



St. Anne's Episcopal Church

Newsletter June 2019

SERVING CHRIST IN THE WORLD

From the Rector

by The Rev. Lauren T. McLeavey

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last month I said that May was shaping up to "seem" slow, and boy was I right! I've been running constantly, and it is wonderful! Being busy means that good things are happening!

It seems like Summer has arrived! While I enjoy warmer weather, when it gets really hot, I long for the snow drifts of December. However, I know the I am often in the minority with this opinion.

Summer brings heat and also vacation. Usually church programs end in summer and life generally slows down, but we are still here! Don't forget about St. Anne's while you are having fun in the sun. Even though you may be away, our expenses still continue. I urge you to sign up for automatic payment with your bank.

After Easter season ends and we celebrate Pentecost, we switch to "Ordinary Time" which I think is not a great name for this liturgical season. We switch to the color green, which symbolizes growth and change. This is a

season where we are not leading up to a big holiday (like Advent, Lent, and Easter), rather this is when we are supposed to work on our inner prayer life, and our growth as a follower of Christ.

Even if you are away, you can still serve Christ in the world. Make a new friend, talk about God, read a good theology book, these are just a few things you can do to continue growing in Christ even if you are away.

Remember also, if you have ideas/suggestions about church or anything, just let me know. If you are sick or someone you know is sick and wanting a visit, just let me know.

On May 30th, little Frankie will be having surgery to insert tubes into his ears. I appreciate your extra prayers on that day. The doctor assures me the procedure is very simple, but I, of course, worry anyway.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Lauren

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Louise Boyce – 2021

Brenda Komarinski – 2021

Rosemary Kinser – 2022

Jose Torres – 2022

Michele O'Shea - 2022

Worship:

Sundays, 8am & 10am

FROM THE CO-WARDENS

At a recent diocesan Stewardship meeting run by Bliss Spooner, it was emphasized that churches should have a Stewardship Plan in place by the end of June. Now that does sound a little early, but considering people are less available during July and August, it does make sense. Several of the parish representatives at the meeting already had draft plans done in May. So not to fall too far behind, we'll try to at least a draft in place before summer. If anyone is interested in helping out, please let one of us know.

Some of you may have noticed we had cold Sunday services a couple of weeks ago due to a blower problem with the church furnace. After some re-setting of the power a couple of times, the furnace did recover; however, it's now on the Property Management list to get checked out before we need the heat again in the fall. As mentioned in the April Newsletter, we're working to get maintenance and repair issues taken care wherever they may be. We've got a pretty comprehensive list, but if you see something that needs to be taken care of, let us know and if it isn't on the list we'll add it.

Again, this is OUR parish home and your help and input is always welcome.

Ed Giroux and Mike Hopkins
Co-Wardens

OUTREACH AND MISSION

How Can You Help?

Did you ever wonder how the charitable efforts happen at St. Anne's?

It comes from a passion. My passion is hunger. No, I'm not passionate about being hungry, quite the opposite actually. I'm passionate about making sure no one is hungry. Because in this country where most of us have so much, no one should have to go hungry. This is why I find it very important to help out when I can at the food pantry and food market each month.

Thank you all for your response to Operation TP. As I've mentioned, although it may sound like a strange ask, it is one of the most requested items at the food pantry.

To me, this is what "church" is about. It's more than the building and an hour on Sunday morning. It's how you conduct your life and what you do for those less fortunate. In that sense, I consider "church" a verb.

So, what is your passion? How can St. Anne's help you help others? All it takes is an idea and a few people to get together to come up with a plan. And then St. Anne's family will help. I challenge each of you to come up with a charitable cause you can help organize an effort to help. We need one cause each month. Who has an idea?

~Sandra Giroux

FUN-RAISING

Strawberry Festival is coming! June 15th from 9:00am-2:00pm !

Please join us!

We could certainly use some help if we're going to repeat last year's successful BBQ. There will be a sign-up sheet for donations of BBQ items posted outside the kitchen. As always, we can always use help with set up and clean up. For any questions please see Andrea Jeffrey.

To help with strawberry picking, or shortcakes, please speak with Judy Peck.

-Andrea Jeffrey

SCAM ALERT

A scammer is texting parishioners of St. Anne's under my name, however it is NOT my phone number. The texts are asking for cash and gift cards to give to "cancer patients" in the hospital. The scammer is using formal language such as beginning with "Dear (first and last name)" and ending with "Many blessings be on you, Rev Lauren McLeavey." If you get a text from "me" asking for anything, please ignore and write the number down and give it to me so that I can report the scammer. This has been happening all over the country, as well as recently to our Lutheran brothers and sisters in Chelmsford.

For reference, my cell number ends with 811, but I do not text people in order to get donations. It is sad when someone tries to take advantage of people of faith for their own gain. Please keep a watch out!

-Rev. Lauren

Scholarships!

College scholarships from the Endowment Fund are available. Applications are available by the church entrance. Applications will be accepted until August 1st.

Anneacreons Summer Cook Out

The Anneacreons annual Summer cook out will be Saturday, June 1st at 3:00pm at Judy Peck's home. All are welcome! There is a sign-up sheet by the kitchen.

Rest in Peace Olive "Ollie" Couture

You may recall that long time parishioner Olive "Ollie" Couture passed away last November at age 99.

Her Memorial Service will be Saturday, June 1st at 11:00am.

There will be a luncheon to follow in Bixby Hall.

The family welcomes anyone from Ollie's St. Anne's family to attend.

Ollie will be interred in our Memorial Garden.



Upcoming Events

June 2019

June 1st: 3:00pm Anneacreons
Cook-Out

June 15th: STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

June 24th: 2:00pm-6:00pm Billerica
Community Pantry Distribution

June 22nd: Men's and Ladies'
Breakfasts

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

-June 1st: Annual Meeting/Cookout

Tuesday Bible Studies

-The 10am study on Summer Break!
-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 or someone you know
doesn't even need to be a member of
St. Anne's. But, someone has to tell
her about it. 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 or your friends'
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:
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