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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of

**The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts**

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**Archdeacons appointed  
for oversight & support  
of diaconate**

The **bishops have appointed two deacons, the Rev. Geof Smith and the Rev. Pat Zifcak, to serve as archdeacons**, assisting the bishops and Judith Lidberg, Officer for Ordained Vocations, with the formation, deployment, supervision and support for deacons and deacons in formation. (They will serve as the church's canons define the role of an archdeacon; the new staff position currently being developed to assist with congregational development will be titled canon for congregations.) The positions are non-stipendiary.

"Our deacons and deacons in formation will greatly benefit from the experience and gifts Geof brings to Massachusetts from the dioceses of Chicago and Maine, along with Pat's many years of faithful and wise leadership in the diocese with our deacons and many congregations. We are grateful for their willingness to serve," Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE said in his March 24 announcement of the appointments.

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**Cathedral's Holy Week  
offerings include  
creation collects for  
Good Friday**

All are invited to take part in Holy Week services at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston, including:

- **Holy Tuesday, April 19, 11 a.m.:** Renewal of ordination vows for the clergy of the diocese and blessing of holy oils. Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE will preside and preach. Lunch following the service is open to all (\$10; RSVP to [rsvp@diomass.org](mailto:rsvp@diomass.org) or 617-482-4826, ext. 687).

- **Maundy Thursday, April 21, 12 p.m.:** Silent service of Holy Eucharist, with footwashing.

- **Good Friday, April 22, 12-3 p.m.:** Meditations on creation offered by the Rev. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, along with veneration of the cross, Holy Eucharist and singing of the Passion Gospel.

**Congregations are invited to use the Solemn Collects rewritten and approved for use on the day, available [here](#)** (or see April 22 on the [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) "Events" calendar).

- **Holy Saturday, April 23, 7-9 p.m.:** "Rise Up" Soulful Easter Vigil, featuring the ancient stories of creation and redemption, retold by local storytellers and poets and set to spirituals and the blues, and a music-rich celebration and sharing of the first Eucharist of Easter (flier attached). Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE will celebrate. **Candidates for Confirmation and Reception are welcome; contact Ethel Crawford ([elc@diomass.org](mailto:elc@diomass.org)) in the cathedral office by April 15.**

- **Easter Day, April 24, 10 a.m.:** Festival Holy Eucharist, with Dean John P. Streit Jr., preacher.

FOR INFORMATION: Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston

(617-482-4826, ext. 221 or [cathedral@diomass.org](mailto:cathedral@diomass.org));

[www.stpaulboston.org](http://www.stpaulboston.org).

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***MIP&L to honor Bishop Cederholm at “Greener Faith” gathering***

Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light (MIP&L) will **honor Bishop Bud Cederholm with an achievement award** during its annual “A Greener Faith” celebration on *Sunday, May 1, 1-5 p.m.*, at the Boston Synagogue (55 Martha Road) in Boston. The keynote speaker will be Roger Gottlieb, professor at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and author of *A Greener Faith, Religious Environmentalism and Our Planet’s Future*. The program also includes workshops on sustainable sacred space and finding funds to go “green.” All are welcome.

*FOR INFORMATION: Vince Maraventano, Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light (617-244-0755 or [vince@MIPandL.org](mailto:vince@MIPandL.org)); [www.MIPandL.org](http://www.MIPandL.org).*

***Save June 11 for Pentecost Eve “Voices United!” celebration***

**Save the date and join the bishops for “Pentecost Eve Voices United!”**—a musical and liturgical celebration of various voices and cultures of the diocese—on *Saturday, June 11, 7 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. The Rev. Leslie Sterling (contact information below) would like to hear from those who can read Scripture in languages other than English or Spanish. The event is being sponsored by the diocesan Clergy of Color group, Antiracism Ministry Team, Hispanic Ministries Committee, Lift Every Voice-Diversity in Leadership Committee and Slavery and Reconciliation Task Force, along with the cathedral.

*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Leslie Sterling, St. Bartholomew’s Church, Cambridge (617-249-0537, ext. 1); [ammaleslie@gmail.com](mailto:ammaleslie@gmail.com).*

***Safe Church Training opportunities make the church safer for all***

The annual **Clergy Safe Church Refresher Day** will be held on *Tuesday, May 17, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.*, at Christ Church (12 Quincy Avenue) in Quincy. All clergy who are canonically resident or licensed in the Diocese of Massachusetts should attend Safe Church Training once every three years. There is no fee to attend; morning refreshments and lunch are provided. Register [here](#) (or see May 17 on the [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) “Events” calendar).

*FOR INFORMATION: Diane Pound, Bishop Cederholm’s Office (617-482-4826, ext. 349); [dianep@diomass.org](mailto:dianep@diomass.org).*

**Safe Church Training events** for all are schedule on these **Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.:** **May 14** at the Church of the Holy Name (60 Monument Avenue) in Swampscott; **Sept. 10** at Trinity Church (81 Elm Street) in Concord; and **Sept. 17** at St. Paul’s Church (390 Main Street) in North Andover. Registration is required 14 days prior to the training date and can be done [online via \[www.diomass.org\]\(http://www.diomass.org\)](#) (see “Training & Learning” under “Resources for Congregations & Clergy”).

*FOR INFORMATION: Richard Vanderlippe, Safe Church Training coordinator (978-263-1895); [rvanderlippe@diomass.org](mailto:rvanderlippe@diomass.org).*

**Free [online Safe Church Training](#)** is available for use by congregations in this diocese. Those who need to take the training

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should contact their parish clergy to receive a unique ID and password to access the program.

*FOR INFORMATION: Lynn Clark, Human Resources (617-482-4826, ext. 578); [lclark@diomass.org](mailto:lclark@diomass.org).*

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### **Upcoming programs for children, youth and families:**

Registration is open for **Family Camp** with Bishop Bud Cederholm, June 23-26, at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. This event fills up fast, so families should sign up soon [here](#) (or see June 23 on the [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) "Events" calendar).

*FOR INFORMATION: Amy Cook, Resource Center (617-482-4826, ext. 645); [acook@diomass.org](mailto:acook@diomass.org).*

Youth in grades 9-12 who would like to join New England's delegation to the national **Episcopal Youth Event**, June 22-26, in St. Paul, Minn., should **apply by April 11**. More information about the event is available at

[www.episcopalchurch.org/eye2011.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/eye2011.htm); applications are [here](#).

*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Kit Lonergan, Office for Youth Ministries (617-482-4826, ext. 215); [klonergan@diomass.org](mailto:klonergan@diomass.org).*

Rising 9th and 10th graders are invited to apply to the diocesan **Youth Leadership Academy**, a 14-month program to develop young leaders within the context of spiritual formation and service to their congregations. The program begins with a week at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center, July 3-9.

*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Kit Lonergan, Office for Youth Ministries (617-482-4826, ext. 215 or [klonergan@diomass.org](mailto:klonergan@diomass.org)) or The Rev. H. Mark Smith ([mark@hmarksmith.com](mailto:mark@hmarksmith.com)).*

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### **Travel and training opportunities for global mission:**

A **pilgrimage to Palestine/Israel** is being organized for July 18-29, to include visits to holy sites as well as churches, schools, projects and hospitals in the Diocese of Jerusalem. Anticipated expenses for each participant are approximately \$3,750 (includes airfare). All participants are expected to make a nonrefundable deposit of \$600 by April 10.

*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Ted Gaiser (617-782-1577); [tgaiser@diomass.org](mailto:tgaiser@diomass.org).*

The Global Episcopal Mission Network and the Episcopal Church Center are sponsoring "**From Called to Sent: Finding Your Way into Global Mission,**" a **New England conference** for anyone who feels called to go somewhere in mission and is looking for help to take the next steps. The conference takes place *Thursday-Saturday, May 19-21* at the Marist House (518 Pleasant Street) in Framingham. The keynote speaker will be Bishop Ian Douglas of the Diocese of Connecticut. A save-the-date flier is available [here](#) (or see May 19 on the [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) "Events" calendar).

*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Ted Gaiser (617-782-1577); [tgaiser@diomass.org](mailto:tgaiser@diomass.org).*

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**NOTES:**

Please share the contents of *fyi* with your leadership and congregation through parish bulletins, announcements, newsletters and Web sites. The contacts listed in *fyi* welcome your inquiries for more information.

- The diocese welcomes **Sue Kelly to the position of controller** on the diocesan staff. She holds an MBA degree, has previous experience as a controller in a for-profit industry and is currently a candidate for the certified public accountant exam. She can be reached in the diocesan Treasurer's Office at 617-482-4826, ext. 307 or [skelly@diomass.org](mailto:skelly@diomass.org).
- The Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music has **extended its survey deadline to April 30 for collecting comments on possible revision of *The Hymnal 1982***. The online survey, in both English and Spanish, is available at [www.cpg.org/hymnalstudy2](http://www.cpg.org/hymnalstudy2).
- **Spring gatherings for retired clergy, their spouses and widows and widowers** will take place from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. on *Tuesday, May 10* at St. Peter's Church (320 Boston Post Road) in Weston and *Tuesday, May 17* at St. David's Church (205 Old Main Street) in South Yarmouth. At each event there will be morning refreshments, a presentation by Dr. Holly Ramsey-Klawnsnik on the topic of elder abuse, noonday prayers and lunch, followed by time with Bishop Gayle E. Harris.  
*FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Mike Shirley, chaplain to retired clergy (978-683-1636); [michaelshirley@peoplepc.com](mailto:michaelshirley@peoplepc.com).*
- Children of clergy canonically resident or licensed in this diocese (and of their widows/widowers) are eligible to apply for **scholarship grants**. Grants are for undergraduate degree programs for the 2011-2012 academic year. The application deadline is *May 13*; notifications will be made by *June 30*. The "Statement of Policy and Procedure," which is the basis for making awards, and a "Statement of Personal and Financial Profile," which all applicants must complete, are available at [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) (see "Grants & Loans" under "Resources for Congregations & Clergy"). All [application materials](#) should be sent to: Diane Pound, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, 138 Tremont Street, Boston MA 02111.  
*FOR INFORMATION: Diane Pound, Bishop Cederholm's Office (617-482-4826, ext. 349); [dianep@diomass.org](mailto:dianep@diomass.org).*
- A **workshop for parish administrators** is being planned for *Tuesday, May 24, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.*, at the diocesan offices (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. It will be an occasion to review procedures and get to know one another as colleagues.  
*RSVP/ FOR INFORMATION: Diane Pound, Bishop Cederholm's Office (617-482-4826, ext. 349); [dianep@diomass.org](mailto:dianep@diomass.org).*
- Bonnie Anderson, President of the Episcopal Church's House of Deputies, will give the annual **Kellogg Lectures** on *Thursday, May 5, 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.*, in St. John's Chapel at Episcopal

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Divinity School (99 Brattle Street) in Cambridge. Her topic will be "Courageous Change: What it Takes, How it Happens." Ticket information and the full schedule of May 4-5 Alumni/ae Days events, including a May 4 bishops' panel featuring Mary Glasspool, John Smylie and Ian Douglas, are available at [www.eds.edu](http://www.eds.edu).  
FOR INFORMATION: Episcopal Divinity School (617-868-3450); [www.eds.edu](http://www.eds.edu).

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## **DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:**

At its March 17 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

- Voted to allocate up to \$30,000 from the St. Paul's Church, Brockton closing funds to support the ministry of Grace Chapel through Dec. 31.
- Heard a report from Jeff Tyrakowski on the Compensation and Benefits Committee's recommendation on health insurance cost coverage for clergy and lay employees.
- Voted to adopt a 2012 assessment formula that maintains the same structure as the 2011 formula.
- Voted that there will be an Assessment Coordinating Committee with the single purpose of receiving and reviewing inquiries from congregations about their 2012 scheduled assessments.
- Heard an update on the comprehensive fundraising campaign from Bishop Shaw and Lynd Matt, Director of Development.
- Voted that \$150,000 be designated for the Green Grants Initiative, based on a commitment of \$100,000 from the 2009 Annual Fund campaign and \$50,000 from the 2010 Annual Fund campaign.

**Next Diocesan Council Meeting:** *Thursday, April 28, 6-8:30 p.m.,* in Sproat Hall at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.

FOR INFORMATION: Lois Murphey, Office of Convention and Council (617-482-4826, ext. 406); [loism@diomass.org](mailto:loism@diomass.org).

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## **JOB POSTINGS:**

Go to [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org)  
(Resources for Congregations & Clergy > [Employment](#)).

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site are: [schola director and youth music minister](#) at All Saints Parish in Brookline; [Web site maintenance position](#) for the Emmanuel Center at Emmanuel Church in Boston; [parish administrator](#) at St. John's Church in Gloucester; [administrative assistant](#) at St. Andrew's Church in Framingham; [organist-choir director](#) at St. Andrew's Church in Hanover; [Christian education director for children and youth](#) at St. Paul's Church in North Andover; [director of Christian education](#) at St. Mary's Church in Newton Lower Falls; and [assistant director of children's ministries](#) at Trinity Church in Boston.

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## **PARISH SEARCH & CALL REPORT**

Go to [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org) for details (Resources for Congregations & Clergy > Congregation & Clergy Support > [Clergy Deployment/Transition Ministry](#)).

Communication regarding deployment and parish transitions should be directed to the Rev. Canon Cynthia Hubbard (617/482-4826, ext. 400 or [chubbard@diomass.org](mailto:chubbard@diomass.org)).

**CHURCHES INITIATING PROCESS:**  
AUBURNDALE, Parish of the Messiah

**CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:**  
RANDOLPH, Trinity Church

**CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:**  
ARLINGTON, Church of Our Saviour ([contact Canon Hubbard directly](#))  
GLOUCESTER, St. John's Church  
MARBLEHEAD, St. Andrew's Church  
MEDFIELD, Church of the Advent ([contact Canon Hubbard directly](#))  
MILTON, St. Michael's Church

**CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:**  
BEDFORD, St. Paul's Church  
CAMBRIDGE, St. Peter's Church  
CHARLESTOWN, St. John's Church  
ROXBURY, St. Cyprian's Church

## **With this fyi:**

✓ Flier: Soulful Easter Vigil at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul

## **NEXT fyi:**

*fyi* is issued on the first Wednesday of each month. The submission deadline for the May 4 issue is **Wednesday, April 27 at noon**. E-mail submissions to [tjs@diomass.org](mailto:tjs@diomass.org).

# Rise Up

## A Soulful Easter Vigil

Sat., April 23  
7-9pm

The Crossing @  
St. Paul's Cathedral

138 Tremont St, Boston  
(across from Park St T)

the ancient liturgy moving from  
tomb to resurrection with jesus ~  
infused with the blues, gospel,  
storytelling, poetry, chant and soul

*All ages welcome ~ Festive reception to follow*

*Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE, presiding ~ Julia Sierra Wilkinson, preaching*

**The Crossing community ~ [www.thecrossingboston.org](http://www.thecrossingboston.org)  
St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral ~ [www.stpaulboston.org](http://www.stpaulboston.org)**

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