

Dear friends,

St. Peter reminds us, "**like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ**" (1 Peter 2:4-5). We are the living stones that make up the Church, joined together as a *spiritual* house through Jesus Christ! That means Saint Anne's is alive and well. Our worship and service to the Lord continues though we cannot gather together at this time. Keeping that in mind I want to give you an update on the activities at St. Anne's during the COVID19 pandemic:

There will be no public services until at least May 4th. Out of a profound concern for the health and welfare of the church and our communities, the bishop is complying with the stated wishes of state and local health officials. It is simply not safe to gather at this time.

Worship services will continue to be live streamed from the sanctuary. *The bishop has confirmed that this is in full compliance with the governor's Stay at Home order.* If you are not able to participate live they will be posted to our Facebook page and YouTube channel. Should that change I have the necessary supplies to celebrate the Mass or officiate Morning Prayer and live stream from home. Those who choose not to or cannot access these services will receive the lessons and a copy of my homily via email.

Holy Week and Easter. Obviously, that means that we will not be gathering during Holy Week or Easter. In the coming days I will be conferring with the vestry, diocese, and others to decide how we can best celebrate the sacred days that are just around the corner.

Inreach Team. Every member of the parish is being contacted by members of our Inreach Team. If you have not received a call yet you should by the end of this week. Our aim is to stay connected as a parish and make sure everyone's needs are being met. We are convening as a team online every week to compare notes and make sure everyone is being cared for. *If you or another parishioner has not been contacted by the end of week or has urgent needs we can meet, please contact me.*

Prayer Team. I am contacting members of the parish who have a special calling to prayer and will be gathering with them online as well to pray for the needs of the parish. Please feel free to call or email me with your prayer needs.

Online Formation. I will be creating forums for online formation. Starting Monday we will be reconvening our Lenten study on Contemplative Prayer. If you have already attended the first two sessions you will be receiving an email along with materials. Even if you haven't participated thus far, it's not too late to join us! Could there possibly be a better time to focus your prayer life?! Stay tuned for other offerings.

Giving. As the life of the parish goes on so does our need for your financial gifts. Of course we are all facing financial hardship as our economy slows to a crawl. However, I ask that you prayerfully discern what you are able to give. We hope to do everything we can to maintain our staff, facilities, and programs so that when life returns full swing the church is healthy and

strong. Please make your gifts by mailing them to the church. Stay tuned for another email by week's end outlining other ways that you may make your gift electronically.

I promise not to bombard you with emails and information so please look for our weekly Enews and check our website and Facebook page regularly for the latest information. As always, I am available to you any time for support, encouragement, and prayer. Feel free to email me at rev.winston.saintannes@gmail.com or call me at 856-494-6546. I love you all and you are always in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Fr. Winston+