

ST ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - SMALL BUT MIGHTY



St. Anne's
Episcopal Church

FEBRUARY 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parish of St. Anne's,

Our Annual Meeting will be soon, on February 6th. Please watch for a decision about whether the in-person meeting will include any hybrid/zoom access. We will start the meeting soon after worship concludes, since there will be no coffee hour.

Our Vestry voted to have no Coffee Hour through Sunday, February 6, in order to let the Omicron variant and its high transmissibility subside. We miss being able to safely see each other. But, we will get through this together.

St. Anne's is in a strong position at the end of 2021. Be proud of how hard we have worked to keep our activities of worship, administration, education, and service going in full stride. Nothing has lagged!

St. Anne's is a wonderful parish!

Appreciatively,

M. Jennifer

Worship:

9:00 am Sunday in person

Weekly worship on our YouTube Channel: "[St. Anne's Episcopal Church, N. Billerica MA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCStAnnesBillerica)" (Subscribe and see videos of our services!)

Our services are replayed on BATV

Check out our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StAnnesBillerica ("Like" to see videos of our services as well as other news and information!)

Check our website (stannes-billerica.org) for a link to the services.

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Ed Giroux	Warden
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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 Figenbaum	2024

Mother Jennifer's Office Hours:

Tuesdays 12-4 pm

Thursdays 2-5 pm

PLEASE call or email her with any kind of pastoral concern.

Church Office Hours:

Thursdays 2-5 pm

Thrift Shop Hours:

Wednesdays,
Thursdays, Fridays 10 am-2 pm

Newsletter Submissions:

For the March newsletter, please send articles by February 25 to stannesbillerica@gmail.com.



Church School

by Brenda Komarinski



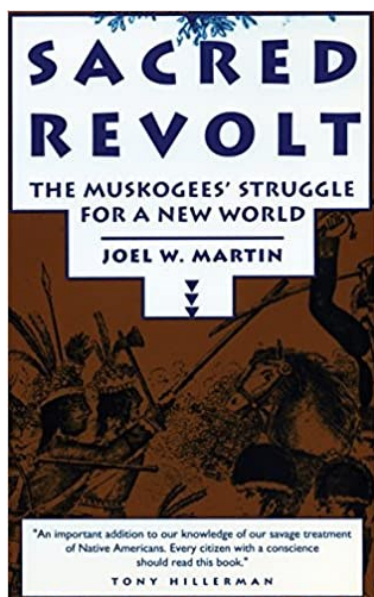
Take-home lessons from January are available now. If you'd like one, please let Brenda know (bkomarinski@gmail.com). For those interested, our next in-person lesson will be Thursday, February 17, 2022, at 3:30pm. In-person lessons require wearing masks due to the pandemic.

If you are interested in assisting with in-person lessons, please let Brenda know. The symbol we will be looking is the Grapevine.



Social Conscience Book Group

by Marguerite Massey



The Social Conscience Book Club will meet on Sunday, February 13, when we will start reading *Sacred Revolt: The Muskogees' Struggle for the New World* by Joel W. Martin. We will be discussing the Introduction and Chapter 1 of the book. We hope you can join us.

"The present study recovers a neglected and very important part of the history of southeastern Native Americans. A central goal of this study is to appreciate the Muskogees as subjects of their own history and ultimately to grasp how and why a great number of them came to rebel against the United States and fight at Tohopeka."

Billerica Interfaith Association Social Justice Meeting



In order to continue strengthening the connections made at last month's MLK program (Building the Beloved Community), the Billerica Interfaith Association has planned a Zoom meeting for "all social justice committees and social justice oriented folks." The meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 22, at 7 pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to make introductions and outline social justice concerns in our community. Please save the date, and watch for more information next month!



Outreach – a great way to get out and do something different! by Sandra Giroux

Try New Things they say! Be creative they say!

Well, I think we have done that – we are trying something new and creative. On Fat Tuesday (March 1st) we should be having our Pancake Dinner, but Covid interferes.... BUT WAIT we have a solution. St. Anne's is going to be hosting our FIRST Drive Thru Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper. Yup you heard right.

Here's the Plan:

We have 3-4 cooks inside making our delicious fluffy pancakes. We have a runner taking warm pancakes to a person outside passing out to our drive thru guests. Individual containers, individually wrapped utensils, and individual syrups have all been purchased to make this a fun safe event.

How can you help – we need the Bacon! Please volunteer to cook bacon and bring to the church between 3-4pm on March 1st (we will keep it warm). Then we need you to come back through the Drive through line between 5-7pm to support our efforts.

We will be having one way traffic through the driveway circle as well as a free will offering plate. I do so hope you can join us as well as spread the word.



Just so you know I haven't completely lost my mind... **Don't forget the Billerica Community Pantry is asking St. Anne's for Kleenex Tissues.** We are not brand specific but have found if we don't specify we get Tissue Paper (yes, it has happened). We are hoping for 250 boxes within 3 months of collecting. I thank all of you who have donated already. Please keep them coming.

I always want to say "Thank you to the Volunteers from St. Anne's who are always willing to help out the Pantry." We so appreciate the volunteers who empty the bins at two Market Baskets multiple times a week. We have volunteers who pick up at the Police Station and Library. We have volunteers who come to our work parties. And we have volunteers who faithfully donate. We can't do what we do without you.

See what happens when you let me out of the building, you never know what is next. If you feel inspired to help, let me know.

Jennifer's Journal

- Thank you so very much, our generous donor of 20 new Prayer Books! If you would like to take one home with you, please let the office know. You are welcome to do so.
- We lost another member of our parish last week – Leonard Youens. He will be remembered for his active mind and all the inspiration he brought to us. May he rest in peace.
- Our Annual Meeting offers us opportunities to reflect on where we have been and where we want to go. Such knowledge is important for our life together. Thank you.
- I'm looking for members to start a Worship Advisory Council. I want a group who will consider with me the decisions about our services, and about developing plans for more lay leadership on Sunday mornings. I would like members from our online worship community, too! Please email rector@stannes-billerica.org.

Afghan Refugee Resettlement in Newburyport

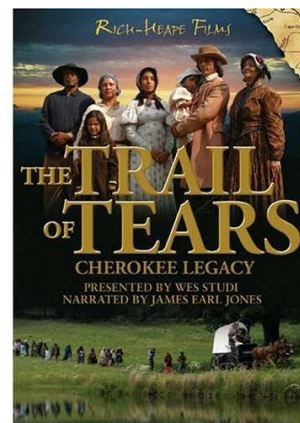
by Michele O'Shea



Fr. Jarred Mercer of St. Paul's Church recently provided an update at the Merrimack Valley Deanery meeting on the resettlement of two Afghan families. The church has sufficient clothing, and they have received donations of furniture, televisions, and household items. They are still in need of financial donations to cover food, medical needs, transportation, and long-term housing. The goal is for the families to be living in homes in the community within six months. The children are in school; the administration and teachers have been very supportive during the transition. The families have a Case Manager who supports them on a regular basis as they enroll in various community services and programs.

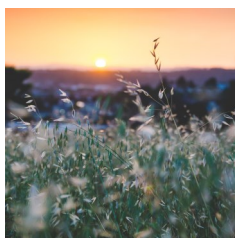
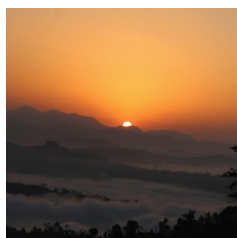
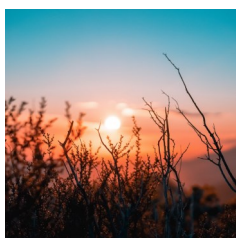


*Movie Night – Save
the Date!*



We have decided to postpone Movie Night until Friday, April 1 (no joke!). This will avoid some of the colder winter weather and is after we spring ahead with the daylight savings. The next movie we will be watching is "The Trail of Tears," a documentary about the Cherokee Legacy.

"We carry divine light within us, beacons of hope that the greatest darkness cannot overcome."



*- from Hope in an Age of Fear:
Wisdom from the Book of Revelation
by Kenneth McIntosh*

From the desk of the parish administrator

by Jayleigh Lewis

This month marks one year since I began working as parish administrator at St. Anne's. The time has seemed to go quickly, although, looking back, so much learning was packed into the year! I am doing things that, a year ago, I would not have imagined I would be doing, mostly because I had no idea those tasks were part of the job! It has certainly been an adventure. Here, for your amusement and mine, is a short list of some of the things I have learned over the past year (in no particular order):

- Never try to print on a piece of paper that does not have full structural integrity, or you will shortly be fishing pieces of it out of the copier's guts.
- When in doubt, Google it. This is how I learned that one can indeed print booklets on 11 x 17 paper using Microsoft Word, thus giving us our special Christmas bulletins with covers!
- If you call people and sound like you sort of know what you're talking about, even if you don't, their responses will usually fill in the rest of the information you need. You will be able to complete exotic tasks such as ordering toner, requesting tax forms, and providing samples for custom envelope printing, even if you've never done these things before in your life!
- Sometimes, you really do need the right tools for the job. The computer program that does exactly what you want it to do is worth the five hours saved from trying to use the program that almost does what you want, but not quite.
- Being able to automatically sync the files on the office computer to the Microsoft OneDrive (accessible from anywhere with a computer or even a phone) is possibly one of the greatest and most useful inventions. Everything I do in the office is saved automatically, and I can edit or download any of it from home. This is necessary when I can only be in the office one day per week.
- Being able to rearrange books, boxes, piles of paper, and random office supplies so that there is more room than there first appeared to be in closets, drawers, and cabinets is an essential skill.
- There is always more to learn, but the learning can be fun (especially when encouraged to laugh about it).



Here's to the coming year as parish administrator! I can't even guess what it will bring...



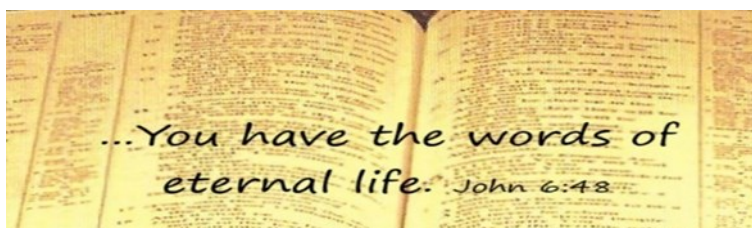
New members of St. Anne's vestry will need to complete their Safe Church training as well as any existing members who haven't finished theirs. If you need help with your Safe Church training, please let Brenda know. If you have completed your Safe Church training recently, please email your Certificate to Brenda Komarinski (bkomarinski@gmail.com). St. Anne's Safe Church Policy can be found on our website (<http://stannes-billerica.org/safe-church/>).

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 _____. 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.

Ana Blesso, Barbara Rogers, Cyndi, Donald Fudge, Donald Sutton, Sr., Elaine McLaughlin, Helen, Janet Lyna, Jean Flight, José Soreso, José Torres, Sr., Joseph Pleva, Joshua Young, Kathy Chang, Linda E., Marie Figenbaum, Marie Horgan, Mark Figenbaum, Mary Lander & her daughter Christine, Norm & MJ Zarella, Pat McCleave & family, Paul Hamner, Sally DiRocco, Sarah Komarinski, Tammy, Tom, Vicki Mahoney

We also keep in our prayers all who are ill with COVID-19, the families of those who have died, and all who are grieving.



We give thanks to those who have given of their time and talents to serve this parish, especially:

Sandra Giroux for her dedicated work on the monthly newsletter (and film crew)

Our outgoing Vestry members:

José Torres

Brenda Komarinski

Russell Bent

Rosemary Kinser

Ed Giroux

Linda Kusnierz (who is resigning her term to take on the Operating Treasurer role)

Other outgoing leadership:

Sue Geen (as Operating Treasurer)

John Geen (as Pledge Treasurer)

Marguerite Massey and Kathy Brewster (as Diocesan Delegates)

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

John Kusnierz	1/7	Norm Zarella	2/15	John & Sue Geen	3/1
Sandra Giroux	1/11	Todd Baldwin	2/20	Colin Baldwin	3/7
Dick & Jane Kotelly	1/22			Laurie Holman	3/8
Carol MacKenzie	1/25			Linda Kusnierz	3/26
Mike Hopkins	1/27				

If you or a loved one are celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion, and want it to be included in the next newsletter, please email stannesbillerica@gmail.com and let us know.

ZUMBA & LINE DANCE with Carolisa * @ St Anne's
Mondays 6:30 -7:30p * New Session starts March 7
 Advance sign up required @moonlightdjz@gmail.com
 Try it -\$10 or 4 weeks \$36 * Gift Cards Available



Move, Groove, be Fit & Have FUN! Get funky to a fantastic mix of dance classics to current plus plenty of 80's, 90's; latin and Bollywood. Mix it up with different line dances each week; Learn an Irish & a barn dance! It's easy to catch on; adjust the level to suit you. Best are sneakers without much tread. **Beginners & all fitness levels welcome – come with friends!** Dance off calories in this **FUN & friendly class!**

***Bellydance 101 ..1 Night Workshop @St Annes * Monday Feb. 28 *6:30-7:45p**

Make it a "girls' night" with friends to try this beautiful and joyous dance! Energizing yet relaxing; fast & fiery to slow & smooth, we cover all the basics in this beginner's class including a Greek dance and the beautiful Veil dance! Increase flexibility and work all muscles in this FUN & friendly class! Wear comfortable stretchy clothing and thick sox or slippers that "slide". Women of all ages and fitness levels welcome!

*Veils are 2 ¾ yards by 45 inches of sheer chiffon or organza. You can purchase material at any fabric store (no need to hem); borrow one from instructor; ..Or just improvise with something you already have at home such as a sheer window curtain!

Cost: \$12 * Advance sign up required @moonlightdjz@gmail.com

***Also on ZOOM.. Wednesdays 6:30-7:30p**
New Session starts 2/2 * Try it ..\$10

**** Masks are required at all times in the building. Participants will be spaced apart in accordance with current CDC guidelines.**

Schedule a **Workshop** or **Family Fun Dance** for your special occasion!

Further info & Sign up: moonlightdjz@gmail.com

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Schedule your own Workshop *

