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Office of Parish Stewardship
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We are pleased to present our first issue of **ONE FAMILY IN MISSION** newsletter. We want you as part of that **FAMILY** to share articles, best practices and any other items that you believe would benefit our community of Stewards.

We have several new additions to the Newsletter

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PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE!

STEWARD OF THE MONTH! JANUARY 2019 LORI ZITO

Lori Zito, the Director of Parish Ministries & Events at St. Sylvester Church in Medford,
has

served as the parish's Stewardship Coordinator for the past seven years, and has been involved with the parish's Stewardship efforts for nearly 20 years.

Lori is responsible for the parish's fall and spring Stewardship Renewals and all that entails - writing letters and bulletin articles, working with witness speakers, preparing mailings, etc.

Lori oversees approximately 400 volunteer ministers in the parish and meets with each new minister to make sure that their gifts and interests are reflected in how they are serving the parish.



"One of the most meaningful parts of my job is listening to the life experiences of our parishioners, leading them to recognize their gifts and watching them grow spiritually by using their gifts in service to others. In our isolated world, one of the most important things is for people to feel engaged and invested in their faith communities. If we create welcoming communities where our parishioners feel valued, they will serve joyfully and give generously of their time, gifts and treasure."

Lori also attends the parish's monthly Sunday Hospitality events, saying that it gives her a wonderful opportunity to welcome new parishioners and be present to the parish. Lori adds, *"In my position, it is so important that I am visible and approachable."*

As someone who strongly believes in the power of communication, Lori has also developed a welcome packet for new parishioners, a parish newsletter which focuses on ministries and events and has revised the parish's ministry guide. She stresses that St. Sylvester strives to integrate the spirituality of Stewardship into all areas of parish life, including Faith Formation and Parish Social Ministry.

Next month, for example, Lori has arranged for a presentation to the Level 1 parents on "Stewardship of the Environment" and is excited to begin planning with her co-workers their annual Parish Appreciation Breakfast at which they recognize with gratitude all of their volunteer ministers. She looks forward to continuing to being present to parishioners and assisting them with their individual faith journeys.

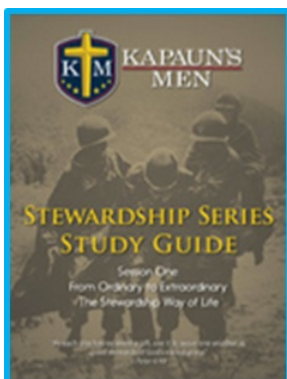
THANK YOU LORI!!!!

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FORMED STEWARDSHIP CONTENT OF THE MONTH



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During the beginning of the month, we may hear the phrase "New Year, new me". We ourselves may also practice on making ourselves healthier individuals with a New Year's Resolution.

Both practices are fine, we should always aim to make ourselves better people every year (every day for that matter). But, have you thought about making your neighbor a better person as well?

We invite our friends to the movies, because we know they will have a good time with us. We invite our friends to the gym, because we know they will become healthier with us. Do we invite our friends to Mass, so as to grow closer to God with us?

We have been given many gifts in our lives from God. Two of those may be Faith and friends. We must be good stewards with those gifts and try to combine the two. This month, invite some friends and family to Mass with you. You yourself will grow closer to God as well, as you bring back His children.

"A Christian life lived with charity and faith is the most effective form of evangelization."

Disciples Called to Witness: The New Evangelization, U.S. Bishops' Pastoral Letter

