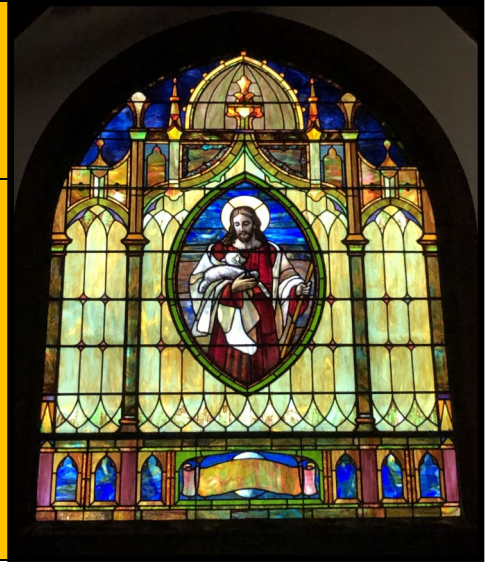


St. Anne's Episcopal Church Newsletter

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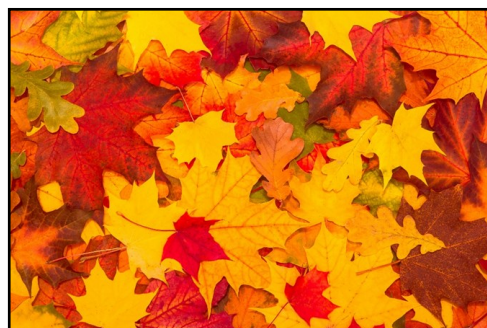
Dear St. Anne's Community – A message from Mike and Rosemary.

An update about Mother Jennifer. Mother Jennifer is progressing in the rehabilitative phase of her recovery. She is looking forward to returning on Tuesday, October 8th. She will officiate at the 10am Holy Eucharist Service on Sunday, October 13th. Please join us for a Welcome Back Brunch following the service. We wish her continued good health and ongoing progress with her recovery phase. Her message to us "Keep on loving God and each other!"

Memorial Garden Update: Ongoing – the siding is complete; we are waiting for the restoration company to repair the broken window covering. We are pleased to tell you that our neighbor shared the cost of our insurance deductible. We are most appreciative of their generosity.

Buildings & Grounds Update: The members of the committee are working on the following projects:

- Wireless Doorbells with camera for the Administrative area, Nichol's room and Thrift Shop entrances.
- Coming soon, there will be a new refurbished sign in the front yard of the Church.
- Major removal of brush from the side yard of the administrative building.
- Fall clean-up in October – Window washing inside and out.
- Purchased a rain barrel for the Thrift shop. It is a great way to capture excess water from roofs which reduces flooding. The best part is you can actually use the water for lawns, watering plants etc.
- Washing & waxing of halls, entrance ways and classrooms has been completed. If you have a moment, take a look at the Sunday School room – Brenda has made it warm and cozy!



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Vestry: Vestry met on September 17th. The Vestry is working on “fundraising events” :

- We had our first Game Night in August, and another is planned for November 8th – Please join us – it is a fun event!
- In September, we will be at Yankee Doodle Day supporting the Town of Billerica – come visit our table.
- On Sunday, October 27th, we will have a “Dine Out Event” at Capellini’s Restaurant in Tewksbury. Enjoy a lunch or dinner and 15% of your receipt, excluding alcohol, will be donated back to St. Anne’s. All you need to do is show a flyer. More to come.....
- On Sunday, November 17th, we will have an old fashioned “Sunday Dinner” following church in the early afternoon. More to come.....
- On Sunday afternoon, December 15th, we will have our newest tradition of a Holiday concert along with basket raffles. This concert has become a favorite among many.

Space Use Agreements: All our agreements have been completed and issued to the appropriate individuals. We are fortunate to have the Explorer’s Preschool, Carolisa Dancing, AA and Recovery (NA).

Refrigerator: We have new signage posted. We need your help. Please make a conscious effort to check expiration dates and spills. If you put something in the refrigerator, label it, and be prepared to check on the expiration status at a minimum of monthly. We all need to work together!

Worship: As we have shared with you over the summer months, 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. Please join us on October 6th as we express our warmest thanks.

Worship:

10:00 am Sunday

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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Rosemary Kinser	Warden
Michael Hopkins	Warden
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:

Will resume October 8th
See weekly bulletin for updates

Church Office Hours:

Tuesdays 11-5 pm
Thursdays 2-5 pm
See weekly bulletin for updates

Thrift Shop Hours:

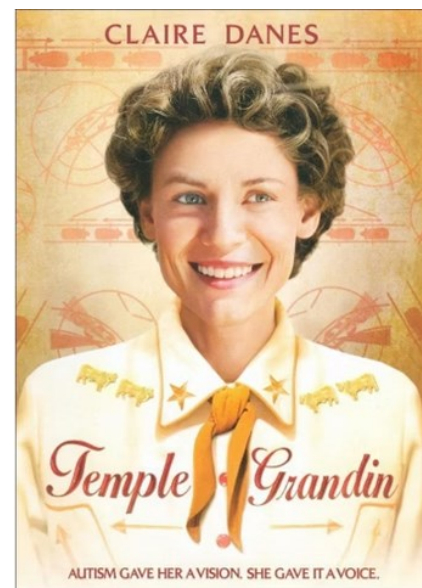
Tuesday 2-6pm
Wed & Thurs 10 am-2 pm

12-Step Meetings:

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

Movie Night

The next movie will be on Friday, October 11, 2024 at 7:00pm. It will be **“Temple Grandin”**. This film runs for 1 hour and 47 minutes. A discussion will follow
— Brenda Komarinski



The Birth of Jesus lesson is ready. If you would like a copy, please let me know. If you have questions, please let Brenda know (bkomarinski@gmail.com)



Sunday School Schedule 2024-2025

“The Life of Jesus”

Date	Topic
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!

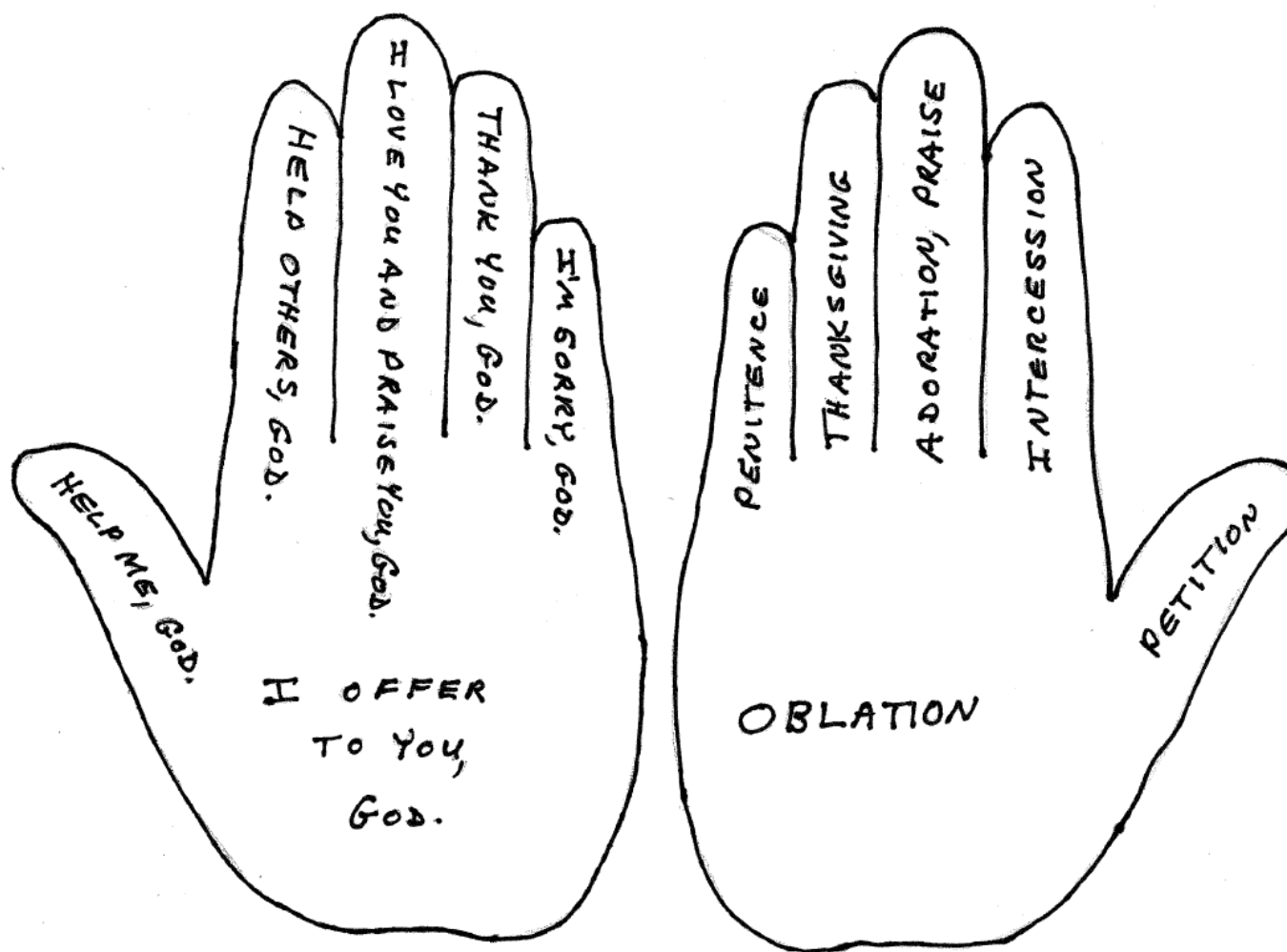
PRAYER HANDS

In the back of our Book of Common Prayer [Pages 844 – 863] is a section called “An Outline of the Faith.” Sometimes we call this “the Catechism.” One part of this (on pages 856 – 857) is titled “Prayer and Worship” and lists seven principal kinds of prayer and their definitions. Seven is too many to fit on the fingers of one hand, but I think there’s a way to remember them.

We often fold our hands (interlace our fingers) when we pray. There is another way to pray. Hold your hands open in front of you, palms up, to show that you are ready to listen to God and to respond to God in prayer.

On each finger & the palm of the hand on the right is the name of a type of prayer. (OK, there are two on the middle finger.) When you put your hands together, the prayer hand on the left has a short prayer of the kind that is named on the matching finger on the right hand.

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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.

BILLERICA
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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

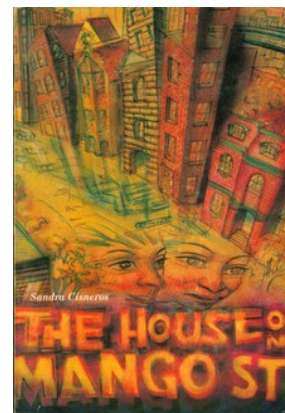
If you are interested in welcoming the tour participants to St. Anne's on Oct 5, have any ideas for the tour or would like to help to prepare for this event, please contact Brenda Komarinski or Linda Kusnierz. This is a great opportunity to reach out to the community and tell them the history of St.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

Social Conscience Book Club

The Social Conscience Book Club is taking a different approach this year. We want you to share what you are reading about social justice issues rather than reading the group reading the same book.

I read *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros. In short vignettes a young Latina girl explores her future growing up in Chicago. This classic book was a short easy read. I have a copy that I would like to share with anyone who is interested.

—Submitted by Marguerite Massey





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.*



St. Anne's Social Group

The Social Group will enjoy an outing of "apple picking" at Parlee Farms, Tyngsboro, MA. on Saturday, October 5th at 1:00 PM.

Carpoolers will meet at 12:30 in St. Anne's parking lot.

Contact John or Suzanne Geen for further details.



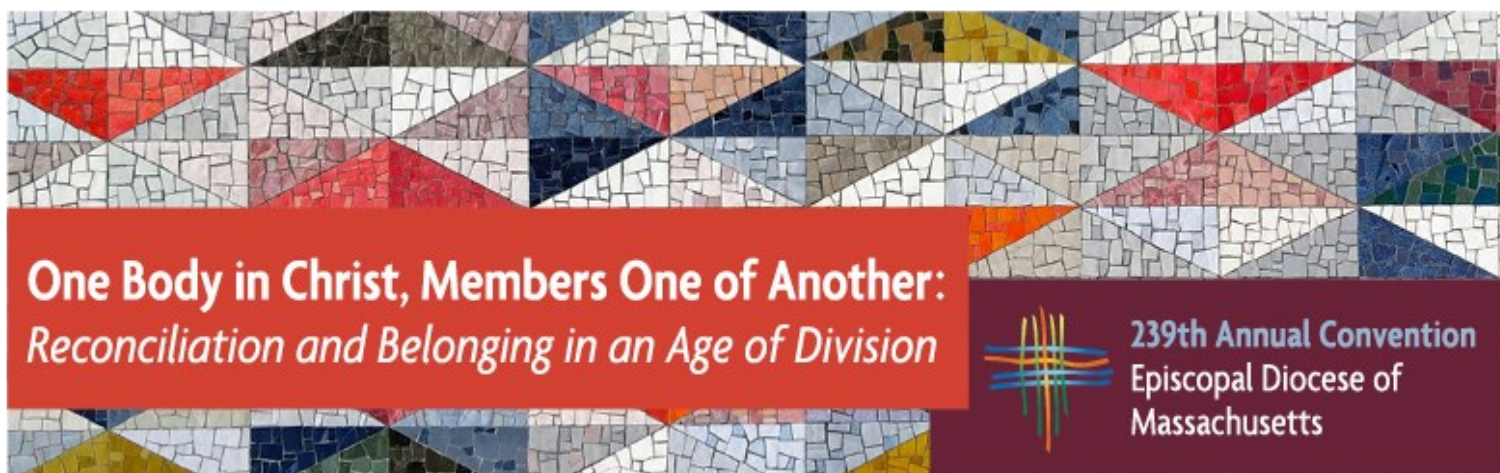
Thrift Shop

Fall clothes are on the racks. Fleece jackets, sweaters, and sweatshirts are hung with care. Halloween decorations for inside and outside are on display. Halloween costumes are available for children and adults.

Everything is waiting for you to come and shop. Support St. Anne's Thrift Shop and St. Anne's.

—From the Thrift Shop volunteers





One Body in Christ, Members One of Another:
Reconciliation and Belonging in an Age of Division



239th Annual Convention
 Episcopal Diocese of
 Massachusetts

This year's Diocesan Convention is a one-day event in Quincy: Online registration is open for the annual Diocesan Convention, to take place on Saturday, Nov. 9 at the Marriott Boston Quincy Hotel in Quincy. Materials, including nominees for election to various leadership roles and bodies, resolutions and the proposed 2025 diocesan budget, will be available soon.

The Diocesan Convention is the primary representative governing body of the diocese. It convenes annually in the fall to conduct diocesan business, including election of officers and members of various leadership bodies; approval of a budget for the upcoming year; setting mission strategy; and establishing diocesan policy and procedure by considering and voting on resolutions and approving changes to the diocesan constitution and canons.

It is also an occasion for communication and teaching from the bishops; learning about and participating in shared mission and ministry; fellowship, community building and common prayer; and celebration of the Holy Eucharist together as a diocesan community.

All are welcome to attend; canonically resident clergy and two lay delegates elected from each congregation in union with the diocese participate as voting members.

Prepare for Diocesan Convention at October forums: Pre-Convention Forums, online via Zoom, offer an important opportunity for discussion about the issues and business to come before the Diocesan Convention, including the proposed 2025 diocesan budget and resolutions. Forums take place on:

- Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 7 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 12 at 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m.

Find registration and more details at www.diomass.org/diocesan-convention-2024.

Bishop Carol Gallagher announces retirement plans

After six years of service in the Diocese of Massachusetts—two as assistant bishop and four prior to that as a regional canon—Bishop Carol J. Gallagher has announced her upcoming retirement. She plans to complete her work in the diocese as of Dec. 31 of this year and then take sabbatical time ahead of her official retirement date of March 31, 2025.

“I have been so blessed and honored to serve alongside Bishop Alan Gates these past two years, and am excited to serve alongside of Bishop-elect Julia Whitworth during the coming months. Both as regional canon and as assistant bishop, I have been so grateful for the amazing people of the Diocese of Massachusetts, who are willing to grow in their faith together, trusting in Jesus to renew us all,” Gallagher said.



Diocese prepares for consecration of its 17th bishop diocesan on Oct. 19

With many hands at work over the summer months, preparations are nearing completion for a joyous celebration in the Diocese of Massachusetts of the ordination and consecration of the Rev. Julia E. Whitworth as its next bishop. The service takes place on Saturday, Oct. 19 at [Trinity Church in the City of Boston](#).

All are welcome!

General seating: Since seating will be available as capacity allows, advance registration is necessary for general seating. Doors open at 9:30 a.m., with the grand liturgical procession beginning at 10:30 a.m. and the service at 11:00 a.m. A reception will follow the service.

Join a watch party: There will also be opportunities to join from a distance. The service will be livestreamed, and for those who would like to watch the service together with others, regional watch parties are being hosted by church sites around the diocese.

Hosting watch parties are [Christ Church in Andover](#), the [Church of the Redeemer in Chestnut Hill](#), [St. Paul's Church in Lynnfield](#), [Trinity Church in Rockland](#), [St. Elizabeth's Church in Sudbury](#) and [Trinity Church in Wrentham](#). Watch parties open at 10 a.m. at all locations. Registration is not required to attend a watch party, but it will be appreciated as hosts plan for seating and hospitality.

Evensong with seating of the new bishop: The celebration continues on Sunday, Oct. 20 when the new bishop is seated at the [Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston](#) during a 5 p.m. service of Evensong. All are most welcome; RSVP is requested.

Visit www.diomass.org/consecration for all registration and RSVP links, livestreaming and regional watch party details, how to contribute toward gifts for Bishop-elect Whitworth, and more.



Newsletter deadline schedule!

November newsletter submission deadline: October 20, 2024

November newsletter distributed: October 30 2024

December newsletter submission deadline: November 17, 2024

December newsletter distributed: November 27, 2024



Are you interested or curious about justice issues for women and LGBTQ+ people? The Episcopal Church is offering 'Gender Justice Jam', a 12-week virtual education and formation series starting Monday Sept. 23 - Dec. 16 from 7pm until 8:30pm ET. To learn more and to register:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/organizations-affiliations/lgbtq/gender-justice-jam/>

—submitted by the Social Justice Committee

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 Fb: Carolisa Moonlightdjz Fb: Carolisa's Classes

*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!

*EARLY BIRD \$5 per child by 10/1

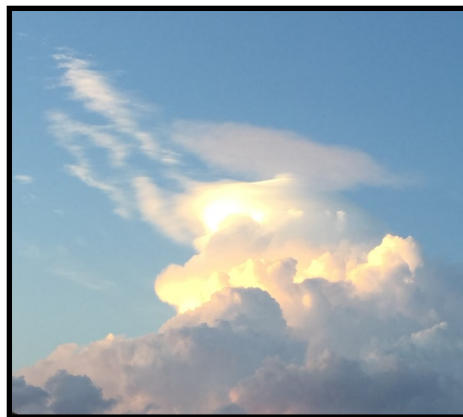
* Please sign up by or before 10/10 * Space limited! for Kids & Adults * Move * Groove * Rock Out * Party Line Dances * Fun & Games * Limbo * Musical Hula hoops *Barn Dance *Come in costume!* sign up @ moonlightdjz@gmail.com * Workshops * Girls Night *Bellydance * Line Dance Mix by arrangement

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, Brian Hering, Chick Meech, Don, Donald Fudge, Frank Deloia, Gail, George Lyna, Heather, Irene Lander, Janet Lyna, Janet Strong, Jean Flight, 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.



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)

Jose Torres & Doris	9/8	Amy Demarais	10/2	David Carpine	11/2
Brenda Komarinski	9/10	Lucy Ann Young	10/5	Marie Baldwin	11/3
Michele O'Shea	9/11	Yvonne Hopkins	10/6	Eli Baldwin	11/4
Trevor Josselyn	9/13	Julian Cole (Beal)	10/19	Norm&MJ Zarella	11/5
Judy Peck	9/20	Easton Elder	10/26	Jennifer Stockton	11/19
Cindy Fawcett	9/24	Olivia Mannelta	10/27	Amy O'Sullivan	11/20
Pete Jeffrey	9/27			Jose Torres	11/24
Nancy Packard	9/30			Aster Komarinski	11/28



October 2024 St. Anne's Ministers' Schedule

Date	Ushers	Lector	LEM/Prayers/ Server	Acolyte	Video	Audio
Oct. 6	Ken Kinser Rosemary Kinser	Sue Geen	Dotty Callihan John Geen	Norm Zarella	Ron Desmarais	Ed Giroux
Oct. 13	Russell Bent Linda Kusnierz	Russell Bent	Sue Geen	Mike Hopkins	Ken Kinser	Mark Komarinski
Oct. 20	Dotty Callihan Pat Cregg	Ken Kinser	Mark Komarinski	John Geen	Sandra Giroux	Ed Giroux
Oct. 27	Ken Kinser Rosemary Kinser	Michele O'Shea	Ed Giroux	Brenda Komarinski	Eli Baldwin	Mark Komarinski

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ST. ANNE'S CALENDER 2024

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