



Blessing of Journalists

February 20, 2018
Commemoration of Frederick Douglass
12:00 noon
Christ Church Cathedral



The Rt. Rev. Douglas J. Fisher, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts, and The Very Rev. Tom Callard, dean of Christ Church Cathedral, welcome **all members of the press in Western Massachusetts - print, television, cable news and radio** - to attend a brief "Blessing of Journalists" service at 12 noon on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at 35 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA.

- The date was selected in conjunction with the Episcopal Church's annual commemoration of Frederick Douglass (1811-1895) - abolitionist, orator, and editor of the pro-abolition journal *North Star*. Douglass was a prophetic witness to the sinfulness of slavery and spoke this truth to a nation in need of repentance and reform.
- The First Amendment to the Constitution will be read in addition to readings from Scripture.



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The service is open to all who support the work of the free press and value this fundamental element of our democracy.