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Rushing winds, tongues of flame:

What if the Spirit granted our Pentecost prayers?

"Isn't it amazing how much easier it is to talk about our politics or even our favorite meals than to talk about what Jesus means to us?" the Rev. Tony Clavier asks in Episcopal Life Online's feature reflection for May 23.

"As we hear the Pentecost readings about rushing winds and tongues of fire, strange 'languages' and reflections on leaving safety to tell the story of Jesus and baptize to the ends of the earth, perhaps we look forward to those interminable Sundays after Pentecost when we can settle down and forget 'enthusiasm' and earn our keep as the 'chosen frozen,'" he continues. "But what if, just if, the Holy Spirit took our hymns and prayers seriously?"

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Church sends missioner to serve in Central Ecuador

Maureen Capillo of St. James's Church in Cambridge departs in July for a three-year appointment as an Episcopal Church missioner in Quito, Ecuador. With support from the Diocese of Massachusetts, she will serve in the Diocese of Central Ecuador, assisting groups and individual volunteers on short-term mission trips there.

"I will accompany groups during their stay, and expect to be in communication with them upon their return, in hopes of building stronger and more long-term relationships between North Americans and the church in



The move to Quito is a return for Capillo. She spent six months there in 2008 teaching English and helping with economic and leadership development projects in area churches. She follows fellow St. James's Church members Chris and Trish Morck who also are missionaries in Central Ecuador.

Jubilee supporters fast and feast during water crisis

The diocese's second annual Jubilee Celebrates Africa party was just getting underway at the Church of Our Redeemer in Lexington on May 1 when the police showed up with a shut-down order.

The major water main break that for 2 1/2 days compromised the water supply for Boston and 29 other communities, including Lexington, had just happened, and the police were concerned about public health.

Even though Jubilee's meal for 150 had been prepared elsewhere the day before and was known by organizers to be safe, it could not be served. The group had to be out of the building by 7 p.m.

About 80 people stayed, and in the time remaining, continued with the planned auction and sale of African handcrafts.

The dinner and auction event is the primary fundraiser for the diocese's mission projects in East Africa devoted to health care, education and economic development.

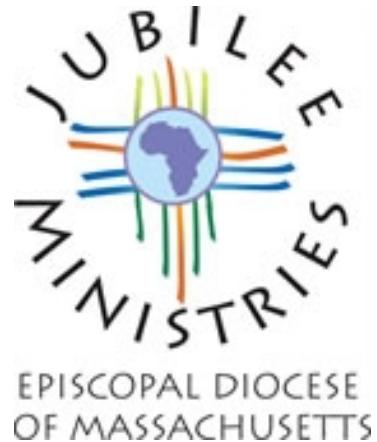
"Church, we're fasting tonight, but we're also feasting," Bishop Bud Cederholm told the group, according to the Rev. Maggie Geller, Jubilee's coordinator.

"There was a lot of fellowship and rallying to support Jubilee," she said. "People were faithful and generous." She estimated that \$10,000 was raised, about half of last year's total.

"There are people in the world with real, lasting problems, so this was nothing in comparison," she said.

The unserved food was donated to a shelter.

Learn more about Jubilee Ministry's work and how to support it at [www.diomassjubilee.org](http://diomassjubilee.org).



Mass. youth take a mission road trip to Central PA

During the April school break, the Diocesan Youth Council spent a work week at Trinity Church in Renovo, one of the more isolated congregations in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

"This mission trip has helped me realize that I don't need to go far to make a big difference," Billy Zhang, of the Episcopal Boston Chinese Ministry at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, reflected after the trip.



PHOTO: Courtesy of Office for Youth Ministry

Diocese of Massachusetts youth arrive in the "Land of the Endless Mountains."

The youth did some painting at the church and cleared a neglected garden in the church yard. While in Renovo, they also got to know some of their local peers, and they visited a local hospital and nursing home.

Read more and see more photos in Central Pennsylvania's *Tidings*, [here](#).

Parish Circuit:

Still rebuilding: A 10-member mission team from [St. John's Church in Westwood](#)

participated, April 17-24, in a rebuilding program sponsored by Episcopal Community Services in the Diocese of Louisiana. Five adults and five high school youth worked on a home in New Orleans's Ninth Ward.



PHOTO: Courtesy of St. John's Church
Two young members of St. John's Church in Westwood help paint a home in New Orleans.

Bikers get blessed:
On May 2, motorcyclists from as far away as Hartford, Conn., and Laconia, N.H., rode in to [All Saints' Church in West Newbury](#) to be blessed.

It was the church's first--and hoped to be annual--Blessing of the Motorcycles.

"When I came out of church and saw all these happy people on our lawn, it gave me chills of joy. We are blessed to have such a wonderful welcoming community," parishioner Sally Eames said.

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PHOTO: Courtesy of All Saints' Church
The Rev. Viki Petti sprinkles holy water from her motorcycle helmet.

Mansfield packs "Backpacks for Haiti": The [Church of St. John the Evangelist in Mansfield](#) on May 8 took up a special collection: backpacks filled with supplies for earthquake survivors in Haiti.

"We are a small parish and probably almost everyone gave something for the backpacks," parishioner Diane Simoni reports by e-mail. "Our doors were open to the community and at least 12 people came in that rainy Saturday bringing completed bags or multiples of various supplies."

[Read more.](#)



PHOTO: Courtesy of Church of St. John the Evangelist
Volunteers collect and pack supplies for Haiti earthquake survivors.

NewsNotes

Celebration in Los Angeles: "She's going to make a very good bishop," Bishop Barbara C. Harris says of Mary Glasspool, the friend and former Massachusetts priest who nominated Harris in 1988 to become the Anglican Communion's first female bishop. Glasspool and Diane Bruce were consecrated bishops on May 15 and will serve as bishops suffragan for the Diocese of Los Angeles. See photos and read Episcopal Life Online's coverage [here](#).

"No isolated concern": Bishop Tom Shaw and Bishop Bud Cederholm advocate a transgender civil rights bill, and their letter to Governor Patrick, Senate President Murray and House Speaker DeLeo is featured in this May 11 *Bay Windows* [article](#).

SSJE welcomes new superior: Brother Geoffrey Tristram, SSJE has been formally installed as the new superior of the Society of St. John the Evangelist in Cambridge, Episcopal News Service announced in this May 5 [report](#).

For the love of pets: Calvary Church in Danvers is offering a new monthly service for people and their pets, the May 5 *Salem News* [reports](#). Says the Rev. Thea Keith-Lucas: "I think our hope is to meet people where the spirit is already active in their lives, and their relationship with their animals is one where they are inspired by creation." The Associated Press picked up the story and spread it to pet lovers far and wide.

All about Adam: The *Patriot Ledger* features the Rev. Adam Thomas of St. Stephen's Church in Cohasset as the youngest Episcopal priest on the South Shore, in this May 3 [interview](#).

Episcopal Priest Barbie: From news anchor to astronaut, Barbie's had a lot of careers in her 50 years. Now, with a little help from the Rev. Julie Blake Fisher, [she's vested](#) as the rector of St. Barbara's-by-the-Sea in Malibu. The Rev. Sara Irwin of Christ Church in Waltham took on the topic as a guest on the [April 21 broadcast](#) of "The Callie Crossley Show" on WGBH 89.7 FM. (Under "Audio," scroll down and click on April 21; the segment begins 18:44 into the show.)

"Now it begins": "The only thing I can say is that I am humbled and I am honored to be your bishop," the Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas tells the people of the Diocese of Connecticut at his April 17 consecration, covered [here](#) in the *Hartford Courant*. Bishop Douglas will be among the honorary degree recipients at [Episcopal Divinity School's](#) commencement on May 20.

Coming up

Open meeting on Title IV: General Convention revised the Episcopal Church's disciplinary canons last summer, and an open meeting will be held on [June 22](#) to discuss the implications for diocesan canons.

Summer camp sign-up: Summer camp at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H., is in session June 27-Aug. 7, six one-week sessions billed as "the perfect mix of fun, friendship and faith formation." Registration and financial aid information is at www.bchcenter.org.

Resource Day, Saturday, Sept. 25: Save this date for the annual day of workshops and networking for parish teams, held at Bentley University in Waltham.

Also coming up

[May 18](#): Safe Church Refresher for Clergy, St. Andrew's Church, Wellesley, 8:45 a.m.

[May 19 & Jun 16](#): Contemplative Eucharist, Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington, 7 p.m.

[May 21-23](#): Bible Workbench Training Retreat, St. Stephen's Church, Lynn

[May 22](#): Cape and Islands Deanery "Writing the Sacred" Workshops with Ray McGinnis, Christ Church, Harwich Port, 9 a.m.

[May 22](#): "Perseverance Strength Training" Workshop for Unemployed, St. Peter's Church, Weston, 9 a.m.

[May 22](#): Pentecost Music and Meditation Workshop, St. John's Church, Gloucester, 1 p.m.

[May 23](#): Choral Evensong and Organ Recital, St. Anne's Church, Lowell, 4 p.m.

[May 23 & 30](#): Speaking of Faith Series at The Crossing, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 5 p.m.

[May 25](#): Cape and Islands Deanery "Writing the Sacred" Workshops with Ray McGinnis, St. Barnabas's Church, Falmouth, 6:30 p.m.

[Jun 3](#): "Spirit of a New Garden" Lecture by Dominique Browning, Trinity Church, Boston, 7 p.m.

[Jun 4](#): Evening of Poetry and Music at Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington, 7 p.m.

[Jun 5](#): Ordinations, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 10:30 a.m.

Jun 5: UBE Harbor Cruise, Commonwealth Pier, Boston, 12 p.m.

Jun 6: All Saints Parish, Brookline honors Deborah Little Wyman, 10:30 a.m.

Jun 8: Episcopal City Mission Annual Meeting, George Sherman Union at Boston University, 5 p.m.

Jun 9: Green Gathering at Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington, 6 p.m.

Jun 11-13: "God's Grove of Trees" Retreat, Society of St. Margaret, Duxbury

Jun 12: Clergy Families Picnic, Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington, 11 a.m.

Jun 15: Diocesan Council, Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, 6 p.m.

Jun 19: Sevenglory Concert, St. Barnabas's Church, Falmouth, 6 p.m.

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