

e-STEWARD NEWSLETTER

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e-Steward is a semi-annual newsletter created by the Office of Stewardship & Development to keep you up-to-date regarding news and information concerning the practice of Christian stewardship within the Diocese of Providence. We hope that you will find this newsletter to be both helpful and informative as you embark on your parish's journey of faith or annual renewal of stewardship.

LOOK! A new and improved web site

By visiting our website, you can access information on stewardship that can assist your parish with implementing stewardship or with planning your annual renewal of stewardship. Upon entering our website, you will be able to read excerpts from the Bishop's Pastoral Letter on Stewardship. Also, you can download our Stewardship Manual or any one of seven guides to assist your parish as you embark on your stewardship journey of faith. For more information, logon to www.providencediocese.org today!

SAVE THE DATE



Upcoming Parish Ministry Fairs



What a great opportunity to experience and observe other parish fairs when planning for your own Stewardship Weekend. Be sure to call the parish in advance to verify the dates of the ministry fair and times of the Masses.

Parish

Dates

Christ the King in Kingston 783-7459	September 8 and 9
Saint Patrick Parish in Providence 421-7070	September 8 and 9
Saint John the Baptist in Pawtucket 722-9054	September 9
Saint Barnabas in Portsmouth 683-1343	September 15 and 16
Saint Joseph Parish in Newport 847-0065	September 15 and 16
Saint William Parish in Warwick 781-7226	September 15 and 16
Saint Bernard Parish in Wickford 295-0387	September 23
Saint Joseph in Ashton 333-4013	September 29 and 30
Saint Mary of the Bay Parish / Saint Jean Baptiste Parish in Warren 245-7000 / 245-8392	September 29 and 30
Our Lady of Good Help Parish in Mapleville 568-5272	September 29 and 30
Saint Ann Parish in Cranston 942-2767	October 13 and 14

Responsibilities of the Stewardship Committee

1. Develop, execute, and evaluate a parish plan - clearly define the needs and goals of the parish
2. Develop a timeline - a projected timeline is important so needs and goals can be achieved
3. Compile a time and talent list of current parish ministries - review the activities available and create a wish list of additional parish ministries
4. Promote stewardship education - establish a parish stewardship newsletter or reserve a section of the bulletin for a "stewardship spotlight"
5. Coordinate volunteers - volunteers will be needed for various positions such as lay witness presenters, ministry fair organizers, and hospitality coordinators
6. Thank and recognize stewards for sharing their gifts of time, talent and treasure
7. Conduct an annual renewal - must keep the parish informed beyond the initial educational phase

Take advantage of the Stewardship Help Network...

...staffed by other Stewardship Committee members who have been successful in organizing their own parish's stewardship efforts.

- ✚ Have a question about planning and organizing a ministry fair? Simple! Just e-mail Bill Menard at aswarwick@aol.com.
- ✚ You have been recruited to give a stewardship lay witness presentation. Now what? Jennelle Goodburn can provide some insight at jarretjennelle@yahoo.com.
- ✚ Are you thinking about implementing a stewardship of treasure phase in your parish? Why not learn how it is done by writing to Mark and Sean Hess at mhess34171@cox.net.
- ✚ Need some tips on keeping the spirit of stewardship alive in your parish? Lou Krue at lwkrue@cox.net might have some creative ideas for your parish.
- ✚ Do you need additional stewardship posters, banners, manuals, guides, brochures or even balloons? Or, do you have a comment about this e-Steward Newsletter? If so, please contact Robert Spirito at rspirito@dioceseofprovidence.org or by dialing (401) 277-2121 during the hours of 8:30am to 4:30pm.



PRAYER FOR STEWARDSHIP



Lord God, you alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of our universe, and the mystery of each human life. We praise you and we thank you for your great power and your tender, faithful love. Everything we are and everything we have is your gift, and after having created us, you have given us into the keeping of your son, Jesus Christ. Fill our minds with His truth and our hearts with His love, that in His spirit we may be bonded together in a community of faith, a parish family, a caring people. In the name and spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share in our time, our talent and our material gifts as an outward sign of the treasure we hold in Jesus. Amen.