

Welcome-Worship-Witness

A Stewardship Message

Service Through Fellowship



Mary's Garden

On every Friday in Lent, Saint Anne offered a fish fry for her members. This was a BIG undertaking and required many servers. Those who did serve, also enjoyed the fellowship of one another's company. Service and Fellowship seem to be internally connected and a part of God's divine plan. Jesus was consistent in his example of service and fellowship, all within the love of God's Spirit.



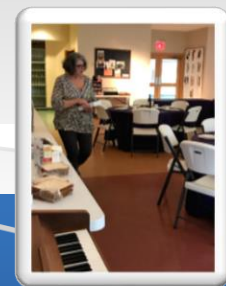
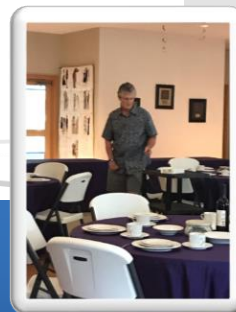
Take a look at Mary's Garden! Wow, Spring is here, and the garden is beautiful. Thank you Joci Ryan for your leadership in this ministry.

Is Saint Anne a Vibrant Parish?

Signs of a Vibrant Parish cont.....

Collegial leadership is practiced. Parishes that offer opportunities and responsibilities for many to take ownership of the mission and ministry of the parish create an enthusiastic and mutual spirit. Leaders listen to parishioners' concerns, communicate consistently and engage members by challenging, inviting and welcoming their involvement in the community's life. Sometimes this is orchestrated by a pastor, administrator and pastoral staff. But simply having a staff does not make a parish vibrant, for many small urban and rural communities may have only one or two. All parish bodies, whether they are pastoral councils, finance committees or other leadership groups, gain trust when they systematically practice mutuality in decision-making, transparency in policies, and empowerment as an organization.

..... by Denise Simeone



Caught in the Act

Pat and Carol Brown were caught in the act of serving Saint Anne on Maundy Thursday afternoon by setting all of the tables for the Passover Seder (a big undertaking). Although newer to our parish community, Pat and Carol have jumped right in and are very faithful in worship and in service.



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The Right Rev. Dr. George R. Sumner, Bishop

Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings in our risen Lord! We are members of a Church in which all members are exhorted to fulfill their respective ministries. We have also kept the tradition of ordaining bishops, priests, and deacons from the ancient Church. Each order shines a light on an essential aspect of all Christian ministry.

I want here to emphasize the particular ministry of deacons. In the incarnation the Son emptied Himself and came to us in the deepest humility. He had fellowship with sinners, healed the sick, and sought out the lost sheep. We have deacons, servants, to remind us to follow the footsteps of the Suffering Servant.

What are we looking for in a prospective deacon, in addition to the virtues of faith, hope, and love bestowed on us by God? The deacon is grounded in the faith of the apostles. The deacon is ready to go where he or she is sent by the bishop. The deacon offers a ministry to the lost and least, to the poor, and can lead and encourage others into this ministry. The deacon fulfills a liturgical role that represents this calling. Finally, the prospective deacon must be able to complete our program of formation and the other canonical requirements for ordination as a deacon.

If you feel that you may be called to such a ministry, pray about it, and have a conversation with your priest. Meet with a deacon who can acquaint you with the week to week reality of the ministry. You should then come to talk with me, before a parish committee on vocation is formed. Whatever the outcome of this process may be, I pray you will discern the ministry the Holy Spirit has in store for you.

Peace GRS

Bishop George Sumner