



# St. Anne's Episcopal Church

## Newsletter APRIL 2018

SERVING CHRIST IN THE WORLD

### From the Co-Wardens

As I write this, we are beginning preparations for Holy Week and Easter! Unfortunately, the not so spring weather prevented us from getting a newsletter out before Easter. Although the calendar said spring, the weather isn't cooperating.

Since the Florida school shootings, high school students around the country are beginning to make their voices heard about the violence that has taken place at various schools around the country. They are taking to the streets and are demanding action by us, the adults. No matter where you stand on the gun issue (and I'm not taking a stand here), you have to have some respect for these students and their ability to get their message out. I wasn't old enough to have remembered the student protests of the 1960's but I imagine that the feeling is very similar.

Even our diocese got involved. For more information on what the diocese did, please visit <https://www.diomass.org/news/diocesan-news/march-our-lives-join-ma-episcopal-church-dc-boston-march-24>.

**What can we do?** Walking out of church on Sunday somehow just doesn't have the same impact as several hundred high school students rallying at the steps of our library or the State House. Some, including the father of a Parkland shooting victim (<https://www.cnn.com/2018/03/14/us/ryan-petty-walk-up-walk-out-stoneman-douglas-shooting-trnd/index.html>) have said that a "walk up" might go farther. From the CNN article; "walk up to the kid who sits alone at lunch and invite him to sit with your group; walk up to the kid who sits quietly in the corner of the room and sit next to her. Walk up to your teachers and thank them; walk up to someone who has different views than you and get to

know them. You may be surprised at how much you have in common."

As adults, shouldn't we be doing this anyway? I'm not saying it's easy or comfortable, but I can't help but think that this is what Jesus meant when he told us to love our neighbor. We should care for one another; treat one another with kindness and respect. We may not be able to stop school, church, or workplace violence, but maybe we can just make someone feel like they matter, like they belong, like someone is listening.

As always, thanks for reading.

Ed Giroux

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Co-Wardens.

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Worship:  
 Sundays, 8am & 10am

**Welcome Back, Reverend Lauren!**

Reverend Lauren will be back with us at St. Anne's on Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup>. We're very happy to have her back after her maternity leave with little Frankie. We look forward to getting to know the newest addition to the St. Anne's family.

**Thank you, Reverend Jonathan.**

As we welcome Reverend Lauren back after her leave, we also want to thank Reverend Jonathan MacKenzie for his help with Sunday services while she was away. For this purpose, there will be a potluck luncheon on Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> following the 10am service. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board next to the kitchen, if you would like to bring something.

**FUN - RAISING!**

The Strawberry Festival is coming June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018! Last year's BBQ portion was very well attended; would there be a few volunteers willing to grill burgers and dogs? If you have input, please speak with Andrea Jeffrey.

We're thinking of hosting a "Job Fair". For those who might be interested in helping out on Sundays or behind the scenes here at St. Anne's. More details will be forthcoming. In the meanwhile, if you head up a particular group or team here at St. Anne's, please speak with Andrea Jeffrey or Sandra Giroux

We're also thinking about a couple of pot luck events. One is a "Dinner Around the World", where we are inviting folks to make a dish that speaks to their own unique heritage; perhaps we can incorporate some ancestry style fun events, or even some trivia around the world!

I know we're barely at Easter, but we are seeking a family or group to sponsor our supper which accompanies our Evening of Giving. After several years, Maureen Thibeault and family are taking a break from their generous Ham and Bean Supper ministry. If you are interested in hosting a Ham and Bean Supper, or perhaps switching to something different, please speak with Andrea Jeffrey. On that topic, we also need some help with organizing the Party Books, the Angel Tree, and the annual Holiday Fair. If you might be able to lend a hand, please talk to Andrea.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **April 2018**

April 3<sup>rd</sup> 11:00am Zumba!

April 5<sup>th</sup> 10:30am Bellydance

April 12<sup>th</sup>: 7:00pm Vestry Meeting

April 28<sup>th</sup>: 9:00am Ladies'

Breakfast at Stelio's

9:00am Men's Breakfast  
at Deli King

May 7<sup>th</sup>: 7:00pm Line Dancing 101 –  
One Night of Fun!

### **Ongoing Activities:**

Mondays: Al-Anon 7:30pm

Tuesdays: Bible Study 10:00am

Wednesday: AA 8:00pm

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup>

Craft Group 10am

Thursdays: Dance Class 10:30am

Saturdays: 4<sup>th</sup> Men's & Women's

Breakfasts

NA 6:30pm

### **Announcements:**

#### **Rev. Lauren on Leave**

Rev. Lauren is on maternity leave until the end of April. If you need assistance, please contact the Wardens or Vestry, or Stacey in 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!

### **Tuesday Bible Studies**

-The 10am study resumed on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, continuing with the book of Acts. All are welcome!

-Tuesday evening Bible study will be on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. We're currently studying the "Women of the Bible"

### **Men's Breakfast**

The Men's breakfast takes place on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 the last Saturday of the month at 9:00am at Stelio's in North Billerica. It's a good time to reconnect and plan activities. Please come.

### **Choir**

Our choir is now rehearsing on Sundays from 11:30am-12:30pm. Please consider taking part in the rehearsals, and singing in the choir at the services on Sundays. All ages and voices are welcome. There are options with time commitment availability and singing / music reading experience. With choral projects, your participation in preparing and singing any anthem is valued. If you're interested or have questions about the choir or the music

program, please feel free to contact me at [morellimail@msn.com](mailto:morellimail@msn.com) or at (617) 480-9775.

If you can sing joyfully, you are welcome. God hears your song!

Sincerely,

Peter Morelli

### **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. Suggested donation is \$25 **per arrangement.**

### **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, followed by lunch. One does not have to know how to knit, crochet, or any other type of needle work. 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. Please include details, as well as the end date for the announcement. Please submit announcement to Stacey at: [stannesbillerica@gmail.com](mailto:stannesbillerica@gmail.com)