

COMMUNITY OUTREACH CORNER



Billerica Community Pantry is a community based volunteer organization working together to provide assistance in food and other non-perishable goods to our elderly, veterans and young families.

Our “Just in time” model for food distribution has helped almost 200 families monthly, many with multiple children or generations.

The Community Pantry is able to obtain many food items from the Food Banks for pennies on the dollar unfortunately non-food products are full price.....but essential.

For the month of March we would like to feature oral health.

This, is where you come in, can you help us help our neighbors?

We are seeking donations such as **Toothbrushes, Toothpaste and mouthwash for both adults and children plus dental floss.**

Donations should be received by March 15th but can be accepted earlier and can be dropped at St Anne's Church, porch drop off at 21 Horman Rd, No Billerica 01862 or 128 Bridle Rd, Billerica 01821. Arrangements can be made for pick up from our community Dentists or generous partners. Contact Sandra for details (SandraJGrioux@gmail.com) or (978) 621-1112.

Donations must be individually wrapped; multipacks are welcome and will be given out as one unit for hygiene reasons.

Thank you in advance for your generosity,
Sandra

SUNDAY SCHOOL 2019-2020 Take Home Sunday School!

Parents and guardians are children's first teachers.

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:

February 2

March 1

April 5

May 3

February's theme is Baptism. If you have any questions, please email me at bkomarinski@gmail.com

In God's Grace,
Brenda Komarinski

Community Events



We are so excited for this year's Mardi Gras Evening of Giving on Saturday, February 22, 2020. Dinner will begin at 5:00pm and Raffles will follow.

Dinner will be \$8 each or \$20 a family.

Tickets are \$2 for 6 Tickets or a book for \$20.

How can you help???

- Sign up to bring in a soup, stew or chili and earn an extra ticket for our door prize raffle.
- Bring in an item to be raffled- items can be anything new *
- Buy Raffle Tickets

Kathy Brewster will be selling tickets after the 8 am service

Lisa Kinser Carpine will be selling tickets after the 10 am service

Dinner and Raffle tickets will be available during the Evening of Giving

Any questions please contact Lisa- 978-808-2068 or lisa.carpine@outlook.com

Pancake Supper

February 25, 2020

5:30pm-7:30pm

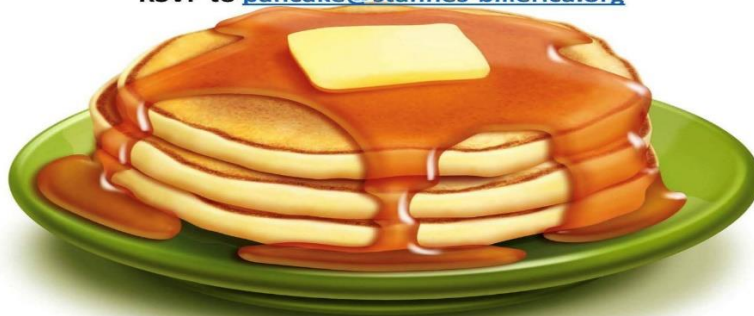
St. Anne's 14 Treble Cove Rd North Billerica, MA

Family Fun, Conversation, and Company

All Welcome!

Donations Accepted

RSVP to pancake@stannes-billerica.org



Lenten Season

Be sure to join St. Anne's at the Ash Wednesday Lenten luncheon hosted by the St. Elizabeth's guild. Lunch is served at 11:45AM at the First Congregational Church at 18 Andover Road. Father Brad will be the speaker for the service that follows at 12:30pm.

Spring Lenten Luncheon Schedule

- February 26th – St Anne's (Ash Wednesday)
- March 4th Anjuman e-Ezzi & First Congregational Church
- March 11 Billerica Ward LDS
- March 18 N Billerica Baptist
- March 25 Catholic Community
- April 11 Christian Science and First Parish UU

FUN-RAISING

Save the date! March 12th will be a Pottery Painting Fun-Raiser for St. Anne's at Magic Brush Pottery & Fused Glass in Tewksbury. More details will be forthcoming

Update on Merrimack Valley Deanery Assembly

A small group representing the Merrimack Valley Deanery met at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Methuen for a potluck dinner and fellowship on Wednesday, January 15. This meeting is one of the three that the deanery holds each year. A presentation was given by The Rev. Canon Martha Hubbard who serves as the Regional Canon for the Northern and Western regions of our Diocese. Rev. Hubbard works with 57 parishes to assist in the transition missionary job of searching for new rectors; to promote clergy wellness; and to assist with lay leadership development. Currently in the Boston diocese 50% of parishes will have only a part time rector. St. Anne's is not alone in this new form of leadership. More of the parishes are struggling with a decline in membership, fewer children, and a lack of interest in church. She mentioned she is working with our Warden's and vestry to obtain a new rector. She also mentioned that a Warden's Day will be held on March 28 in Winchester from 9:30am until 12:30pm.

Each represented parish has the opportunity to share about what is going on in their church. St. Mark's in Westford is brainstorming for ideas of how to open the church more than just on Sunday so that they can strengthen and grow their congregation and be open to change. St. Paul's in Newburyport holds meetings of newcomers to discuss what attracted you to the church and why current members stay. They also have a large music program and open their chapel and church for groups to perform. St. Andrew's in Methuen has lots of fellowship events with a community garden; a book club meeting every four to six weeks; active choir; game night every week; and a ham and bean supper. They have created a smaller sitting area with couches and chairs for a more intimate place for people to sit, relax, and talk during coffee hour. All Saint's Episcopal Church in Chelmsford has an active church school, however, once they are confirmed they tend to leave. The long-time rector retired the end of January as the church is undergoing a renovation. Christ Church in Andover has obtained a grant from Public Safety & Security since their

building also hosts the Jewish community in Andover. Saint James in Amesbury has a women's group that meets the 3rd Saturday of the month with guest speakers. They also have an Adventure group that goes to local museums, concerts, and dinners. They have a new organist and choir director, Bill Harris. They are planning a mission trip to Washington DC July 7 through 19. Participants stay in the hostel church and are assigned to work in food bank or with the homeless with afternoon and evening free time. As exciting as it was to hear all the news around the diocese it was sad to see how many of the parishes in the diocese were not represented.

What I learned at the diocese meeting is that everyone needs to get involved in their church to keep the doors open not just on Sunday but other days as well. As a member of a parish I know that I need the fellowship of others inside and outside of St. Anne's. Let's see what ideas we can come up with to make St. Anne's known in our community.

Submitted by Marguerite Massey, delegate to the deanery

Thrift Shop

Getting the winter blues from the gray skies, bare trees, and barren lawns? Maybe the snow and rain are dragging you down? Why don't you make a visit to St. Anne's Thrift Shop to pick up something to brighten your day? You never know what you can find. Maybe a new lamp to light up that dark corner of your house. Maybe a new picture to hang on the wall or a picture frame for a favorite photo. How about new glassware to hold a favorite beverage? What about a fancy dish to hold nuts, candy, treats, or even those misc little items you want to save? There are lots of clothes for you and all your family members to switch up your winter wardrobe. How about something to fill an afternoon or evening? A book, puzzle, or game or maybe you could find a cookbook to spice up your meals. You will be shopping locally, supporting the church, and helping the environment.

Hope to see you at St. Anne's Thrift Shop soon. Submitted by Marguerite Massey, treasury of thrift shop



Upcoming Events

February 2020

Feb 18th – Special Vestry

Feb 22nd – Evening of Giving

Feb 22nd – Sunshine Gals free community meal served 11:30 – 1:00pm @ First Parish Church 7 Concord Rd Billerica (center)

Feb 24th – Food Pantry Distribution 2:00 – 5:00 the Church of Latter Day Saints –70 Concord Rd

Feb 25th – Pancake Supper

Feb 26th – Ash Wednesday Lenten lunches begin

Feb 28th – Stations of the Cross

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

Saturday 2nd – Youth Talk Out 6:30

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

* Morning Bible Studies 10AM

* Evening Bible study 7:30pm meets the 2nd and 4th

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.)

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