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I am so glad I live in a world
where there are Octobers
”

L.M. Montgomery

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SERVING CHRIST IN THE WORLD

From the Rector

by The Rev. Lauren T. McLeavey

Hello Friends!

Finally, the cool weather has arrived! I am looking forward to winter so I can start skiing again, but fall is my favorite season. I love to curl up in my warm sweater with a cup of tea and read a book.

Our program year has begun and there are so many things going on here at St. Anne's. Sunday School started on Sept 11th and it warmed my heart to see so many kids learning about Jesus and having fun at the same time. Many thanks to everyone who helped out with the Welcome Back to Sunday School Brunch, the food was plenteous and delicious!

We have a lot of activities happening here and a lot of opportunities to get involved (listed in the following pages). All groups and events are open to everyone. So if you are curious, stop by and check it out.

I had the pleasure of attending my first Billerica Clergy Association (BCA) meeting in September. The BCA is an interfaith group that works together to promote cooperation, fellowship, and outreach between different religions and different

denominations of Christianity. It was so wonderful to meet with fellow church leaders from various institutions around Billerica and Burlington. In October, we will have a display in the Billerica Public Library highlighting the phrase "love your neighbor" in our diverse religious texts. This command from God is common across almost all religions. Check it out and see if you can spot our contribution to the display!

As I settle in and learn more about the parish, the town, and the people here, I cannot help but feel more and more blessed that God has brought me here to St. Anne's. I am excited to come to church every day and I am looking forward to getting to know you all better!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Lauren

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Judy MacPherson - 2019
Carol Lazott - 2019

Worship:

Sundays, 8am & 10am

From the Co-Warden:

Late September is here. Kids are back in school. The Patriots season has started as the Red Sox season is winding down. And the weather.....well it's still really warm, but it will cool off eventually....I think.

At St. Anne's the program year has begun. The church will soon be buzzing with lots of activity. This is the perfect opportunity to get involved. I've heard throughout the years that certain groups aren't open to new people. The truth is that **all** groups are open to new members.

So as the new program year begins and you've been thinking about getting involved, now is the perfect time to do so. Please see Rev. Lauren, Mark Komarinski or myself for details.

Ed Giroux

Co-Warden

From the Stewardship Committee:

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already.

- C. S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

This is the time of the year when we start talking about stewardship. Stewardship is what we do with what we have so we can do Gods work and help others with what we have. Stewardship is also Time, Talent, and Treasure.

- **Stewardship of Time:**
We need to give of our time. If everyone gave some of their time to help with the works of the church we could do a lot more with what we have. We could expand our work outside of the church to reach people in our town and beyond.
- **Stewardship of Talent:**
There is so much talent in our church and we could do so much just by each person doing one thing to help with the churches operations. Every person has a gift that can be used to help in the work of our church. (i.e. Leadership, Administration, Teaching, Evangelism, Apostleship, Hospitality, and Shepherding.)
- **Stewardship of Treasure:**
This is the most difficult part of stewardship is how much do I give to support the operations of our church? There are many things to think about; do I need to Tithe or do I try to increase my pledge amount and work toward proportional giving? Another way of pledging is give until you feel good.

God Loves a Cheerful Giver

Ken MacPherson

Upcoming Events

October 2016

Oct. 1st: 6:30pm Annacreons
Movie Night!

Oct. 2nd: 2:00pm Blessing of the
Pets

Oct. 9th: 9:00am Christmas Fair
Planning Meeting

Oct. 17th: 7:00pm Vestry

Oct. 22nd: 9:00am Ladies Breakfast
at Stellio's

Ongoing Activities:

Mondays: Al-Anon 7:30pm

Tuesdays: Bible Study 10am
Bible Study 7:30pm

Wednesday: 1st, 3rd, & 5th
Craft Group 10am

Saturdays: 2nd St. Elizabeth's Guild
4th Men's & Women's
Breakfasts

Sundays: Choir Practice 11:45am

Announcements

**A Note for Our Fabulous
Sunday School Students! (From
Carol Lazott)**

I wish to thank all of you for your poster gift. I was surprised and delighted with the love and caring that it displayed. I hung it in my recovery room and look at it frequently. I love the hearts, crosses, Bible verses, and written notes. THANK YOU. I love all of you. Mrs. Carol

Flood Outreach Update

As I start writing this we are experiencing relief in the form of rain falling from the sky I am thinking about all the relief YOU will be providing for the people of Louisiana who are suffering an over abundance of rain. Thank you for your generosity - you have given so

much to benefit others.

The final numbers are in..... You gave \$400 in cash plus cleaning & school supplies. We also have to thank the St. Anne's Mission Committee. Due to your previous generosity they were able to match the monetary donation.

Our little Parrish is able to send \$800 to the Disaster Relief Fund at St. Aloysius.

I'm have listed the address below if anyone wanted to reach out.
St Aloysius Catholic Church
Att: Angela Falgoust - Director of Pastoral Services.
2025 Stuart Avenue
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808

Thank you again, Sandra Giroux

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop will resume Saturday hours beginning Sept. 10th.

Wed: 2-6pm
Thurs: 10am-4pm
Fri: 10am-2pm
Sat: 10am-2pm
Thrift Shop Ph: 978-667-6268

We are always looking for volunteers, so drop by and sign up to help out!

If you can't volunteer during the week, you can help on Sundays after church! We need help after church putting the trash and recycle bins out on the curb for Monday morning pick up and also emptying the donation shed. If you would like to help with this after the 8am or 10am service, please find one of the Thrift Shop volunteers, a warden, or if can't find someone, speak to Rev. Lauren. Many hands make light work!

Blessing of the Pets!

Sunday, Oct. 2nd at 2:00pm we will honor St. Francis by blessing the pets that give us so much joy. All animals are welcome (even stuffed ones). For the safety of our pets, all animals must be properly restrained. The service will be outside in our Memorial Garden. In case of rain, the service will be in the Parish Hall. Hope to see you then!



Annacreons

The Annacreons is a social group that is open to everyone at St. Anne's for fellowship and fun. The next meeting is a movie night, Oct. 1st at 6:30pm. The group will watch "God's Not Dead 2." Please bring a snack or drink to share. All are welcome!
Enclosed is the full schedule for the 2016-2017 year.

Tuesday Night Bible Study

The Tuesday night bible study meets at 7:30pm. The group will be discussing "The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul" by Adam Hamilton.

Please consider joining us. We meet every Tuesday evening at 7:30 and generally head home shortly after 8:30.

Christmas Fair

I'd like to have a meeting to discuss the Christmas Fair with all interested parties. It will be held **October 9** and will be a 9 AM meeting (between the two services) and I'd like as many folks as possible to attend.

Specifically, I'd like to ask members of the Anneacreons, Knitting Group, and St. Elizabeth Guild who are such an integral part of the Fair's success, as well as Rev Lauren and anyone else who would like to be a part of this.

We need someone to head up the Evening Raffles. I will help as much as I can, but I really need someone to take the lead on this aspect.

A complete Agenda will be formulated so that we can stay on task efficiently. Please forward me your ideas and suggestions so that they may be shared with the group, and added to the Agenda. I can be emailed at craftyandi@yahoo.com

Thank you for your time.
~Andrea Jeffrey

Choir

The choir practices Sundays from 11:45am-12:45pm. We welcome members of the congregation to come to the rehearsals and take part in the singing - We're very understanding on time commitment availability and singing/music reading experience. If you're interested or have questions about the choir or the music program, please feel free to contact Peter Morelli at morellimail@msn.com or at (617) 480-9775.

Pastoral Visits

Rev. Lauren warmly encourages visitations at home or hospital bedside. You don't even need to be a member of St. Anne's. But, you need to take the first step and invite her. Please give Rev. Lauren a call at 718-440-0811 or e-mail at rector@stannes-billerica.org, and we will arrange for a visitation at a

place and time of your convenience.

AED Fundraising

AED (Automatic Electric Defibrillator) fundraising is complete and the AED has arrived! Many thanks to the youth and Carol Lazott for spearheading this effort and for helping to keep our parishioners healthy and safe. Keep your eyes peeled for training sessions in the near future!

Prayer List

If you would like to add a loved one to the prayer list or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Judy MacPherson at judymacp@verizon.net.

Altar Flowers

If you wish to donate altar flowers to Saint Anne's, please fill out one of the flower request forms and return it to Stacey in the office.

St. Anne's Knitting Group

St. Anne's Knitting Group meets the first, third and fifth Wednesdays of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Nichols Room. Then we go to lunch nearby. Most everything we make is for the Christmas Fair. One does not have to know how to knit, crochet, or any other type of needle work. Just come and gab with the rest of us. Please contact Marie Figenbaum (714-585-9744, cell, or 781-275-7294 home.)

Administrative office

Administrative office hours are Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Bulletin Announcements

Announcements for the weekly bulletin must be submitted to the office by the Tuesday before you wish the announcement to appear. Please include details such as contact person and phone number/e-mail, dates and times, as well as the end date for the announcement. Please submit announcement to Stacey at stannesbillerica@gmail.com.

Annacreons Schedule

for 2016 - 2017

Date	Event	Organizer
September 10 th	Pizza & Ice Cream, plan schedule 6:30 at church	Officers
October 1 st	Watch God's Not Dead 2 At church; 6:30 Bring snack or drink to share	Carol
November 5 th	Pot Luck Dinner and Game Night At Church at 6:00	Geen
December 3 rd	Holiday Fair Cafe No meeting due to Fair Cafe	
January 7 th	Yankee Swap at Lazott's at 7:00. Bring snacks and gift from Thrift Shop to exchange	Lazott
February 4 th	Dinner Hosted by Officers Featuring Chicken Pot Pie 6:00 at church	Officers
March 4 th	Chunky's Nashua	Geen
April 1 st	Progressive Supper Appetizers at Geen's 5:30 Salad & Soup Church with Marie, Dessert at Lazott's	
May 6 th	Possible Boston Harbor Trip Or Isle of Shoals, Boston Lighthouse	Mike
June 3 rd	Cook Out and Election of Officers	Peck