
F.Y.I.

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NEWS and INFORMATION for the clergy and leadership of
The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

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Bishop appoints canon to the ordinary

Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE announced on Oct. 21 the **appointment of the Rev. Mally Lloyd as canon to the ordinary.** She assumes her new duties Dec. 1. Along with the three bishops, the canon to the ordinary will be part of the leadership team overseeing newly reorganized diocesan operations.

For the past six years, Lloyd has been the rector of Christ Church in Plymouth. She has been active in the diocese for many years, serving on Diocesan Council and its Executive Committee and providing leadership in the Fresh Start program for clergy beginning new ministry.

“We are looking forward to having Mally with us and we ask you to join us in welcoming her as she begins her new ministry,” Bishop Shaw said in his announcement. “There were a number of qualified candidates who applied for this position and I am grateful to all of them for their interest.”

Junior high retreat promises “One Great Show”

Fun is guaranteed at this fall’s **Junior High Retreat**, according to diocesan youth minister Kit Lonergan, and **there’s still time to sign up.** “One Great Show: The Setlist of Your Life” takes place *Friday-Sunday, Nov. 21-23* at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, N.H. The retreat offers games and activities, discussion time and worship with a live band. All youth in grades six through eight, along with their adult supervisors, are welcome. Cost is \$115 per person, with scholarships available. Registration information is available at www.diomassyouth.org (click on “Calendar”).

FOR INFORMATION: Kit Lonergan, Office for Youth Ministries (617/482-4826, ext. 215); klonergan@diomass.org.

Cathedral makes Thanksgiving Day a community celebration

The Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston will celebrate **Holy Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27 at 11 a.m., followed by its annual community dinner.** Turkeys are donated by the cathedral’s neighbors at the Black Seed Cafe; donations of side dishes, as well as volunteers to help prepare, serve and clean up after the meal, are welcome.

FOR INFORMATION: Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston (617/482-5800); cathedral@diomass.org.

Almighty God our heavenly Father, send down upon those who have been elected to hold office the spirit of wisdom, charity and justice; that with steadfast purpose they may faithfully serve in their offices to promote the well-being of all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—The Book of Common Prayer

NOTES:

Please share the contents of *F.Y.I.* with your parish leadership and congregation through your parish bulletin, announcements, newsletters and Web sites. The contacts listed in *F.Y.I.* welcome your inquiries for more information.

■ **United Thank Offering (UTO) grant applications** are available at www.episcopalchurch.org/uto.htm. Applicants should download and print out the application; completed applications must be received by mail, regardless of postmark, by the local UTO coordinator (below) by **Friday, Nov. 28**.

FOR INFORMATION/MAIL APPLICATIONS TO: Betty Murray, diocesan UTO coordinator, 102 Cabot Street, Newton, MA 02458 (617/332-5939); eg.murray@verizon.net.

■ **Considering a parish capital campaign?** The diocesan development staff would like to put parishes in touch with others doing the same.

FOR INFORMATION: Lynd Matt, Office of Development (617/879-6370); lmatt@diomass.org.

■ **Eucharistic Visitor Training** will be offered on *Saturday, Nov. 22, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.*, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Individuals may register by Nov. 15 by sending name, mailing address, phone number and sponsoring parish name and town, along with tuition (\$35 for trainees, \$20 for clergy) made payable to the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, to: Eucharistic Visitor Training, 15 Fremont Street, Plymouth, MA 02360. Registration forms are available at www.rvan.org.

FOR INFORMATION: Connie Melahoures, Eucharistic Visitor Training coordinator (508/746-3805); conmel@aol.com.

■ The Episcopal chaplaincy at MIT invites the public to come to campus to mark **World AIDS Day** on *Monday, Dec. 1*. Elizabeth Pisani, an epidemiologist and author of *The Wisdom of Whores: Bureaucrats, Brothels and the Business of AIDS*, will speak at the MIT Museum at 7 p.m. Her research on the sex industry in East Asia and Africa sheds light on why the strategies recommended by scientists and pursued by NGOs and governments have not shut down HIV. The program, free and open to the public, is part of the Technology and Culture Forum sponsored by the Episcopal chaplaincy (see <http://web.mit.edu/tac>).

FOR INFORMATION: The Rev. Amy McCreath, Episcopal Chaplain at MIT (617/253-2983); mcreath@mit.edu.

■ The Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston will be one of three stops on the upcoming second annual **"Las Posadas"** parade commemorating the "immigrant journey" of Mary and Joseph. Other Episcopal congregations from Jamaica Plain, Salem, Chelsea and Lynn invite others to join them in the procession, which takes place on *Sunday, Dec. 7, starting at 3 p.m.* from the Park Street T station on the Boston Common. A traditional fiesta, with fellowship, music and food, follows from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the offices of SEIU Local 615 (26 West Street) in Boston.

FOR INFORMATION: Jennifer Chow (617/246-3509); Jennifer.Chow@bcbsma.com.

■ **Safe Church Training** sessions have been scheduled on these upcoming Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.:

- Dec. 6 at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston;
- Jan. 17, 2009, at the Church of Our Saviour (2112 County Street) in Somerset;
- Jan. 31, 2009, at Christ Church (Zero Garden Street) in Cambridge; and
- March 7, 2009, at St. John's Church (95 Deerfield Avenue) in Westwood. Cost is \$40 per person; some scholarship support is available. Registration is required 14 days prior to the training date and can be done online via www.diomass.org (click on "Inside the Diocese," then see "Training & Learning Opportunities").

These six-hour training sessions are designed to increase awareness regarding sexual misconduct and abuse of power; to outline steps toward preventing abuse; to offer guidelines for intervention when misconduct occurs; and to equip those in leadership positions with ways of healing and rebuilding the body of Christ. The training is required of all clergy and diocesan employees. It is also intended for wardens and other parish officers, vestry members, eucharistic and pastoral visitors, youth leaders, confirmation sponsors, retreat chaperones, acolyte leaders, choir directors, church school teachers, volunteers working in congregations on a regular basis and all employees of congregations.

FOR INFORMATION: Dick Vanderlippe, Safe Church Training coordinator (978/263-1895); rvan@aol.com.

■ "Radical Abundance: A Theology of Sustainability" is the topic of this year's **Trinity Institute national theological conference**, offering keynote speeches by leading theologians and grassroots activists, engaging discussion groups and connections with others who care about this issue (see www.trinitywallstreet.org/institute).

There will be two partner sites in this diocese; the registration fee at both sites is \$30:

- Wednesday-Friday, Jan. 21-23, 2009, at Christ Church (33 Central Street) in Andover, where participants can watch the live broadcast and participate in small groups on site.

FOR INFORMATION/TO REGISTER: Louise Valteau (lvalleau@verizon.net).

- Friday-Saturday, Jan. 30-31, 2009, at MIT in Cambridge, where participants can watch a distillation of the presentations and participate in small groups on site.

FOR INFORMATION/TO REGISTER: Christina English (cenglish@mit.edu).

Religious communities offer Advent retreats and refreshment

Upcoming refreshment days and retreats offered by the **Bethany House of Prayer, a ministry with the Sisters of St. Anne-Bethany** in Arlington, include:

- *Wednesday, Nov. 12, 6-8:30 p.m.* (with more dates to be announced): **“Bethany Green Gathering:** Caring for the Earth and the Sacred” (includes dinner; suggested donation is \$20);
- *Thursdays, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11, 7-9 p.m.:* **“Poetry as Prayer”** monthly workshop (suggested donation is \$30);
- *First Tuesdays of the month, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.:* **Refreshment Days,** with opening meditations on the season, spiritual practice or times in which we live (on Dec. 2 by Kimberly Cloutier Green, and on Jan. 6, 2009, by Byron Rushing) followed by time for silence, shared reflections, worship and midday meal (\$35 suggested donation);
- *Saturday, Dec. 6, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.:* **Advent Retreat,** a day set apart to enter the mystery of Advent and explore the gift of the Incarnation through meditations, prayer, silence, companionship and worship (midday dinner included; suggested donation is \$60); and
- *Tuesday, Dec. 9, 7-8:30 p.m.:* **Introduction to Centering Prayer** (suggested donation is \$25).

Registration is required for all offerings.

FOR INFORMATION/TO REGISTER: Bethany House of Prayer, 25 Hillside Avenue, Arlington, MA 02476 (781/648-2433 or bethanyretreats@verizon.net); www.BethanyHouseArlington.org.

The **Sisters of St. Margaret** offer these Advent and Christmas opportunities for preparation and renewal:

- *Sunday, Nov. 30, 4 p.m.:* **Service of Advent Lessons and Carols,** with supper to follow (RSVP by Nov. 25);
- *Saturday, Dec. 13:* **Advent Day of Prayer,** led by Sister Sarah, SSM (lunch included; suggested donation is \$35);
- *Friday-Sunday, Dec. 19-21:* **Personal Prayer Weekend,** an opportunity to savor Advent’s final days and to prepare for Christmas in a setting of private retreat supported by an atmosphere of prayerful silence, the Eucharist and Daily Office (suggested donation is \$60 per night, with \$60 deposit required when registering);
- *Wednesday, Dec. 24, 9 p.m.:* **The Christ Mass,** with reception following; and
- *Wednesday, Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m.:* **Service of Lessons and Carols welcoming the new year,** with reception following.

FOR INFORMATION/TO REGISTER: Reservations Desk, St. Margaret’s Convent (17 Highland Park Street) Boston, MA 02119 (617/445-8961; resbostonssm@yahoo.com); www.ssmbos.com.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL ACTIONS:

At its Oct. 16 meeting, the Diocesan Council:

- Voted to accept the tentative recommendation of the Compensation and Benefits Committee to join the Episcopal Church Medical Trust for healthcare insurance in 2009 and to offer four options—three of which are functionally equivalent to the three offered in 2008, plus one to better accommodate plan participants on the islands.
- Voted to designate the Executive Committee as the task force commissioned at the September meeting “to create those processes by which disbursements will be made from reserve funds created by the FY ‘09 budget, and to articulate criteria that will guide the implementation of that process.”
- Voted to appoint a task force for the purpose of recommending a resolution on the House of Mercy (“Women in Need”) grant requests.
- Heard a report from the treasurer.
- Heard a report on the status of parish closings and property sales.

Next Diocesan Council meeting: *Thursday, Dec. 4, 5:30-8:30 p.m.*, in Sproat Hall at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston.

FOR INFORMATION: Lois Murphey, Office of Convention and Council (617/482-4826, ext. 406); loism@diomass.org.

JOB POSTINGS:

Go to www.diomass.org
(Quick Links → Employment).

Among the jobs currently posted on the diocesan Web site are: **music minister** at Christ Church in Harwich Port; **administrative assistant** at the Parish of the Epiphany in Winchester; **interim music director-organist** at St. Mark’s Church in Foxboro; **secretary/administrative assistant** at St. John’s Church in Charlestown; two positions, **church school director** and **music-choir director**, at St. Paul’s Church in Newton Highlands; **coordinator of youth ministries** at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in Hingham; and **choir director** for the merging churches soon to become the Church of the Holy Spirit in Fall River.

PARISH SEARCH & CALL REPORT:

For detailed information go to www.diomass.org
(Inside the Diocese → Parish and Clergy Support).

Communication regarding deployment and parish transitions should be directed to the Rev. Cynthia Hubbard (617/482-4826, ext. 400 or chubbard@diomass.org).

CHURCHES IN SELF-STUDY:

AYER, St. Andrew's Church
LINCOLN, St. Anne's-in-the-Fields Church
NEWTONVILLE, St. John's Church
SAUGUS, St. John's Church

CHURCHES COMPLETING PROFILE:

ORLEANS, Church of the Holy Spirit
TAUNTON, St. Thomas's Church

CHURCHES RECEIVING NAMES:

BROOKLINE, St. Paul's Church
EDGARTOWN, St. Andrew's Church
HINGHAM, Church of St. John the Evangelist
ROCKLAND, Trinity Church
SOUTH YARMOUTH, St. David's Church

CHURCHES NO LONGER RECEIVING NAMES:

FALMOUTH, St. Barnabas's Church
OSTERVILLE, St. Peter's Church
WINCHESTER, Parish of the Epiphany

OTHER OPEN POSITIONS:

BOSTON, Trinity Church: associate rector for outreach and justice ministries (full description at www.diomass.org; see "Clergy Deployment/Transition Ministry" under "Inside the Diocese").
Contact: The Rev. Pamela L. Foster at pfoster@trinitychurchboston.org.

NEXT F.Y.I.:

Please note that the submission **deadlines for the December and January issues of F.Y.I. are earlier than usual because of holiday schedules:**

- The deadline for the Dec. 3 issue is **Wednesday, Nov. 19 at noon.**
- The deadline for the Jan. 7, 2009, issue is **Wednesday, Dec. 17 at noon.**

Address e-mail submissions to tjs@diomass.org.

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