

AMC HAPPENINGS
NEWS & EVENTS
April 21, 2024

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The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts



**The Holy Eucharist
with
Confirmations
Receptions
and
Reaffirmations of Vows**

April 6, 2024

Church of St. Andrew,
135 Lafayette St., Marblehead, MA 01945

AMC Green Team Spring 2024 EVENTS

March 24 - Palm Sunday Brunch— All reusable and compostable, zero waste event.

April 22 - April 26 - Earth Day Week... Church bells will ring at Noon during the entire week. Earth Day 2024's theme, "Planet vs. Plastics," calls to advocate for awareness on the health risk of plastics, phasing out single use plastics, urging a strong UN Treaty on plastic pollution, and demanding an end to fast fashion.



AMC
Green
Team.

April 23 - 7p.m. Evening Lecture at AMC "**Beyond Plastics**" with Andrea LaCroix, Ipswich Waste Reduction Committee, Beyond Plastics Speakers' Bureau.

April 27- 9a.m.-1p.m. **AMC White Elephant** - Reuse! Great buys! Plus IHS Sustainable Scholars fashion "Thrift Cycle" Pop up Shop.

May 4- AMC joins in on the **Ipswich Town-wide Spring Cleanup**.

May 5 - Ipswich Democratic Town Committee's "**The Rising Tide- Ipswich Confronts Climate Change, River, Marsh, Clam Flats**" in Boone Hall, 3 p.m.

Call for Donations

DEAR PARISHIONERS, Please consider donating your new or gently used, GOOD QUALITY items. We are looking for sellable items in working order, not broken, dirty or damaged stuff.

Please refer to the list of ACCEPTED and NOT ACCEPTED items:

White Elephant Items: Accepted: art, home decorations, housewares, lamps, kitchen items, small appliances, toys, games, puzzles, tools, holiday items, knick knacks, planters, vases, sports equipment, small furniture.

Boutique Elephant Items: Accepted: Seeking an eclectic mix of upscale, designer, new or vintage items such as crystal, silver, glassware, linens, artwork, small collectibles,

Jewelry Table: Accepted: all types of classic and costume jewelry - necklaces, earrings, bracelets, rings, cuff links, pins and brooches.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: PLEASE NO clothing, **NO** books, **NO** TVs, **NO** large, heavy or upholstered furniture



10% of net profits will go to Family Promise, an organization that finds solutions for families facing homelessness.

Spring White Elephant Sale

Saturday April 27

Bring donations on
Sunday April 14
and
Saturday April 20
9am – Noon
Dorman Gym



Speaker: [Beyond Plastics.org](https://www.beyondplastics.org) Speaker **Andrea Lacroix** has been interested in trash and recycling for as long as she can remember. She has served on the Ipswich Waste Reduction Committee for the past 10 years and is active in community events promoting sustainability. Andrea lives in Ipswich.

“Beyond Plastics” sheds light on the dangers of plastic pollution to both people and ecosystems, but also offers practical solutions through everyday actions.



In honor of Earth Week 2024 ... a special presentation

“BEYOND PLASTICS”

Tuesday April 23, 7p.m.

Ascension Memorial Church
31 County Street, Ipswich



SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR ON SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH TO REVIEW THE FOUR CANDIDATES FOR BISHOP

The Diocese of Massachusetts elects a new bishop on May 18th. Your input is requested to help guide and support our THREE voting delegates.

Please make time this week to review the biographical information of each of the FOUR candidates using this link:

<https://www.diomass.org/bishop-search/bishop-nominees>

Plan ahead to attend one of the two special coffee hours following services on April 28th.

We will set aside sufficient time to share our impressions as we do our part in choosing our next bishop to succeed The Right Rev'd Alan Gates.

God's peace,
Brad+



The Rev. Dr. Brendan J. Barnicle



The Rev. Canon
Jean Baptiste Ntagengwa, Th.D.



The Very Rev. Gideon L.K. Pollach



The Rev. Julia E. Whitworth

MEET AND GREET THE CANDIDATES FOR BISHOP

Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

Meet Our Bishop Nominees

Our diocese is electing its next bishop diocesan in May. Come meet, greet, and learn more about our nominees.

All in our diocesan community are welcome!

For more information:

Scan this QR code or visit
www.diomass.org/bishop-search/meet-greets
for more details and updates.



www.diomass.org/bishop-search



Tuesday, May 7 at 7 p.m.

All Saints' Parish, Ashmont (209 Ashmont Street) in Dorchester

Wednesday, May 8 at 10 a.m.

St. Mary's Church (3055 Main Street) in Barnstable

Wednesday, May 8 at 7 p.m.

St. Thomas's Church (111 High Street) in Taunton

Thursday, May 9 at 2 p.m.

Christ Church (1132 Highland Avenue) in Needham

Friday, May 10 at 7 p.m.

Christ Church (33 Central Street) in Andover (with childcare)

Saturday, May 11 at 10:30 a.m.

Online via Zoom, with Zoom rooms for youth & young adults as well as all others

BOOK GROUP

Wednesday, April 24th at 6:00pm in the Parlor
The Power of Now by Eckhart Tolle, Chapter 7

AMC LAWN CARE TEAM IS LOOKING FOR HELP

Spring is here!

The AMC lawn care team, (a.k.a. The "Lawn Barbers") is looking for volunteers. Team members sign up for a few weeks during spring, summer and fall.

Duties include mowing the lawn, trimming edges and occasional hedge trimming.

AMC has all the tools needed (electric mower, weed whacker, blower and trimmer).

It is a great way to serve AMC, be outdoors and enjoy the smell of fresh cut grass!

Contact Eric Gedstad at 857-225-2719 or egedstad@gmail.com.



2024 Helen Ayer Children's Enrichment Grants

Ascension Memorial Episcopal Church announces applications are still available for the 2024 Helen Ayer Children's Enrichment Grants. The application deadline is April 30, 2024.

Named in memory of much beloved Ascension Memorial Church parishioner, Helen H. Ayer, the Ayer Grants are intended to enrich the quality of life for the Ipswich community, especially those non-profit organizations and individuals who directly impact the lives of Ipswich children. See AMC's website for past recipients.



Ayer Grant applications are available on the Ascension website, amcipswich.org, under the Support/ Scholarships & Grants tabs. Organizations can request an application by calling the Parish Office (978-356-2560) or emailing Ascension (amcipswich@verizon.net).

Completed applications are due April 30, 2024 (by 5 p.m.) and can be submitted by email (amcipswich@verizon.net); by mail Ascension Memorial Church, 31 County Road, Ipswich, MA 01938; or by placing the application in the black mailbox just outside the Parish Office.