



ST. ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH JANUARY 2020

*For the lord God is
both sun and shield; he
will give grace and
glory.*

From the Co-Wardens Mike Hopkins & Ed Giroux

Happy New Year and welcome to 2020!! It's the beginning of a new year and many think a new decade. This is always a time that most of us decide that we need to make changes. Perhaps the change is to lose weight, be more organized, save more, or all the above.

As we know, St. Anne's is undergoing several changes all at once. We are beginning the search for a new rector, or more accurately a Priest in Charge. We are remodeling the rector's office due to the flood. In addition, work is being completed to fix the leak in the roof above the sound room. This work is nearing completion and is covered, thankfully by insurance.

As we started this article, the new year brings with it the opportunity for a fresh start. That is what we have before us at St. Anne's. A

fresh start with the hopes of a better and brighter future. But we all need to become involved and make the future as bright as possible. Many hands make light work and we need all hands-on deck to make 2020 the best year yet for St. Anne's. The future is as bright as we want to make it. Will you help?

The Wardens

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Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Vestry:

Ed Giroux – Warden

Michael Hopkins – Warden

Sue Geen – Treasurer

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

*******Note to all - ANNUAL REPORTS will be due in early January. I implore you to NOT wait until the last minute. Please start thinking about NOW*******

COMMUNITY OUTREACH CORNER

You all did this! Here are a couple of excerpts from the House of Hope Thank you letter. I will hang the original on the board.

“I am writing to thank you for your recent gift of a CAR LOAD of toys and gifts for our Adopt a Child Program collected from your drive.” And “You can be confident that your gifts have lessened the pain for our families especially the children, as Santa makes his annual stops at our 3 shelters and our 5 permanent housing facility facilities that are now home to 39 formerly homeless families.” Sincerely Deb Chausse – Executive Director



January Outreach project



Cold and Flu Season usually runs from December to February and they are predicting this year to be a bad. For the Community Pantry we are requesting **full size** boxes of Kleenex to help stem the prevention and spreading of germs. You have been a great supporter of the residents of Billerica and I hoping I can count on you again. I am also asking the three Catholic Churches in town to join us in this drive. While servicing between 150-200 families a month we would love to be able to give each family multiple boxes. Imagine a family of 6 or more with a cold or the flu – how quickly will ONE box of tissues be used?

Please bring full size boxes of tissue (square or rectangle) to St Anne's Church on or before January 26th for the distribution Monday the 27th. Thank you for your continued support.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 2019-2020 - Take Home Sunday School!

Take Home Sunday School!

Packets will be available for ages 0-3, 3-6, 7-12, and 13 up. If you have a child, grandchild, niece, nephew, or young friend that you want to share your faith with, please take a packet. If the age that you need has been all taken, let me know and I'll make up a packet for you. January's theme is Christmas/Epiphany. We will be gathering in the Sunday School room on January 12 during the 10:00 service. You do not need to attend to have a packet.

-Brenda Komarinski

FUN-RAISING

Dear brothers and sisters,

I wanted to take a moment and thank everyone for participating in this year's Christmas fair. I am thrilled to report that St Anne's received \$3400 as a result of everyone's hard work.

Lisa Carpine will be hosting the Evening of Giving in February.

I've also decided that after some years of service in running the Christmas Fair and Strawberry Festival, I will be taking a break from being the point person. I would be happy to provide contact information for vendors, for whomever would be interested in taking this on in the future. I want to thank this church for all the support and encouragement given to me over these years.

With love, Andrea Jeffrey

A Follow-up Note on Music...

Another Follow-up on Music...

The choir: John Chang, John Geen, Maria Martin, Michele O'Shea (alphabetical order!) sang beautifully on Christmas Eve! Much thanks to them for giving of their time and talents to enhance the Christmas Eve services at St. Anne's. They sang a heartfelt anthem, "The Holly and the Ivy." And Maria Martin, accompanied by the choir & congregation, sang "The Little Drummer Boy" very beautifully. John Chang's fine guitar playing was nicely featured at the 8pm service as well...and his leading of the congregation on "Silent night, holy night" was really nicely done. Many thanks to the choir!!

On another note, now is the time for any members of the congregation to pick one hymn or song they would like to rehearse a few times with the choir after the 10am services and then sing that hymn or song at a 10am service with the choir as well. Your participation will really make a positive impact! I look forward to touching base with you.

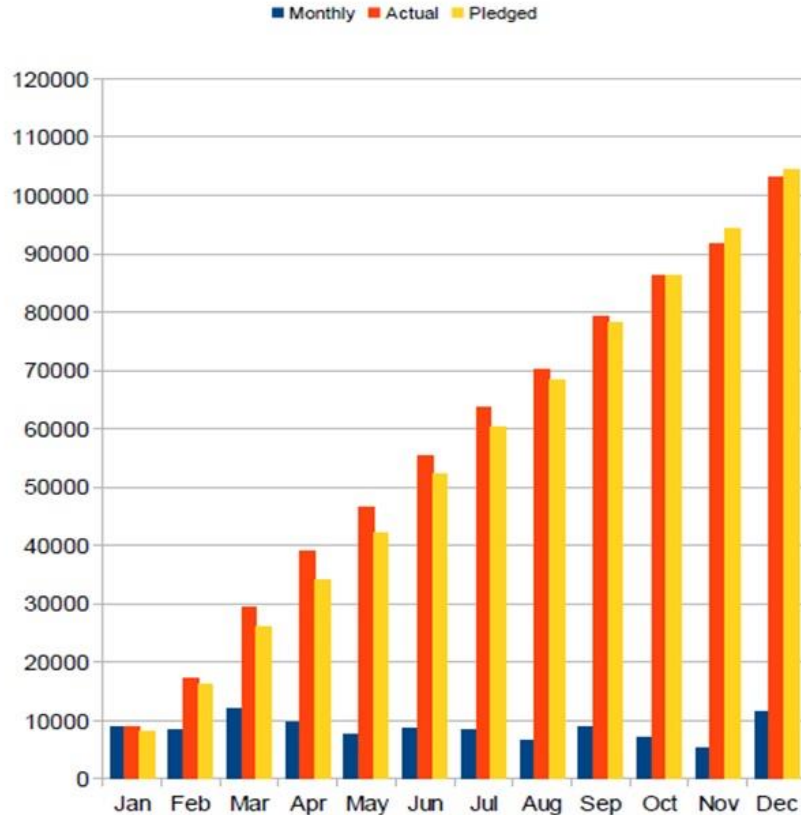
Happy New Year!

Sincerely, Peter Morell

Prayer List

As requested, we will be adding the last names to the prayer list if you choose to submit this information so our parishioners or prayer warriors may personalize their prayers. It is perfectly acceptable to submit just a first name if you wish but we wanted to give the option. Please remember the names must be periodically updated with Stacey in the office.

Pledge Update



If one includes the gifts for Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and so on then the total giving in 2019 is \$106,792 which exceeds the \$104,424 pledged.

The pledge for 2020 has, now, 55 returns for a total of \$92,115

Here's wishing you a 2020 filled with God's peace and love,
John Geen, Pledge Treasurer

Upcoming Events

January 2020

1/9 Mobile Market Food distribution @ Marshall Middle School 3-5pm

1/10 Youth Talk Out

**1/19 Annual Meeting 11:00
Pot Luck Luncheon**

1/20 MLK Brunch @ 9:30am– First Congregational Church (18 Andover Road Billerica)

1/25 Sunshine Gals Community Luncheon – free community meal served 11:30 – 1:00pm @ First Parish Church (7 Concord Rd Billerica – in the center)

**1/27 Community Pantry Distribution out of the Church of Latter Day Saints –70 Concord Rd 2-5pm
Vestry – 3rd Tuesday (new proposal)**

Ongoing Activities:

Mondays: Al-Anon 7:30pm

Wednesday: AA 8:00pm

1st, 3rd, & 5th

Craft Group 10am

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

Pastoral Visits

Father Brad Ingalls will be setting a contact policy for pastoral Please e-mail at rector@stannes-billerica.org,

and we will arrange for a visitation at time of your

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.)

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

By Alfred Tennyson

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more,
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.