



NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2026 Volume 2

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Upcoming/Ongoing Events - Mark Your Calendar!

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

- Sunday, September 13th, 10 AM: Homecoming Sunday, when we kickoff our next program year with a Service of Holy Eucharist followed by festive parish picnic. Details will follow from our Events Committee.
 - Sunday, October 4th, 10 AM: Feast of Saint Francis Service of Holy Eucharist followed by our annual Blessing of the Animals (live, stuffed and photos of those who have crossed the rainbow bridge)
 - Sundays, September 27th and October 25th at 10 AM: Service of Morning Prayer and music.
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Other News

- Vestry will meet Mondays, September 21st and October 19th at 7 PM via Zoom.
- Neponset River Deanery will meet Wednesday, October 21st at 7 PM at St. Michael's, Milton
- We are invited to join our deanery friends from Church of the Holy Spirit, Mattapan for their Celebration of 140th Anniversary with several September events. (See flyer on page 3). RSVP deadline is September 13th.

We are still gratefully accepting donations at Emmanuel toward our support to our local food pantry and neighbor, Rose's Bounty. The Neponset River Deanery approved the amount of \$750 for our request for a House of Mercy grant at our May meeting, hosted by our friends at Church of the Holy Spirit, Mattapan. We hope to increase that amount with the generosity of Emmanuel's members and visitors. Rose's Bounty seeks to address the ever-growing food insecurity problem in our community and includes a pop-up pantry at the Chittick School (Hyde Park) for the children to take home. Click on any of the following links to learn more about Rose's Bounty,

About Rose's Bounty (stratfordstreetunitedchurch.org), their programs: [Our Programs \(stratfordstreetunitedchurch.org\)](http://stratfordstreetunitedchurch.org), and volunteer opportunities: [How to Help \(stratfordstreetunitedchurch.org\)](http://stratfordstreetunitedchurch.org)
Please make note your intention for Rose's Bounty with your donation.

Diocesan News and Events

Recent Episcopal and Diocesan news includes:

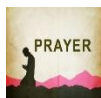
Bishop Julia has called the Rev'd Edwin Daniel Johnson to serve as our new Canon for Discipleship and Leadership Development for our diocese and will be joining her executive team on August 11. Rev'd Edwin has visited both Emmanuel and our Neponset River Deanery with his contagious enthusiasm.

Bishop Julia updated us about her trip to England, Ireland and Scotland, as well as other news including TPS actions, Diocesan staffing updates and more via her "Ordinary Note" publication last month. Excerpts begin on page 5.

Registration is open for this year's Annual Diocesan Convention. Details and links can be found on page 7. Diocesan Convention is a key component of the democracy of the Episcopal Church.

For more Diocesan news, please visit: [News | Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts \(diomass.org\)](http://diomass.org)

For those interested, ways to act through prayer and other means:



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.

Do you want a way to respond as an Episcopalian to the United States' Attack on Iran? The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations has a simple way, with suggested language, to write to your Senators and Representatives: www.votervoice.net/EPISCOPAL/Campaigns/134780/Respond. The website also has other resources and causes for which you can advocate.

Read [Bishop Julia's June Pastoral Message](#) on page 4. To join others across our Diocese with donations to the Immigrant Legal Emergency Fund: [DONATE NOW](#)

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, Rector (therev.jonteden@gmail.com.) If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact him at: 617.798.0770.

Church of the Holy Spirit, Mattapan
invites you to attend our

140th Anniversary Celebrations



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 - 12:30 PM

Special Coffee Hour

- Presentation by author **Anthony Sammarco** about his book, **The Church of the Holy Spirit: The 140th Year of Its Founding**.
- Purchase autographed copies of the book, with proceeds benefiting the church.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026 - 3:00 PM

Celebration Concert

An afternoon of classical, gospel, and opera music offered free of charge to friends and family. Featuring performances by

- **Celestial Hope**
- **CHS Choir**, Ivan Gusev, CHS Music Director
- **Maria Ferrante**, soprano
- **Ivan Gusev**, solo piano
- **Immigrant Family Services Institute Band**
- **Clare Nielsen**, flute

**RSVP by
September 13, 2026**

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026 - 10:30 AM

Festive Worship Celebration

- **The Rev. Canon Chris Wendell**, Canon to the Ordinary and Diocesan Chief of Staff, *Presider*
- **The Rev. Cn. Dr. Jean Baptiste Ntagengawa**, Canon for Immigration and Multicultural Ministries, *Preacher*

Festive Repast to Honor Our Elders

- After the service, for those whose years of service and prayer have helped us reach this milestone.

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Pastoral Message from Bishop Julia – June 2026

Beloved of God,

I join so many across our diocese in grief, concern, and lament after yesterday's ruling by the Supreme Court of the United States allowing the Trump administration to [end Temporary Protected Status for Haitians and Syrians](#) in our country. This decision will impact approximately 350,000 legal immigrants in our country, including 45,000 Haitian TPS holders in Massachusetts, the state with the third largest Haitian population in the United States. This decision directly affects members of our parishes, neighborhoods, and communities in Eastern Massachusetts and beyond.

To members of our Haitian community in the Diocese of Massachusetts, as your bishop, I want you to know that you are not alone as you face the ramifications of this unsettling, dangerous ruling and the cruel policies it enables. You remain beloved members of our community. As the body of Christ, we are members of another, and I and many others throughout our Diocese will continue to support you in any way we can.

No matter our country of origin or political affiliation, our Christian faith calls us to love our neighbor. That faith compels us to care for those who seek safety, sanctuary, and safe harbor. And our baptism convicts us to respect the dignity of each and every human being. I lament that the highest court in our land has taken steps which I believe deny not only the ideals of our Constitution, but also run counter to central tenets of our Christian faith.

Jesus Christ calls us all to follow his example by standing with the vulnerable and oppressed and by acting in the name of love and justice – for all. That is why I stood with Governor Maura Healey, Attorney General Andrea Campbell, Mayor Michelle Wu, and civic leaders from across the Commonwealth yesterday in our State House to affirm our solidarity with TPS holders in Massachusetts and all immigrants under threat in our country. My office remains in close contact with state and local officials as well as community partners as we work together to provide support and resources for those whose lives are upended by this decision. I encourage those affected by the ruling to consult [these resources](#) prepared by the Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General.

I invite you to join me today at 11 am at our Cathedral for a time of prayer and public witness with partners from the Massachusetts TPS Committee, Episcopal City Mission, and other community organizations.

I also encourage you to consider [making a gift](#) to our Immigrant Legal Emergency Fund.

Please keep our immigrant siblings, their families, and our country in your fervent prayers.

Faithfully,
The Rt. Rev'd Julia E. Whitworth
Bishop Diocesan
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Ordinary Note from Bishop Julia – July 30, 2026

Below are some highlights from the July 30th “Ordinary Note” published by Bishop Julia:

Beloved of God,

Greetings from Glasgow!

Amid a two-week trip with my family in the United Kingdom and Ireland, I take a quick break to write. I'm reflecting that this time last year we were packing up our home in Indiana for the big move to Massachusetts. I'll admit being in Scotland is a far better way to spend a vacation than packing!

While most of my time away will be spent, God willing, “not” working, I am pleased that I am having a few opportunities to connect with colleagues in the Anglican Communion on behalf of our diocese.

In London, I connected with Bishop Anthony Poggo, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, who I recently saw during his spring visit to our diocese. At Bishop Poggo's invitation, I have recently joined the Compass Rose Society, on behalf of the diocese, an organization that supports important work across the Anglican Communion. It is a key way that we can support and be connected with the wider Communion.



Soon after, I headed to Lambeth Palace for a meeting with the Archbishop of Canterbury! I was very excited to meet the Most Reverend and Right Honorable Sarah Mullally, Primate of All England and first among equals within the Anglican Communion. Appointed by King Charles III, Archbishop Mullally is the first woman to hold this office. Before ordination, she was also the Chief Nursing Officer for England, leading all nurses in the British health system. To learn more about the role of the Archbishop of Canterbury, read [here](#).

Today, I am met with Bishop Nicholas Bundoock of Glasgow and Galloway. After the joyous visit of the Scottish “tartan army” during the World Cup, Boston became a sister city with Glasgow, and I am delighted to be forging a deeper connection with our sister diocese. I have both a Boston sweatshirt and Red Sox hat to wear in the pubs, and plenty of Old North Church Massachusetts swag to share with our new friends in London and Scotland.

While I am away, my office will still be very busy. My executive assistant Meredith Ripper will be available for administrative and scheduling inquiries, and just about all of our staff—canons, missionaries, and administrators—will be supporting our congregations and clergy. I am blessed to have a wonderful team.

I am going to wrap this up, as Glasgow awaits! Below, please find some notes about what I have been up to in the last month.

May your summer bring you some rest, beauty — and joy!

With love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads “Julia”.

The Rt. Rev'd Julia E. Whitworth
Bishop Diocesan



Bishop Nicholas Bundoock of Glasgow and Galloway took me to the Duke of Wellington statue, now of World Cup fame!

Notes



Summer at Barbara C. Harris Camp

Earlier this summer, I had the great pleasure of visiting the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center, both for a board meeting (I serve as Chair) and as bishop-in-residence for the camp. I am so pleased to report that the camp is seeing its highest numbers since Covid — both in campers and junior counselors. I was very impressed by the ways that the camp represents the diversity of our diocese, and how young people are gaining independence, community, spiritual formation, and leadership development while having a wonderful time in a beautiful space!

Many thanks to the Rev'd Spencer Hatcher-Tarpin, Executive Director, and Camp Director Kate Howlton, and their whole team.

Chapel Visits

I have recently been able to visit two of our summer chapels in the diocese — the Chapel of St. James the Fisherman in Wellfleet and St. Aidan's Chapel in South Dartmouth.

We have six summer chapels in our diocese. They are rich sources of community and spiritual growth for many who enjoy them while vacationing in our coastal areas. Each has its own flavor, structure, and leadership. I look forward to getting to know the rest of our chapels in future summers.

Public Witness

I hope you are aware of the recent Supreme Court decision which affirms ending Temporary Protected Status for Haitians and Syrians who have been living in our country, legally, for some time. I have been blessed to see and support the amazing organizing work of the Episcopal City Mission, Massachusetts TPS Committee, and other groups.

The court ruling along with pending policy decisions could directly impact many of our neighbors, congregants, and clergy families. Working closely with the Office of Government Relations for The Episcopal Church, Canon Clayton and I developed a letter to U.S. Senate leadership supporting a bipartisan bill that would in effect extend TPS for 300,000 in this country. Over 20 bishops signed on in a targeted advocacy strategy.

For more information, check out this recent Episcopal News Service [piece](#). Canon Clayton continues to work closely with both the Massachusetts Congressional delegation as well as state and local officials to advocate for legal protections for those who are vulnerable, including through the passage of the PROTECT Act here in Massachusetts.

[Link to details at the Episcopal News Service](#)

DIOCESAN CONVENTION 2026: REGISTRATION IS OPEN

The 241st Annual Diocesan Convention will take place on Saturday, Nov. 14, at Trinity Church in Boston. This year's theme is "Behold, I am making all things new" (Revelation 21:5).

Convention is open to everyone in the diocesan community, though only certified lay delegates and eligible clergy may vote. [Register for Convention here](#). Early registration is encouraged.

Important deadlines and dates include:

- Friday, Sept. 4: Proposed resolutions are due. Late submissions will not be accepted.
- Wednesday, Sept. 16: Nominations, committee and network reports, applications for admission as a parish or mission, and all other Convention materials are due. Late submissions will not be accepted.
- Sunday, Oct. 18, 2-3:30 p.m.: Pre-Convention Forum on Zoom.
- Thursday, Oct. 22, 7-8:30 p.m.: Pre-Convention Forum on Zoom.

Congregations that have not yet reported their 2026 lay delegates should submit their information using the [2026 Delegate Form](#) as soon as possible.

Visit the [2026 Diocesan Convention webpage](#) for downloadable materials, election information, submission forms and additional details.

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