

ST ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - SMALL BUT MIGHTY



St. Anne's
Episcopal Church

JULY/ AUGUST 2022 Newsletter

Dear St. Anne's,

Far from Covid's expected languishing, we are thriving!

At the beginning of June, we passed my second anniversary of ministry with you, and I am so pleased. It's astonishing how much has been accomplished! We have, now, many more leaders of individual parts of the ministry of the church we all share. I like to hear your ideas and watch you take the lead. We are sharing the work and the vision of our parish, together.

An essential support for our ministry is the generosity of your financial gifts to St. Anne's. You provide security for our beloved parish to continue, as have our forebears. In fact, memorial gifts and bequests give a long-lasting effect!

Even when we lose parishioners, bequests (especially the small ones) make a difference in our life together. I am so grateful for the way in which each of you has ensured the continued life of the ministry of this parish. We make St. Anne's a gift to God's beloved world.

In fact, these were the words of Constance Perry, a diocesan consultant from the Racial Justice Commission, who came to work with us in June. She said we were a small and feisty group learning and supporting each other in impressive work. "God bless you," she exclaimed. She even asked if she could use our Social Conscience Committee's work as a model for other parishes in the Diocese! A book group, a film night, and telling stories let us all learn what we didn't know, see others' perspectives, and hear lived experience from each other. We are engaged in lifelong work of loving all whom God made.

It was utter and wet joy to baptize Calvin Wintrow into our part of the Body of Christ on June 26th. Baptism reminds us of the vows we make to uphold each other, big or small, quiet or lively, opinion-full or opinion-less. We love each other, as we support each other in growth.

I pray you find rest, rejuvenation, inspiration, discovery, and peace.

Always,
Mthr Jennifer



Worship:

9:00 am Sunday in person

Weekly worship on our YouTube Channel:

["St. Anne's Episcopal Church, N. Billerica MA"](#)

(Subscribe and see videos of our services!)

****Note that the services on July 24 and September 4 will not be filmed****

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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Michael Hopkins	Warden
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Marguerite Massey	Clerk
Pat Cregg	2023
Dotty Callihan	2023
Maria Martin	2024
Marie Figenbaum	2024
Lisa Carpine	2025
Todd Baldwin	2025

Mother Jennifer's Summer Office Hours:

July:

5th	11-5
21st	1-6
26th	11-5
28th	2-5

August:

4th	2-5
9th	11-5
11th	2-5
25th	2-5
30th	11-5

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

Church Office Hours:

Thursdays 2-5 pm
except for July 7, 28, Sept. 1

Thrift Shop Hours:

Wednesdays,
Thursdays, Fridays 10 am-2 pm

12-Step Meetings:

Wednesdays (AA) 7:30 pm
Thursdays (NA) 7 pm

During Covid respite weeks (July 28 - August 2, September 1 - 5) there will be no priest's office hours or church office hours. Wardens will be available to answer any urgent questions or concerns, as we allow our clergy and church staff to take some much-needed rest.

2022 Summer Schedule of Sunday Worship

Services at 9:00am, unless otherwise noted

July 3	Holy Eucharist
July 10	Holy Eucharist
July 17	Morning Prayer
July 24	Holy Eucharist
July 31	Holy Eucharist
August 7	Holy Eucharist
August 14	Holy Eucharist
August 21	Morning Prayer
August 28	Holy Eucharist
September 4	Morning Prayer



Thrift Shop Updates

The thrift shop will have additional work done this summer. Please check our Facebook page for dates we may have to be closed. Our summer sales will also be on our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Annes-Thrift-Shop-681563661971467>



A note on music...



Wishing you all the very best this summer. ☺

Much thanks to Maria Martin, for leading the singing at St. Anne's services with her beautiful voice! And also much thanks to John Geen, Michele O'Shea, Ken Kinser, John Chang...and even Mother Jennifer for leading the church with song!

And the Recording Team continues to do so much...many thanks to them for all they make happen! (and the team continues to grow!)



For anyone interested, in September, we will resume choir rehearsals on the 3rd & 4th Sundays of each month at 10:30am (or possibly 10:15 or 10:45am, depending on feedback of those interested). Rehearsals will last 30 minutes. The rehearsals will often focus on music for the week or two following (the rehearsals). Both those who have lead much singing at St. Anne's, and those who have not lead singing at St. Anne's are welcome! If you haven't lead singing at St. Anne's but may be interested, please feel free to reach out to me at (617) 480-9775. Participation can be regular throughout the year (Sept-June) or on months of your choice.

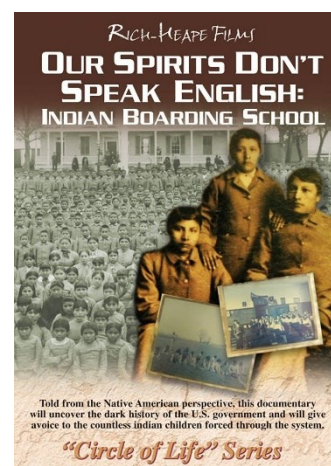
Best,

Peter Morelli

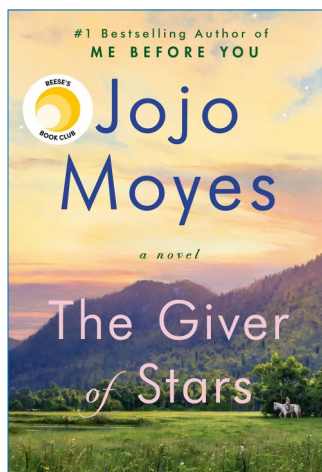


Movie Night

On Saturday, September 10 at **5:00pm**, we will be watching the documentary "Our Spirits Don't Speak English: Indian Boarding Schools." This is a 53-minute film. A discussion will follow.



Social Conscience Book Group



Even though the Social Conscience Book Club is on vacation for July and August you can get a jump start on the next book we will be discussing. Our next book is *The Giver of Stars* by JoJo Moyes. We will meet again on Sunday, September 11 to discuss the first half of this historical fiction novel based on the true story of the Packhorse Librarians.

St. Anne's Social Group

The St. Anne's Social Group will meet Saturday, September 10, 2022, in Bixby Hall at 7:00 PM. Registration and dues of \$15.00 for Membership for the coming year will be held. Membership is opened to adult Parishioners and guests of St. Anne's. Light refreshments will be served.

Coffee Hour

We are in great need of people willing to host Coffee Hour. Please speak to Sue Geen if you would be willing to help with this needed fellowship time together. Thank you.



The schedule for the 2022-2023 Church School year is below. For in-person lessons, we will be having classes the 3rd Thursday of the month. We will have classes for the 3-6 year-olds from 3:30-4:30pm and then for the 7-12 year-olds from 4:30-5:30pm. If any teenagers are interested in in-person lessons, please let Brenda know. If you have questions, please let Brenda know (bkomarinski@gmail.com). We will still be doing take-home lessons.

Windows of St. Anne's

Date	Window/Window group
September 15, 2022 Thursday	The Good Shepherd
October 20, 2022 Thursday	The Eucharistic Prayer
November 17, 2022 Thursday	The Sea and Ships in the New Testament
December 15, 2022 Thursday	The Christmas Story (not a window)
January 19, 2023 Thursday	The Life and Ministry of St. Paul
February 16, 2023 Thursday	Women of the Bible
March 16, 2023 Thursday	The Revelation of St. John
April 9, 2023 Saturday	Children's Easter Service on Holy Saturday
April 20, 2023 Thursday	The Resurrection
May 6, 2023 Saturday	Early/First Communion formation for children
May 7, 2023 Sunday	Early/First Communion Sunday
May 18, 2023 Thursday	The Holy Spirit

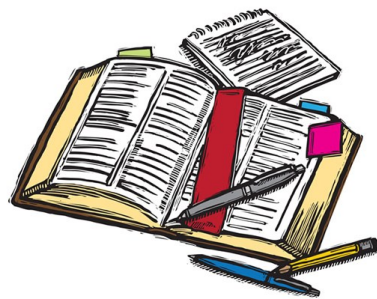
St. Anne's Bible Studies

The Tuesday Bible study groups have stopped for July and August but will resume in September.

The 10am group will meet at St. Anne's and will study St. Peter in the IVP "Lifeguide" series.

The 7pm group will meet by "Zoom" and will study "The Confessions of St. Augustine" with the help of video lectures and discussions.

Newcomers are welcome and can get details by contacting Sue or John Geen (978-657-0765) for the morning meetings and Mike Hopkins (603-765-3736) for the evening meetings.



Jennifer's Journal July 2022

What is church?

The place where we cycle through every year with ritual celebrations around important events from birth to death, birthdays to anniversaries, doubts to hopes, God to his beloved people.

Some favorite quotes that make me think from professional development and continuing ed classes and conversations I've done lately:



There are other ways of doing things than what comes first to my mind.

The flame is lit, and still burning. (Russell Bent said that in our workshop)

Micro-aggressions, experienced especially by people of color, come constantly and continually, are cumulative, and contain double messages.

God's mystery box is getting bigger.

One of our aims when we speak with each other at church could be to just talk about God: divine judgment, divine mercy, divine love. (speaker at clergy conference)

The growing edge is rich with the promise of new life. (Parker Palmer)

Having the knowledge and love of God is what makes us blessed; having *given* ourselves over to God is what blesses us. (speaker at clergy conference)

The life of holiness is such a powerful witness in both contemporary society and deep in the mystic tradition. (speaker at clergy conference)

Attend to the little graces by which the dignity of our lives is maintained and sustained. (Howard Thurman)

Just do right. It's so satisfying. (Maya Angelou)

Are we intent on being bent toward God? Then let us be *attentive*, which means fully present. Let us be *patient*, that is willing to take the long view and possibly be out of control. Let us be *playful* so that we can discover new avenues and God's love. Let us be in *prayer*, giving God our full attention. (Roger Owens)

I find it ironic that the indigenous values that the boarding schools tried to stamp out of our children are the very values that will save our planet today. Like gratitude, generosity, and protecting the earth. (Forrest Cuch)



What are your core values?

Being kind to yourself during hardships and challenges can increase resilience and strength. (Brad Stulberg)

O God of love, make us grateful for the wonder and miracle of resurrection. Give us eyes to see, ears to hear, and hearts to comprehend that things that have been brought down are always being made new through your creative and powerful Spirit. Give us courage and verve to trust in what we cannot yet see, knowing that as the old things pass away, joys beyond our ability to now imagine will spring forth like flowers through hard, dark soil after winter has past. We ask this for the sake of Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lived and died and rose again. Amen.

Wardens' message – Welcome Summer



“May every Sunrise bring you HOPE; May every Sunset bring you PEACE”

It may be Summer, but there is still much activity going on at St. Anne's. We are busy gathering information, learning and making plans for our future. Thank you for your support & Love!

Buildings & Grounds (B&G)

Parking Lot Clean-up: On Saturday, June 25th, a group of parishioners, organized by Todd Baldwin, cleaned the church parking lot, and repainted the lines for parking. All types of tools were provided by our clean-up team (rakes, leaf blowers, weed trimmer, tree pruner etc.). It was a warm, sunny summer morning and the team did an amazing job! Refreshments were provided and the work was completed by noon. **Thank you to all those who participated!**

Thrift Shop: We continue to make repairs to eliminate flooding. Mike & Marguerite are working diligently with the construction company to identify all areas of concern.

Pest Control: Removal of the little critters and repair of the siding is in progress.

Church Railing: Unfortunately, the railing was hit by a car again and will need to be replaced.

Our Buildings and Grounds Committee is doing a great job staying on top of things – Thank You!!

Covid Respite

In May, we shared with you that the Diocese recognized that the last couple of years may have created many challenges for clergy, church workers and lay leaders related to fatigue, anxiety, and stress. As we all know, St. Anne's did everything possible to keep services going weekly whether on-line or in-person. To say **Thank You**, St. Anne's and other parishes around the Diocese have or will provide two weeks of respite (rest & relaxation). A group of parishioners met to discuss, and

it was determined that the best time to implement would be over the summer. Due to summer vacations, retreats, and our commitment to respite, our goal was to provide flexibility.

Clergy Respite: July 31st and September 4th

Filming Crew Respite: July 24th & September 4th

Good News: Church services will be provided every week during the summer. Mother Jennifer, Rev. Jonathan and Lay Leadership will ensure that the Holy Eucharist or Morning Prayer will be available. All services will be filmed except for July 24th and September 4th. On those Sundays, consider coming to church for worship and fellowship. We miss you!

Vestry Retreat – Getting to the Future; Keeping our best - Finding our new

Vestry members have met a couple of times during the Spring to discuss Pre-Steps to Growth. Our last meeting focused on short-term and long-term goals.

Short-Term:

Starting in October, on the first Sunday of every month, two services will resume.

Postlude – clarification & communication of when to stand/sit, and exit

Adding the monthly calendar of events to the Newsletter

In August, invite parishioners for 2022/2023 Event Planning

Long-Term:

Welcoming All – Utilize a Sunday checklist that ensures a welcoming environment

Trusting Finances – Development of policies that will ensure consistencies

Communication – Utilize REALM for Newsletter.

Marketing – Develop Thrift Shop Business Cards

We need your help and support – if you would like to participate in any of the above, please share your interests with members of the Vestry!

Your Co-Wardens: Rosemary and Mike



On Sunday, June 26, Calvin Phillip Wintrow was baptized and welcomed into the St. Anne's church community. His parents, Molly and Zach, his older brother, Miles (who was also baptized at St. Anne's), and his godparents, Abigail and Jacinda, along with the congregation both in-person and online, were present to witness, pray, and celebrate with him.



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.

**Barbara Rogers, Bob MacKenzie, Casey Epperson & family (Kim, Chris, and Kyla),
Chick Meech, Cyndi, Diane Brown, Donald Fudge, Donald Sutton, Sr.,
Elaine McLaughlin, George Squires, Sr., Helen, Janet Lyna, Jean Flight, José Soreso,
José Torres, Sr., Joshua Young, Kathy Chang, Lee Conley, Linda E., Marie Horgan,
Mary Lander & her daughter Christine, Norm & MJ Zarella, Paul Hamner,
Sally DiRocco, Sue Kennedy, Tammy, Tom, Viki Mahoney, Yvonne Hopkins**

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

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.

Book of Common Prayer pages 830 (*For a Birthday*) and 430-1 (*Blessing of a Marriage*)

Cyndi Hopkins	6/3	Sue Geen	7/3	Jennifer Beal	8/1
Jonathan & Carol MacKenzie	6/3	Elaine Jones	7/28	Neil Hopkins	8/2
Jamie Stockton	6/8	Austin Mannetta	7/29	Dotty Callihan	8/3
John Geen	6/26			Peter Morelli	8/5
John & Linda Kusnierz	6/29			Mark & Brenda Komarinski	8/5
				Lisa & David Carpine	8/8
				Lisa Higgins	8/8
				Mark Komarinski	8/15
				Robert Stockton	8/19
				Jane Clark	8/19
				Ed Giroux	8/23
				Camryn Stockton	8/24
				Mark Figenbaum	8/31



Event Planning for 2022/2023



Lisa Carpine & Rosemary Kinser will be organizing a meeting in mid-August to work with all the Event Planners to establish a calendar for the coming Church year!

Be on the Lookout - Email Coming Soon!!

Upcoming Events and Meetings for July and August 2022:

July 19, 12 pm: Billerica Interfaith Meeting (meets at Congregational Church)

July 20, 7 pm: Vestry Meeting

July 21, 4 pm: Clergy & Wardens Meeting

August 7, 10:30 am: MP/Lector/Public Speaking Practice

August 16, 12 pm: Billerica Interfaith Meeting

August 25, 4 pm: Clergy & Wardens Meeting

Spring into Summer with Carolisa!

ZUMBA & LINE DANCE @ St Anne's

"August Mondays" 6:00 -7:00p or by request (off 8/1)

Advance sign up required @moonlightdjz@gmail.com

Try it -\$10 or 4 weeks \$36 *

ZUMBA Tuesdays in the Park

July Tuesdays through Billerica Rec * August TBD

*4 weeks \$36 *

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; review the "party" dances; Learn an Irish & a barn dance! It's easy to catch on; adjust the level to suit you. Best are sneakers without much tread.

Note from the Parish Administrator:

Beginning with this newsletter, I will be including a monthly calendar of events on the last page. Since there are so few events planned for July and August, I will simply list them here. However, I have included a provisional calendar for September, including all events and meetings I am aware of, so that you can plan ahead, and so that you can see the format that will be used for the monthly calendars.

In order for these calendars to be useful, I will need to have information about all planned events for the month **by the deadline for that month's newsletter**. It is most helpful if you send me an email (stannesbillerica@gmail.com) with the subject line "calendar" for each event or meeting you have planned.

Due to the Covid respite planned for early September, I am setting the deadline for the September newsletter as **August 22**. This will allow time to complete the newsletter for distribution the week after Labor Day.

Beginners & all fitness levels welcome – come with friends! Dance off calories in this **FUN & friendly class!**

***Bellydance 101**

*** Schedule a Workshop @ St Anne's!**

***Bellydance~ Wednesday eves- 6:30p (Zoom)**

Join us from home! Try a class

***Bellydance Thursday eves 6:30p start July 7 @ Billerica Rec *4 wks \$36 * Sign up info @moonlightdjz@gmail.com**

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

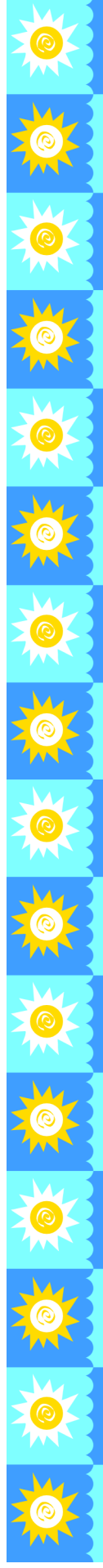
including a Greek dance and the Veil dance! (Veils may be borrowed) Increase flexibility and work all muscles in this FUN & friendly beginners' class.

Women of all ages and fitness levels welcome!

Schedule any dance Workshop or Family Fun Dance for your special occasion! Further info on all classes &

Sign up: moonlightdjz@gmail.com

FB: Carolisa Moonlightdjz * FB: Carolisa's Classes



September 2022 Calendar (Provisional)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 <i>Covid Respite</i> 9 am Sunday Service (Morning Prayer)	5 <i>Covid Respite</i>	6 10 am Bible Study 6 pm Girl Scout Meeting	7 10-2 Thrift Shop 7:30 pm AA Meeting	8 10-2 Thrift Shop 2-5 Church Office Hours 4 pm Clergy & Wardens 7 pm NA Meeting	9 10-2 Thrift Shop	10 5 pm Parish Movie Night 7 pm St. Anne's Social Group
11 9 am Sunday Service 10:30 am Social Conscience Book Group	12	13 10 am Bible Study 7 pm Bible Study on Zoom	14 10-2 Thrift Shop 7:30 pm AA Meeting	15 10-2 Thrift Shop 2-5 Church Office Hours 3:30-5:30 Church School 7 pm NA Meeting	16 10-2 Thrift Shop	17
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