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Office of Parish Stewardship November 2019

We are pleased to present our November 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.

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Stewards of the Month

Our *Stewards of the month* are the parishioners of St. Martin of Tours, Amityville. St. Martin of Tours parish held their own Stewardship Parish Day at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception. We thank them, and their parishioner Mary Buschman, for holding this wonderful event and for sharing the story with us.

In Mary's words:

The day began with Morning Prayer led by Deacon Larry McPartland. This was followed by our keynote speaker, Sr. Mary Alice Piil. She spoke about our Baptismal call to ministry and service and highlighted the 4 pillars of Stewardship.

Following a brief coffee break, speakers broadened the 4 pillars: Deacon Mike Aprile on hospitality, Sr. Marie Josee on service, Deacon Rick Ferri on formation, and Deacon Larry on prayer. Afterward, there was time for us to visit stations set up with take-away materials and to get more information on ministry, resource and service opportunities

and to interact with each other.

Our music director, Peter Schubart, then did a presentation about the role of the choir in liturgy and even got us all to "warm up" and sing! Mass was celebrated in the beautiful chapel, with our adult and children's choirs and Peter's family as instrumentalists.



We then went out to the barbecue area where our Knights of Columbus prepared our lunch. There were activities for children and a good time to socialize and enjoy the beautiful grounds. Our pastor, Fr. Gordon, then led an extensive tour of the Seminary. All were very pleased with the day and the unique experience we had of enrichment and growth.

THANK YOU MARY FOR SHARING YOUR WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE!

How I Spread the Seeds of DMG! by Nick Rutigliano



My name is Nick and I'm currently in my third year as Grand Knight for St. Kilian Council 2204 Knights of Columbus. I've been a member since 2000. I moved to St. Kilian's in 1993 and 3 of my 4 daughters attended the La Salle school there. That's when I was called to teach Religious Ed for my youngest daughter. **It's been 10 years now and I just love it! I'm so moved by the Spirit of the Lord, many lessons fighting back tears of joy.**

For the past 5 years I have served as an extraordinary minister in our parish - to be able to hold Jesus in my hand is just Awesome. I also administer the Eucharist to our local nursing home.

For the past few years now I have been involved at our Outreach center to drive our ministry Van for the elderly. To be a listening ear to hear some of their stories is fascinating.

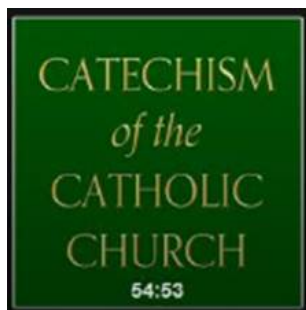
This is my second season with our *Faith sharing group* in which we gather and share the upcoming Readings of the week.

This season I have volunteered to be a facilitator in the new Arise program. I love learning about Scripture and how Jesus spoke to the people back then and how it transforms us today.

Since my retirement in 2013, I have attended daily Mass regularly and this has really opened my heart. I assist in altar serving and funerals during the week as well. I enjoy giving myself away -- it brings me joy in my brokenness. To serve is just what we do as *Catholics*. As *Mathew Kelly* says *Be Bold, Be Catholic. Peace, Nick*

**THANK YOU NICK FOR BEING SUCH A
WONDERFUL STEWARD!!!!!!**

FORMED STEWARDSHIP CONTENT OF THE MONTH



**Catechism of the
Catholic Church:
A Sure Guide for
the Modern
World by Francis
Cardinal Arinze**

CALL TO EVANGELIZE

By our
***One Family in Mission* Newsletter
reader from New Jersey, Bobbie Ann
Taylor**

November begins with the celebration of All Saints Day-- that "great cloud of witnesses" (Heb 12:1) who encourage us to keep our eyes on the prize: *life with God forever in Heaven.*



Then, the rest of the month, Mother Church asks us to pray for our dearly departed brothers and sisters, souls on their sure way to joining the Saints in Heaven.

These "Holy Souls," as the Church calls them, are those for whom the Heavenly prize is

marvelously guaranteed (*since they died in God's friendship*), but not yet in hand (*since their souls are not ready --not wholly cleaned from the effects of their sins; not "holy" enough to be in His Awesome Presence*). Thus, these friends of God are in that cleansing place we call *Purgatory*.

As members of the Communion-of-Saints, it is our stewardship privilege and responsibility, while we still are on Earth, to join the Saints in Heaven in praying for souls in this in-between place, for love of God-- and in God, for love of self and neighbor. Although these souls cannot pray for themselves, they can and do pray for us, now. And--please, God--when our souls are in Purgatory, getting all cleaned up, they will be praying to speed up our entrance into the Holy Presence of God, heartily cheering on, too, our joyous One-Family-in-Mission reunion!