

## **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

Advent 2024
through
Pentecost Season 2025



Dear friends in Christ,

In her address to our diocesan convention this fall, Bishop Julia Whitworth lifted up the gift of our unity in Christ.

...We belong to the Creator God who made us in God's image, who made everyone in God's image, and loves us with a grace beyond measure. And in that belonging, we belong one to another, bound by love as a Church....

Our prayer for one another is an outward, visible sign of that spiritual grace of unity. Our prayer strengthens our experience of the truth of our belonging one to another, and it comes alongside the prayers Christ is perpetually offering for us. One of those prayers, of course, is that we may be one, as He and the Father are one.

As you incorporate the diocesan cycle of prayer into your worship life, know that it matters. Know that it is a gift both to the congregations and ministries for which you are praying, and it is a gift to you to be called to such prayer. As we center one another in prayer, we are reminded of the scriptural truth that we need one another, we are called to gift one another, and the mission of God will be made manifest as we pray.

Faithfully,

(The Very Rev.) Amy McCreath

Dean, Cathedral Church of St. Paul

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# Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Advent 2024 – Pentecost Season 2025

Note: This Cycle of Prayer is arranged alphabetically by Deanery

#### Sunday, December 1, 2024

The First Sunday of Advent

#### Churches of the Alewife Deanery

Church of Our Saviour, Arlington St. John's Church, Arlington Order of St. Anne & Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington The Standing Committee Brotherhood of St. Gregory

#### Sunday, December 8, 2024

The Second Sunday of Advent

#### Churches of the Alewife Deanery

St. Paul's Church, Bedford All Saints' Church, Belmont St. Mark's Church, Burlington The Officers of the Diocese Racial Justice Commission

#### Sunday, December 15, 2024

The Third Sunday of Advent

#### Churches of the Alewife Deanery

Christ Church, Cambridge

St. Bartholomew's Church, Cambridge

St. James' Church, Cambridge

St. Peter's Church, Cambridge

Diocesan Disciplinary Board

#### Sunday, December 22, 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Sunday after Christmas

#### Churches of the Alewife Deanery

Episcopal Chaplaincy at Harvard, Cambridge Lutheran Episcopal Chaplaincy at Mass. Institute of Technology, Cambridge The Society of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge Hospital Chaplaincies & Healthcare Chaplains

#### Sunday, December 29, 2024

Churches of the Alewife Deanery

Church of Our Redeemer, Lexington

St. James' Church, Somerville

Christ Church, Waltham

Congregation of St. Peter at Christ Episcopal Church, Waltham

Church of the Good Shepherd, Watertown

#### Sunday, January 5, 2025

The Second Sunday after Christmas

**Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery** 

Christ Church (Old North), Boston

Church of the Advent, Boston

Charles River Episcopal Co-Housing Endeavor (CRECHE)

#### Sunday, January 12, 2025

#### The First Sunday after the Epiphany

#### Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery

St. John & St. James Church, Roxbury (Boston) Ecclesia Ministries and common cathedral, Boston **Hospitality Homes** The Diocesan Staff

The Massachusetts Council of Churches

#### Sunday, January 19, 2025 **Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery**

St. John's Church, Charlestown (Boston) Emmanuel Church, Boston St. Augustine's & St. Martin's Church, Boston Greater Boston Interfaith Organization

#### Sunday, January 26, 2025

#### **Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery**

St. Stephen's Church, Boston Trinity Church, Boston **B-SAFE B-PEACE** for Jorge

#### Sunday, January 28, 2025

#### Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery

St. Mark's Church, Dorchester (Boston) St. Mary's Church, Dorchester (Boston) Epiphany School, Dorchester The Diocesan Council

#### Sunday, February 9, 2025

#### Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery

St. John's Church, Jamaica Plain (Boston) Northeastern University Lutheran Episcopal Campus Ministry St. Cyprian's Church, Roxbury (Boston) **Building Bridges Ministries** 

#### Sunday, February 16, 2025

#### Churches of the Boston Harbor Deanery

Our Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston The Crossing **MANNA Community** The Cathedral Chapter **Episcopal Boston Chinese Ministry** Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders

#### Sunday, February 23, 2025

#### Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery

St. Mary's Church, Barnstable

St. Peter's-on-the-Canal, Buzzards Bay

St. Paul's Church, Nantucket

Congregations: Wardens, Treasurers & Clerks

#### The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

Presentation of Jesus in the Temple: Candlemas

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

#### Sunday, March 2, 2025

#### Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery

St. Andrew's Chapel, Hyannis Port Christ Church, Plymouth St. David's Church, South Yarmouth Diocesan Congregational Consultants

#### Sunday, March 9, 2025

#### Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery

St. Christopher's Church, Chatham St. Andrew's Church, Edgartown St. Peter's Church, Osterville Union of Black Episcopalians

#### **Sunday, March 16, 2025**

#### Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery

St. Barnabas' Church, Falmouth Christ Church, Harwich Port Grace Church, Vineyard Haven For all churches in the Diocese closed or merged

#### **Sunday, March 23, 2025**

#### Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery

Trinity Chapel, Oak Bluffs Church of the Holy Spirit, Orleans Boston Episcopal Charitable Society

#### Sunday, March 30, 2025

#### Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery

Church of St. Mary of the Harbor, Provincetown St. John's Church, Sandwich Ministries with Older Adults

#### Sunday, April 6, 2025

#### Churches of the Cape & Islands Deanery

Church of the Good Shepherd, Wareham St. James the Fisherman Church, Wellfleet Church of the Messiah, Woods Hole (Falmouth)

#### **Sunday, April 13, 2025**

#### Churches of the Charles River Deanery

All Saints Parish, Brookline Church of Our Saviour, Brookline St. Paul's Church, Brookline Boston University Chaplain, Boston The Church Home Society

#### Last Sunday after the Epiphany

#### The First Sunday in Lent

#### The Second Sunday in Lent

#### The Third Sunday in Lent

#### The Fourth Sunday in Lent

#### The Fifth Sunday in Lent

The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

#### Sunday, April 20, 2025

#### **Churches of the Charles River Deanery**

Church of the Redeemer, Chestnut Hill (Newton) Boston College Campus Ministry, Chestnut Hill St. Dunstan's Church, Dover Christ Church, Needham Church Periodical Club

#### **Sunday, April 27, 2025**

#### **Churches of the Charles River Deanery**

Grace Church, Newton St. John's Church, Newtonville St. Mary's Church, Newton Lower Falls Parish of St. Paul, Newton Highlands Prison Ministries

#### Sunday, May 4, 2025

#### Churches of the Charles River Deanery

Trinity Parish of Newton Center, Newton Centre Parish of the Good Shepherd, Waban (Newton) St. Andrew's Church, Wellesley Allston Abbey, Boston Life Together Diocesan Intern Program

#### Sunday, May 11, 2025

#### Churches of the Concord River Deanery

Church of the Good Shepherd, Acton St. Andrew's Church, Ayer Trinity Church, Concord St. Andrew's Church, Framingham Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society

#### Sunday, May 18, 2025

#### Churches of the Concord River Deanery

St. John's Chapel, Groton School, Groton

St. Michael's Church, Holliston

St. Paul's Church, Hopkinton

St. Luke's Church, Hudson

Congregational Chapters of the Episcopal Church Women

#### Sunday, May 25, 2025

#### Churches of the Concord River Deanery

St. Anne's in-the-Fields Church, Lincoln

St. Paul's Church, Natick

Trinity Chapel, Shirley

St. Mark's Church, Southborough

Congregations: Acolytes

#### Easter Day

#### The Second Sunday of Easter

#### The Third Sunday of Easter

#### The Fourth Sunday of Easter

#### The Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### The Sixth Sunday of Easter

#### **Sunday, June 1, 2025**

#### The Seventh Sunday of Easter

#### **Churches of the Concord River Deanery**

St. Mark's Chapel, St. Mark's School, Southborough

St. Elizabeth's Church, Sudbury

St. Peter's Church, Weston

The Ministry of the Diocesan Altar Guild and all Altar Guilds

#### Sunday, June 8, 2025

#### The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

#### Churches of the Merrimack Valley Deanery

St. James' Church, Amesbury

Christ Church, Andover

All Saints' Church, Chelmsford

St. James' Church, Groveland

Trinity Church, Haverhill

#### Sunday, June 15, 2025

#### First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

#### Churches of the Merrimack Valley Deanery

Grace Church, Lawrence

Esperanza Academy, Lawrence

St. Anne's Church, Lowell

St. John's Church, Lowell

Congregations: Lectors, Worship Leaders, Eucharistic Ministers & Visitors

#### Sunday, June 22, 2025

#### The Second Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 7)

#### **Churches of the Merrimack Valley Deanery**

St. Andrew's Church, Methuen

St. Paul's Church, Newburyport

St. Paul's Church, North Andover

Merrimack Valley Project

Deacons

#### Sunday, June 29, 2025

#### The Third Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 8)

#### Churches of the Merrimack Valley Deanery

Frank D. Ashburn Chapel/Brooks School, North Andover

St. Anne's Church, (North) Billerica

All Saints' Church, West Newbury

St. Mark's Church, Westford

**Episcopal City Mission** 

#### **Sunday, July 6, 2025**

#### The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 9)

#### Churches of the Mt. Hope-Buzzards Bay Deanery

St. Aidan's Chapel, Dartmouth

St. Peter's Church, Dartmouth

Congregations: Organists, Choirs and other Church Musicians

Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross

Episcopal Chaplaincy at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth

#### Sunday, July 13, 2025

#### The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 10)

#### Churches of the Mt. Hope-Buzzards Bay Deanery

Church of the Holy Spirit, Fall River

St. Luke's Church, Fall River

St. Gabriel's Church, Marion

St. Philip of Bethsaida, Mattapoisett

#### Sunday, July 20, 2025

#### The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 11)

#### Churches of the Mt. Hope-Buzzards Bay Deanery

Grace Church, New Bedford

St. Andrew's Church, New Bedford

St. Martin's Church, New Bedford

Society for the Relief of Widows, Widowers and Orphans of Episcopal Clergy

Society for the Relief of Aged or Disabled Episcopal Clergy

#### Sunday, July 27, 2025

#### The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 12)

#### Churches of the Mt. Hope-Buzzards Bay Deanery

Church of Our Saviour, Somerset

Christ Church, Swansea

Young Adults Ministry

Youth Council, Youth Leadership Academy, and all Youth Ministries

Barbara C. Harris Camp & Conference Center

#### Sunday, August 3, 2025

#### The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 13)

#### Churches of the Mystic Valley Deanery

St. Luke's Church/Iglesia de San Lucas, Chelsea

Grace Church Federated, East Boston

**South Sudanese Congregation** 

**Hispanic Ministries** 

Creation Care Justice Network

#### Sunday, August 10, 2025

#### Churches of the Mystic Valley Deanery

St. Paul's Church, Lynnfield

St. Paul's Church, Malden

Grace Church, Medford

Trinity Parish, Melrose

Bishop Alan M. Gates African Ministry Center

#### Sunday, August 17, 2025

#### Churches of the Mystic Valley Deanery

Church of the Good Shepherd, Reading

St. John's Church, Saugus

Emmanuel Church, Wakefield

The Third Order, Society of St. Francis

Congregations: Parish Historians

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 14)

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 15)

#### Sunday, August 24, 2025

#### Churches of the Mystic Valley Deanery

St. Elizabeth's Church, Wilmington Parish of the Epiphany, Winchester St. John's Church, Winthrop Trinity Church, Woburn Congregations: Sextons and Custodians

#### The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 16)

#### Sunday, August 31, 2025

#### Churches of the Neponset River Deanery

Trinity Church, Canton
Church of the Good Shepherd, Dedham
St. Paul's Church, Dedham
Parish of All Saints, Dorchester (Boston)
Epiphany Church, Walpole
Emmanuel Church, West Roxbury (Boston)
Deans
Deanery Co-Conveners

#### The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 17)

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 18)

#### Sunday, September 7, 2025

#### Churches of the Neponset River Deanery

Christ Church, Hyde Park (Boston)
Iglesia de San Juan, Hyde Park (Boston)
Church of the Holy Spirit, Mattapan (Boston)
Church of the Advent, Medfield
Daughters of the King and Brotherhood of St. Andrew

### Sunday, September 14, 2025 The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 19) Churches of the Neponset River Deanery

Christ Church, Medway St. Michael's Church, Milton St. John's Church, Westwood Trinity Church, Stoughton, Trustees of Donations

## Sunday, September 21, 2025 The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 20) Churches of the North Shore Deanery

St. Peter's Church, Beverly St. John's Church, Beverly Farms All Saints Episcopal Church of the North Shore, Danvers St. John's Church, Gloucester

Essex County Community Organization (ECCO)

## Sunday, September 28, 2025 The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21) Churches of the North Shore Deanery

Ascension Memorial Church, Ipswich St. Stephen's Memorial Church, Lynn Emmanuel Chapel, Manchester-by-the-Sea Wyman Memorial Church of St. Andrew, Marblehead Ministries with Homeless Persons and Refugees

#### Sunday, October 5, 2025

#### The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 22)

#### Churches of the North Shore Deanery

St. Michael's Church, Marblehead

St. Mary's Church, Rockport

Grace Church, Salem

St. Peter' Church/Iglesia de San Pedro, Salem

Congregations: Secretaries and Administrators

#### Sunday, October 12, 2025

#### Churches of the North Shore Deanery

Christ Church, South Hamilton Church of the Holy Name, Swampscott Trinity Church, Topsfield St. Stephen's Church, Cohasset Asiamerican Ministries

#### The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 23)

#### Sunday, October 19, 2025

#### Churches of the South Shore Deanery

Trinity Church, Rockland St. Luke's Church, Scituate Church of the Holy Nativity, South Weymouth All Saints' Church, Whitman Commission on Ministry

#### The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 24)

#### Sunday, October 26, 2025

#### Churches of the South Shore Deanery

Parish of St. John the Evangelist, Hingham St. John's Church, Holbrook Emmanuel Church, Braintree Grace Chapel, Brockton St. Andrew's Church, Hanover Global Mission Partnerships Program

#### The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 25)

#### Sunday, November 2, 2025 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 26)

#### Churches of the South Shore Deanery

or All Saints

Church of St. John the Evangelist, Duxbury Society of St. Margaret, Duxbury Trinity Church, Marshfield Christ Church, Quincy Parish of St. Chrysostom, Quincy Church of Our Saviour, Milton Trinity Church, Randolph

### Sunday, November 9, 2025 The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 27) Churches of the Taunton River Deanery

St. Mark's Church, Foxborough St. John's Church, Franklin Grace Church, North Attleborough The Diocesan Convention

#### Sunday, November 16, 2025 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28)

Churches of the Taunton River Deanery

Bristol Trinity Episcopal Church, North Easton St. Thomas' Church, Taunton Trinity Church, Wrentham Deputies to Provincial Synod

Sunday, November 23, 2025
Churches of the Taunton River Deanery

All Saints' Church, Attleboro Trinity Church, Bridgewater Church of Our Saviour, Middleborough Order of St. Luke Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King



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