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Upcoming/Ongoing & Special Events - Mark Your Calendar!

Please worship with us any/every Sunday at 10 AM and, after the service, join us for hospitality and refreshment.

- Sundays, February 15th & March 22nd 10 AM: Service of Morning Prayer
- Tuesday, February 17th 6 PM: Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Celebration
- Wednesday, February 18th 7 PM: Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes
- Adult Education Series, Sundays in Lent 11:30 AM: Episcopal 101 following Service of Holy Eucharist on February 22nd and March 1st, 8th, 15th, and 29th.
- If anyone is curious about adult Baptism, Confirmation or Reception, please contact Fr. Jon as soon as possible.
- Sunday, June 21st: Bishop Visitation! Rt. Rev. Mary D Glaspool visits Emmanuel. Details will be provided later this spring.

Deanery & Diocesan News and Events

- Our Bishop Rt. Rev. Julia Whitworth has announced that she has called two Assistant Bishops, Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas and the Rt. Rev. Mary D Glaspool, effective February 1st. A copy of Bishop Whitworth's letter with details begins on page 4.
- Our Diocese has published information and a link to support the Immigrant Legal Emergency Fund (see page 7 for more information)
- Neponset River Deanery meets March 4, 2026. Location will be announced.

Other Emmanuel News

Emmanuel's 133rd Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, February 8th. Fr. Jon delivered his address during the worship service, after which everyone moved to the Parish Hall to enjoy lots of delicious food and important information and discussion about what the people of our parish accomplished in 2025 and some of what we plan to do during 2026. Annual Meeting is part of our Episcopal democratic process and we are blessed to have enjoyed this privilege for 133 years! Parish members heard and had the opportunity to discuss reports including a vote for the 2026 budget. The membership also elected Officers, Vestry members and Delegates to both Neponset River Deanery and to Diocesan Convention. Many thanks to all who did so much work to prepare reports, set up the hall, bring food and the important clean up afterward. We know we will make 2026 a great year at Emmanuel!



Prayers



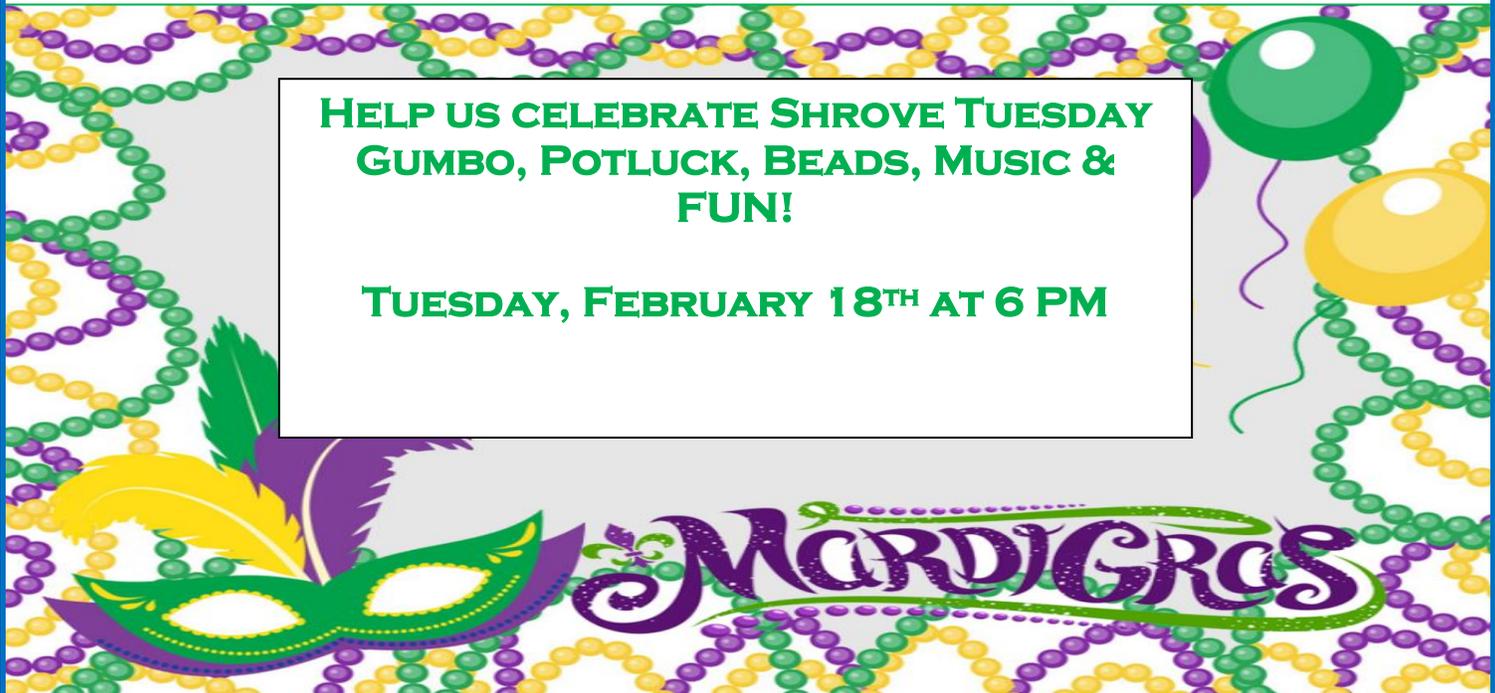
We pray for peace and reconciliation at home, throughout Ukraine, the Middle East and everywhere in the world. We pray for those impacted by earthquakes, hurricanes, tornados, fires, floods, and acts of terror or violence.

To join others across our Diocese with donations to the Immigrant Legal Emergency Fund (scroll to page 7 for more information including a message from Bishop Julia): [**DONATE NOW**](#)

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

We pray for those in sorrow, anguish, fear, despair and for those who are sick, especially for those named in this week's Order of Service. We also pray for all who travel, that their journeys may be safe, rejuvenating and filled with the knowledge of God's presence.

Our prayers truly help, as they keep us mindful of God's love for us and his miracles. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please be in touch with The Rev. Jonathan Eden, Priest-In-Charge (therev.jonteden@gmail.com.) If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact him at: [617.798.0770](tel:617.798.0770).

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**HELP US CELEBRATE SHROVE TUESDAY
GUMBO, POTLUCK, BEADS, MUSIC &
FUN!**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH AT 6 PM

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MARDI GRAS

Please accompany us on our Lenten journey:

LENT 2026 WITH EMMANUEL:

- **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18TH AT 7 PM – ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST & IMPOSITION OF THE ASHES**
- **SUNDAYS FEBRUARY 22ND, MARCH 1ST, 8TH, 15TH AND 29TH (PALM SUNDAY): 10 AM HOLY EUCHARIST FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS AND:**
- **OUR ADULT FORMATION SERIES: EPISCOPAL 101**
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND 10 AM SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER**

Holy Week: Times and Locations to be announced



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Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts



January 15, 2026

Beloved in Christ,

I have some exciting news to share with you! In November, the 2025 Diocesan Convention voted to support my appointing assisting bishops for our diocese — retired bishops who can expand my episcopal presence on a part-time basis for the next year and beyond. I am now excited to share that I have called the Right Reverend Ian T. Douglas and the Right Reverend Mary D. Glasspool to serve in this capacity. They will be joining our diocese effective February 1.

Both bishops have strong ties to our diocese. Before his election as Bishop Diocesan in Connecticut in 2010, Bishop Douglas was on the faculty at Episcopal Divinity School and served at St. James's in Cambridge. He is the Vice Chair of the Board of the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice. Bishop Glasspool received her MDiv at Episcopal Divinity School in 1981 and served as rector at St. Luke's and St. Margaret's in Allston-Brighton from 1984-1992. After nine years as rector of St. Margaret's Church in Annapolis, she then served as Canon to the Bishops in the Diocese of Maryland before her election as Bishop Suffragan in Los Angeles. She later served as Assistant Bishop in New York. More comprehensive biographies are below.

They will both help with parish visitations and other episcopal liturgies. Additionally, we will draw on their unique expertise to advise and lead in specific areas of ministry. Bishop Glasspool will assist in providing pastoral care to both retired and active clergy and support our gender justice efforts. Bishop Douglas will support our global mission engagement and provide training in canon law and polity.

I am very grateful to be joined by these two wonderful bishops, who are quickly becoming trusted friends and colleagues. They are looking forward to getting to know you!

Bishop Ian shared, "I am overjoyed to be returning to ministry in the Diocese of Massachusetts and am very thankful to Bishop Julia for inviting me to serve as

Assisting Bishop. I very much look forward to working alongside Bishop Julia and Bishop Mary as we join the good people of Massachusetts serving God's mission in Eastern Massachusetts and the Cape and Islands."

Bishop Mary writes, "I am very excited about serving people in the Diocese of Massachusetts with the gifts and skills I have to offer and am deeply grateful to Bishop Julia, whose hard work and creativity in building teams shines through. I look forward to working with Bishop Julia, Bishop Ian, and, of course, the laity and clergy of the Diocese as together we strive to bring forward God's Reign of love and justice on this earth. It is always a privilege."

Bishop Ian and Bishop Mary will begin parish visitations in February. I hope you will join me in welcoming them to our diocesan family!

With and in love,
The Rt. Rev'd Julia E. Whitworth
Bishop Diocesan

Meet the Bishops



Bishop Ian T. Douglas

The Rt. Rev'd Ian T. Douglas, Ph.D., served as the 15th Bishop Diocesan of The Episcopal Church in Connecticut from February 2010 until 2022. From 1989 to 2010, he was a faculty member at the Episcopal Divinity School, then located in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he was the Angus Dun Professor of Mission and World Christianity. In the Diocese of Massachusetts, Douglas served as Priest Associate at St. James's Episcopal Church in

Cambridge from 1989-2010, four-time Deputy to General Convention, and member of the Commission on Ministry. At the wider Episcopal Church level, he has been a member of the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church, Chair of the Standing Commission on World Mission, Convener of the Episcopal Seminary Consultation on Mission, and a founder of both Episcopalians for Global Reconciliation and Bishops United Against Gun Violence. He is currently Vice Chair of the Board of the Episcopal Coalition for Racial Equity and Justice. In the Anglican Communion, Douglas has been a member of the Anglican Consultative Council and the Standing Committee of the Anglican Communion. He has also served on the Design Group for the 2008 Lambeth Conference of Anglican Bishops, and a member of the Inter-Anglican Standing Commission on Mission and Evangelism. A sought-after speaker nationally and internationally, Douglas is the author/editor of five books and numerous academic and popular articles on the topics of mission, the missional church, postcolonial Anglicanism, and world Christianity. He has studied at Middlebury College (B.A.), the Harvard University Graduate School of Education (Ed.M.), and Harvard Divinity School (M.Div.). He holds a Ph.D. in missiology from Boston University. He lives on

Martha's Vineyard with his spouse, Kristin Harris, where they work as farm hands on their daughter's pork and beef farm.



Bishop Mary D. Glasspool

The Rt. Rev'd Mary D. Glasspool served the Diocese of New York as Bishop Assistant from April 2016 until her retirement on June 30, 2025. Previously, she had been Bishop Suffragan of Los Angeles (elected December 2009, consecrated May 2010). She was born on Staten Island, raised in Goshen, NY, where her father, Douglas Murray Glasspool, served as rector of St. James' Church until his death in 1989, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts *Magna cum Laude* from Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, in 1976. Bishop Mary earned her Master of Divinity from Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, MA, in 1981; was ordained a deacon in June 1981 by Bishop Paul Moore, Jr. of New York; and in March 1982 was ordained a priest by Bishop Lyman Ogilby of Pennsylvania. From 1981 to 1984, she served as assistant to the rector and later as interim priest-in-charge of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, and later moved to be rector of St. Luke's and St. Margaret's Church, Boston, where she remained until 1992. She then moved to the Diocese of Maryland, first as rector of St. Margaret's Church in Annapolis (1992-2001) and then, until her election in 2009 as Bishop Suffragan of Los Angeles, as Canon to the Bishops in the Diocese of Maryland.

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Immigrant Legal Emergency Fund

Across the diocese, immigrants are experiencing their presence in this country being questioned and threatened. Growing numbers are struggling to get critical legal services as well as meet basic needs, such as rent and food, which are especially difficult to secure when it is frightening to pursue employment or assistance.

To help clergy quickly respond to these urgent needs, our diocese has established the **Immigrant Legal Emergency Fund** to support immigrant families with costs related to:

- Immigration status applications.
- Emergency legal representation.
- Other immediate expenses necessary for families affected by legal emergencies.

Clergy will be able to request funds from the diocese, and funds for approved requests will be rapidly transferred to the congregation's discretionary fund for dissemination to those in need.

The Immigrant Legal Emergency Fund is being seeded with a gift from the Bishop's Discretionary Fund and further contributions will be doubly matched.

"As followers of Jesus, we are called to advocate for justice and mercy in the face of discriminatory policies," says Bishop Julia Whitworth. "This fund is urgently needed by immigrants—in many cases serving as a lifeline. I hope you will consider making a gift today."

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