfway to celebrate a new venture, the Rev. Christine Whittaker reports in her Feb. 18 *Holliston Tab* [column](#).

Veterans ministry survey invites your response

Members of the diocese involved in ministry with veterans would like to know what congregations are offering and what they need to reach out to veterans and their families. They hope to find ways to share projects and ideas. They've set up a [simple online survey here](#) to get information from congregations who are involved or interested in this ministry. Questions can be directed to the Rev. David Sullivan at ltcrtd@gmail.com.

Coming up

Stewardship Seminar: Join the Rev. E. Angela Emerson, Minister of Stewardship Development, Diocese of Vermont, for a no-cost session aimed at highlighting stewardship campaign essentials. The seminar takes place on Saturday, April 10, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston. Emerson will lead participants through the hallmarks of a good annual giving program, the theology of stewardship and a timeline for planning an annual commitment program and year-long stewardship education. [Sign up here](#).



Jubilee Celebrates Africa: Save the date for the second annual Jubilee Celebrates Africa Dinner, Saturday, May 1, 6 p.m., at the Church of Our Redeemer in Lexington. It will be an evening of traditional African food, music, storytelling and fellowship, with live and silent auctions and a marketplace of handmade African crafts. All proceeds benefit the Jubilee Ministry of the Diocese of Massachusetts in supporting education, nutrition,



health care and economic stability in East Africa. Contact the Rev. Maggie Geller for more information at mgeller@diomass.org or 617-482-4826, ext. 351.

Also coming up

[Mar 17](#): Haiti Benefit Concert, Church of St. John the Evangelist, Boston, 5:30 p.m.

[Mar 17](#): Contemplative Eucharist, Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington, 7 p.m.

[Mar 17, 24 & 31](#): "Living Well and Dying Well" Community Service Workshops, St. Gabriel's Church, Marion, 7 p.m.

[Mar 18 & 25](#): "Who is God?" Lenten Series, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 12 p.m.

[Mar 18](#): Diocesan Council, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 5:30 p.m.

[Mar 19 & 20](#): Antiracism Training, St. John's Church, Sandwich

[Mar 20](#): Congregational Business Practices and Audit Workshops, various locations, 9 a.m.

[Mar 20](#): Quiet Day, St. Paul's Church, Brookline, 9 a.m.

[Mar 21](#): B-SAFE Program Orientation for new and returning partner churches, Church of the Redeemer, Chestnut Hill, 1 p.m.

[Mar 21](#): Price Lecture Series, Trinity Church, Boston, 1:30 p.m.

[Mar 23, 25 & 27, Apr 15 & 22](#): Diocesan Budget Hearings, various locations, 7 p.m.

[Mar 27](#): "One Family, Three Religions" conversation program with author Charlotte Gordon, St. Barnabas's Church, Falmouth, 1 p.m.

[Mar 30](#): Holy Eucharist with Blessing of Oils, Bishop Shaw presiding and preaching, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 12 p.m.

[Mar 31](#): Tenebrae Service, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 6 p.m.

[Apr 2](#): Good Friday Liturgy: "Women at the Cross" (sermons by Bishop Barbara C. Harris, The Rev. Stephanie Spellers & The Rev. Cristina Rathbone), with veneration of the cross, Holy Eucharist and singing of the Passion Gospel, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 12-3 p.m.

[Apr 2](#): Tenebrae Service, Christ Church, Needham, 6:45 p.m.

[Apr 2](#): The Witness Cantata, featuring Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 8 p.m. (pre-concert talk at 7 p.m.)

[Apr 3](#): A Soulful Vigil of Easter, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 7 p.m.

[Apr 4](#): Festival Eucharist for Easter Day, Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE, celebrant and preacher, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 10 a.m.

[Apr 8-11](#): Men's Cursillo Weekend, Marist House, Framingham

[Apr 10](#): Godly Play Core Training, All Saints' Church, Belmont, 8:30 a.m.

[Apr 10](#): Stewardship Seminar, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 9 a.m.

[Apr 10](#): Global Mission Trips Meeting, St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls, 9 a.m.

[Apr 10](#): Music and Art Retreat, Order of St. Anne-Bethany, Arlington, 9 a.m.

[Apr 11](#): Centennial Book Launch, Order of St. Anne-Bethany, Arlington, 2 p.m.

[Apr 14](#): Green Gathering, Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington, 6 p.m.