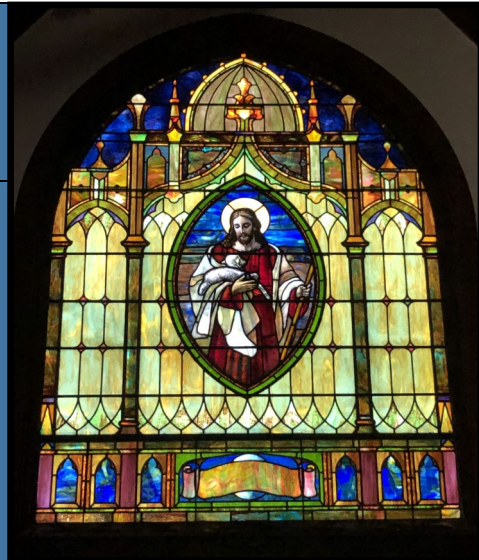


ST ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - SMALL BUT MIGHTY

St. Anne's Episcopal Church Newsletter

JANUARY 2024



Dear St. Anne's people,

I write this before Christmas Eve, but I am certain ours will be a glorious Christmas celebration. I know you to be a parish who pulls together and pulls off marvelous occasions for our whole community. The heart and soul of our community is lived and renewed in our two feasts of Christ: His incarnation and His resurrection.

There are many ways to see what's happening in our parish.

- Reading in our bulletins, newsletters, and bulletin boards
- Talking with those involved in the ministries you question
- Experiencing it yourself. Don't take the word of others! See for yourself.

Please make sure you have on your home and work calendars the date of our Annual Meeting. That is the best way to understand the full scope of our ministry.

May your new year begin with replenishing your spirit and soul, especially in our experiment with church at 10:00am every Sunday.

With joy in you,

Mother Jennifer +

P.S. With apologies, I offer a note of thanks to four more gifts of poinsettias to our church. Their names have been added, as you will see on p. 4.

Worship:

10:00 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!)

Our services are replayed on BATV

Check out our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/StAnnesBillerica

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St Anne's has fulfilled every Angel Tree Wish this year. You have made 43 migrant children very warm this Christmas Season. I so appreciate your generosity.

I was able to match St Anne's Pajama's with new Build a Bear Teddy Bears to comfort them throughout their journey.

Thank you!



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

Thrift Shop Hours:

Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays
10 am-2 pm

Church Office Hours:

Tuesdays	12-5 pm
Thursdays	2-5 pm

12-Step Meetings:

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

Wardens' Message: *Rosemary* and Mike



We wish you a Blessed New Year filled with love, hope, happiness, and peace! The new year brings new beginnings. The Nominating Committee of the Vestry will have their first meeting on January 7th. The members include Marie Figenbaum, Maria Martin, Amy Desmarais, Rosemary Kinser and Mother Jennifer. If you have an interest in being a member of the Vestry, please speak to anyone on the committee. Vestry members will be nominated and voted on at the Annual Meeting on February 4th. We warmly thank Marie and Maria for their three years of service to the Vestry.

On December 12th, the Vestry reviewed the 2024 Budget as presented by the Finance committee and approved a modified amendment to the Thrift Shop budget.

On December 10th, our 2nd successful Holiday Concert took place at St. Anne's. We were blessed with local talent from the community. We listened to beautiful instrumental and vocal artists. It was also the beginning of our "Twelve Days of Christmas" prizes. The broadcast of winners is posted on Facebook. Any questions, please see Lisa Carpine. Special thanks to all of our parishioners and local businesses for supporting the Christmas Event.

A few notes on copyright.....

- Copyright is a legal protection of creative work, (songs, videos, paintings, photographs, speech, poems, and sermons)
- Copyright is usually found @ the bottom of the 1st page or in an index in the front or back of collections.
- How does Copyright impact the church? The church does not need a license to sing a hymn during worship but does need a license to photocopy the sheet music for the song.
- During the pandemic, many churches used streaming and the internet to reach their parishioners. Extra care is needed to prevent copyright infringements, specifically but not limited to the use of protected music.
- Solution: Obtain permission to use materials protected by copyright.

Communicate, Communicate, Communicate!

Communication is very important to all of us at St. Anne's. Check out our "Communication Board" located in the hallway near the office. We often post the Newsletter, Vestry minutes and other happenings around the church and community. Remember you are always welcome at Vestry meetings. If you have a question, please do not hesitate to ask any member of the Vestry.

Thank You – Mike & **Rosemary**



Thank you to all who have contributed to the adornment of our sanctuary this Christmas.

The plants and greens which so beautifully adorn our church this Christmas season are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:

Cal Callihan, Catherine Kneeland, & Elizabeth Delvental from Dorothy Callihan.

Christopher Zarella, Shirley Zarella, Jose & Maria Cunha from Norm & MJ Zarella.

Eleonor Daley & Regina Fedukowski from Donald & Shirley Fedukowski.

Edith, Russel & Kenneth McCarthy from Dave & Kathy Brewster.

Inez & Major Cousens, Alma & Francis Moran-Guevara from George & Genevieve Cousens.

Family, friends & loved ones from Marie Figenbaum.

Jack Ratcliffe from Norma G. Ratcliffe.

James Edward Holdman from Shirley Holdman.

Loved ones from Bob & Linda Price, John & Sue Geen, John & Linda Kusnierz, Ron & Amy Desmarais.

Marge Fudge & Dot Richard from Donald W. Fudge.

Our parents & siblings from Chick & Nancy Meech.

Robert Peck & Gladys White from Judy Peck.

Stephen Garrett from Jean Flight.

And, to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for:

All the lives that have touched ours, especially David & Marsha Hering, & Carol & John MacKenzie, & Tina from Brenda & Mark Komarinski.

Each other from Chick & Nancy Meech.

Family & friends from John & Sue Geen, John & Linda Kusnierz, Ken & Rosemary Kinser.

Nova Leigh, great grand daughter from Carol Wood.

Our daughters Amanda & Carolyn, our grandchildren Kendall & Jared from Richard & Marguerite Massey.

The whole parish of St. Anne's from Jennifer Beal.



Wisdom for Worship in January 2024

From M. Jennifer

Worship in Epiphany

- Stay with Eucharistic Prayer B
- New Prayers of the People
- Same Post-communion Prayer
- Return to familiar Gloria (S280),
- Sanctus (Gather 161),
- and Fraction (Gather “Eat this bread”)

Epiphany is the green season of light and journey and discipleship.

For more, click here to see what the Diocese of Virginia offers us.

https://www.thediocese.net/Customer-Content/WWW/CMS/files/Understanding_Epiphany.pdf



—“The Seasons of the Church Year” graphic from the St. Paul’s Cambria, CA website:

<https://stpaulscambria.org/church-seasons-and-colors.html>

Jennifer's Journal January

Our Vestry Meetings are open to parishioners. Find the listing of meetings on the bulletin Board in our Hallway, and on our church calendar in every monthly newsletter. All the same is true for our Warden and Clergy meetings, which is a good meeting to attend if you have any kinds of questions.

Beware of email and FaceBook scams pretending to be me. Remember to look at the sender's address: mine is always rector@stannes-billerica.org. Does it have my full signature including my phone number at the bottom? Does it sound like the words that I use? We are getting better at not getting caught!



Walter Brueggemann

Peace requires the capacity to forgive. Peace requires a readiness to share generously. Peace requires the violation of strict class stratification in society. Peace requires attentiveness to the vulnerable and the unproductive. Peace requires humility in the face of exaltation, being last among those who insist on being first and denying self in the interest of the neighbor.

Names for the Messiah: An Advent Study (p. 64). Westminster John Knox Press. Kindle Edition.

Jennifer

The other quality about peace is its inevitable invitation to seek what is around the riverbend



<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/371335931791627178>

Peter Jeffrey Update to the Parish

(shared with permission)

Dad is overall doing well I think but we've been concerned lately with him not eating very well and being confused about the day and time. I know it is the disease progression but that doesn't make it any less easy on those who love him. If you're nearby would you please consider a visit? It doesn't have to be long or involved. Just seeing you and laughing would be the best medicine. Let him show you the pictures in his room. Talk about happy memories. Talk about happy moments in your own life!

Tuesdays he goes on the weekly outing 10-12, and they serve lunch at 12 each day. He loves sweet treats consumed in one sitting as it's hard for him to remember that he may have treats in his fridge. (Peppermint bark is very popular!) Afternoon is always a good time.

If you're not local, cards are always appreciated and I will help read them to him.

This is not easy on any of us to watch the dementia progress. It breaks my heart to see my dad like this. But he is happy and safe at Windsor and the staff adores him and for that I'm grateful. And with the help support and love of all of you, dad will remain happy as long as he can! He has ministered to all of us!

Please forward to anyone I may have missed on this email. If you need his address, let me know. If you need his new phone number let me know as we've replaced his cell phone with a landline he just can't operate text anymore.

With love,
Andrea

Peter Jeffrey's address:
Windsor Place
92 West St. Room 229
Wilmington, MA 01887

Basilica of [Sant'Apollinare Nuovo](#) in [Ravenna](#), Italy: Mosaic completed 526 AD by the "Master of Sant'Apollinare".



Adoration of the Magi (1568). Museo Soumaya, Mexico City. Completed between between 1568 and 1569 Public domain

The Eli and Samuel and Ordination lesson is available for take-home now. Our next in-person lesson is Thursday, January 18. 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. Our January theme is Esther and Holy Matrimony. If you have questions, please let Brenda know (bkomarinski@gmail.com).



Depiction of Eli and Samuel by [John Singleton Copley](#), 1780. Public domain.

Date	Person/Sacrament (or topic)
January 18, 2024 Thursday	Esther/Holy Matrimony
February 15, 2024 Thursday	Jonah/Reconciliation of a penitent
March 21, 2024 Thursday	Naaman and Elisha/Unction
March 30, 2024 Saturday	Children's Easter Service on Holy Saturday
April 18, 2024 Thursday	Jacob/Hope
May 4, 2024 Saturday	Early/First Communion formation for children
May 5, 2024 Sunday	Early/First Communion Sunday
May 16, 2024 Thursday	Dorcas/Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Thrift Shop News

The thrift shop is open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10AM and 2PM. To avoid the winter blues stop in and find something unique to brighten your day.

—submitted by Marguerite Massey



—Microsoft stock image

Our Haitian friends were scheduled to leave us December 21st to move to a new shelter outside of Billerica to start the next chapter in their journey. Well, as with many things in our migrant friend's future nothing is definite. The State changed its mind and moved the date to December 19th, giving them less than a week to pack their lives, as the state instructed, into trash bags and prepare for the next unknown.

While some may not feel this is bad, they at least have a warm shelter to go to... These are human beings who have the same wants and needs as we do.... A better future for their children, peace, safety and self-dignity. What about the human connections they have made in their time with us? The student's education plan for the rest of the school year? The newly employed who now must tell their boss they don't know if they can continue working due to inability to get to work – pending the new location? Less than a week till the end to start again.

Then on Friday December 15th 3pm, the State announced a new date in “early January”.

While this extends their time with us, it does not ease the anxiety of the unknown, the anticipation of a new beginning, the necessity of reliving the goodbyes and tears?

Please join us in praying for our Haitian Guests in their journey to what we all take for granted.... Normalcy and stability.

— submitted by Sandra Giroux

Movie Night

The January movie will be “**RBG**”. It will be shown on **Friday, January 12 at 7:00pm**. This documentary runs for 98 minutes. A discussion will follow.

—submitted by Brenda Komarinski



Social Conscience Book Group

The Social Conscience Book Club will be meeting before church at 9AM the first and third Sunday of the month. Our first meeting in 2024 will be January 7 when we will finish reading *The New Jim Crow*. Our second meeting on January 21 we will start reading *Dinner with Ruth* by Nina Totenberg. NPR correspondent, Nina, writes a memoir of her friendships with her family, co-workers, and numerous friends including Ruth Ginsberg.

—submitted by Marguerite Massey



St. Anne's Social Group

The January event at the Geens' home in Tewksbury, MA on Saturday, January 13th.

Newsletter deadline schedule!

February newsletter submission deadline: January 21, 2024

February newsletter distributed: January 31, 2024

March newsletter submission deadline: February 18, 2024

March newsletter distributed: February 28 2024

Annual Meeting—February 4th after church!

Reports due January 5th. Thank you for using a document format and Not a PDF format. Please list *all* participants in your group, and include your name.

Please send reports to Rich at stannesbillerica@gmail.com.

Community Events

* Carolisa's Classes * Gift Certificates Available! *

Try something new in the New Year! * 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 6:30p ...starts January 9

Try it - Sign up required @moonlightdjz@gmail.com

* BELLYDANCE- Beginners Workshop

Monday January 8- 6:30-7:45p

\$12 * Sign up required @moonlightdjz@gmail.com

* LINE DANCE MIX @ St Anne's

Monday January 29 - 6:30-7:45p

\$12 * Sign up required @moonlightdjz@gmail.com

World Music Dance Party @ the COA

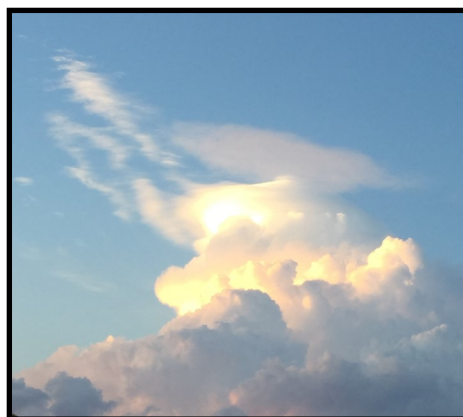
Starts January 4 -Thursdays 12:30p (not 1/18)

\$5 at the door! Greek * Irish * Party dances * Barn Dance & more!

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.

Anthony Vokey, Barbara Rogers & son Kevin, Brian Hering, Chick Meech, Chris Hering, Dale, Don, Donald Fudge, Frank Deloia, George Lyna, Janet Lyna, Janet Strong, Jean Flight, José Soreso, Joshua Young, Josy Hering, Kathy Chang, Lee Conley, Linda E., Lucy Ann Young & daughter Paula, Marie, Marie Horgan, Mary Lander, Michele O'Shea, Norm & MJ Zarella, Pat McCleave & granddaughter, Paul Hamner, Pete Jeffrey, Rebecca, Yaya & her family, Yvonne Hopkins. Also we pray for our local friends from Haiti and their children who may leave Billerica soon. We pray for the next step in their journey to what we all take for granted - normalcy and stability.



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)

Steve Hopkins	12/2	John Kusnierz	1/7	Levi Elder	2/7
Belinda Fletcher	12/5	Sandra Giroux	1/11	Zachary Farmer	2/12
Marguerite Massey	12/7	Mia Diaz	1/16	Norm Zarella	2/15
Pat Cregg	12/10	Jane & Dick Kotelly	1/22	Todd Baldwin	2/20
Andrea Jeffery	12/18	Mike Hopkins	1/27		
Kathy Brewster	12/21				
Lisa Carpine	12/25				
Nicole Knowles	12/26				



January 2024 St. Anne's Ministers' Schedule

Date	Ushers	Lector	LEM/Prayers/ Server	Acolyte	Video	Audio
January 7	Dotty Callihan Pat Cregg	Michele O'Shea	Ed Giroux	Mike Hopkins	Ron Desmarais	Mark Komarinski
January 14	Russell Bent Linda Kusnierz	Lisa Carpine	Sue Geen	Brenda Komarinski	Ken Kinser	Ed Giroux
January 21	Ken Kinser Rosemary Kinser	Russell Bent	Ron Desmarais	Brenda Komarinski	Eli Baldwin	Mark Komarinski
January 28	Dotty Callihan Pat Cregg	John Geen	Mark Komarinski	Mike Hopkins	Sandra Giroux	Ed Giroux

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Mosaic completed 526 AD by the "Master of Sant'Apollinare".

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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.

JANUARY

ST. ANNE'S CALENDAR 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			10-2 Thrift Shop 9:30 am Craft Group	10-2 Thrift Shop 4 pm Wardens & Clergy	10-2 Thrift Shop Annual Reports due	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10 am Sunday Service		10 am Bible Study 7 pm Bible Study (zoom)	10-2 Thrift Shop	10-2 Thrift Shop	10-2 Thrift Shop 6 pm Movie Night	1 pm St. Anne's So- cial Group
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10 am Sunday Service 11:30 am Social Con- science Book Group		10 am Bible Study 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	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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