

Welcome-Worship-Witness

A Stewardship Message

“Money is not the only commodity that is fun to give. We can give time, we can give our expertise, we can give our love or simply give a smile. What does that cost? The point is, none of us can ever run out of something worthwhile to give.”

Steve Goodier



Is Saint Anne a Vibrant Parish?

Signs of a Vibrant Parish cont.....

#3 Parishioners recognize their parish mission. Parishioners know who they are and who they are called to be. They have seen their mission statement in writing or posted on their bulletin, but they have also seen it in action and know their parish’s connection to the broader Gospel mission. Their mission inspires and empowers them to be fully alive and awake in the world as a member of a body that has a purpose. A local church advertises on public radio with these words, “Our church seeks God, practices justice and creates community.” One does not need to be a member or visitor to clearly know that church’s purpose. Vibrant parishes make sure everyone knows their mission. One church made a conscious effort to post the mission throughout the facility and print it on every agenda and PR material. A parishioner was heard to remark, “In all the years I have been coming here I have never heard as much about our mission as I have these last few months.” He recognized and appreciated it.

..... by Denise Simeone

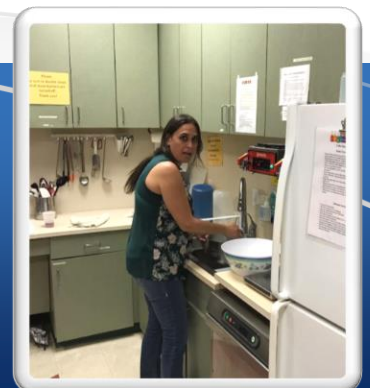
Stewardship Through Worship

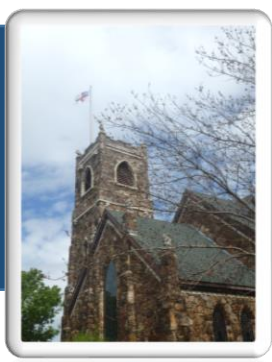
“As Christians we are by definition "Easter People." Most individuals within our Western Culture will at least be open-minded to a personal invitation to the most celebrated worship service of the year. As Good Stewards of the Christian message - Jesus the Christ - it is our responsibility to extend an invitation to those whom we encounter on a daily basis. To not do so, undermines our over-all Christian witness to them. In other words, they expect us -as a part of our Christian DNA - to invite them to celebrate Easter. So, go and do it!! Let me know what kind of response you receive from those whom you invite. Should be interesting!!

Fr. Jim

Caught in the Act!!

Stephanie Ladue was Caught in the Act - working behind the scenes serving those who attended one of the Saint Anne Fish Frys in Lent. Stephanie is a cradle Episcopalian, originally from New York. Stephanie represents a number of our members who work behind the scenes, keeping our ministries vibrant and refreshed. What is your "behind the scene" ministry? Need one? Call or write me and I can help you discern. (972) 413-9244 or fharris@gmail.com.





“We give thee but thine own
What ‘ere the gifts may be.
All that we have is thine alone,
A trust, oh Lord, from thee.”

William Walsham How, 1823–1897

A thought about Lent and Giving

“We give thee but thine own,” lyrics often sung at offertory, but better used to describe so much more than God’s expectations governing pledges and tithes. At least from the perspectives of those privileged to serve as your Worship Committee, the words sum our thoughts on how we live Stewardship. We believe it is through collective actions taken as leads for the various ministries and guilds represented by this committee that we dedicate ourselves to planning and providing worship services that are meaningful, memorable, beautifully executed, and glorify God. Specifically, it is through the work of the various lay ministers at the altar such as Acolytes, Chalice Bearers, Ushers, Vergers, and Lectors, that a visible representation is given to the work. No less important are the guilds which provide equally important supportive roles, often behind the scenes, to assure altar preparation, floral tributes are offered and delivered, hospitality is provided, receptions held, weddings are planned and supported, bulletins printed, prayers lifted and so much more. In essence, we are but mere vessels through which God’s work is channeled. We see our talents as true gifts from God, on loan, but offered freely to His service and devotion. Accordingly, our time is God’s as well as whatever monetary or other treasures with which we have been entrusted. In short, we, the members of the Worship Committee live stewardship through our collective actions offered in service to God. That is our calling, our privilege and most especially, the source of our joy.

Your Worship Committee,

Dianne Hawkins Chair



Meet the Steward

**Dawn and Tony
Bergerson**

We have been blessed to be a part of the St. Anne family for 25 years. During this time, we raised our three sons in the Church participating as Sunday school leaders, chaperones, and drivers. As our children grew, so did our roles within the St. Anne family becoming involved in vestry, Dinner for 8, various committees, Godly Play, altar guild, acolyte and verger to name a few. Through it all, we continued to grow in Christ’s love by being a part of a church family that shares not only in the happy times and events, but have shared in our sorrows and disappointments. St. Anne is truly a community where everyone is needed, loved and embraced. Both Alec and Noah completed their Eagle projects at St. Anne and held their ceremonies there with support from our church family. Josh and Alec attended some of our first youth pilgrimages with support from our church family. Noah was lifted up in prayer when he needed heart surgery for a congenital heart defect and complete healing was provided. Mentors within our church family watched over all our boys, meeting with them, encouraging them and listening to them. The memories we share with our church family, the daily blessings we continue to experience and knowing we have a strong and loving church family continues to allow us to live and grow in Christ. Thank you all so much.