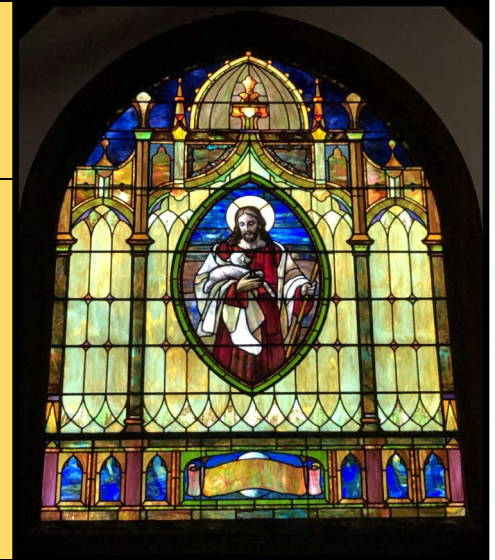


ST ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - SMALL BUT MIGHTY

St. Anne's Episcopal Church Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2024



From the Warden's,

Update on Mother Jennifer: She is currently home and doing Outpatient PT. Her pain seems to be decreasing to manageable levels and is sleeping better, but says her stamina is still amazingly short. Overall, she's progressing well. In fact, she made an unexpected visit at coffee hour on the 18th in order to congratulate Rev. Sarah Lewis on the 20th anniversary of her ordination. She was certainly in good spirits and happy to see all who were there – and we were just as happy to see her up and around.

Alarms: There are fire alarms in the buildings that both sound a loud alarm and notify the Fire Department. These are well maintained and periodically inspected and tested. One morning, Rich heard an alarm sounding, located the source and was able to shut off the alarm; however, it went off again later on and couldn't be silenced. We found that it was NOT part of the fire alarm system -- the Fire Department was not notified and there was no sign of any fire or other problem. Apparently, it was originally installed as part of a security system many years ago, but it currently has no purpose and will be removed. If anyone remembers why it was there, please let Rich or one of the wardens know.

— *Wardens' message continued on page 2 ...*

Tuesday July 2 was M. Jennifer's last Office day.

M. Jennifer will not check her email or texts while out on Medical Leave. If there is something you would like her to know, please send it to her in October.

Our leadership team (of Wardens, Treasurer, and retired Clergy) will have her occasional progress reports. Already she is eager to return in October with brand new energy and strength!

Please contact our Wardens, Treasurer, or retired Clergy with your questions, concerns, or comments.

—Wardens' message continued...

Memorial Garden: The siding has been replaced and replacement of the broken windows and protection for the windows is being installed. We're hoping to get other windows also repaired and protected as well.

Buildings and Grounds: B&G has a number of things going on, including looking in to a security camera at the building entrances, getting signs repaired and installed, looking into protective glass for the stained glass windows. There is a longer list including handicap entrance issues but this gives you an idea of the activities.

To repeat a bit from last month's newsletter:

"We are so very blessed to have a wonderful Worship Team this summer. Our warmest thanks to The Reverend's Sarah and Dick Lewis for providing us with the Holy Eucharist and for all our lay leaders who will be officiating Morning Prayer and Sermons."

I couldn't have said it better.

Peace – Mike and Rosemary

Worship:

10:00 am Sunday in person starting in September

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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Dotty Callihan	2027
Norm Zarella	2027
Sandra Giroux	2026
Lisa Carpine	2025
Todd Baldwin	2025
Maria Martin	2025

Mother Jennifer's Office Hours:

Will resume in October

Church Office Hours:

Tuesdays 11-5 pm

Thrift Shop Hours:

Tuesday 2-6pm
Wed & Thurs 10 am-2 pm

12-Step Meetings:

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

Godsigns Are Christian Symbols Found Anywhere

A Godsign is any Christian symbol anywhere you find it. A symbol stands for an idea that would otherwise take a great many words to express. Jesus taught by means of symbols in his parables.

When most people could not read, the Church used symbols to teach eternal truths. Churches were embellished for the edification of Man as well as for the glory of God. Look at the windows, carvings, vestments, and hangings in your own church. Learn the meanings of the symbols you find there. Then see how many of these same symbols you can find in the world around you.

The Cross is the symbol of our greatest shame and our greatest glory. See it not only atop spires and above altars, but see it also as you look at telephone poles and fences, in windows and on doors, floors and fabrics. This symbol of God's unbounded love for us is everywhere. It would be surprising if you did not find at least one sign of the Cross in the room in which you are reading this.

A few more examples of Godsigns might give you an idea of the variety of places where they can be found. The X shaped cross of St. Andrew, found on the shield of the Episcopal Church, greets you at every railroad crossing. The all-seeing Eye of God the Father watching from the triangular symbol of the Trinity is on the back of every dollar bill. Three interwoven circles, symbolic of the unity, equality, and eternal nature of the Trinity are the emblem of a well-known insurance company.

Our risen Lord, pictured in Christian art as either a lamb or man, carries the banner of victory. This same banner, a red cross on a white field, is used by a service agency whose volunteers and blood banks have saved many lives, the Red Cross.

The fleur-de-lis, a symbol of the Trinity and of the Virgin Mary, is a popular decorating motif. The vine and wheat, symbolic of the Eucharist, can be seen in many places. Any triangle can remind us of our Triune God; any circle, of Eternity; any butterfly, of our new life through the risen Lord.

Look around you. A Godsign is any Christian symbol anywhere you find it.

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The original Canterbury Cross which is on permanent display at Canterbury Heritage Museum, Canterbury, Kent, England. Dated circa 850 AD, made of Anglo-Saxon bronze. Storye book, CC BY-SA 2.5 <<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-sa/2.5>>, via Wikimedia

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Movie Night

The next movie will be on Friday, September 13, 2024 at 7:00pm. It will be **“Cry, The Beloved Country”**. This film runs for 1 hour and 46 minutes. A discussion will follow.

— Brenda Komarinski



The first in-person class will be September 19, 2024. We will be studying the life of Jesus on Earth for the 2024-2025 school year. The schedule is below. If you have questions, please let Brenda know (bkomarinski@gmail.com).



Date	Topic
September 19, 2024 Thursday	The Birth Of Jesus
October 17, 2024 Thursday	The Boy Jesus Visits the Temple
November 21, 2024 Thursday	John Baptizes Jesus
December 19, 2024 Thursday	The Fishers of Men
January 16, 2025 Thursday	The Beatitudes
February 13, 2025 Thursday	Feeding the 5000
March 20, 2025 Thursday	The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem
April 17, 2025 Thursday	The Last Supper
April 19, 2025 Saturday	Children's Easter Service on Holy Saturday
May 3, 2025 Saturday	Early/First Communion formation for children
May 4, 2025 Sunday	Early/First Communion Sunday
May 15, 2025 Thursday	Jesus is Crucified. Jesus is Risen!

This year's *History Comes Alive* event presented by Billerica Adventure Series is a Tour of the five oldest churches in Billerica. St. Anne's is being featured on a tour as one of the oldest churches on Saturday, October 5. See information below if interested in signing up and in joining one of the two free tours, with transportation provided.

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*First Parish Billerica
Unitarian Universalist*

HISTORY COMES ALIVE



*First Congregational
Church in Billerica*



*North Billerica
Baptist Church*



*St. Matthew the
Evangelist Parish
St. Andrew's Church*



*St. Anne's
Episcopal Church*

Join us for a Tour of the 5 oldest churches in Billerica



October 5, 2024

First Tour starting at 12:00pm
Second Tour starting at 1:00pm

Tours leave from the First Parish Unitarian Universalist
This Free Tour is approximately 3 hours long

Space is limited – Advanced Sign-up is Required
Call Brenda at 978-987-7591
Or call Diana at 978-667-3433

Sign up by September 21

Presented by Billerica Adventure Series Corporation

If you are interested in welcoming the tour participants to St. Anne's on Oct 5, have any ideas for the tour or would like to help to prepare for this event, please contact Brenda Komarinski or Linda Kusnierz. This is a great opportunity to reach out to the community and tell them the history of St. Anne's and all our current activities!

Social Conscience Book Group

This summer the Social Conscience Book Club is reading *Becoming* by Michelle Obama. I'm enjoying this book as I see politics from the spouse perspective. I also see this famous family and their struggles growing up, getting a good education, having children, and working on their marriage. Join us in September to discuss this book and help us to select our next selection.

—Member of Social Conscience Book Club, Marguerite Massey



Notes [As A Reminder]:

The duties/responsibilities of each citizen of the USA are three:

Vote in each election at every level,

To serve as a member of properly constituted juries,
when called, and

To pay duly levied taxes (federal, state and local).

It is an election season, yet again, and each person of legal age is expected to carry out their civic responsibilities. I would also remind you that our values and priorities as followers of Jesus are not always the same as those of others. We are made in the image and likeness of God, we are to be among those who do the works of caring, feeding, clothing and sheltering as set out in Matthew 25, and we are to welcome the strangers in our midst. When I served as chaplain in a urban hospital I was regularly reminded that strangers are friends we have not yet met.

Please take your duties seriously.

Richard H Lewis

St. Anne's Social Group

The Social Group will meet on Saturday, September 7 at St. Anne's Bixby Hall at 1:00 PM.

Adult parishioners and friends are welcomed to attend for an afternoon of socializing. Refreshments of pizza, ice cream and beverages will be served.

You do not have to be a member to participate in an activity, however if you do join the Social Group, the yearly dues are \$20.00 per person.

Thrift Shop

Donations keep pouring into the shop daily. Our volunteers work hard to sort, display, and dispose of donations received. Each week we see our "regular" customers but each week we see new customers also. The thrift shop is a valuable resource for the community and for St. Anne's. —*From the Thrift Shop volunteers*

— *Microsoft stock image*



Newsletter deadline schedule!

October newsletter submission deadline: September 15, 2024

October newsletter distributed: September 25 2024

November newsletter submission deadline: October 20, 2024

November newsletter distributed: October 30, 2024

Dear People of the N & W Region of Diomass,

It is bittersweet to be taking my leave of this role as your Regional Canon. I have learned so much from you and alongside you in these last 6 years. We have experienced much together in transition processes; as we all navigated the COVID pandemic; as we have embraced the work of anti-racism; as we have faced into the way church and society are changing and what that means for God's people in Jesus now. It has been an honor and privilege of being with you in these ways.

I am excited to be stepping back into the role of Rector at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Albany, NY. I take so much of what we have learned together in this region with me into this ministry and get to practice it on the parish level. Moving to Albany is a homecoming of sorts as my husband Marco and I met there over 35 years ago and have many long-term friends there. St. Andrew's is the parish I attended in my early 20's before heading to seminary. It is a blessing to return there.

I will continue to pray for you in your various parishes and ministries and ask that you keep me in your prayers too. May God bless us all and make the ground holy which will now stretch out between us.

With Faith and Deep Affection,

Martha+



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 ~ starts September 17 -Tuesdays 6:00 pm**

Try it ~ \$10 * 8 weeks \$72

***HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN DANCE * Friday October 25 ~ 6:00 –7:30p**

\$7 per child ages 3 & up * Adults are FREE! * Please Sign up by or before 10/10 * Space limited!

for Kids & Adults * Move * Groove * Rock Out * Party Line Dances * Fun & Games * Limbo * Musical HulaHoops *Barn Dance *Come in costume!* sign up @ moonlightdjz@gmail.com

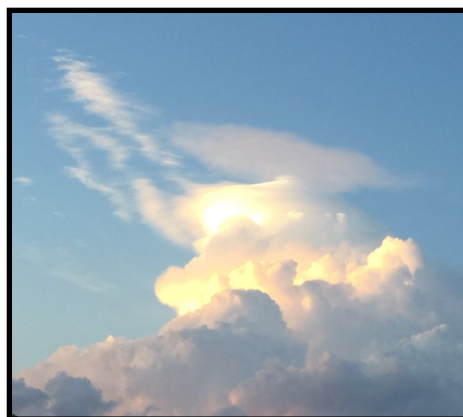
* Workshops * Girls Night * Line Dance Mix *Bellydance by arrangement

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 Weisensee, Chick Meech, Don, Donald Fudge, Frank Deloia, Gail, George Lyna, Heather, Irene Lander, Janet Lyna, Janet Strong, Jean Flight, Joanne Hering, John & Kathy Chang, Joshua Young, Ken Kinser, Kevin Rogers, Lee Conley, Lucy Ann Young & daughter Paula, Marie, Marie Horgan, Mary Lander, Norm & MJ Zarella, Pat McCleave, son & granddaughter, Paul Hamner, Pete Jeffrey, Rebecca, Rose Crotty, Sue Hering, Yvonne Hopkins

We pray for those that have recently passed away, especially Carol Fleming



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)

Jennifer+ Beal	8/1	Jose Torres & Doris	9/8	Amy Demarais	10/2
Dotty Callihan	8/3	Brenda Komarinski	9/10	Lucy Ann Young	10/5
Peter Morelli	8/5	Michele O'Shea	9/11	Yvonne Hopkins	10/6
Mark & Brenda Komarinski	8/5	Trevor Josselyn	9/13	Julian Cole (Beal)	10/19
Lisa & David Carpine	8/8	Judy Peck	9/20	Easton Elder	10/26
Lisa Higgins	8/8	Cindy Fawcett	9/24	Olivia Mannelta	10/27
Mark Komarinski	8/15	Pete Jeffrey	9/27		
Robert Stockton	8/19	Nancy Packard	9/30		
Jane Clark	8/19				
Ed Giroux	8/23				
Camryn Stockton	8/24				
Mark Figenbaum	8/31				



September 2024 St. Anne's Ministers' Schedule

Date	Ushers	Lector	LEM/Prayers/ Server	Acolyte	Video	Audio
Sept. 1	Russell Bent Linda Kusnierz	Ken Kinser	Dotty Callihan John Geen	Norm Zarella	Eli Baldwin	Mark Komarinski
Sept. 8	Dotty Callihan Pat Cregg	Lisa Carpine	Sue Geen	Brenda Komarinski	Ken Kinser	Ed Giroux
Sept. 15	Ken Kinser Rosemary Kinser	Ken Kinser	Ed Giroux	John Geen	Ron Desmarais	Mark Komarinski
Sept. 22	Dotty Callihan Pat Cregg	Sue Geen	Mark Komarinski	Mike Hopkins	Sandra Giroux	Ed Giroux
Sept. 29	Russell Bent Linda Kusnierz	Michele O'Shea	Dotty Callihan John Geen	Brenda Komarinski	Eli Baldwin	Mark Komarinski



Sunshine Gals Luncheon

4th Saturday of every month

11:30am - 1:00pm

Free will offering accepted

First Parish Church

Billerica Center

Come enjoy a home
cooked meal and be
nourished by the
community.



SEPTEMBER

ST. ANNE'S CALENDAR 2024

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