



St. Anne's Episcopal Church

Newsletter Feb. 2017

SERVING CHRIST IN THE WORLD

From the Rector

by The Rev. Lauren T. McLeavey

Hello Friends,

First, I want to thank everyone for the wonderful Institution service on Jan. 10th. It was such a wonderful event, and it wouldn't have happened without all the hard work of the Transition Committee and you, the parish.

The Annual Meeting was Jan. 29th. Many thanks to everyone who made it a wonderful event (with great food too). I thank those rotating off of Vestry for their service, as well as those who are newly elected. Thank you for becoming leaders in the parish! We talked a lot of the future and change. I invite you all to continue to ponder new ideas for outreach, mission, and fundraisers. We need to raise our profile in the community and make people see what a wonderful place St. Anne's is. When we do this, we will grow and continue our mission in the world stronger and better than before!

Right now, we are in the Church season of Epiphany, when we are to ponder what God calls us to do in the world. This is a wonderful, if short,

season for us. We tend to always be rushing towards the next event. We rush Advent to get to Christmas, and we rush Epiphany to get to Lent. I urge you all to take this quiet season to be prayerful and listen to what God has called you to be, especially in these turbulent times in which we live. This doesn't apply only to Church, but also to everyday life, to your families, workplaces, and social circles. This is what Epiphany is all about.

That said, Lent is coming up. Ash Wednesday is March 1st. The Lenten Lunches begin at 11:45am at the UCC Church on Andover Rd. We will have our regular Ash Wednesday service at 7:00pm. Lent is a largely penitential season, but we can have some fun. We will be following Lent Madness this year, keep your eyes peeled for more information on this fun and educational experience.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Lauren

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Jane Kotelly - 2019
Russell Bent - 2020
Andrea Jeffrey - 2020
Janet Lyna - 2020

Worship:
Sundays, 8am & 10am

From the Co-Warden

As I write this, we have just concluded another year: 2016 and have welcomed the New Year; 2017. It's a fresh start, a new beginning and here at St. Anne's the future looks bright!!

Rev. Lauren has been "installed", "instituted", "committed"....or whatever verb we might want to use. I, for one, am excited to see what the New Year brings in terms of changes, new ideas, and how this new chapter turns out. It's certainly a page turner!!

The annual meeting took place just yesterday and we have a new vestry. As you read in our report, the church is buzzing with activity and I expect that to continue. We, as a parish, accomplished a lot in 2016. But, there is no time to rest on our laurels.

There is much work to be done. And as they say, many hands make light work. I hope you were able to contribute your ideas to Rev. Lauren's idea basket. We are in need of volunteers to come up with new, creative ideas for stewardship, fellowship, and more.

If you were unable to attend the meeting, Rev. Lauren encouraged us to come up with new ideas that you'd like to see at St. Anne's. She asked us to jot it down on a scrap piece of paper and drop it in a basket (no anonymity, by the way). I hope all of you at the meeting did. But, if you thought you couldn't commit to an idea, or couldn't think of one at the meeting or couldn't attend the meeting; maybe your idea was so huge it wouldn't fit on the scrap paper at your table, please speak to Mark, Rev. Lauren, or myself about your idea. It's never too late.

And, as I've said before, it's never too late to commit to St. Anne's and to one another by giving of your time, your talent, and your treasure.

Thank you for all you do,

Ed Giroux,
Co-Warden

Lent Madness! www.lentmadness.org

This year, we will be following Lent Madness. Below is some information about the program, also keep your eyes peeled for our wall bracket and the Sainly Scorecards that you can take home!

About Lent Madness (from www.lentmadness.org/about):

"Lent Madness began in 2010 as the brainchild of the Rev. Tim Schenk. In seeking a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women comprising the Church's Calendar of Saints, Tim came up with this unique Lenten devotion. Combining his love of sports with his passion for the lives of the saints, Lent Madness was born on his blog "Clergy Family Confidential" which has subsequently moved locations and become "Clergy Confidential."

The format is straightforward: 32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time and people vote for their favorite saint. 16 saints make it to the Round of the Sainly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo. The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch."

It is fun and educational, I hope you will play along!



Upcoming Events

February 2017

Feb. 4th: 6:00pm Annacreons
Dinner

Feb. 12th: 9:00am Safe Church
Committee meeting

Feb. 20th: 7:00pm Vestry

Feb. 21st: 11:30am BCA meeting at
BATV

Feb. 25th: 9:00am Ladies Breakfast
at Stelio's

9:00am Men's Breakfast
at Deli King

March 1st: **ASH WEDNESDAY**

11:45am: Lenten Lunch

Ongoing Activities:

Mondays: Al-Anon 7:30pm

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

Wednesday: AA 8:00pm
1st, 3rd, & 5th

Craft Group 10am

Saturdays: 4th Men's & Women's
Breakfasts

Sundays: Choir Practice 11:45am

Announcements

-Pick up your new parish directory
in the narthex.

Safe Church Committee

-The first meeting of the Safe
Church Committee will be held
on Sunday, February 12 between
the services (around 9am). Anyone
interested in being part of the
committee is welcome to attend. If
you have any questions, please
email Brenda Komarinski
bkomarinski@gmail.com.

Audit Committee

-We need to form an Audit
Committee for the 2016 audit. If
you are interested, please contact
Rev. Lauren.

Pre-Lenten Retreat

-Rev. Lauren will be at a Pre-
Lenten retreat for clergy Feb. 21-
23rd.

Billerica Clergy Association Meetings

-The Billerica Clergy Association is
an interfaith group that meets
monthly to cooperate for the
greater good of our community.
Rev. Lauren attends the meetings,
but parishioners are welcome to
attend as well! The meetings are
generally on Tuesdays at 11:30am.
The next meeting is Feb. 21st,
11:30am at BATV. If you are
interested in going, please speak to
Rev. Lauren

Prayer List

Submit the names of your loved
ones. Please do so by e-mailing
the office
stannesbillerica@gmail.com,
calling the office, 978-663-4073, or
by writing the name on the
provided slip of paper and add to
the collection plate. The list will be
renewed quarterly and all
additions/subtractions should be
done through the office.

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop hours are as
follows:

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!

Annacreons

The Annacreons is a social group
that is open to everyone at St.
Anne's for fellowship and fun.
Annacreon's Officer's Dinner
Saturday, February 4th at 6:00pm
at the church. ALL ARE
WELCOME!

Tuesday Bible Studies

Please consider joining us.
There is one study at 10am in the
conference room and another in
the evening at 7:30pm.
Morning meetings are ongoing.
Evening meetings will resume with
a new Lenten program, contact
Mike Hopkins if you are interested.

Men's Breakfast

The Men's breakfast takes place on
the 4th Saturday of the month
at 9:00am at the Deli King
restaurant located at 885 Mains
Street in Tewksbury. The men's
group is simply anyone who wants
to show up for a good breakfast
and little socializing. Everybody is
welcome.

Women's Breakfast

Ladies – Let's get together for
breakfast on Saturday, January
28th at 9:00 at Stellios in North
Billerica. It's a good time to
reconnect and plan
activities. Please come.
~Carol Lazott

Massachusetts Episcopal Cursillo

-Cursillo is patterned on Jesus' own example. He searched out and called a small group of potential leaders (pre-Cursillo); He trained them by word and example and inspired them with a vision (Three - Day weekend); He linked them together and sent them out into the world to bring the world to Him (Fourth Day).

This is just a short synopsis as to what Cursillo is about.

The Cursillo Weekend begins on a Thursday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon. It contains worship, meditation, music, talk presentations and small group discussions. There is also time for some fun activities and laughter.

The talks are about our Christian ideal and how we can live it and share it with others.

They are presented by a team that meets over a period of several weeks prior to the weekend.

There is a Curillo Weekend coming up the first weekend in May, the 4th to the 7th.

It will be led by Sue Geen, the Rev. Bob Outman-Conant, the Rev. Peter Jeffrey, Marie Figenbaum and John Geen.

Anyone interested in attending the up-coming weekend please see Sue, John or Marie. You can also find information and applications on the bulletin board just before the doors from the hall into the church.

Choir

Please consider taking part in this. We welcome all ages and all voices! We rehearse on Sundays from 11:45-12:45, though we can focus on the music for the Jan. 10th installation from **11:45-12:15.**

If you can sing joyfully, and perhaps can't participate in the choir year-round, now is the time to sing, 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.

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.