



St. Anne's Episcopal Church

Newsletter April 2019

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. 14th) as we read the Passion narrative and remember our Lord's death as we await His resurrection. Starting on Thursday the 18th, 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

bleed 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 Easter again with you here at St. Anne's, I hope you will be able to make it to as many services as possible.

Don't forget the Lenten Bible Study (Tuesdays in Lent at 7pm) "What Makes a Hero? The Death-Defying Ministry of Jesus."

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Lauren

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Jane Kotelly – Clerk

Russell Bent – 2020

Andrea Jeffrey – 2020

Janet Lyna – 2020

Lisa Carpine – 2021

Louise Boyce – 2021

Brenda Komarinski – 2021

Rosemary Kinser – 2022

Jose Torres – 2022

Michele O'Shea – 2022

Worship:

Sundays, 8am & 10am

FROM THE CO-WARDENS

The Vestry had its annual retreat in March (note included below). The Vestry retreat was led by a consultant from the Diocese on Saturday the 16th at the Church of Latter-Day Saints in Billerica. The retreat was an Appreciative Inquiry designed to help us see what works at St. Anne's, our core values, assets and wishes and then how to build on that knowledge.

Ed has identified an auditor to perform our 2018 audit so we'll be moving forward with that and will provide more information to everyone once the details are worked out.

A Finance Committee meeting will be held April 3rd where we'll be discussing using funds from the M&M accounts to finance a number of items needing repair, proposed improvements and how funds bequeathed to the church should be used. Finance committee meetings are open to the parish so if you have ideas we would greatly appreciate hearing from you.

It's the middle of Lent, the beginning of Spring and temperatures are beginning to moderate a bit. A time for prayer and a time to appreciate what we have at St. Anne's.

Thanks for reading!
Ed Giroux and Mike Hopkins
Co-Wardens

OUTREACH AND MISSION

Your **mission**, St Anne's, should you decide to accept it....as always, should you or any of the St. Anne's team be caught the Secretary will disavow any knowledge of your actions. This tape will self-destruct in five seconds. Good luck!

Ok, now that I have your attention; we do have a mission to help the Billerica Community Panty and they need our help. Do you realize that the Billerica Community Pantry has to spend money, that could be spent on food, on necessities like toilet paper? This is one of the MOST asked for items.

We can help! In the month of May I am asking YOU, every time you come to St Anne's, that you bring an individual wrapped roll of toilet paper! If everyone brings a roll every Sunday, every Vestry Meeting, every Bible Study we can easily gather more than 350 rolls of toilet paper. (I will have a box ready to receive your paper) The Community Pantry can have 150 families that would be 2 rolls per family doesn't sound like a lot of toilet paper for a month.... Could we do more? YES WE CAN!

If you want to just donate cash - I can easily take your paper and make it toilet paper! (Remember ,it must be individually wrapped.)

St Anne's has a mission to be a good community neighbor - will you accept this mission?

~Sandra Giroux

FUN-RAISING

Some pretty impressive FUN raising has happened since last we spoke.

The Evening of Giving happened March 2. Kudos to Lisa Carpine along with David Carpine, Rosemary and Ken Kinser for organizing a wonderful Mardi Gras themed night of soups! Over 14 delicious soups and chili made an appearance and over 80 prizes were distributed! St. Anne's raised nearly \$1200 ! WOW !

Would those of you that made soup be willing to have your recipe published? Would folks be interested in another Pot Luck dinner? Maybe with a Game Night?

The second event (which also centered around food) was the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. Thanks to Brenda and Mark Komarinski as well as Ed and Sandra Giroux for cooking pancakes, bacon, sausage and eggs for a crowd. The free will offering netted \$255. A delicious time was had by all. Thanks to Roxie and Dave Choporian for lending a tremendous hand in clean up, and those who took care of tables and chairs.

Thank you to everyone for your continued generosity and supporting St. Anne's.

-Andrea Jeffrey

APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY

In March the Vestry had a retreat which included Appreciative Inquiry. This is a tool that helps groups reveal their core values and helps the group to focus on future mission. The initial retreat is just the first step. We will continue the journey together as St. Anne's focuses on what God is calling us to do/be in Billerica. Here are some of St. Anne's core values as identified at the retreat as well as some of the wishes the Vestry has for the parish. (written up by the A.I. facilitator, Carol Kingston)

Core Values of St. Anne's

- Family – looking out for one another (2X)
- People step up
- Friendship – reach out – inside and outside
- Lead people to God
- Welcoming – don't pre-judge; Diverse congregation
- Worship and fellowship
- Love for one another; hate has no home here
- Open and accepting
- Spiritual nature, pastoral care
- Opportunities for growth

Wishes for St. Anne's Future

- Mission focus
- Financial stability
- Unity of Vision
- More families
- Outreach
- Children
- Marketing
- Growth
- More participation
- More educational programs

We will continue the A.I. process in the future. If you identify with these values/wishes or want to add any, please feel free to speak with any member of the Vestry.

FLOOD UPDATE

We are still waiting to hear back from the insurance company regarding the tile replacement. It is a very large job, so it will not be done until Summer, after the pre-school is out of session.

New Classes with Carolisa of Moonlightdjz!

SPRING Line Dancing 101- One Fun Night!

Thursday April 25~ 6:30-8:30 pm

\$10 early bird (by 4/18) or \$12

Advance Sign up required @ moonlightdjz@gmail.com

Want to jump in when everyone hits the dancefloor at the next wedding or party? We'll review all the popular "party" line dances you request from the cotton eyed joe to the nae nae; learn an Irish dance, a Greek dance, some country, pop & more! Move & Groove to some of the best pop & dance from each decade, using easy moves to get loose on the dancefloor to start the class. Have a fun night out with friends!



CHILDREN'S EASTER SERVICE

Saturday April 20, 2019

1:00pm

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

14 Treble Cove Road

North Billerica, MA



Easter Egg Hunt following Service

(for ages 12 and under)

ALL ARE WELCOME



Upcoming Events

April 2019

Apr. 2nd: 7:00pm Lenten Bible

Study Continues

Apr. 3rd: 11:45am Lenten Lunches
continue at FCC 18 Andover Rd.

Apr. 6th: Anneacreons Progressive
Supper

Apr. 26-28th: Presiding Bishop
Visits Massachusetts!

Apr. 27th: 9:00am Men's and Ladies'
Breakfasts

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Apr. 14th: Palm Sunday

8am & 10am- Blessing of palms in
Bixby Hall with procession into
church.

Apr. 18th: Maundy Thursday

7:30pm- Eucharist with foot
washing, stripping of the altar

Apr. 19th: Good Friday

12:00pm- Stations of the Cross

7:30pm- Good Friday solemn
service with reserved sacrament.

Apr. 20th: Holy Saturday

1:00pm- Children's Easter service
with egg hunt and crafts.

7:30pm- The Great Vigil of Easter,
blessing of the holy flame, reading
of Scripture, and first celebration of
Easter!

Apr. 21st: Easter Sunday

8am & 10am services.

PLEASE NOTE:

-Rev. Lauren gets the week days
after Easter off (April 22nd-26th).

-April 29th-May 1st, Rev. Lauren will
be attending Clergy Conference.

This is a continuing
education/professional
development conference.

Ongoing Activities:

Mondays: Al-Anon 7:30pm

Tuesdays: Bible Study 10:00am

Bible Study 7:30pm
(2nd & 4th Tues.)

Wednesday: AA 8:00pm

1st, 3rd, & 5th

Craft Group 10am

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

NA 6:30pm

Announcements:

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop hours are as follows:

Wed: 2-6pm

Thurs: 10am-2pm

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!

Anneacreons

-April 6th: Progressive Supper

-May 4th: Kennedy Library Museum

-June 1st: Annual Meeting/Cookout

Tuesday Bible Studies

-The 10am study is ongoing.

-Tuesday evening Bible study meets
the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:30pm
(except in Lent).

Men's Breakfast

The Men's breakfast takes place on the
4th Saturday of the month at 8:30am 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 4th 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 or at (617)
480-9775.

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

Sincerely,

Peter Morelli

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. 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 Monday 9:00 a.m.-
1:00 p.m. and Tuesday 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



Lenten Bible Study Series

When: Tuesdays in Lent

March 12th, 19th, 26th, April 2nd, 9th, 16th
7:00pm

Where: St. Anne's Episcopal Church
14 Treble Cove Rd.

North Billerica, MA 01862

Questions: 978-663-4073

stannesbillerica@gmail.com

Textbook is not required, but can be ordered online at Cokesbury.com, search for "What Makes a Hero?"

Description of the course:

Matt Rawle's *What Makes a Hero?* Offers us an image of what it looks like to be victorious over trials and temptations. Looking at pop culture heroes and others through the lens of faith, Matt Rawle shows how Jesus turned the concept of hero on its head. In keeping with his theme, "Pop in Culture," the book examines how good vs. evil, right vs. wrong, and overcoming adversity are fundamental to how Christians understand salvation. Heroes help us discern the good, fight for what's right, define identity, execute justice, spark revolution, and save lives.

Rawle enters the Gospel story to tell quite a different victory story—one obtained through humility, obedience to the cross, and an empty tomb. How does Jesus redefine what it means to be a hero?