



St. Anne's Episcopal Church

Newsletter October 2019

SERVING CHRIST IN THE WORLD

From your Wardens

By Mike Hopkins and Ed Giroux

As you know, Reverend Lauren's last service at St. Anne's was Sunday the 22nd. Although we may be sorry and sad to see her leave, we wish her the best in the next phase of her career serving God in a new parish. Now we must begin the process of finding a new rector for the next phase in the life at St. Anne's. Many of us have been through the process before and we know it can be stressful and sometimes painful, but we trust that God will lead us to a new and positive beginning.

The process has begun with Rev. Jonathan as our supply priest for a few weeks beginning with the service Sunday, September 29th. What happens after those few weeks will depend on the process; we use for finding a new rector for St. Anne's.

There are two possible avenues we can take for selecting a new rector for St. Anne's. One is to have the Bishop appoint a Priest In Charge based on information we provide, and the other is to perform an abbreviated Short Search where the Diocese receives applications from candidates, does the initial vetting and then provides us with three or four people

to interview. There is a third alternative, the long search process we went through in hiring Rev. Lauren, but the feeling of the vestry is to use one of the two shorter and less painful methods. There are pros and cons with any process but I'm confident the vestry will come up with a consensus about which would work best for us. Detailed information is available about these processes on the Diocese web site.

The vestry met with Rev. Canon Martha Hubbard, on the 26th who explained the processes. Based on her input and financial discussions with Chris Meyer, a financial advisor from the Diocese, the vestry will meet in the next week or two to decide how to proceed. Once we begin down one path or the other, the vestry will communicate that information to the congregation and continue to keep everyone informed as we proceed.

The vestry is always open to input from the congregation. Please feel free to speak with any vestry member or one of the wardens if you have questions, comments or ideas.

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Louise Boyce – 2021
Brenda Komarinski – 2021
Rosemary Kinser – 2022
Jose Torres – 2022
Michele O'Shea - 2022

Worship:

Sundays, 8am & 10am

COMMUNITY OUTREACH CORNER – Church has left the building

St Anne's parishioners, Family Members and Community members, in a combined effort donated 177 sets of Shampoo & Conditioner to the Community Pantry for distribution on September 30, 2019. FYI – we are one of the few churches that continually supports the pantry each month, it has been noticed.

In the past I have asked what outreach you would like to do? Well I got a response! **Actually TWO!**

- I have been asked if we could do Liquid Dish Soap. We the holidays fast approaching they felt there would extra dishes and this would be a practical donation. And they backed up this request with a donation of 5 bottles of dish soap
- The Second request is for Macaroni (not spaghetti) this donation would go to the Sunshine Gals who serve FREE pasta meals to approximately 125 children every Monday and Wednesday at the Boys and Girls Club of Billerica.

Both requests are with groups that are near and dear to me so how could I say NO to either one.
Please see me for more details

The Sunshine Gals are an organization that serves a Community Meal on the 4th Saturday of every month at the First Parish Church in Billerica Center from 11:30am -1:00pm. This meal is **free, but donations are accepted**. You may recall seeing this noted in our bulletin we would love for you to join us. Concerned you won't know anyone? Don't worry there are many friends there, you just haven't met yet!

Thank you for your generosity and kind spirit.
Sandra

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:

October 13	November 3	December 1
January 5	February 2	March 1
April 5	May 3	

Take Home Sunday School's theme for October is **The Lord's Prayer**.
We will be gathering on October 13 during the 10:00am service.

Packets will be available to all who want them.
The age groups are as follows: 0-3years, 3-6years, 7-12years, and 13 and up.

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

In God's Grace,
Brenda Komarinski

FUN-RAISING

Fund Raising : Yard sale raised a small amount of money to the church and what we lacked in involvement, we were able to get some great interest for the Thrift Shop. I thank those that were able to participate. We were able to raise a very generous sum of money to present to Rev Lauren for her departure to Long Island, as well as host a very nice luncheon. I thank all who participated, donated, and brought food.

As to upcoming FUN events - at this time, the fall is getting really busy for me personally so I'd welcome if anyone else might like to host a dinner or game night...or some other social /community event. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at church or via email - craftyandi@yahoo.com.

Christmas Fair will be held December 7th here at St. Anne's. More details will be forthcoming as we get closer...thus far I can report the following: The St. Anne's Social Group will be hosting the Christmas Cafe, Barbara will be running the Day Raffles (please speak with her directly if you would like to donate to these raffles - it's a big money making part of the fair!) and we will once again have some familiar faces joining us as vendors. I believe Father Christmas will once again be making an appearance - thanks to Stacey our terrific administrator and her husband Stephen. I could use some help with advertising - putting up flyers and would greatly appreciate helping to share the event on social media once an event is created. I am sure the St. Elizabeth Guild would welcome donations to their ever-popular bake sale. Speak with Marguerite Massey or Kathy Brewster about that. As we get closer I would also welcome help with table set up. Stay tuned! ~Andrea 🌹

Financial Update

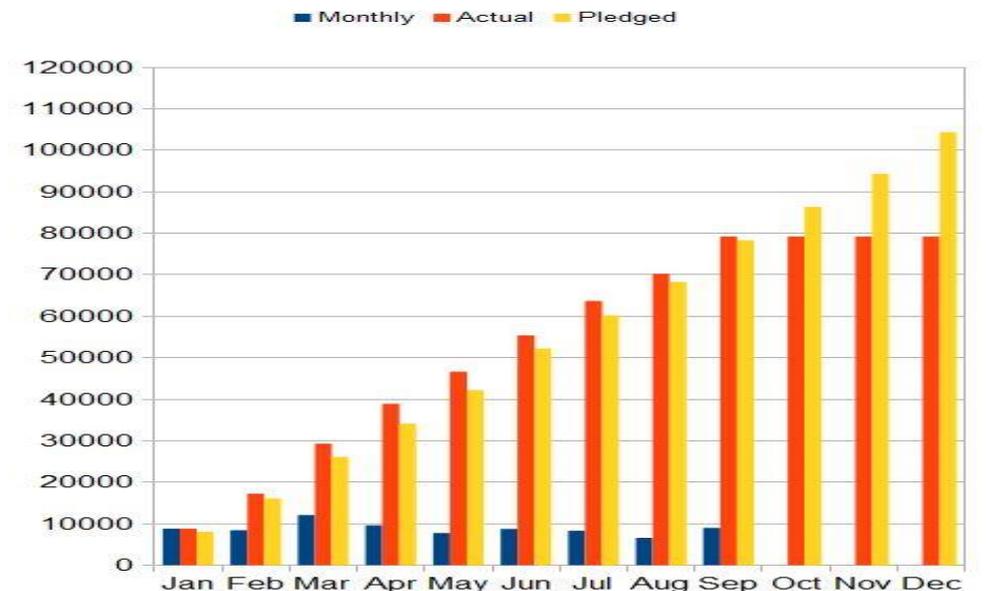
Our finances for the first 3 quarters of this year

Our income, so far this year, has come about a half from the regular donations, a quarter from the thrift shop, a twelfth from a combination of rentals with fundraisers and the remainder from a generous bequest.

The expenses have been six tenths for clergy with an eighth in other salaries while all the others are individually less than a twentieth. This is unusual in that we would normally expect to give about a tenth to the diocese to help with outreach to the less fortunate both here in the USA and in the world at large. However, we applied for, and received, some diocesan help with that.

This year there were disappointingly, 13 fewer pledges than last year. However, as usual, the parishioners have been very faithful in keeping up with those pledges. Here is a graph showing how regular donations and specials have gone to the end of September.

St. Anne's 2019 Pledge Status



WE ARE ALL ON THIS JOURNEY TOGETHER

Ongoing Activities:

Mondays: Al-Anon 7:30pm

Tuesdays: Bible Study 10:00am

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(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. 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:

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

Future planning:

St. Anne's is donating a tree for the holiday festival at the library. We are collecting homemade ornaments to decorate it. There is a box for donations in the office. We need the handmade ornaments by November 17. Please contact Brenda Komarinski if you'd like to help put the ornaments on the tree

If you feel called to write an article for the next newsletter – please be prepared to submit by October 25, 2019 to

SandraforStAnnes@yahoo.com. We are all on this journey together.