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Celebrating the Life of the Rev. Dr. Ronald C. Molrine

The Rev. Dr. Ronald C. Molrine

Born: February 5, 1931 in Spokane, Washington

Lived: Montana and California

Education: U. C. L. A. and Virginia Theological
Seminary

Honorary Doctorate: 1993 from Virginia Theological
Seminary

Built St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Fairview, PA; served
11 years

Built St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Trexlerstown, PA;
served 21 years; first rector

Entered eternal life: June 5, 2008

Keeping Our Heritage Alive

By Fr. Michael Piovane

This is a story about my first encounter with Fr. Ron after becoming an Episcopalian. It was 20 years ago that Rita and I first worshipped at St. Anne's Episcopal Church. We had been married over a year, just built a home in Macungie, and were looking for an Episcopal church closer to us so that we could become active in the parish.

After the service Fr. Ron came to us and said, "You look familiar. In fact, as I looked out among the congregation today, I knew that I knew you [Michael] from somewhere. I thought to myself that you were an Episcopal priest on vacation whom I had met in the recent past."

I was a priest, a former Roman Catholic priest, who was

not actively serving as a priest since I got married. Ron recognized me since we had served years earlier on the Lay Academy of Lehigh Valley committee that annually offered Christian educational and formational courses for lay people.

Ron became a pastor, a mentor, and a friend to me. He treated me like a priest long before my priestly orders were recognized in the Episcopal Church. He believed in me and encouraged me to consider returning to active ministry as a priest. Obviously the rest is history.

The reason for sharing this story is simple. It is a story that can be repeated thousands of times. Fr. Ron touched many lives with his care, compassion, and love. He

sought to enable people to be all that they could be. Most importantly, he wanted each person to know personally the love of God and to share this love with others.

It is important for us as a community to remember and to keep alive the stories and anecdotes of Fr. Ron as well as his vision for St. Anne's. He is the founding rector of St. Anne's. Upon his shoulders we all stand.

Whenever he returned to St. Anne's after retiring in 1996, he delighted in the ways that we were growing in the Spirit and in numbers. He was proud of the many ways that we were seeking to reach out into the communities and neighborhoods around us.

The last sermon that Fr. Molrine preached at St. Anne's was on January 21, 2007, the 30th anniversary of the first service celebrated in the newly constructed church. His sermon entitled, "Making A Difference in the World," challenged us to live and share our faith wherever we found ourselves and with whomever we came across. He

concluded his sermon with these personal words of affection and care for us, the faith community of St. Anne's.

"During my 21 years of ministry among you, I had one personal goal to guide me: to carry on a great love affair with God's people at St. Anne's. Today, we rejoice that this love affair continues to make St. Anne's a force for good and love, mercy and justice in this portion of God's community. God loves you. I love you and that's the way it's going to be."

"And that's the way it's going to be."

This is our inheritance and our heritage. We are God's beloved. We are loved by our founding rector who daily encourages us to grow in love and to share our love with everyone whom we encounter.

"And that's the way it's going to be."

Memorial Fund Celebrates Fr. Molrine's Fervor for Christian Education

In loving memory of Fr. Ronald Molrine St. Anne's Episcopal Church is establishing a fund that will honor and acknowledge annually the educational ministry of Fr. Molrine. The Rev. Dr. Ronald C. Molrine Adult Forum Series will be presented each year during the spring forum sessions.

"As a people of faith, we have been inspired by Fr. Molrine to keep learning about our faith and how we live our faith in our homes, workplaces, and schools," commented Ruth Davis, former senior warden while Fr. Molrine served at St. Anne's. Davis poignantly remarked that "he loved the people of St. Anne's and wanted us to keep growing. This fund will perpetuate his memory and help current and future parishioners to continue the journey of faith."

The series will explore current Christian topics that

are impacting Christian thought and behavior. The Adult Forum Committee will seek to engage experts in the selected theme or topic for the given year. The series may include one or two presenters or a panel of experts.

During its June 16 meeting the vestry of St. Anne's unanimously approved the establishment of the Fr. Molrine Adult Forum Series. The vestry also approved \$500.00 from unrestricted memorial funds to this annual tribute to Fr. Molrine.

Anyone who wishes to contribute to the Molrine Adult Forum Series is kindly asked to send his/her contribution to St. Anne's Episcopal Church, c/o Fr. Molrine Adult Forum Series, PO Box 368, Trexlertown, Pennsylvania 18087. Checks are payable to St. Anne's Episcopal Church.

St. Anne's Youth "Reach Out With Love"

St. Anne's Church had seven youth and one adult participate in the Diocesan Junior High Mission Trip on June 17 to June 20. "Protecting the Gift of our Planet" was the theme for the trip. Day one included an ecological learning experience at the Salt Lake State Park where the group helped to clear trails on the 405 acre site. The second work day took place at the Florence Shelly Nature Preserve. Whitewater Rafting on the Delaware River was the highlight of day three. Thanks to our youth for *reaching out with love* to our environment.

The J2A Class was also involved in a mission trip held in York, PA from June 22 to June 27. Eleven youth and three adults joined a total of 100 young people and their chaperones for a week of community service to people in need. The evenings were filled with creative worship experiences, singing, skits and games. On closing day our group stopped off at Hershey Park to enjoy a day of fun and relaxation. Thanks to our J2A youth for *reaching out with love* to our neighbors in need.

Calendar

Tuesday, July 1
12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 2
10:30 a.m. Eucharist and Healing Service

Friday, July 4
Holiday, Office Closed

Monday, July 7
10:00 a.m. Parish De-Clutter Day

Tuesday, July 8
7:30 p.m. Outreach Subcommittee meeting

Wednesday, July 9
10:30 a.m. Eucharist

Thursday, July 10
7:00 p.m. Worship Team Meeting

Friday, July 11
EYE Deadline for August

Saturday, July 12
10:00 a.m. Golf Outing
3:00 p.m. St. Anne's Picnic

Monday, July 14
10:00 a.m. Parish De-Clutter Day
7:00 p.m. Knitting Ministry

Tuesday, July 15
12:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

Wednesday, July 16
10:30 a.m. Eucharist

Monday, July 21 through Friday, July 25
9:30 a.m.–Noon Vacation Bible School "Festivals in Jesus Day"

Monday, July 21
7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Monday, July 28
10:00 a.m. Parish De-Clutter Day
7:00 p.m. Knitting Ministry

Tuesday, July 29
12:00 p.m. EYE Mailing

New Members:

Michael, Darcy, Russell, and Riley Ford
829 Frank Dr.
Emmaus, PA 18049

Baptisms

Ryan Charles Travisano, June 8, 2008
Ryan is the son of Charles and Lonna Travisano and the brother of Rachel and Jessica.

Riley Patrick Ford, June 22, 2008
Riley is the son of Michael and Darcy Ford and the brother of Russell

Death

Rev. Ronald C. Molrine, pastor emeritus

Don't forget to register for . . .

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 21 to 25 9:30 a.m. to 12 Noon

Volunteers are also needed.

Sign up in the Parish Hall.

Thank You

June 13, 2008

On behalf of the staff, board and volunteers of Berks Connections, we thank all of the members of St. Anne's Episcopal Church for your kind donation of \$67.00 and the assortment of children's books for the Mother's Voice Program. Last year 555 incarcerated mothers recorded storybooks and personal messages for their 1,008 children. Each of these tapings represents a successful connection between an incarcerated mother and the children she loves and dearly misses. We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation for your support and generosity.

Sincerely,

Christine Reichardt

Director, Berks Connections

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SERVICES

Sundays: 8 a.m. & 10:15 a.m. The Holy Eucharist and Sermon
9:05 a.m. Church School and Adult Forum—
September through May
Wednesdays: 10:30 a.m. The Holy Eucharist
Healing Service—first Wednesday of the month

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St. Anne's Picnic and Annual Golf Outing

Saturday, July 12

Picnic—3 to 8 p.m. at Breinigsville Park

Join us for the Annual St. Anne's Fellowship Picnic following the golf tournament. Participate in a day filled with fun, family and fellowship. The Fellowship Team will provide grilled items and beverages. All you need to do is bring yourself, your family, and a salad or dessert!

The picnic will be held at the Lower Pavilion at the Breinigsville Park off of Route 222. Activities include volleyball, horseshoes, and a great playground for the little ones! Sign-up sheet is in the church hall. Please contact Sally Zajac with any questions.

Enjoy Our ABUNDANCE



Cookbooks are still available for purchase but are going fast. Get yours for \$20.00 each, Monday through Friday, 9–3 p.m. in the church office. They're also available on Sundays after services. Be sure and get one of these fantastic cookbooks; when they're sold out, they're gone!

This year St. Anne's Golf Outing will take place at Wedgewood Golf Course on Saturday, July 12, preceding the Annual Picnic. We use a Scramble Format so "golfers" of all ability levels are encouraged to play. (Note that this is an "outing" not a "tournament") Tee times are between 9:00 and 10:00, and the cost per golfer is \$49 (pay at the course), which includes a cart. Sign up early (teams are allowed) since we are limited to 28 participants and we need to provide a count by the end of June.

