



It is a festive atmosphere at Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus Parish in Pawtucket on its Stewardship Ministry Fair Weekend.



“Jesus called his disciples to follow Him in the Way, the Truth and the Life.

We the people of Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus Parish take this call seriously. If we believe in these words of Jesus, then we too must create a Spirit that will generate the energy to live in the way Jesus lived; by deepening our faith in the God and Father He loved, and by giving life in the way He gave it to so many.

Stewardship has helped this parish to be the spirit filled and vibrant parish it is. We have faced many financial, as well as other challenges in the past. Through stewardship, the unity, spirit and life of this parish has helped us find courage and strength to move on and face the future with success and renewed life.

Our parish, school, activities and all our many ministries are successful because of stewardship. This parish is blessed with generous people who are compassionate, with vision, willing to work together to build the future, to touch hearts and continue to bring God’s love into our world.

Saint Teresa’s Parish family is a fully alive community, learning and growing as we face the future together with stewardship and the help of our loving, caring God.”

*Father Joseph R. Paquette
Pastor
Saint Teresa of the Child Jesus Parish
Pawtucket*



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**TRUST IN
THE LORD**

"We have that great tendency here in the United States to measure success based on our financial state. We also measure our ability to survive on the same. I confess that when I arrived at Saint John the Baptist Parish more than five years ago, it was also my inclination. Not being in the best shape financially tempted me to paint a grim picture of the future of the parish.

I settled in and after a very short time and many meetings, I started to see things differently. I began to believe in a way that I had not before, that TIME and TALENT were not only important, they were more important than TREASURE.

We can boast of a Food Bank, a Soup Kitchen, an Outreach Program, AA meetings, Senior Citizens Group and many other activities all at no cost to the parish. All supported and operated by volunteers. We also maintain the Church property with a large army of generous parishioners. Lawn care, snow removal and a myriad of repairs are all done by volunteers. Not only is this how parishes of this type survive, they thrive, because it tends to bring out the best in the people, and surfaces where the real talent is to be found.

Would it be easier if we had more money, you bet, but the strength of the Parish Community would not be as visible nor would all that happens be a true expression of who we are as the People of God. In these financially difficult times, it is tempting to lose hope and think we might not make it. But Hope is where and who we are as Christians. As we are reminded by Saint Paul, 'Hope will not leave us disappointed.'"

*Father Gerald G. Harbour
Pastor
Saint John the Baptist Parish
Pawtucket*



Parishioners gather at Christ the King Parish in Kingston for their annual stewardship renewal of time and talent.



"It is hard to believe that Christ the King Parish embraced Stewardship as a way of life almost twenty-five years ago. We embraced Stewardship because we were looking for a way to involve more people in the life and ministries of the parish. Looking back over all those years, I realize that what has taken place has far surpassed our original hopes and dreams. Christ the King Parish is alive with the Spirit. We have more than 52 ministry opportunities. There are more than 200 people serving as lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and in music ministry. More than 100 people are being faithful stewards serving as teachers, teachers' aides, hall monitors and Confirmation mentors in our Religious Formation Program. People are proud of their parish; they invite friends to come and worship with us. Stewardship has inspired our parish community to adopt the motto: 'Do the best you can do and then some.'"

*Father Joseph D. Creedon
Pastor
Christ the King Parish
Kingston*

"Stewardship is an ever increasing way of life at Saint Thomas More Parish in Narragansett. Jesus Christ commissioned the Catholic Church to pray and serve all. Stewardship is a way of life and not so much a mentality or decision.

Here at Saint Thomas More, we are always seeking new ways to serve. This past year, in addition to our Evangelization Campaign, we reached out to an army unit in Afghanistan and adopted 100 men. We sent them supplies, equipment and spiritual bouquets. Correspondence and support in all forms ensued. In addition, our parish launched "Lessons of Love" whereby we assisted a captain in a remote part of Afghanistan and supplied four new elementary girls' schools with supplies. Each year, fifteen of our teens go to a Mustard Seed Orphanage to care for 22 special needs orphans. This effort requires the full support of time, talent and treasure as well as the sacrifice of our entire parish family. We have been sent to support the parishes of Saint Michael and Saint Charles and now our own homebound parishioners can pray with our community via podcast through our website for all our liturgies. They can hear and see the same prayer we all share and see the Extraordinary Minister being sent to their home!

One of the unique ways that we practice stewardship comes from our location. Our parish swells at various intervals in the year and each week we are welcoming visitors and college students who are new. This hospitality ministry is a routine way we are called to be stewards.

Stewardship is a radical dependency on the Lord to see where and when He may call us to respond to his generosity and love. We can't wait to see what the new year will bring!"

*Father Marcel L. Taillon
Pastor
Saint Thomas More Parish
Narragansett*