

ST ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH – SMALL BUT MIGHTY

"This is a day for pride and celebration. It is also a day to pray that we might live up to the great ideals on which we were founded."

Episcopal Bishop Douglas J. Fisher
of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

July

Newsletter

Dear parish of St. Anne's,

What a surprise happened to me on Sunday morning, June 28! I picked up a box of books, turned, tripped, fell and got my other foot caught. I broke the ankle in three places, and now have two plates and three screws underneath my non-weight-bearing cast for 6-8 weeks. This is my opportunity to practice patience, graciousness, and gratitude! And you have already demonstrated creativity, resiliency, and thoughtfulness. You are a wonderful people. Thank you.

I will finally have my church email up and running and I invite you to use it, especially around suggestions for worship across a computer screen.

As the newest member of your community, I assure you that all my ideas for shortening our on-screen worship are the

exact opposite of my philosophy about worship in person: across a screen, my attention span is shorter and my distractibility is greater. In person, I prefer to not look at the clock at all because there are many things to pay attention to simultaneously. Once again, do not fear that any of these changes will carry over into re-gathered worship once we enter our building. This discussion is only about our services now.

SAVE THE DATE for the Billerica Interfaith Clergy hosting of a movie afternoon on Sunday July 26 at our Mosque. I saw "The Sultan and the Saint" several years ago and I cannot recommend it enough.

Is there an additional worship or prayer service you would enjoy in the middle of the week? I'm thinking about Compline (10 minutes) or Prayers in the Morning (5 minutes). I'm

looking for more ways for us to connect virtually. Ideas?

I like our lectionary cycle of readings for Year A because it focuses on the foundational stories of our Christian heritage. I wonder if we can tell each other these stories in our own words? Good luck! Keep growing ☺

Faithfully yours,

Mother Jennifer

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Worship:

Online only
 YouTube, Facebook and BATV

From the Wardens

First of all, I want to again thank those who have been working on a weekly basis to make services at St. Anne's available to everyone on YouTube and our web site: Mother Jennifer, Mark, Ed, Peter, Maria, and Sandra. As you may know by now, Mother Jennifer recently broke her ankle, so we will be making some adjustments as we move forward but the plan is to keep the videos going for the foreseeable future. Mother Jennifer has come up with several creative changes that you'll be seeing as the weeks pass.

The diocese has issued guidelines for re-opening churches, thrift shops and for allowing church and community groups to resume meeting. To facilitate the process, the diocese has hosted several Zoom conferences with wardens, clergy and other church leaders to discuss what needs to be done to ensure parishes can open safely and continue to meet the needs of the community. The first step is to form a re-opening committee, which should be in place by the time you read this. The committee will be responsible for developing a formal plan for re-opening, which will be done in coordination with a diocesan Shepherd. Once completed and approved by the vestry the plan will be submitted to the Bishop for signing for final approval.

Regarding the Rector's office, Linda and Rosemary did a great job evaluating our options, coordinating with Mother Jennifer, and shopping. Thanks to their efforts we now have new furniture in the office. The old furniture has been removed, most to the dumpster and some to Trash Can Willey's truck – I didn't make it up. It is a real company. We still need to get rugs and drapes and for the summer, much of which will be covered by insurance, plus a window air-conditioner which is long overdue but likely not covered.

As we move along the path of re-opening things, we will keep the parish informed. The formal plan will be available to everyone once it's approved by the Bishop and after that, updates will be sent out as milestones are met. It may be a while before things get back to "normal", but with God's help and everyone's prayers St. Anne's will be well on its way.

The Warden's Ed Giroux & Mike Hopkins



COMMUNITY OUTREACH CORNER



Billerica Community Pantry is a community-based volunteer organization working together to aid in food and other non-perishable goods to our elderly, veteran's, young families and anyone from Billerica in need.. Our "Just in time" model for food distribution has helped almost 450 + families; which has increased from 185 families just 3 month ago.

The Community Pantry is able to obtain many food items from the Food Bank but we are concerned because many other communities are facing the same increases.

If you are able, please consider donating food items or cash donations to the pantry. Food donations can be dropped off at 21 Horman Rd, North Billerica 01862. Or Monetary donations can be made to Billerica Community Pantry Inc. P.O. Box 285, Billerica, MA 01821.



Items needed by July 12th



If you are in need; the next distribution is on Monday July 27nd 2-5 pm at 70 Concord Road in Billerica (next to Sweeney's Funeral home). This is a drive through distribution – you do not even get out of your car; we ask you pop the trunk and we place the food in – Fast, Easy and Contactless.

Please make sure you RSVP and let us know you are coming (978) 663-8433 or billericapantry@gmail.com

Drop off Locations

21 Horman Road
45 Sachem Street
66 Dudley Road
20 Oxford Road
Lobby of the Police Department
Treble Cove Market Basket
Center Market Basket

We would like to collect
350 of each item.

Can you help?

Note on Music...



. It's really nice to have the sunshine and summer weather here. I hope this newsletter finds you well. I continually pray for the good health of the congregation of St. Anne's.

It's a pleasure to again be playing for services officiated by Mother Jennifer!

A lot of care is being put into the services recorded and posted online weekly. Hopefully you'll find the music particularly uplifting in the upcoming services. The prelude on July 5th is very nice. The jazz

prelude from June 21st is a highlight as well.

Maria Martin continues to brighten the online services with her beautiful singing. We are so appreciative of her talent, and the time she gives in helping lead these services.

Best, Peter Morelli



Having your pledge automatically by your bank is a great way to stay current and to keep St. Anne's finances balanced through the year. Most banks and credit unions allow you to create a payee and set up a schedule to send a payment on a schedule you decide. Most people who do this choose to either send a check once a week or once a month. Once set up, a check gets sent on your schedule and is delivered to St. Anne's to be counted and added to your yearly pledge.

How your bank handles this varies, but you should look for 'bill payments' or 'online payments'. You can create a new recipient as 'St. Anne's Episcopal Church' with an address of:

St. Anne's Episcopal Church
PO Box 134
North Billerica, MA 01862

With that set you can create a schedule or send one-time payments at any time. If there's an option for an account or memo, be sure to enter your pledge number. This makes sure that your pledge is counted properly.

If you have questions or would like help, please feel free to contact me and I can walk you through as best I can without seeing your bank account information.

-Mark

Covid-19 Testing Tuesdays....

For the foreseeable future, there will be Covid-19 testing at First Parish on the Bedford Town Common (75 The Great Road) every Tuesday. **ALL are welcome regardless of town of residence, affiliation, symptomology, or ability to pay. Register on-line and you'll be given a time-slot and number: [Bedfordresearch.org/first-parish](https://bedfordresearch.org/first-parish)**

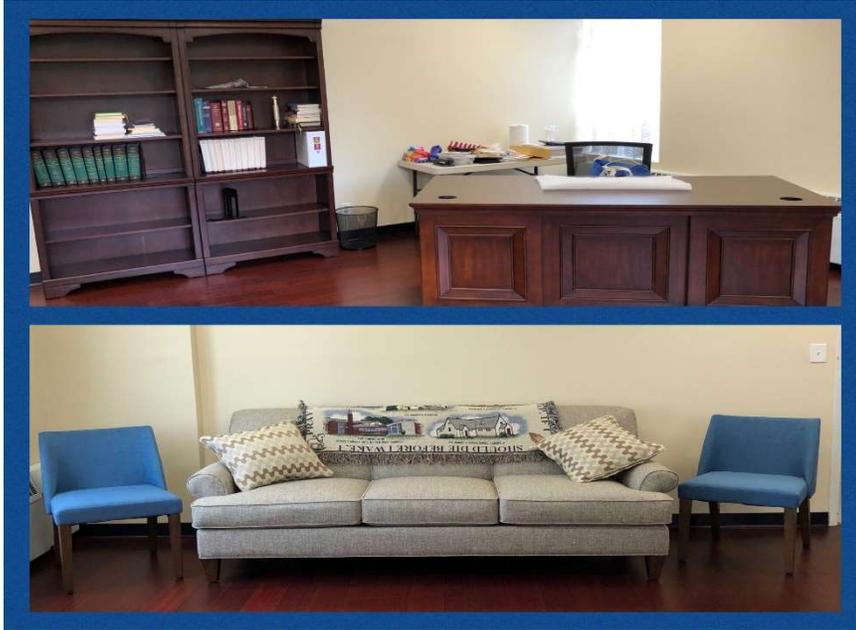
Nearly 400 people have been tested, of whom only 3 were positive...AND asymptomatic - exactly the reason for universal testing! This testing is a collaboration between a local lab, the Bedford Research Foundation and First Parish in accordance with Governor Baker's Task Force encouragement of universal testing.

Though the subsidized cost of the test is \$65 and a form is included with the results that may be submitted to insurance, First Parish also offers - thanks to generous donors - to subsidize anyone for whom cost is a barrier. Also testing is free for ALL Bedford Town employees.

And please pass this information on to anyone else who might be interested! If questions: jjibbons@uubedford.org

Office Hours

Mother Jennifer welcomes office hours by appointment only, please make your appointment by calling or emailing. Thank you to Linda and Rosemary for creating a comfortable space for Mother Jennifer.



SUNDAY SCHOOL 2019-2020 Take Home Sunday School!

Take-home Sunday School is done for the summer. We will start back up in September with People of the Bible. There may be a Sunday School lesson or two done via You Tube. As always, if you have any questions or comments, please let me know. Have a fun and safe summer.

-Brenda Komarinski

St. Anne's Prayer List:

Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of the sheep, you gather the lambs in your arms and carry them in your bosom: We commend to your loving care this child (Name). Relieve their pain, guard them from all danger, restore to them your gifts of gladness and strength, and raise them up to a life of service to you. Hear us, we pray, for _____. Amen.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others:

Norm and MJ Zarella, Cathie O'Neil, Janet Lyna, Margaret Westerlund, Barbara Rogers, Pat McLeave and family, Cyndi, Donna and Sonny Martell, Cathy and Brian, Edward Bromley, Patricia Mobley, Susan Fader, Fred Brown, Brooks Bassi, Jean Hatch, Debbie King, Cathie and Greg Harper, Ronna Massucco, Irene and Kenneth Mouradian, Rys, Matt, Linda E., Mary Hyatt, Dolly Longuemere, Jose Torres Sr., Sarah Komarinski.

For those in nursing homes or with ongoing illnesses:

Kathy Jeffrey, Marie Horgan, Joshua Young, Dinah Holman

Ongoing activities are currently on hold until further notice

In Closing we ask for Serenity during this troubled time Jesus, let your mighty calmness lift me above my fears and frustrations. By your deep patience, give me tranquility and stillness of soul in you. Make me in this, and in all, more and more like you. Amen.

