



St. Anne's Episcopal Church

Newsletter September 2019

SERVING CHRIST IN THE WORLD

From the Rector

by The Rev. Lauren T. McLeavey

Dear Friends in Christ,

Yankee Doodle weekend is Sept. 21st, and St. Anne's has reserved a booth again this year. I may not be able to attend this year, so we need people to sign up for set up, staffing the booth, and clean up. We haven't gotten a timeline from the town yet. Once we do, a sign-up sheet will be posted by the kitchen.

By now, you have probably heard the news that I will be leaving St. Anne's after September 22nd. I have accepted a new call as the Rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Port Washington, NY, which is on Long Island. This is a happy time, but also a sad one for us. We came to St. Anne's hoping to stay for many years, putting down roots, and raising our family. Unfortunately, this wasn't meant to be. God often leads us in different directions than we want or plan. Through much prayer, I have realized that God's plan for calling me

to St. Anne's was to help the church open up to the world, uncover various issues, and help set the church on a good path. I think that together we have done this.

The Wardens have been in contact with the Diocese about next steps. In the absence of a priest, the Wardens are in charge, so after Sept. 22nd, if you need something, please contact Ed or Mike.

St. Anne's has a bright future ahead of her, never fear. This is a great parish filled with great folks, don't forget that, and don't forget to share your love of Christ with the world! To quote the great philosopher Bob Marley, "Don't worry, about a thing. 'Cause every little thing, is gonna be alright."

God bless you all!

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Lauren

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Brenda Komarinski – 2021

Rosemary Kinser – 2022

Jose Torres – 2022

Michele O'Shea - 2022

Worship:

Sundays, 8am & 10am

FROM THE CO-WARDENS

As the summer comes to a close, familiar programs will begin again. Coffee hour and fellowship will take place after the 10:00 service. Sunday school will restart and sadly the warmer weather will yield to the cool crisp fall air. To be completely honest, I like the fall weather, but not the season that follows. 😊

But even as the familiarity of fall takes over, we are undergoing change. As you all know by now, Rev. Lauren has accepted a new call and is moving back to where she began her career, Long Island. We are grateful for the time she spent with us and although we are disappointed to see her go, we wish she and her family well as they begin the next chapter in their lives.

The next chapter of St. Anne's has already begun. Mike and I have already begun to work with the diocese to begin the process of deciding on the best course of action for St. Anne's. As I recall from this process three years ago, there are several options available to us. The Vestry will be meeting with several consultants from the diocese who will help us during this process.

You may be asking, what can I do during this transition time? Please pray that we are guided to make right decisions for St. Anne's and feel free to ask us questions, offer constructive suggestions and express any and all hopes and concerns you may have. We are all in this together and obviously have a vested interest in the outcome.

Sincerely,
Co-Wardens
Mike Hopkins
Ed Giroux

COMMUNITY OUTREACH CORNER

As the season changes from Summer to Fall we have so many opportunities to continue our outreach in the community.

As you know St Anne's is still collecting full size Shampoo & Conditioners to assist the Community Pantry. Our goal was 200 sets when we started this drive, but we serviced 260 family units at the August distribution! Can we do more and exceed the goal of 200 sets? One shouldn't have to choose food or hygiene.

We have good news on the Grant front; the funds have been received for two of our Grant requests.

- Our Youth Talk Out pilot program is starting on the 2nd Saturday in September. We have great expectations for this program and the benefit this can offer to the youth of our community.
- Our Signage improvement for the parking lot will also get under way. Marguerite has offered to assist with this, and we are still looking for a couple more to volunteer. Please let me know.

Our diocese was very generous for entrusting St. Anne's with these precious funds; we do have specific guidelines and rules to follow and will be reporting back to the diocese.

St. Anne's doesn't have a project for October as you can tell I am passionate about assisting those in need – How would YOU like to see St. Anne's reach out to the community; what are you passionate about?

We are continuing to expand our role in the Community – look for us at Yankee Doodle Weekend and the Holiday Festival Celebration. I will be updating the Community Corner bulletin board with many opportunities to serve others. Let's continue to think outside the box to expand our outreach.

~Sandra Giroux

SUNDAY SCHOOL 2019-2020

Parents and guardians are children's first teachers. We are going to try something different this school year:

Take Home Sunday School!

We'll still meet once a month during the 10:00 service to allow the kids to get to know each other. Each month will have a theme and there will be age appropriate packets to take home, full of stories and activities. If you can't make to the monthly gathering, you can still take home a packet. Packets will also be available to anyone who asks.

The monthly meeting schedule for the year is:

September 8

October 6

November 3

December 1

January 5

February 2

March 1

April 5

May 3

September's theme will be Communicating with God.

If you have any questions, please email me at bkomarinski@gmail.com

In God's Grace,
Brenda Komarinski

FUN-RAISING

See the enclosed flyer about our Community Yard Sale!!! There is a sign up sheet by the kitchen.

-Andrea Jeffrey

ANNEACREONS

The St. Anne's Social Group will meet on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 6:00 PM in Bixby Hall, St. Anne's Church. Join us for an evening of joyful Fellowship, along with pizza, ice cream and beverages. Event planning for the coming year will also be discussed.

Upcoming Events

September 2019

Sept. 3rd: 10:00am Bible Study resumes.

Sept. 7th: 6:00pm Anneacreons Pizza Party Kick Off

Sept. 8th: Coffee Hour Resumes

Sept. 8th: Sunday School Starts

Sept. 10th: 7:00pm Evening Bible Study resumes.

Sept. 14th: 6:30pm Youth Talk Out Program begins

Sept. 21st: YANKEE DOODLE

Sept. 22nd: Rev. Lauren's last day

Sept. 23rd: 2:00-6:00pm Billerica Community Pantry Distribution

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

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 on Summer Break!

Meetings resume on Sept. 3rd.

-Tuesday evening Bible study meets

the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:30pm.

Meetings resume on Sept. 10th.

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](tel: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:

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS are

Tuesdays 9:00am-3:00pm.

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