



NEWSLETTER APRIL 1 – APRIL 7, 2024



HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

Easter Day at Emmanuel was joy-filled, as we enthusiastically brought back the Alleluia's into our worship service! The liturgy was moving, celebrated by Fr. Jon in his first Easter Sunday as our official Priest-In-Charge and was exquisitely enhanced by beautiful music. We were blessed this year with beautiful weather so the children, youth (and some adults) enjoyed the Easter Egg hunt outside in the church yard. Also following the service in our festively decorated hall, our parish friends shared their Easter joy through the "Lift Ev'ry Gift" event where they treated us to their many talents: from piano and violin, to recitation of prose, interpretive dance, interactive prose and music, solo and multi-part choral singing. We have a lot to celebrate at Emmanuel as we enter the 50-day Easter season.

We arrived at Easter after a moving Holy Week starting with Palm Sunday and then shared with our brothers and sisters at St. Michael's, Milton, Church of Our Savior, Milton and Church of the Holy Spirit, Mattapan. Many parishioners from Emmanuel who participated agreed that it would be great to find future opportunities to worship collaboratively in a variety of sacred spaces, with a variety of clergy and lay friends. Traveling through the entire Holy Week journey of Palm Sunday, Tenebrae, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil makes Easter a special and spiritually fulfilling experience.

Thank you to everyone who worked to make Holy Week and Easter as meaningful as it was: to each person who helped polish, set up, breakdown and clean the church between our many services; to all whose generous donations provided the beautiful Easter lilies, to those who planned and executed the Easter Egg Hunt, to our fellowship hosts, to each person who cleaned and set up the Parish Hall and to all those across multiple generations who took time to rehearse and then to courageously share their amazing talents with us! Thanks to everyone who brought someone to church and to everyone who ensured that others felt warmly welcome. Last, but not least, thank you to Fr. Jon who always goes above and beyond! Every bit of effort was noticed and is appreciated. Many hands make light work. It does take work to run a small parish and we are blessed to have so many devoted parishioners who actively engage and get it done while having fun together. Your time and companionship are always welcome and make a difference.

Continue reading for important dates. We look forward to seeing you Sunday at 10 AM.

HAPPY EASTER SEASON!



HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE IN ELECTING OUR NEXT BISHOP

Among the many wonderful reasons to celebrate being a member of the Episcopal Church is our democratic governance by both clergy and laity. Ed and Frank Fleming are Emmanuel's elected Diocesan Delegates who will be representing us in voting for our 17th Bishop at the Special Diocesan Convention Saturday May 18, 2024. While actual votes are cast only by the delegates, each of us is invited (and encouraged) to become involved and to learn more. *Then, let either Frank, Ed, Fr. Jon or your wardens know what you think.*

Upcoming dates open to each of us prior to the election are:

Monday, April 8 - Deadline for any of us to submit our questions to the candidates. The Transition Committee will select submitted questions to be posed to each candidate at the Meet & Greet sessions by scanning the QR code:



April 8 is also the deadline for anyone interested in serving as a Meet & Greet moderator to apply. More information is available on the Diocesan website under Bishop Search website.

May 7- May 11 - Meet & Greet the Candidates: 5/7 7-8:30 PM All Saints Ashmont Dorchester; 5/8 10-11:30 AM St. Mary's Barnstable; 5/9 2-3:30 PM Christ Church Needham; 5/10 7-8:30 PM Christ Church, Andover; and 5/11 10:30 AM-noon ZOOM for youth, young adults and others. Information about zoom access and other details will be provided at www.diomass.org/bishop-search/meet-greets as they become available.

Preliminary candidates include: The Rev. Dr. Brendan J Barnicle; The Rev. Canon Jean Baptiste Ntagengwa, ThD; The Very Reverend Gideon L. K. Pollach; and The Reverend Julia K. Whitworth. You can read each of their letters of introduction, resumes and responses to the following questions posed by the committee at: www.diomass.org/bishop-search/bishop-nominees

- 1) Who is Jesus to you?
- 2) What calls you to discern being a Bishop? Why now? Why with the Diocese of Massachusetts?
- 3) When was a time you faced a challenge or opportunity that called forth your gifts as a strategic leader? Tell us this story.
- 4) The Diocese of Massachusetts works against sexism, racism, and homophobia, and toward diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. Can you describe an experience articulating the social, economic, and political dimensions of the Gospel? In that experience, how did you engage with people with differing views?
- 5) Please share an experience serving in a multicultural and/or multilingual context.

What do you think is important to you and to Emmanuel for our next Bishop? Some interesting informal conversations around the fellowship tables are sure to come!

Let us pray for the Election of a Bishop. *Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a bishop for this Diocese, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP p818)*

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Pray for and Support Ukraine



Please consider donating to one of these curated and trusted organizations raising money for Ukraine: <https://www.helpsaveukraine.org/>

СЛІБА УКРАЇНІ!



We pray for peace and reconciliation throughout the Ukraine and the Middle East and everywhere in the world. It may be spring, 2024 but the suffering of innocent people continues. Our prayers truly help, as they keep us mindful of God's love for us and his miracles.

We pray for those who are homebound or ill, especially Michelle, Ken, Emerson, Barbara, Kenneth, Lynnette, Christina, Carol, Julie, Stanley, Peter, Felix, Mary, Catherine, Michael, Parker, Sergio, Martha, Anne, Patricia, Barbara, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Paul, Eddy, and Christopher.

Please email us the names of those who need special prayers info@emmanuelwr.org. Only first names will be used.