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## Eastertide Greetings!

"When the Easter message of God's love, mercy and transforming, life-giving power over sin and death intersects with the sorrow, pain and suffering in our personal lives and of others in the world, that Gospel message is saying to us and all who suffer or are troubled: 'It's Friday, but Sunday's coming.'"



[Read Bishop Bud Cederholm's Easter message.](#)

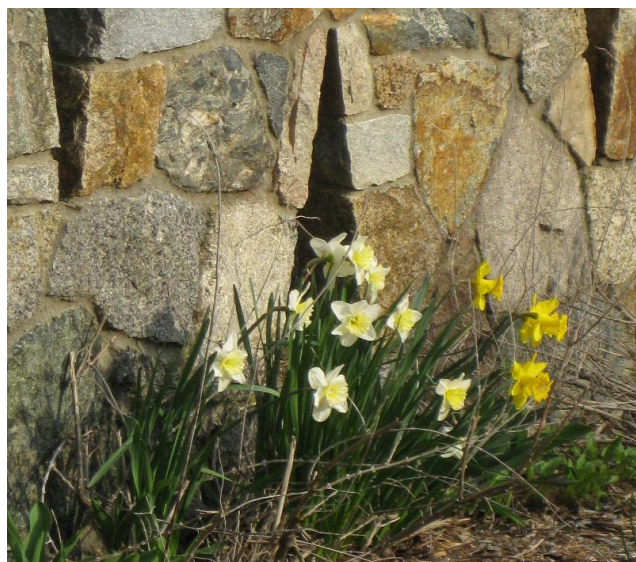


PHOTO: Robin Davis  
*Daffodils, Christ Church, Hamilton*

Enjoy this gallery of [Holy Week and Easter photos](#) from congregations around our diocese.

## Hundreds of young adults gather to put hope in action

Several hundred young adults gathered at Trinity Church in Copley Square on April 10 to pledge their commitment to putting "Hope in Action" by volunteering time or financial resources to one of seven projects in and around the city. The campaign is part of the diocese's Relational Evangelism intern program. [Read more.](#)

[See more photos.](#)



PHOTO: Deborah Gardner Walker  
*Hope in Action campaign participants rally the crowd outside of Trinity Church.*

## Bishop Gayle E. Harris returns to work in May

On May 3, the diocese will welcome Bishop Gayle E. Harris back to work following her extended leave of absence.

She will resume a number of the responsibilities she held before, including duties in the areas of clergy continuing education and sabbaticals, ecumenical-interfaith relations and ongoing work with ministry partners in Palestine-Israel. She also will be working directly with several congregations to explore potential collaborative ministry among them.

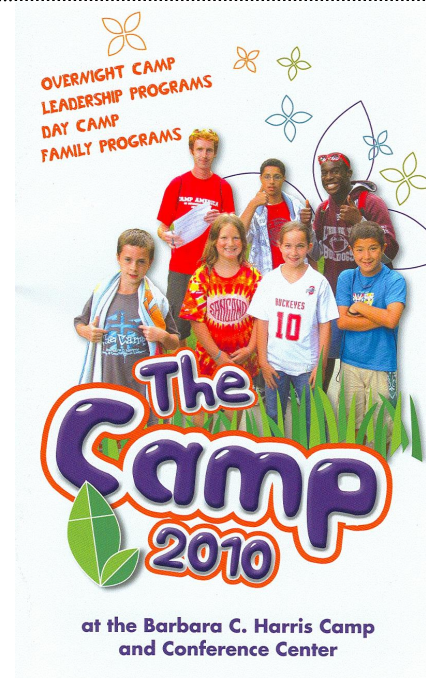
In making the announcement, Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE said: "As I prepare to go on sabbatical May 1, I am glad that we are moving forward, with Gayle back in place, and I am grateful that [Bishop] Bud Cederholm's recovery from his knee injury is going well enough to allow him to be back, too, and at the helm while I am away."

## Summer camp sign-up is underway

Sign-up is underway for summer camp at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H.--six one-week sessions, June 27-Aug. 7, billed as "the perfect mix of fun, friendship and faith formation."

Find out what's new, what's "greener" and what will be just the same at camp this summer, [here](#).

The camp schedule, online registration and financial aid forms are all at [www.bchcenter.org](http://www.bchcenter.org).



## Family Camp to focus on being "Friendened by God"

Online registration is now open for the annual diocesan Family Camp with Bishop Bud Cederholm at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H., Thursday, June 24-Sunday, June 27. This fun and faith-filled extended weekend fills up very quickly, so be sure to register soon. [Click here for more information](#).



## Sisters of St. Anne unveil *Catch the Vision*

Sisters of the Order of St. Anne unveiled *Catch the Vision*, a newly published book commemorating their order's centennial year, during a program on April 11 at their Bethany Convent in Arlington. The book launch capped a weekend-long celebration that included an art and music retreat with "Jesus of the People" artist Janet McKenzie and musician and composer Ellen Oak. To purchase a book or learn about the sisters' upcoming centennial celebration events, go to [www.BethanyHouseArlington.org](http://www.BethanyHouseArlington.org).



PHOTO: Tracy J. Sukraw

*The sisters of the Order of St. Anne unveil the newly published book chronicling their order's 100-year history.*

## Weston youth and Ruggles elders get their Wii on

The Middle School Youth Group at St. Peter's Church in Weston is this year's Outstanding Community Group, according to Hearth, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to ending elder homelessness. The St. Peter's youth will receive an award for their activities with the residents at Ruggles Affordable Assisted Living Community last spring, and for organizing the Winter Walk to End Elder Homelessness in December, which raised \$9,000. [Read more.](#)



PHOTO: Courtesy of St. Peter's Church  
*John McDaniel teaches Ruggles resident Lucille Cutting how to play the new Wii game system.*

## Newslinks

"House of prayer for all people": Devotion has many voices but one home at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, columnist Peter Gelzinis writes in this April 4 *Boston Herald* [column](#).

**MECA calls for Haiti reflections:** The next issue of the Massachusetts Episcopal Clergy Association's "MECA Newsletter" will be devoted to reflections by clergy and lay leaders on the Haiti earthquake and how their congregations are responding. Please send submissions to the Rev. David A. Killian, editor, at [rectord@allsaintsbrookline.org](mailto:rectord@allsaintsbrookline.org).

## The Rev. Karen Montagno joins diocesan staff

The Rev. Karen Montagno has been named part-time interim director of congregational resources and training. She will administer the diocesan Sending Serving Grants and House of Mercy and Bristol Case grants. She will also coordinate stewardship training and learning events and other congregational resources. She can be reached at the diocesan offices at [kmontagno@diomass.org](mailto:kmontagno@diomass.org) or 617-482-4826, ext. 413. Montagno also serves part-time as the interim priest at St. Cyprian's Church in Roxbury.



The Rev. Karen Montagno

## Coming up

**Evensong in memory of George Kidder:** [MagnificatBoston](#) will sing Evensong as a tribute to the late George Kidder, former diocesan chancellor, on Sunday, April 25 at 4 p.m. at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Kidder, who died in August 2009 at age 84, was a generous supporter of music and the arts and helped MagnificatBoston get underway in 2005. MagnificatBoston singers come from parishes around the diocese and sing Evensong monthly in various churches.

**Jubilee Celebrates Africa:** Join the May 1 celebration and support the diocese's mission work in East Africa. [Sign up here.](#)



**Cruise with the UBE for a good cause:** The Union of Black Episcopalians is organizing a June 5 harbor cruise fundraiser to support its scholarship fund. [Learn more.](#)

**ECM's Annual Meeting:** Alan Khazei, founder of City Year and former candidate for senator, will be the keynote speaker at Episcopal City Mission's annual dinner and awards event on June 8. Check [www.episcopalcitymission.org](http://www.episcopalcitymission.org) for ticket information and updates.

## Also coming up

[Apr 17](#): Eucharistic Visitor Training, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 9 a.m.

[Apr 18 & May 2](#): "Economic Crisis" Panel Discussion, Grace Church, Newton, 10 a.m.

[Apr 18](#): Ecclesia Ministries Anniversary Celebration, Emmanuel Church, Boston, 4 p.m.

[Apr 21](#): Contemplative Eucharist, Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington, 7 p.m.

[Apr 22](#): Diocesan Budget Hearing, St. Anne's-in-the-Fields Church, Lincoln, 7 p.m.

[Apr 24](#): Parish Historians Society Annual Meeting, Emmanuel Church, Boston, 8 a.m.

[Apr 24](#): Parish Health Ministry Start-Up Meeting, St. Andrew's Church, Framingham, 9 a.m.

[Apr 25](#): Magnificat Boston sings Evensong in memory of George Kidder, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 4 p.m.

[Apr 27](#): Diocesan Council, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 5:30 p.m.

[Apr 28-30](#): Diocesan Clergy Conference, Brewster

[May 1](#): Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Workshop, Church of Our Redeemer, Lexington, 9 a.m.

[May 1](#): "Staying on in the Ruins" Haiti Program, St. Margaret's Convent, Boston, 12 p.m.

[May 1](#): Jubilee Celebrates Africa Dinner and Program, Church of Our Redeemer, Lexington, 6 p.m.

[May 4](#): "Garden: An Act of Faith" Lecture, Trinity Church, Boston, 7 p.m.

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

[May 12](#): Green Gathering, Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington, 6 p.m.

[May 13](#): Women's Cursillo Weekend, Marist House, Framingham, 6 p.m.

[May 13](#): "Behold, Her Story of Easter," St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain, 7:30 p.m.

[May 15](#): Safe Church Training, St. David's Church, South Yarmouth, 8:30 a.m.

May 16: Garden Party and Evening Prayer, Order of St. Anne-Bethany Convent, Arlington, 3 p.m.

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