



## NEWSLETTER APRIL 14 – APRIL 20, 2024

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*Who can compare with you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?  
-Canticle 8, BCP, Order of Morning Prayer*

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What a start to our 50-day Easter Season of celebration! *See page 4 to view a few photos from Easter Sunday's Lift Ev'ry Gift performances.* Last Sunday we experienced a faith-filled Morning Prayer service, with all its beautiful language and we continued our Easter joy with uplifting hymns! And, of course, we visited with old and new friends during fellowship hour. The following day was the Annunciation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary. That day many of us also experienced an awe-inspiring solar eclipse. The rare and wondrous nature of our partial eclipse evoke a few words from last Sunday's Canticle (above) and from John's letter: "God is light and in him there is no darkness at all." God is truly a worker of wonders!

Upcoming noteworthy dates include: April 14<sup>th</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 22: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, April 28<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, May 5<sup>th</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter (Rogation Sunday) and Viewing of the film "The Philadelphia 11" (*see page 2 for details*), May 12<sup>th</sup>: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter/Sunday After Ascension Day/Mother's Day, May 1<sup>st</sup>: Neponset River Deanery; May 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>: (fairly) local Meet & Greet Bishop Candidates; May 19<sup>th</sup>: The Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday). *See pages 2-3 for more details about the Bishop Candidates and the Meet & Greet sessions.*

We look forward to seeing you Sunday at 10 AM. **HAPPY EASTER SEASON!**



## YOU ARE INVITED TO SHARE LEARNING & PIZZA SUNDAY MAY 5th

The congregations of St. Michael's and Church of Our Saviour (COS) invite you to a private screening of the *Philadelphia 11* film. The Philadelphia 11 was the first group of women ordained in the Episcopal Church. A COS parishioner, Ann Hunt, acclaimed the film's importance, "It is not an irrelevant 50 year old piece of Episcopal history, but is as relevant today as then, due to the prevailing controversies of sexism, racism, classism."

We will watch the movie (about 1 hour 30 mins) at 1 PM on May 5, 2024 at Church of Our Saviour then have dinner and discussion after. Snacks for the movie will be provided, and we plan to order pizza. If you have any dietary, accessibility, or transportation needs, please email [office@cos-milton.org](mailto:office@cos-milton.org) so that we may accommodate you.

A link to the movie trailer may be found [here](#). Please RSVP [here](#)  
Church of Our Savior is located at 453 Adams St, Milton, MA 02186

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## ELECTING OUR NEXT BISHOP – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**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](http://www.diomass.org/bishop-search/meet-greets) as they become available. The Transition Committee will select previously submitted questions to be posed to each candidate at the Meet & Greet sessions. The schedule is below or can be found by scanning the QR code:



**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 5 questions at: [www.diomass.org/bishop-search/bishop-nominees](http://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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### **Watch Emmanuel via Facebook/YouTube**

Can't make it to church? No problem. You can catch the live service or later on Facebook or YouTube.



**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 in sorrow, anguish, despair and 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](mailto:info@emmanuelwr.org). Only first names will be

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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/>

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**Some of Emmanuel's parishioners who treated us to their many talents at  
"Lift Ev'ry Gift" on Easter Sunday**



Thank you! Everyone had a great time!