

# One Family in Mission

Called to Evangelize



Formation



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## Office of Parish Stewardship March 2019

We are pleased to present our third issue of **ONE FAMILY IN MISSION** newsletter. We invite you - as part of that **FAMILY** - to share articles, best practices and any other items that you believe would benefit our community of Stewards. Please send them to [tzalud@drvc.org](mailto:tzalud@drvc.org).

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## STEWARD OF THE MONTH! MARCH 2019 Georgena McCandless

**This month's Steward is none other than our own  
George McCandless!**

Georgena McCandless (or, "George" to most of you!) has been working with the Diocese of Rockville Centre for over 20 years. During that time she has worn many hats and would be the first person to admit that she did not know or hear about Stewardship until she began working as a secretary in the newly formed diocesan Office of Parish Stewardship. As such, an astonishing array of materials began to filter across her desk.

Originally tasked with keeping an accurate inventory of materials, shipping, maintaining an up-to-date database, and creating space for a stewardship library, it wasn't long before she began reading (Bishop's Pastoral on Stewardship), then listening (International Catholic Stewardship Council tapes) and finally viewing DVD's on stewardship's rapidly growing connections to parish life in dioceses across the country but especially in RVC!

A member of St. Kilian's parish in Farmingdale since 1977 and a life-long Catholic, Stewardship spirituality resonated strongly. Georgena shared that *"practicing Stewardship fostered a sense of gratitude for my God-given gifts to be used in service both to my parish and the wider community."*



A loving wife, mother and grandmother, it is easy to see how Georgena has used her gifts

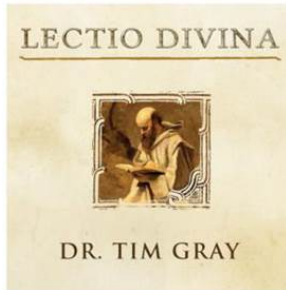
and is a Pillar of service to her family and community.

Recently Georgena was on medical leave (brand new knee!) but she is back and willing to help you any way she can.

God bless you, George, for all you do for stewardship on Long Island!

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## FORMED STEWARDSHIP CONTENT OF THE MONTH



Lectio Divina

## READ BISHOP BARRES' FULL LENTEN LETTER

## CALL TO EVANGELIZE

Bishop John O. Barres recently released his 2019 Lenten Letter and in it we can learn a great deal on how to be a good Christian steward.

When we read his letter, we see a different part of being a steward that we may sometimes forget about.

***That vital part is where do we receive our strength and energy from?***

We sometimes may get so wrapped up in deadlines, organizing and scheduling that we forget what our purpose is...or should be.

When we find ourselves becoming "too busy to pray" we need to STOP and re-focus ourselves in God. Bishop Barres quotes the words of Psalm 119, ***"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."***

This Lenten season, Bishop Barres invites us to practice the ancient tradition of *lectio divina*. By using the Pillars of Prayer and Formation, this practice goes beyond just reading the Bible, but rather diving into it and letting the Holy Spirit guide and shape you.

Bishop Barres stresses, *"Adoration, praise and thanksgiving have a way of giving the soul peace, perspective and illumination in dealing with the whirlpool of daily problems and worries."* We cannot spread God's Word effectively in our ministries if we do not let God empower and guide us in our work.

## WHATS HAPPENING IN OUR DIOCESE

BEING A GOOD STEWARD OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP  
PRESENTED BY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY!

2019 catholic speaker series  
w/ social to follow at local venue



<u>3/7</u>	<u>3/14</u>	<u>3/21</u>
<b>single</b>	<b>dating</b>	<b>married</b>
<small>w/ trista harnisch</small>	<small>w/ heather kidd</small>	<small>w/ mike clauberg</small>



**7:00-9:00PM**  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church  
Patchogue, NY | Meet in Lower Church  
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