Welcome-Worship-Witness

A Stewardship Message

“Life in abundance comes only through great love....” Elbert Hubbard

Epiphany and Stewardship?

During the season of Epiphany we journey alongside Jesus witnessing the manifestation of God in his Son. A faithful steward is one who understands, who can "see," this "manifestation" and respond with his/her whole life. Putting God first is simply the residual response of our awareness of who God is and what he has done. Our Doxology, sung weekly at the presentation of the gifts in worship, expresses our intentions appropriately; "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!"

Fr. Jim

Caught in the Act!!

Sue Heigele was Caught in the Act this month as she was faithfully at work in the Harold Boswell Library cataloguing books and reference material. Sue has a Masters in Library Science and is modeling how to be a good steward through her many offerings of time and talent. Thank You Sue!!!
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All who enter experience welcome and hospitality. Parish doors swing wide open to convey a hospitable spirit literally and figuratively. The stranger becomes a guest. People linger and engage with one another. Those with different needs are accommodated by rides to church, rooms to change babies, or wheelchair seating so someone can pray and worship in the midst of the community. Parishes can invite new people to join the roster and even have a welcome meal, but they must also welcome new ideas and fresh ways of doing old business. Changes that new people bring into any system are met with a flexible and hospitable spirit. Asking parishioners regularly what they experience or notice at other churches invites them to constantly seek excellence and ways to adapt in their own community. Welcoming that kind of input makes any place fresh and alive with new energy.

by Denise Simeone

Meet the Steward

Ted Carrington

I have been a member of St. Anne Church for about 25 years. I am a retired Federal worker and enjoy tennis, travel and home projects. My wife, Martha attends occasionally, and our son Ben, who is a Navy officer, was raised at church. When he could he participated in youth activities with the likes of the Sevick and Elliot kids. I am so glad that I was able to bring my Dad to church for several years until his health declined. I volunteer when I can at church and school and have made the “light bulb Ministry” my project. I have served on the Vestry, was Junior Warden for two years and taught Godly Play for a number of years. My personal Stewardship experience was when I started tithing to our church. The first time I made my pledge, I received a merit pay award at work. The second year I increased my tithe and received another award. I remember Father Jerry saying I needed to keep on increasing my tithe! Anyway, I love St. Anne’s and want to help our Stewardship program continue to be successful.

Stewardship Through Service on the Vestry

The members of our Vestry serve as wonderful examples of how to live a life as a good Steward. Giving of their time, talent and their treasure, the Vestry models a life lived putting God and his beloved church first in their lives.