

ST ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - SMALL BUT MIGHTY

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

APRIL
2023
Newsletter



Dear Parish,

This month of April begins with the heart of our faith, that week that begins in the celebration of palms in procession, moves through betrayal and death, and culminates in the wonder of resurrection. This is our faith. I can't wait to pray it all with you.

But April doesn't end there: hear a sermon about St. Thomas on the 16th, contribute to our town's interfaith earth day clean-up on the 22nd, attend a diocesan workshop to be renewed in the journey toward justice and joy this Easter on April 29th.

And then, ministry continues in our parish

- both our Discernment (choosing a rector) and Bequest (dreaming with gifted resources) Committees ask for your prayer
- children's ministries and invitation into church
- stories in church, a new book, a movie from our Social Conscience Committee
- outreach through our Community Pantry, Project Rise with our Muslim neighbors, and diapers for refugees in Methuen

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Worship:

9:00 am Sunday in person

First Sunday of each month: 8:00 am and 10:00 am in person
(except April, July, Aug. and Sept. Note: 8:00 am service is not filmed)

Weekly worship on our YouTube Channel:

["St. Anne's Episcopal Church, N. Billerica MA"](#)
(Subscribe and see videos of our services!)

Our services are replayed on BATV

Check out our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/StAnnesBillerica

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- adult Bible studies continue
- altar guild keeps expanding

The Thrift Shop moves into a new season of even more donation sorting and customer serving.

I thank each one of you for your participation in our life together. Even if “all you do” is to pray for St. Anne’s, that is a mighty work, and it is needed says our Lord of Life.

May you find that spark of faith and let others fan it into fire for our Lord!

In the Spirit,
Mthr Jennifer



Social Conscience Book Group

The Social Conscience Book Club will be reading and discussing *How the Garcia Girls Lost their Accents* by Julia Alvarez. We meet every other week after coffee hour.



Vestry:

Rosemary Kinser	Warden
Michael Hopkins	Warden
Linda Kusnierz	Treasurer
Russell Bent	Clerk
Sandra Giroux	2026
Brenda Komarinski	2026
Maria Martin	2024
Marie Figenbaum	2024
Lisa Carpine	2025
Todd Baldwin	2025

Mother Jennifer's Office Hours:

Tuesdays	12-5 pm
Thursdays	2-5 pm

Church Office Hours:

Tuesdays	11-5 pm
Thursdays	2-5 pm

Thrift Shop Hours:

Wednesdays,
Thursdays, Fridays 10 am-2 pm

12-Step Meetings:

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

A message from the Rev'd Richard H. Lewis

This is the best “new” Hymn in the 1982 book.

An Easter Hymn

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
Distant years in Palestine,
He comes to claim the here and now
And conquer every place and time.

Not throned above, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains
But daily, in the midst of life,
Our Savior with the Father reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
Through this and every future age,
Till all creation lives and learns
His joy, his justice, love, and praise.

Brian Wren 1975

[One of four of his hymns in Hymnal 1982. One of them is #304 “I come with joy to meet my Lord” whose tune we are singing in Lent as our Sanctus “Holy, holy, holy”.]

Brian A. Wren is an internationally published hymn-poet and writer. Wren's hymns appear in hymnals of all Christian traditions around the world and have been influential in raising the awareness of theology in hymns. Brian Wren is married to Rev. Susan M. Heafield, a United Methodist pastor.

Being born in 1936, he was one of the first prolific writers of new hymn texts after the liturgical renewals of the middle third of the 20th century

Warden's Message

It's Lent and it's getting a bit warmer and by the time you get this, it will officially be Spring. Hopefully no more snowstorms and no more water issues!

Many of you know we received a sizable bequest from Al and Margaret Westerlund's estate last year. In order to ensure that these funds be used properly, we've put together the Bequest Committee whose function is to determine how these funds can best serve the needs of St. Anne's and honor Al and Margaret.

The Committee met in early March to start the process by first establishing major categories where the funds might be used – the Church building, Thrift Shop, Bixby Hall, Admin areas, Nichols Room, Parking Lot, Investment and Outreach. Under these categories we listed specific needs and desires, short term and long term. We're not intending to use any of the Bequest funds for operating expenses or in place normal Buildings and Grounds (B&G) issues such as a leaking faucet, maintenance of the fire alarm system or finishing up some work in the Thrift shop after getting the water issues under control. We **will** be looking at larger problems such as siding and roof repair on the Church building, making an entrance that meets the requirements for handicap access, and improving heat and A/C for the Thrift Shop. Our next task is to start putting approximate dollar requirement next to many possible needs and start prioritizing.

If you have something in mind, don't hesitate to let us know and we'll add it to the list either for the Bequest funds or B&G.

From the Wardens

A Note on Music...

For the upcoming Easter services, please consider participating in the choir. It would be great to have a larger group lead the singing this Easter!! Please see me if you have interest!



Jennifer's Journal April 2023

Two services on Sundays during 7 months of 2023. On the first Sundays of February, March, May, June, October, November and December we will have two services.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday	9:00am	Liturgy of Palms and Matthean Passion with lots of parts
Maundy Thursday	7pm	The Lord's Supper (EOW 1997) and Stripping of the Altar
Good Friday	noon	Liturgy of Solemn Collects, the Cross, and Communion
	7pm evening	Tenebrae service of candles and extinguishing them
Holy Saturday	1-3pm	Children's Easter celebration and egg hunt
Easter Day	9:00am	Festival Celebration of the Resurrection

Did you know? Episcopalians and Roman Catholics are the only churches in town who celebrate Palm Sunday! I am glad we don't have to remember Jesus' whole amazing journey on only the one Sunday of Easter!

Interested in **becoming licensed** as a worship leader, lay eucharistic visitor to our home-bound, or lay preacher? Speak to Mthr Jennifer.

THANK YOU to all who helped with the Spring Lenten Luncheon! Our St. Elizabeth's Guild organized a wonderful lunch for many seniors along with the First Parish (Unitarian Universalist).

A Vestry Retreat was held in the afternoon on March 11th. We ate and prayed together. The Wardens, Treasurer, and clergy spoke of our own expectations (and those written in the Vestry Resource Guide) about our roles and our hopes. I told stories from earlier in my career that shaped why I believe so deeply in sharing leadership and ministry with all the members of the Body of Christ. As your leader, I invite everyone to the Table at St. Anne's.

Take Easter flowers to our home-bound on April 16 or 23 after service? Tell Marie Figenbaum if you are willing to participate in this meaningful connection to our home-bound and faithful online worshipers.

See Two Diocesan events' fliers.



Social Justice Committee Update on Refugee Assistance

In February and March, St. Annes and other houses of worship in Billerica donated 10 boxes of clothes and over 1000 diapers to the refugee families living at Days Inn in Methuen. The Refugee Coordinator expressed gratitude for all that St Anne's and other organizations are doing as a community to assist them in this time of great need,

We will be collecting donations of diapers (sizes 3-5) through April 2nd. We will have another drive at a later date, as diapers will be needed on an ongoing basis. Donations can be placed in the narthex. Thank you to everyone that has contributed to this effort. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.



Thrift Shop Updates

Spring has sprung at St. Anne's thrift shop. Come in for spring decorations, spring clothes and shoes.

The St. Anne's Social Group will meet on Saturday, April 1st, at 2:00 PM for an afternoon of Fellowship at John & Suzanne Geen's, Tewksbury, MA.

Appetizers and desserts would be welcomed.

Social Justice Committee

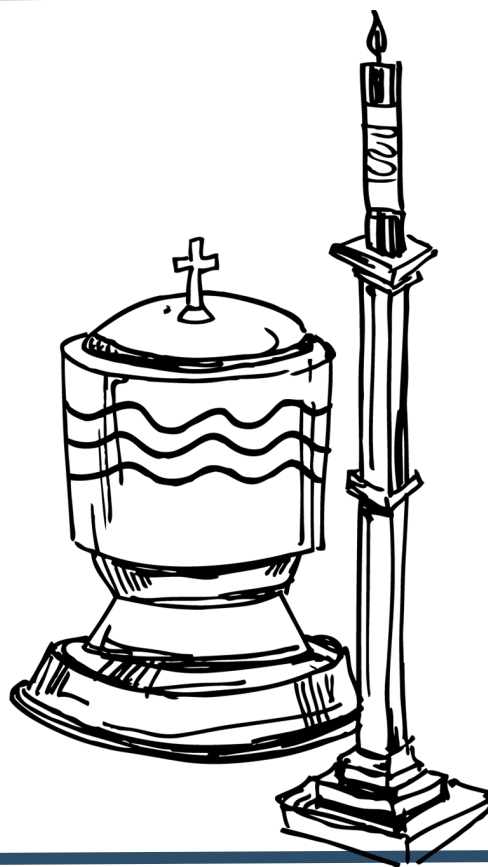
We recognize that social justice includes welcoming all of God's people, including all ages. As we look to create a new space in our sanctuary for the youngest among us, we want to make sure that their parents know that they are welcome. We recognize that toddlers do not sit still and make noise and sometimes need to leave and come back in during services. We understand; we all were that age once. We will be returning the small table and chairs for children, albeit in a new location, in the sanctuary in the next weeks to come. Welcoming others expands our community.

The Social Justice Committee

Billerica Interfaith Association

Henny Lewin, a Holocaust survivor with an absolutely amazing story of being smuggled out of harm's way in a suitcase during WW2, will be the speaker at the annual Interfaith Holocaust Service on Friday, April 14, 7pm at Temple Shalom Emeth.

Here is a link to a talk she gave a few years ago to get an idea of her story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dtl6fyLPjns>



Holy Week Schedule 2023

All services in-person

Sunday, **April 2, 9am** ***Palm Sunday***, beginning with Procession
& including the Passion G

Thursday, **April 6, 7pm** ***Maundy Thursday***, with stripping of the altar

Friday, **April 7, 12pm** ***Praying the Solemn Collects***, followed by
Holy Communion from the reserved sacrament

Friday, **April 7, 7pm** ***The Way of the Cross: Tenebrae with candles***

Saturday, **April 8, 1-3pm** ***Children's Easter Service***

Sunday, **April 9, 9am** ***Easter Celebration of the Resurrection***

Newsletter deadline schedule!

May newsletter submission deadline: April 16, 2023

May newsletter distributed: April 26 2023

June newsletter submission deadline: May 16, 2023

June newsletter distributed: May 31, 2023

Community Events

* Carolisa's Classes * **Gift Certificates Available!** *

* **Schedule a Workshop @ St Anne's for a special occasion or just for fun!**

Further info on all classes & Sign up: moonlightdjz@gmail.com

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ZUMBA MIX @ St Anne's

Tuesdays 6:15p-7:15p * 6:00p start on 4/18

Try it -\$10 ~ seven weeks \$64. Advance sign up required @moonlightdjz@gmail.com

LINE DANCE 101 ~ 1 Fun Night!

Monday March 27 ~6:30p-8:00p @ St Annes * \$12 * Advance sign up required

Please sign up by or before 3/24 @moonlightdjz@gmail.com

SPRING FAMILY FUN DANCE.. Dancing, Fun & Games!

Friday April 28 * 6:00-7:30p with Carolisa & Peter

For Kids with adults ~ all welcome! *\$4 pp ages 4+ up * Kids 3 & under – FREE! Further info
~moonlightdjz@gmail.com

BELLYDANCE 101 * Girls Night * Moms Night * Friends Night *

**Schedule a Workshop @ St Anne's! *Also on zoom ~ join friends from anywhere!*

CHILDREN'S EASTER SERVICE



Saturday April 8, 2023

1:00pm

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

14 Treble Cove Road

North Billerica, MA



Easter Egg Hunt following Service

(for ages 12 and under)

ALL ARE WELCOME

Simnel Cake Recipe

Simnel Cake Recipes have evolved over the centuries from a simple recipe using ingredients often 'given up' during Lent (butter, sugar, dried fruits) to very complex recipes that add a variety of fruits (some soaked in brandy), marzipans, spices & decorative icings. What was once a gift from a daughter in training to serve the needs of a wealthy household who was allowed to visit her own family on Mothering Sunday (4th Lent) has now become an intricate festive concoction that is rich family treat. The simple recipe that follows was taken from the Albany, NY, Cathedral News in 1985. It was used to make the cookies & cupcakes for St. Anne's coffee hour on the 4th Sunday in Lent. Any changes made to the original, simple recipe are included in [brackets]. To find many varied, complex recipes, just look online.

½ cup softened butter or margarine
 1 cup flour [self-rising]
 ½ cup sugar [brown sugar]
 2 ounces candied citron peel
 1½ cups currants [= 6oz bag]
 2 eggs
 [1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice]

Mix the ingredients together & bake in a greased loaf pan for approximately one hour at 300 degrees. [For cookies, I used a 1/8 cup scoop (for small meatballs) 2" apart on a parchment paper lined baking sheet or in a cupcake paper. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes (12 for the cupcakes).

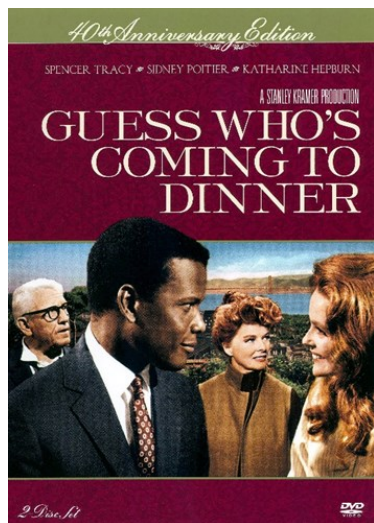
Submitted by Sarah V. Lewis

From the Parish Administrator...

Just before the start of the service, the person behind us in church one Sunday snapped this photo as she quietly laughed. It's a picture of my wife's first service dog- a Great Dane named "Denim". Although devoted and resourceful, Denim could be like a restless toddler in a pew looking for sympathy. If we were lucky she would finally lie down on the cushioned pews and fall asleep snoring. Like a parent of a non-stop talking toddler I sometimes wondered how far the snoring carried in church during the sermon. Denim didn't mind coffee hour however. In the parish hall, after my wife got herself settled, she would take Denim's service vest off so she could relax a bit. Denim would then work the crowd like the mayor running for reelection, going from one person to the next- setting a good example for all of us!



-Rich



Movie Night

In April, we will be watching the movie "**Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?**". We will be showing this on **Saturday, April 15 at 1:00pm**. Pizza will be served. This is movie runs 1 hour and 48 minutes. A discussion will follow.



The Revelation to St. John lesson is available for take home now. We looked at story endings and the hope to come. Our next in-person lesson is Thursday, April 20. 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. In April, we will be looking at The Resurrection. If you have questions, please let Brenda know (bkomarinski@gmail.com).

Also, the Children's Easter Service and Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 7 at 1:00pm.

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 & her son Kevin, Brian Hering, Chris Hering, Chick Meech, Cindy Z., Cyndi, Dale, David Hering, Diane Brown, Don, Donald Fudge, Donald Sutton, Sr., Elaine McLaughlin, George Lyna, Helen, Janet Lyna, Jean Flight, Janet Strong, José Soreso, Joshua Young, Kathy Chang, Lee Conley, Linda E., Lucy Ann Young & her daughter Paula, Marie Horgan, Mary Lander & her daughter Christine, Norm & MJ Zarella, Paul Hamner, Rebecca, Tammy, Vicki Mahoney,
Yvonne Hopkins



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)

John & Sue Geen	3/1	Jane Kotelly	4/1	Ed & Sandra Giroux	5/5
Colin Baldwin	3/7	Rosemary Kinser	4/2	Ken Kinser	5/5
Laurie Holman	3/8	Rose Packard Crotty	4/6	Elaine & Matthew Guzzetta	5/7
Linda Kusnierz	3/26	Jackson Elder	4/10	Maria Martin	5/9
		Ron Desmarais	4/25	Emma Baldwin	5/10
		Doreen Knowles	4/26	Ken MacPherson	5/22
		Elaine Guzzetta	4/30	Ken & Rosemary	5/22
				Marie Figenbaum	5/25
				Doris Hamner	5/28
				Lisa Lavoie	5/28



April 2023 St. Anne's Ministers' Schedule

Date	Ushers	Lector	LEM/Prayers/ Server	Acolyte	Video	Audio
April 2 (Palm Sunday)	Dotty Callihan Pat Cregg	John Geen leads Passion Sue Geen	Mark Komarinski	Brenda Komarinski	Sandra Giroux	Ed Giroux
April 6 (Maundy Thursday)		Sue Geen	Marguerite Massey	Brenda Komarinski	Sandra Giroux	Ed Giroux
April 7 (Good Friday) noon		Ken Kinser	Ken Kinser		None	None
April 7 (Good Friday) Tenebrae 7pm					Eli Baldwin	Mark Komarinski
April 9 (Easter)	Russell Bent Marguerite Massey	Kevin Kotelly	Sue Geen	Mike Hopkins	Ron Desmarais	Mark Komarinski
April 16	George Cousens Linda Kusnierz	Ken Kinser	Ron Desmarais	Brenda Komarinski	Eli Baldwin	Mike Hopkins
April 23	Ken Kinser Rosemary Kinser	Mark Komarinski	Kathy Brewster	Mike Hopkins	Sandra Giroux	Ed Giroux
April 30	George Cousens Marguerite Massey	Michele O'Shea	Ed Giroux	Brenda Komarinski	Eli Baldwin	Mark Komarinski

Need Covid Tests?

To help keep everyone safe, please test for Covid-19. If anyone is in need of (free) rapid tests for Covid-19, we have them! Please contact the church office or pick them up at the back of the church.

April

St. Anne's Calendar 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						1 pm St. Anne's So- cial Group
2 Palm Sunday	3	4	5	6 Maundy Thu.	7 Good Friday	8
9 am Sunday Ser- vice 10:15 am Bake Sale		10 am Bible Study	10-2 Thrift Shop 9:30 am Craft Group	10-2 Thrift Shop 7 pm Maundy Thurs. Service	10-2 Thrift Shop 12 pm Good Fri. Service 7 pm Tenebrae Service	1 pm Easter Egg Hunt
9 Easter	10	11	12	13	14	15
9 am Sunday Ser- vice		10 am Bible Study 7 pm Bible Study on Zoom	10-2 Thrift Shop	10-2 Thrift Shop 4 pm Wardens & Clergy	10-2 Thrift Shop 7 pm Interfaith Holocaust Ser- vice	6 pm Parish Movie Night
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9 am Sunday Ser- vice 10:30 am Social Justice May newsletter deadline		10 am Bible Study 12 pm Billerica Interfaith 7 pm Vestry	10-2 Thrift Shop 9:30 am Craft Group	10-2 Thrift Shop 3:30 pm Church School	10-2 Thrift Shop	8:30 pm Men's Breakfast 9 am Ladies' Breakfast
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9 am Sunday Ser- vice 10:30 am Social Conscience Book Group	6 pm Discern- ment Commit- tee	10 am Bible Study 7 pm Bible Study on Zoom	10-2 Thrift Shop	10-2 Thrift Shop 4 pm Wardens & Clergy	10-2 Thrift Shop	
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9 am Sunday Ser- vice						