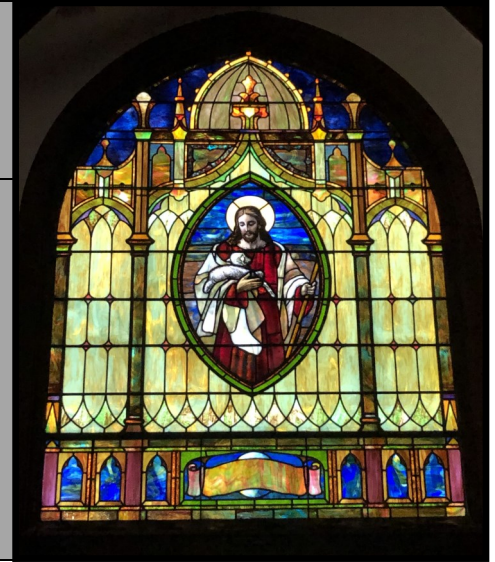


ST ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - SMALL BUT MIGHTY

St. Anne's Episcopal Church Newsletter

MAY 2024



Dear Parish family,

Maybe our Easter joy exuberance can overflow into the world we serve and love. Our Jewish friends at Temple Shalom Emeth in Burlington invite us to their Holocaust Memorial service on May 3rd at 7pm. Our collaboration with many at our local Islamic Majtid on May 11th will give items to those in need. North Billerica Baptist Church, only a few blocks from us, will install their new pastor on May 19th at 3pm. These are but a few ways that St. Anne's community participation makes a difference for God's world.

What do you do to share Christ's compassion in our world? Many things, I know :)

How shall St. Anne's grow? We have increased our marketing – have you noticed? What would make us more effective from your point of view? Tell a Vestry member. We like hearing from you.

May Christ, the Morning Star, shine ever more brightly upon your home and your life.

For all are loved,

Mrs Jennifer +

Wardens' Message: Rosemary and *Mike*

According to the calendar, Spring is here! It didn't start out too well considering the April 3rd nor'easter, but we're past that now and it seems to be warming up. On the 8th, volunteers delivered Easter flowers to a number of shut-ins. Thanks to Doris for organizing the deliveries.

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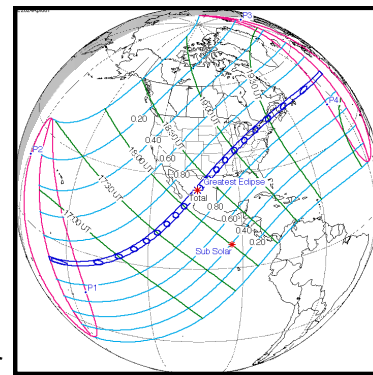
— *Warden's Message continued from first page*

Of course, April 8th was also the eclipse of the sun which was observed by many of us even though we weren't in the total zone. At least one parishioner traveled a good way to experience the total eclipse and another observed using cardboard boxes, electrical tape and the lens from a pair of reading glasses.

In case you're wondering what the Wardens' do, according to St. Anne's By-Laws: "It shall be the duty of the Wardens, when the Parish has no Rector, or in the Rector's absence to provide for the temporary performance of the Rector's duties. In the absence or incapacity of either Warden, or of a vacancy, the powers and duties of the Wardens shall devolve upon the remaining Warden." Our Vestry Resource Guide has two full pages of commitments, responsibilities, duties, and leadership requirements. Too extensive to go through in the newsletter.

In years past, we had both Senior and Junior Wardens where the senior warden represented the vestry and parishioners, and the junior warden was the Rector's warden. Today we have two co-wardens with equal status and shared responsibilities, and both are accountable to the vestry. In addition to monthly vestry meetings, we meet twice a month with the Rector and Treasurer and discuss everything from worship concerns and shut-ins to Buildings and Grounds and parking problems. No two meetings are the same. In between those meetings, a day doesn't go by without email and/or text exchanges. When necessary, we have convened Zoom meetings in between scheduled meetings to resolve issues.

It is a busy job, but very rewarding.



Eclipse Predictions by Fred Espenak, NASA's GSFC. Public Domain

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

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www.facebook.com/StAnnesBillerica

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Linda Kusnierz	Treasurer
Brenda Komarinski	Clerk
Dotty Callihan	2027
Norm Zarella	2027
Sandra Giroux	2026
Lisa Carpine	2025
Todd Baldwin	2025
Maria Martin	2025

Mother Jennifer's Office Hours:

Tuesdays	12-5 pm
Thursdays	2-5 pm

Church Office Hours:

Tuesdays	12-5 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

Movie Night

The April movie was unable to be shown.
We watched 3 short YouTube videos instead. I've got the links for these here:

Bread & Roses Strike [CWA Local 1037](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-3E3fyD1Pwo)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-3E3fyD1Pwo>

The Triangle Shirtwaist Fire: The Disaster that Changed the Workplace Forever

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bq0L0MMzjAo&t=140s>

The Rana Plaza Collapse | A Short Documentary | Fascinating Horror

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TcAAW6WBg9I>

The 1912 Bread and Roses Strike that Russell talked about on April 14 is where the title for the movie we had planned to watch in April comes from. This movie is based on the Justice for Janitors movement that started with a march on June 15, 1990 in Los Angeles, CA.

We will be actually watching **"Bread and Roses"** on **Friday, May 10 at 6:00pm**. This movie runs for 110 minutes. A discussion will follow.

The poem that the 1912 strike got its name from is here:

"Bread and Roses" poem

As we go marching, marching, in the beauty of the day,
A million darkened kitchens, a thousand mill lofts gray,
Are touched with all the radiance that a sudden sun
discloses,
For the people hear us singing: Bread and Roses! Bread
and Roses!
As we go marching, marching, we battle too for men,
For they are women's children, and we mother them again.
Our lives shall not be sweated from birth until life closes;
Hearts starve as well as bodies; give us bread, but give us
roses.
As we go marching, marching, unnumbered women dead
Go crying through our singing their ancient call for bread.
Small art and love and beauty their drudging spirits knew.
Yes, it is bread we fight for, but we fight for roses too.
As we go marching, marching, we bring the greater days,
The rising of the women means the rising of the race.
No more the drudge and idler, ten that toil where one reposes,
But a sharing of life's glories: Bread and roses, bread and roses.
Our lives shall not be sweated from birth until life closes;
Hearts starve as well as bodies; bread and roses, bread and roses.



Children of Lawrence, MA strikers sent to live with sympathizers in New York City during the work stoppage. 1912. Public domain.

James Oppenheim, "Bread and Roses," *The American Magazine*, December, 1911.

The Jacob and Hope lesson is available for take-home now. Our next in-person lesson is Thursday, May 16. 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 May theme is Dorcas and Gifts of the Holy Spirit. If you have questions, please let Brenda know (bkomarinski@gmail.com).



"Landscape with the Dream of Jacob"
by Michael Leopold Lucas Willmann
1691 (Painting is in the Public Domain)

Date	Person/Sacrament (or topic)
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

Hello All,

Thank you for making the **confirmation celebration** so special! I had a bunch of fun at the Easter Vigil & The Coffee Hour. Special Thanks to Linda for making the Cookie Pie!

— Eli Baldwin

St. Anne's Social Group will have an outing on Saturday, May 4th. They will meet at 11am in St. Anne's parking lot, then car pool to Hammond Castle in Gloucester, weather permitting. If the weather is uncooperative, the group will proceed to the Icon Museum & Study Center in Clinton.

Project Rise

It's that time of year again!! Saturday, May 11th, St. Anne's parishioners will once again participate in Project Rise. What is Project Rise? It is a philanthropic initiative of the Dawoodi Borhas undertaken by local communities across the world.

Sounds like a large undertaking, right? It is!! But locally, Project Rise is a locally run distribution of food and cleaning supplies to anyone who is in need. On Saturday, May 11th, from 10:00 am to noon this distribution will take place at the local masjid at 246 Rangeway Road in North Billerica.

In the past, St. Anne's has helped by providing our time, talent, and treasure. This year is no different. Although we have enough volunteers from our parish ready to help on the 11th, we still need some help.

St. Anne's has been asked to donate home cleaning supplies to be distributed on the 11th. Please see Sandra Giroux for details as to what we need. If you'd prefer, as always, cash is always accepted, and we can shop for you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sandra Giroux

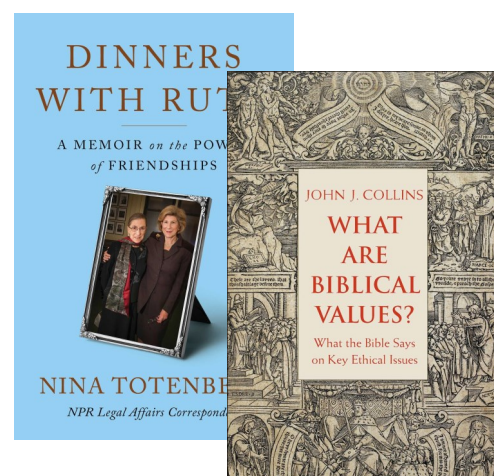


Social Conscience Book Group

The Social Conscience Book Club finished reading *Dinners with Ruth* by Nina Totenberg. We heard how the friendships with other women help those women who are making strides in a man's world. Those women forged the way for future generations to follow.

Our next book is *What are Biblical Values?* by John Collins. Please join us to learn "what the Bible says on key ethical issues."

—submitted by Marguerite Massey



Jennifer's Journal May

Thank you to all who delivered flowers from our Easter Altar to our parishioners unable to get to church! Thank you Doris Hamner for coordinating us all into a caring outreach to our homebound. You all are wonderful ministers to each other.

Electing our new Bishop is the major event in our Diocesan life this month of May. Your prayers, thoughtfulness and perspective are eagerly sought by our Delegates Todd Baldwin, Ed Giroux, and Mark Komarinski.



As you will see from Page 6 and following in the Diocesan Profile for our next Bishop, we are looking for the following characteristics: — *Microsoft stock image*

Grace in Diversity, Working to be Welcoming, Decentralized Decision Making, Working towards a Safe Church Environment, Committed Clergy, Dedicated Laity, Strong Episcopal relationships, and Working to Balance Competing Views.

Please pray with us:

Loving and Living God, as we seek a Bishop for the Diocese of Massachusetts, we also seek you.

Help us to listen deeply as you speak through the members of this committee; through the people of this diocese; through our parishes, missions, ministries, and institutions; through our neighborhoods, towns, and cities; through our past and our present; through word and sacrament.

When we are distracted by other voices, other tasks, other pressures, call us back to you. Give us courage, vision, and an ability to see past the surface of things. May we be patient and compassionate, trusting always in your mercy and goodness to us and to all that you have made.

We pray this in the name of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, one God.

Amen.

The four candidates presented by the Nominating Committee and approved by the Standing Committee (The "Vestry" for the Diocese) can be found on this page:

<https://www.diomass.org/bishop-search/bishop-nominees>

There might be further candidates who come in at the last minute. Again, do pray for your delegates on Saturday, May 18th. Thank you.



Wisdom for Worship in May 2024

From M. Jennifer

- ◆ May 5th **Baptism** of Trevor and Theo Josselyn
We'll open our Alcove to children
- ◆ May 12th **Mother's Day** & M. Jennifer's Chorus
singing Beethoven's 9th Symphony
Ode to Joy with Lexington Symphony.org
- ◆ May 18th **Special Electing Convention** for NEW Bishop!
- ◆ May 19th **Feast of Pentecost** 8:00am at St. Anne's, No. Billerica
10:00am at St. Anne's, Lowell. **Brand new experience!**
**Come to our parent church and celebrate their founding
65 years before they founded us!**

Parking information here <https://stanneslowell.org/directions/>

- ◆ May 26th **Trinity Sunday - Memorial Day**
- ◆ Think about your offering to Officiate or Preach
(Tell stories related to scripture) during the summer weeks
of M. Jennifer's vacation. How can we all share in the leadership
and the worship of our small, caring and creative parish?

St. Anne's Parishioners-

Save the date May 19th

for

church at St. Anne's in Lowell

8 Kirk St.

10:00 am

to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of our founding parish

Stanneslowell.org

There will be an 8:00 am Rite I service here
at St. Anne's N. Billerica, 14 Treble Cove Rd.

After prayer and deliberation, our vestry, wardens and clergy have
chosen this way of celebrating our roots.



A Prayer for Our Time and for the Earth

Dear God, Creator of the earth, this sacred home we share:
Give us new eyes to see the beauty all around and to
protect the wonders of creation.

Give us new arms to embrace the strangers among us and
to know them as family.

Give us new ears to hear and understand those who live
off the land and sea, and to hear and understand those
who extract its resources.

Give us new hearts to recognize the brokenness in our
communities and to heal the wounds we have inflicted.

Give us new hands to serve the earth and its people and to
shape beloved community.

For you are the One who seeks the lost, binds our wounds
and sets us free,

And it is in the name of Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.

— written by Bishop Carol Gallagher. From “Season of Creation: A Celebration Guide for Episcopal Parishes”

The two words are not co-equals (peace and shalom), and I

suspect we may be missing the full import of the greeting

Jesus uses (Easter II and III) in the gospel records.

Shalom carries a range of meanings in one word:

*When Joseph asks his brothers about Jacob's health, the
response has to do with good health, well being, wholeness.

*As a greeting, it is to wish the hearer the fullness of well-being,
general good health & prosperity and is inclusive of inner
completeness and tranquility.

*Root meaning is “completeness”. Connotations are
wholeness, well-being, harmony and cooperation.

May all and every one be blessed with Shalom.

Have a good day !

-- submitted by Rev'd Richard Lewis

Newsletter deadline schedule!

June newsletter submission deadline: May 19, 2024

June newsletter distributed: May 29, 2024

July newsletter submission deadline: June 16, 2024

July newsletter distributed: June 26 2024



Community Events

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

Try something new! * 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 6:00pm

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

* **LINE DANCE MIX** –Monday April 29 ~ 6:30-8:00pm \$12

Please sign up by 4/22

Move, Groove & have FUN with friends! *Party Line Dances * Barn Dance * Irish * Country * Pop & Dance classics * all in the mix! Beginners & all levels welcome!

***BELLYDANCE- Beginners** "Girls Night" by arrangement

Try this beautiful & joyful dance! *Energizing yet relaxing * Veil * Greek dances * Increase flexibility & work all muscles * Feel *great* in this fun & friendly class! *Women of all ages & fitness levels welcome!

St. Anne's Prayer

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, Arthur O'Shea, Barbara Weisensee, Brian Hering, Chick Meech, Chris Hering, Dale, Don, Donald Fudge, Frank Deloia, Gail, George Lyna, Janet Lyna, Janet Strong, Jean Flight, Joanne Hering, John & Kathy Chang, José Soreso, Joshua Young, Kevin Rogers, Lee Conley, Linda E., Lucy Ann Young & daughter Paula, Marie, Marie Horgan, Mary Lander, Michele O'Shea, Michael Welch, Norm & MJ Zarella, Pat McCleave & granddaughter, Paul Hamner, Pete Jeffrey, Rebecca, Yvonne Hopkins

We pray for those that have recently passed away.

Also, much appreciated will be your visits to Don Fudge at the Bedford VA and to Pete Jeffrey at the Windsor Place in Wilmington.



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*)

Jane Kotelly	4/1	Richard Lewis	5/3	Cyndi Hopkins	6/3
Rosemary Kinser	4/2	Ed & Sandra Giroux	5/5	Sarah & Richard Lewis	6/4
Sarah Lewis	4/5	Ken Kinser	5/5	Jamie Stockton	6/8
Rose Packard Crotty	4/6	Elaine & Matthew Guzzetta	5/7	John Geen	6/26
Jackson Elder	4/10	Maria Martin	5/9	John & Linda Kusnierz	6/29
Jonathan Josselyn	4/20	Emma Baldwin	5/10		
Ron Desmarais	4/25	Ken MacPherson	5/22		
Doreen Knowles	4/26	Ken & Rosemary	5/22		
Elaine Guzzetta	4/30	Marie Figenbaum	5/25		
		Doris Hamner	5/28		
		Lisa Lavoie	5/28		



May 2024 St. Anne's Ministers' Schedule

Date	Ushers	Lector	LEM/Prayers/ Server	Acolyte	Video	Audio
May 5	Dotty Callihan Pat Cregg	Michele O'Shea	Sue Geen	Norm Zarella	Eli Baldwin	Mark Komarinski
May 12	Russell Bent Linda Kusnierz	Lisa Carpine	Dotty Callihan John Geen	Mike Hopkins	Ken Kinser	Ed Giroux
May 19	Ken Kinser Rosemary Kinser	Norm Zarella	Ed Giroux	Brenda Komarinski	Eli Baldwin	Mark Komarinski
May 26	Dotty Callihan Pat Cregg	Sue Geen	Mark Komarinski	John Geen	Sandra Giroux	Ed Giroux

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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.

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ST. ANNE'S CALENDAR 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10-2 Thrift Shop 9:30 am Craft Group	2 10-2 Thrift Shop 4 pm Wardens & Clergy	3 10-2 Thrift Shop 6 pm Youth Group	4 2 pm Social Group
5 10 am Sunday Service	6	7 10 am Bible Study	8 10-2 Thrift Shop	9 10-2 Thrift Shop	10 10-2 Thrift Shop 6 pm Parish Movie Night	11
12 8:45am Social Con-science Book 10 am Sunday Service	13	14 10 am Bible Study 7 pm Bible Study (zoom)	15 10-2 Thrift Shop 9:30 am Craft Group	16 10-2 Thrift Shop 3:30pm Church School 4 pm Wardens & Clergy	17 10-2 Thrift Shop	18
19 8:45 am Social Justice Committee 10 am Sunday Service in Lowell 11:30 am Building & Grounds Newsletter Input Due	20	21 10 am Bible Study noon Interfaith 7 pm Vestry	22 10-2 Thrift Shop	23 10-2 Thrift Shop	24 10-2 Thrift Shop 6 pm Youth Group	25 8:30 pm Men's Breakfast 9 am Ladies' Breakfast
26 8:45am Social Con-science Book 10 am Sunday Service	27	28 10 am Bible Study 7 pm Bible Study (zoom)	29 10-2 Thrift Shop	30 10-2 Thrift Shop	31 10-2 Thrift Shop	