



St. Anne's Episcopal Church

Newsletter April 2017

SERVING CHRIST IN THE WORLD

From the Rector

by The Rev. Lauren T. McLeavey

Dear Friends in Christ,

Spring has sprung and Easter is almost here, but we are still in Lent, so don't rush it. I hope you are enjoying a prayerful, thoughtful, Lent.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday (Apr. 9th) as we read the Passion narrative and remember our Lord's death as we await His resurrection. Starting on Thursday the 13th, we enter what is called the Triduum, three very holy days.

First is Maundy Thursday, where we remember Jesus' humbling of Himself at the last supper by washing each other's feet as He did. Next comes Good Friday, and we will be following the liturgy as found in the prayer book with a passion reading and the veneration of the cross. The Triduum concludes with the Easter Vigil where we will bless the holy fire and hear the story of our salvation by candlelight as we await Jesus' Resurrection.

Interestingly, after the Thursday service, there is no dismissal, and there is also no dismissal after the Friday service. This means that the Triduum is one long service that stretches over 3 days. Isn't that neat?

We'll talk more about Holy Week as it gets nearer. I look forward to celebrating my first Easter with you here at St. Anne's, I hope you will be able to make it to as many services as possible.

We had a brainstorming meeting for new ideas for fundraising and a lot of great ideas came up. If you have ideas, please let me know, and please, please, please, if you are interested in organizing the Golf Outing, speak now, or it won't happen this year.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Lauren

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Carol Lazott – 2019
Jane Kotelly – 2019
Russell Bent – 2020
Andrea Jeffrey – 2020
Janet Lyna – 2020
Worship:
Sundays, 8am & 10am

From the Co-Warden

The last time I wrote to you, we had just concluded another year and Christmas season. We are now in the season of lent. We are awaiting the Easter season and the beginning of spring. Technically, it is spring, but you'd never know it by stepping outside!!

Anyway, with spring comes the chance for a new beginning. The flowers and trees will wake up and bloom, grass turns green, birds sing and the temperature warms up. For me, spring also means the beginning of baseball and golf season. I simply enjoy being outdoors. The days become longer and our lives seem to be a bit less hectic. I know many of you are anticipating summer and whatever activities you enjoy. Many of us take summer vacations for a week or two at a time while others relocate for the summer months. But, St. Anne's is always here. Our spiritual home remains where it's been since 1890, ready to welcome us home when we come back. We know this and we take comfort in it.

But now is not the time to slow down. Your vestry has just completed our annual spring retreat. And it was an eye opening experience for many members. We discussed items that work well at our church and things that need improving. We learned about the gifts that God has given us and I for one was encouraged to think about how to use those gifts in service to God and St. Anne's. I suspect that you will hear more about these topics in the near future.

In the meantime, I encourage anyone interested to hear how the church is run to attend as many vestry meetings as you can. They are open to any member of the parish. These meetings can be eye opening, and you could contribute your ideas to help run St. Anne's.

Thank you for all you do,

Ed Giroux,
Co-Warden

New Fundraiser!

Ken MacPherson is selling these beautiful, hand-made (by Ken himself) crosses as a fundraiser for the church. They are only \$7.00 each! Contact Ken if you would like to purchase a cross (or many!).

Call Ken at [978-667-7734](tel:978-667-7734) E-mail him at kmacp1@verizon.net



Upcoming Events

April 2017

Apr 1st: 5:30pm Annacreons
Progressive Dinner

Apr. 7th: 8pm Youth Sleepover

Apr. 8th: 10am Liturgical Volunteer/
Lectors meeting

Apr. 9th: BAKE SALE after services

Apr. 17th: 7:00pm Vestry

Apr. 29th: 9:00am Ladies Breakfast
at Stelio's

9:00am Men's Breakfast
at Deli King

10am-2pm – TECH DAY

HOLY WEEK 2017

Apr. 9th: Palm Sunday
8am & 10am services starting in the
Parish Hall with the procession of
the palms.

Apr. 13th: Maundy Thursday
7:30pm: Service with
Foot washing

Apr. 14th: Good Friday
7:30pm: Good Friday Service

Apr. 15th: Holy Saturday
1pm: Children's Easter Service
7:30pm: Great Vigil of Easter

Apr. 16th: Easter Sunday
8am & 10am

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

-Rev. Lauren will be on vacation
the week days after Easter,
April 17th-22nd.

-We will be having baptisms on
April 23rd and April 30th.

-Rev. Lauren will be at Clergy
Conference April 24th-26th.

Tech Day

St. Anne's will host a Tech Day
on Saturday, April 29 from 10AM-
2PM. Technical experts will be
onsite to answer questions about
cell phones, tablets, and computers
along with virus removal and
performance improvements.

Recommended donation is \$50 per
issue or system.

Walk-ins are welcome but you can
reserve a time by sending an email
to techday@stannes-billerica.org

Lenten Lunches

Please join us at the last Lenten
Lunch, held at First Congregational
Church at 18 Andover Rd, Billerica
(across from the side entrance to
the O'Connor's parking lot). Lunch
will be followed by a short worship
service. We encourage everyone to
come and join with our neighbors
each Wednesday during Lent. The
schedule for the remaining lunch
(and the congregation hosting
them), is:

*-April 5th: North Billerica Baptist
Church*

Lunch is served at 11:45am with the
worship service at 12:30pm.

St. Elizabeth's Guild Bake Sale

-Every year St. Elizabeth's Guild
holds a bake sale to raise

funds. We pay for the Silver Tea,
food for Ash Wednesday, and we
make a donation to the
church. This year since we will
have over \$500.00 in our account
we are looking to assist in some
projects around church that are
outside of the budget. I know that
Kathy Brewster has spoken to you
about this as well.

-St. Elizabeth's Guild will be
holding a bake sale on
Palm Sunday, April 9th, after the 8
AM and 10 AM services. This is the
only fundraiser that we have. The
funds raised allow us to host the
Silver Tea on Christmas Eve and
the Ash Wednesday luncheon
which is part of the Billerica Clergy
Association Lent series. Please help
support St. Elizabeth's Guild by
contributing home baked goods or
attending church and buying
something from our bake sale. Any
questions please talk to Marguerite
Massey, Judy Peck, Kathy
Brewster, or Margaret Westerlund.

Audit Committee

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

Annacreons

The Annacreons is a social group
that is open to everyone at St.
Anne's for fellowship and fun.

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!

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 continue with a study of Handel's "Messiah."

Please speak with 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.

Massachusetts Episcopal Cursillo

There is a Cursillo Weekend coming up in May. The dates are May 4th, Thursday evening,

through May 7th, Sunday afternoon. There is information and applications in a folder on the bulletin board on the right as you go through the doors from the church into the hall. Please see Sue or John Geen and for any questions you may have. Sue and John along with Marie Figenbaum are organizing the presentation of this spirit filled retreat/seminar. We would love to see other people join us.

Choir

Our choir is meeting from 11:30am-12:30pm on Sundays. We're currently preparing music for Holy Week and Easter. You're invited to participate in the choir for the singing of the hymns on Easter. All are welcome to take part in our joy-filled Easter celebration! Feel free to contact Peter Morelli at [\(617\) 480-9775](tel:6174809775) or at morellimail@msn.com.

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 Craft Group

St. Anne's Craft 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.