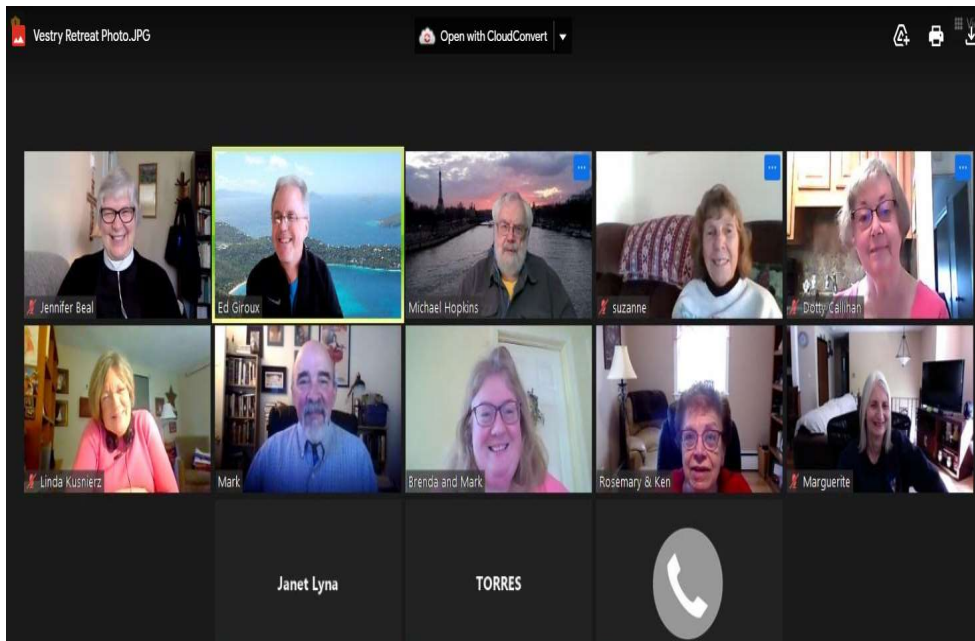


ST ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - SMALL BUT MIGHTY



St. Anne's
Episcopal Church

MAY

2021

Newsletter

Parish of St. Anne's,

I am still so grateful for.....

* Holy Week and Easter contributions, especially from our Altar Guild and Filming Crew who flurried to aid the Diocesan Canon for Multicultural and Immigration Ministries when he asked to film the Diocesan Easter sermon at our church.

* new internet-based parish record management program that will connect us better than we have been before. With different styles of communication than we had fifty years ago, even our 30-year-old methods have not been able to keep up. When I arrived almost a year ago, there were at least five parish lists that I was supposed to use in order to find you. I made it my mission *not* to have to do that again. Linda Kusnierz and Rosemary Kinser have made it all possible.

* the ongoing connections to our Diocese, this time, in the form of our Consultant for the Priest-in-charge process, Mark Gallagher. He will

guide us through a standard timeline that will end in decisions. After three years together, your Vestry and I will each decide if we are a good fit for each other's futures. In the meantime, we will do solid work together of visioning and sharing the ministry of St. Anne's in North Billerica.

* the staff of St. Anne's. Peter is a dream of a church musician to work with. Jayleigh keeps finding new ways that deepen her administrative contributions to my and our well-being. Jack's cheerfulness makes our buildings sparkle. Thank you, all, for your time and energy that benefit us all.

* the lives and loves of St. Anne's parishioners. Since Easter night when we learned of the death of Kathy Jeffrey, I have witnessed your outpouring of care for one another. In loss or sudden illness, the Jeffreys are joined by the families of Sue Kennedy's husband Martin, Marie Figenbaum, and Richard Hyatt. May we all know the love of Christ through the hands and hearts of each other for ever.

I am grateful to God for being among you.

However, I am not grateful for Covid.

I hate it. Simply put, it has disturbed everything as we knew it. At a recent clergy meeting, someone expressed the thought that we are all in the anger stage of grief. I agree wholeheartedly! There is nothing fair about needing to continue physical distancing. Nothing is fair about who gets affected and who does not. Nothing is fair about what is still asked of us as we care for unknown others. I *am* angry about Covid.

But, even more, I know I want to stay the course with all of you. I want all of us to still be here when the virus is eventually controlled. I want you to still be connected to each other and to the wonder of life with Christ in the church. There is a lot that St. Anne's offers us to help us get through this pandemic. Let's keep finding those things together.

In Christ,

Mother Jennifer

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Michael Hopkins – Warden
Sue Geen – Treasurer
Marguerite Massey, – Clerk
Brenda Komarinski – 2022
Rosemary Kinser – 2022

Jose Torres – 2022
Russell Bent - 2022
Linda Kusnierz – 2023
Dorothy Callihan – 2023
Janet Lyna - 2023
Marie Figenbaun - 2024

Worship:

9:30 am Sunday
YouTube, Facebook and BA



Mother Jennifer's Office hours are generally.

Tuesdays 11-4 or later

Wednesdays possibly 11-4

Thursdays 2-5 or later PLEASE call or email her with any kind of pastoral concern.

If any pastoral concern arises, please do not hesitate for a second to contact your Priest.

From the Wardens

Happy Spring!!

Baseball season is upon us, flowers and trees are blooming, grass is turning green and growing.... Everything is normal now, right?? Well, as my mother always says, "normal" is just a setting on the dryer.

What is normal is all the activity that goes on at St. Anne's. There are several updates I would like to tell you about:

- **Electrical Work:** In an earlier edition of our newsletter, I mentioned that we were trying to line up an electrician to permanently mount and wire our PTZ cameras so that we do not have cameras and cables strewn about the sanctuary. Additionally, some other electrical work around lighting and replacing the roof fans will be done. We have literally spoken to four electricians about this work, three have come out to visit with Mark and I to learn what work we need, and one has finally given us a quote for this work. The good news is that he will begin this work on May 12.
- **Vestry Retreat:** When the Vestry decided to hire a Priest-In-Charge (PIC), we knew that part of this arrangement would be to work with a PIC consultant from the diocese. The consultant will work with the Vestry and Mother Jennifer to work together. Our first step is a Vestry retreat with the consultant which happened on Saturday morning May 1. Of course, it was a virtual retreat on Zoom. Once we know more, we will be sure to keep you updated.
- **Realm:** No that is not a typo. Realm is a web based database that will streamline, among other things, our church directory. Look for this to be rolled out slowly over the next few months. There are many options and features that will be made available over time. But to begin with look for an email over the summer or early fall inviting you to set up your profile. There will be more information to come.
- **Virtual Services:** As I mentioned earlier, one of the barriers to re-opening, and the only one that we can control, is getting the technology that we have been use to bring you virtual services permanently mounted and wired.

We will continue to provide virtual services indefinitely. One of the "silver linings" to the Covid-19 pandemic is that we have discovered a way to bring worship to shut ins. On behalf of the steam team, we hope you have and continue to enjoy and found some comfort in worship services we have provided online.

As always, please stay healthy and safe. And get vaccinated as you are able and eligible. And GO SOX!!

The Wardens

Ed Giroux

Mike Hopkins

SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME

by Brenda Komarinski

The April Take-Home Sunday packets went out April 11. If you would like one, please email me at bkomarinski@gmail.com and I will get it to you. We met Mary. The next person from the Bible that we will meet is Peter.

We've met Abraham who trusted God, then Moses who brought us the rules from God. Joshua and Rahab kept promises, then Ruth and Naomi were all about family. David had us looking in our hearts, and Solomon showed us wisdom. Daniel taught us about courage in doing what is right. Mary helped us be helpers and show our love for God in what we do. I wonder what we learn from Peter.

The packets will be ready May 9.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd lessons shared at our prayer table can be seen on St. Anne's YouTube page and on our website.

<http://stannes-billerica.org/sunday-school-videos/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCh0faV8iieCG7h42EBrDE0Q>

Please give them a watch.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Save the Date



Sunday, June 6 at 1pm

Rain date is June 13.

We're having an ice cream social on the lawn in the front of the church!

Come and celebrate! Ice cream sandwiches and juice boxes will be provided.

We will need to remember to keep physically distance and wear our masks (when not eating).

Safe Church

Our Safe Church policy can be found on our website (<http://stannes-billerica.org/safe-church/>). We recommend everyone take the time to read it.

If you are interested in Safe Church training, please email safechurch@stannes-billerica.org to get your username and password and then go to: www.safeguardingonline.org.

If you have any questions about Safe Church, our Safe Church Policy, or the Safe Church training, please contact Brenda Komarinski (bkomarinski@gmail.com)

ULTREYA:

by Rosemary Kinser

The Theme of our Zoom Ultreya for April 17, 2021 **“Faith, Faithfulness, and Patience”**

Poem based on Isaiah 40:31:

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength...

When you have Faith

Days are filled with hopeful hours, and rainbows always follow showers,

When you have faith!

There's no problem you can't face, no sorrows you cannot erase,

When you have faith!

Your little worries all will cease, and you'll be filled with inner peace,

When you have faith!

There's nothing that you cannot do, no favorite dream that can't come true,

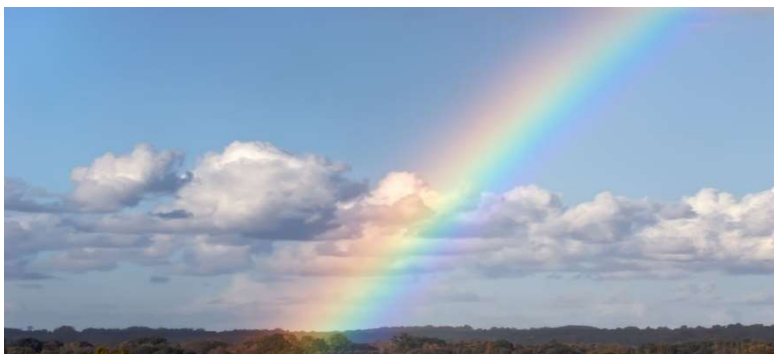
No mountain is too high for you,

When you have faith!

Our Zoom Ultreyas have allowed many to participate from all over our country. This Ultreya was hosted by Claudette Chander "live" from the West Coast.

Zoom Ultreyas occur the 3rd Saturday of the Month. Materials are sent out and posted on the MECM website (www.MassCursillo.org) on Friday prior to the Ultreya.

Faith, Hope and Love to all.....
Rosemary



a note on music...



I hope you're all having a great Easter season. I'm looking forward to being together again at St. Anne's. I find it challenging to have patience with the time it's taking for things to get back on track.

I hope things are going well for you all.

We're keeping very busy with the work of St. Anne's...the online services, the special video projects for the website / social media, and the planning involved for this work and

for St. Anne's going forward.

It's amazing how much Mother Jennifer and the Worship Filming Team give of themselves in service of St. Anne's.

Wishing you all the very best,
Peter Morelli

ps. Watch for the upcoming Easter Season Hymn-Sing video!

Sincerely, Peter Morelli

A few words from the Re-Gathering Team

Re-gathering Team: Linda Kusnierz, Ken Kinser, Marguerite Massey, Kathy Brewster

The Re-Gathering Committee recently met to review the Bishops April 15 COVID-19 Guidelines. The Bishops expressed both hopefulness and the need to continue to be cautious. And stated, **"Effective April 19 leaders in local congregations are invited to consider what level of in-person worship is now appropriate for their local context, while continuing to adhere to diocesan guidelines and capacity limits which are more restrictive than the current Commonwealth protocols."**

In our last newsletter we shared concerns for regathering safely for in-person worship and what conditions needed to be in place to do so. One factor of concern was the mounting of the cameras, electrical and cable work needed. We are pleased that after many attempts there is a date for the work to be done in May. This is exciting in that it will eliminate obstructed views for in-person worshipers and ensure safety removing exposed wires and cables. Additionally, Billerica has been in a yellow status for 11 of the last 12 weeks (as of 4/23). Residents are steadily week over week receiving vaccinations which are now readily available.

The Re-Gathering group is happy to share we are hopeful that St. Anne's will soon be returning to Sunday in-person worship in June. Communications and details to follow from the Wardens and Mother Jennifer as well as your Re-Gathering team.



Community Outreach

Any Billerica Resident who is Food insecure may receive, we all need a helping hand once in a while. Please register if you are in need, we are here for you. If you DON'T live in Billerica, we can help you find solutions, you are never alone.

For those wish to help with our wish list – we are looking for 300 sets.
We are looking for a variety of sizes since families come in all shapes and sizes.



Billerica Community Pantry

Items Needed Every Friday
Pizza Night Supplies

Drop off Locations

21 Horman Road
Billerica Library, Circulation Desk
Lobby of the Police Department
Treble Cove Market Basket
Center Market Basket
Salem 5 Bank, Billerica
66 Dudley Road
45 Sachem Street
20 Oxford Road

Pizza Crust



Pizza Sauce



Shelf-Stable Pepperoni



Please have items delivered to your preferred location by 5pm



If you have a special event you would like mentioned please send the information to SandraForStAnnes@yahoo.com

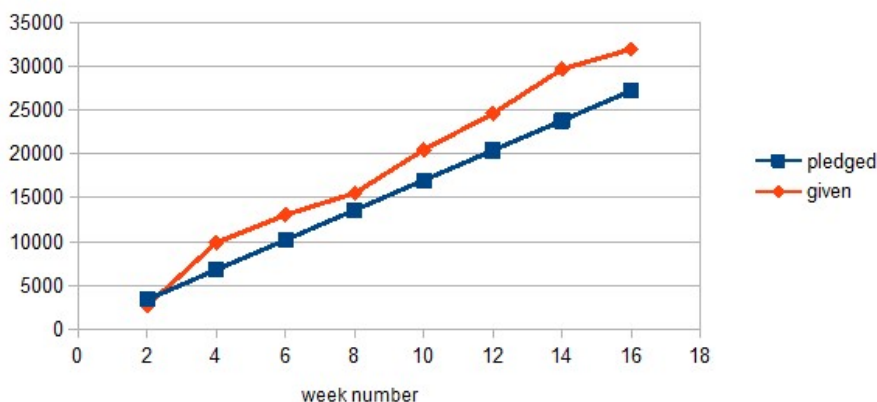
Deadline is the 25th of each month

Pledging John Geen

Pledge Status for April 20th.

The total regular giving (that is without gifts for flowers, Easter etc.) is still well ahead of the apportioned pledge

St. Anne's Pledge Status 2021



As always, St. Anne's is blessed with parishioners who give generously.



Jennifer's Journal

We're the Episcopal Church!

That means..... We have **Bishops** who care for us through Pastoral Letters of Guidance, Bi-annual visits to the parish, and frequent check-ins with parish clergy.

For further reading about what Spiritual Communion means for us as Episcopalians, I found the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee's website to offer a thoughtful description.

<https://edtn.org/an-act-of-spiritual-communion/>

The Deanery Assembly will meet on May 12 at 6:30pm, by Zoom.

THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: MAY 6, 2021

On May 6th our country is invited to pause for a moment and observe The National Day of Prayer. This will be the 70th year that this reflection will occur with a Proclamation from the President.

This day of prayer for our country was signed into law in 1952 (Title 36, Section 119 of US law) with a Proclamation, and every President since has observed this tradition on the first Thursday in May.

On this day, regardless of race, beliefs, religion, or political views, our country is asked to pause and give thanks for the blessings surrounding our country; to think of the early times with our Forefathers and their struggles and triumphs. It is a day to ask the Divine's guidance for the future direction and protection of our multicultural nation.

The theme for this year is LIFE, LOVE and LIBERTY.

From the Desk of the Parish Administrator – by Jayleigh

Over the past month, I have spent a lot of time with parish records. If someone calls or emails the office wondering if we have documentation of their marriage, or their baptism, or their confirmation, I can check the files we have, hoping to find their name (some records are easier to locate than others!). Even if I am not successful--occasionally because the records are actually at a different church, more often because we are still updating and refining our filing systems--I find it fascinating to page through the history of this parish, catching glimpses of its story through the names, dates, and occasions carefully noted by past rectors.

I particularly love discovering family connections, realizing just how deeply woven St. Anne's parishioners have been with each other across time and generations. (This became wonderfully obvious when I began to sort through the columbarium records!) I imagine these networks as the root system of this parish, a nourishing underlayer that supports the congregation of today. Names and dates, from one perspective, are dry facts; from another, they are the bones from which human life rises. It is important to know them and remember them.

Beginning this month, we are going to publish parishioners' birthdays and anniversaries in the weekly bulletin as a way of honoring your ongoing lives. I will be maintaining this list and keeping it up to date. If you have a special occasion you would like to be included and are not sure whether we already know about it, please email me at stannesbillerica@gmail.com, and I will add it, so that the family tree can continue to grow!

Jayleigh



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:

Al Westerlund, Barbara Rogers, Cathie & Greg Harper, Cyndi, Dianne Brown, Donald Fudge, Donald Sutton St., Elaine Howland, Elaine McLaughlin, Fred Brown, Greg D., Irene Mouradian, Janet Lyna, John Phillips, Jose Torres Sr. Joseph Pleva, Joshua Young, Kathy Change, Linda E., Marie Figenbaum, Mary & Richard Hyatt, Mary Lander & daughter Christine, Norm & MJ Zarella, Pat McCleave & family, Patricia Mobley, Paul Hamner, Sally DiRocco, Sarah Komarinski, Susan Fader, Vicki Mahoney.

For those in nursing homes or with ongoing illnesses:

Marie Horgan, Joshua Young, Christine Lander





The newest member in our Memorial Garden:

Kathy Jeffrey

The yellow pot of pansies sits on top of Kathy's specific niche. (she is in the top row next to Fr . Geoff Lennon).

From Pete and Andrea Jeffrey:

To our family and friends at St Anne's,

We'd like to thank you for your love and support over these past months especially, but for the ongoing prayers.

Kathy ascended to Heaven on Easter Sunday, with Pete by her side at Tufts in Boston. Andrea and Pete were with her holding vigil from Good Friday on, but Rev Brian at Church of the Good Shepherd told Andrea that Kathy's last act of love as a mom was that she would not go until Andrea left.

Kathy is interred in St Anne's memorial garden, along with several other family members of the Jeffrey family.

Thank you for loving us, supporting us, praying with and for us, and grieving with us. We have so many wonderful memories as a family at St. Anne's.

With Love, *Pete and Andrea Jeffrey*

From Roxie and David Chopourian:

David and I wish to thank all of you, who, in concern and of the acknowledgement and announcement of my brother, Kenneth Mouradian's passing February 2, 2021, in the March 30, 2021 newsletter.

We thank you for the prayers and with deep faith, from, Roxie and of my brother, Kenneth Mouradian has been accepted in the hands of our Lord and Saviour, and the Angels on his day he was chosen to be with our Heavenly Father.

God's Blessings to you and St. Anne's Church.

In Christ, Love, *Roxie and David Chopourian*



Birthday & Anniversary Prayers

O God our times are in your hand; Look with favor we pray, on your servant _____, as he/she begins another year. Grant that he/she may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen his/her trust in your goodness all the days of his/her life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Rosemary Kinser	4/2	Ed & Sandra Giroux	5/5	Cyndi Hopkins	6/3
Rose Packard Crotty	4/6	Ken Kinser	5/5	Jonathan & Carol McKenzie	6/3
Ron Desmarais	4/25	Elaine & Matthew Guzzetta	5/7	John Geen	6/26
Doreen Knowles	4/26	Maria Martin	5/9	John & Linda Kusnierz	6/29
Elaine Guzzetta	4/30	Ken MacPherson	5/22		
		Ken & Rosemary	5/22		
		Marie Figenbaum	5/25		
		Lisa Lavoie	5/28		

If you or a loved one are celebrating a birthday and want in the following newsletter, please let me know SandraForStAnnes@yahoo.com. We had to start somewhere, please let me know name and dates

Announcements



Come join your friends! Come SEE them!

Come chat about anything you want!

Bring your favorite beverage with you.
Come before or after you have watched our service.
To join the Zoom Meeting please use the link listed in the weekly bulletin.

Please let us know if you need assistance.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88459398371?pwd=UHZyVmNSK3cxR1hQT25ZcmdUUUVExdz09>

Meeting ID: 884 5939 8371

Passcode: 734459

Weekly announcements will continue to be listed in the bulletin.

Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts &
Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

Climate Emergency Webinars

Wednesdays in May



Let's come together to

- **Pray:** May 5, 7 p.m.
- **Learn:** May 12, 7 p.m.
- **Act:** May 19, 7 p.m.
- **Advocate:** May 26, 7 p.m.

*Hosted by the Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas and the
Creation Care Justice Network (Diocese of Massachusetts)
in answer to our bishops' call to make a faithful response
to the climate emergency.*

Find more details and register online here:
www.diomass.org/creation-care

On March 23, 2021, the Massachusetts bishops jointly declared a climate emergency (<https://www.diomass.org/news/pray-learn-act-advocate-ma-bishops-declare-climate-emergency>). Their statement included four action steps (pray, learn, act, advocate) as a way to focus our thinking and give us a way to begin responding. In order to be effective, the declaration needs to take concrete form, to change the way we understand our relationship to God's creation in light of such urgent need.

These four webinars are an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the four action steps, discussion, and interactive sharing. They are hosted by the Creation Care Justice Network (Diocese of Massachusetts), and by Rev. Dr. Margaret Bullitt-Jonas, the Missioner for Creation Care in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts and the Southern New England Conference, United Church of Christ. She is also the creation care advisor for the Diocese of Massachusetts.

If you have felt powerless at the thought of climate change and its catastrophic effects on all life, this is a great way to begin to step into thoughtful action with the community of Christ. through the registration link is found on this website: <https://www.diomass.org/creation-care>. Webinars will be held each Wednesday in May, at 7 pm.



If you need help finding our Channel (YouTube) and Page (Facebook) please let us know.

We can set it up with you, so you receive alerts when new content is posted.

