

Office of Parish Stewardship

We are pleased to present our July 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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Called to Evangelize

Throughout America, children are encouraged to partake in summer reading exercises to prepare them for the upcoming school year. This is to prepare them for the next grade and to keep their minds working and to help them grow as students. There are many benefits to reading throughout the summer for these young students. In fact, Formed.org has many children and young adult books and novels for great summer reading! Our office recommends introducing your children to the vast variety of books available for free at Formed.org for their summer reading. Families can even create a special fun family night and have a book discussion on a special book. Encourage your children to go outside and play and parents join them – family walks are a wonderful way to bond and enjoy nature and all of God's creations. Physical activity is so beneficial for the whole family and it improves our mental and emotional well-being.

As Catholics, if we ever feel tempted to just "take the summer off" from going to Mass or practicing different devotions, we need to remember that not only is that a grave sin (missing Mass), but also that we are missing so many spiritual benefits! During the summer, there are so many opportunities to go to the beach, parties, BBQs, and go on vacation, but none of those things should prevent us from going to Mass. There are so many parishes across Long Island and so many Mass times, that missing Mass should not be an option. Often when we plan a vacation, we research important sites to see that should not be missed; add a Church to visit and to worship at to this list. Catholic Churches and Mass times anywhere can be found by going to: **https://masstimes.org/** Summer is such a beautiful time! Do not let it become a recess from going to church. Take this time to not only nurture your physical, emotional and mental well-being, but also your spiritual well-being!

Click **HERE** to read more blogs from the Catholic Ministries Appeal office. Hear stories from the staff, those who are helped through the Appeal and the volunteers who touch the lives of so many on Long Island.

Formed Stewardship Content of the Month

Each month, our office suggests Stewardship content from Formed.org that will help you grow in the faith! If you are not signed up with Formed.org, check with your parish to see if they have a subscription. This month, we recommend "In God We Trust".



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