

One Family in Mission

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Office of Parish Stewardship June 2019

We are pleased to present our June 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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STEWARD OF THE MONTH! JUNE 2019 Anthony, Ss. Cyril and Methodius

Anthony has worked as a Night Custodian at St. Kilian for more than 2 years and recently became the Sacristan on Saturday mornings. His home parish is Ss. Cyril and Methodius in Deer Park.



"If it wasn't for my parents I don't know where I would be. I was one of those kids that hated going to church. I would tell my parents that I didn't want to go. And when

we went to Mass I would always go into the crying room in the back of the church.

Then my mom joined a newly formed group called Family Life. Family Life hosted fun events at the church like Mardi Gras, Bagel Breakfast on Sunday, Movie nights, etc. I found myself starting to enjoy church. I joined the Angel Choir (Children's Choir). When I became old enough I wanted to become an altar server - which I did.

I also decided to become a lector as well. So I went from a kid who hated going to church to being involved in the Mass in some sort of way, whether it was singing in the choir, altar

...serving or as a lector. I joined my parish Youth Group, getting involved with food drives and midnight runs, helping decorate the Church for Easter and Christmas, and other parish activities."

Now 23, Anthony is still active in his parish. He is one of the oldest altar servers, helping to usher at the Sunday night Mass and a Eucharistic Minister. Every summer he helps at Vacation Bible School as a counselor. In August 2017, his pastor approved of a newly formed Young Adult group.

"My friends who were in the Youth Group together when we all graduated wanted to remain involved. So the Youth Group Alumni is now a Young Adult group so we can continue to grow our faith and help out in our church and in the community."

Every summer Anthony helps out the Knights of Columbus, and Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiettes with their events by going to businesses asking for donations for their auctions.

"Volunteering is important to me. It makes me feel good after you know you did something right. I encourage anyone who is not actively involved to get involved - you'll meet great people who share the same faith as you as you do good work for the church. We are all a Family of the Eucharist!"

Thank you Anthony for sharing your story!

FORMED STEWARDSHIP CONTENT OF THE MONTH



Pure Fatherhood by
Devin Schadt

CALL TO EVANGELIZE

This month we celebrate Father's Day. More than ever, our Catholic church and society needs present and faithful fathers.

A study conducted in Switzerland found that only 3% of children become regular churchgoers if only their mother is a regular churchgoer, whereas 33% of children are regular churchgoers if their father and mother are both churchgoers. Even if the mother is non-practicing but the father is practicing, the number jumps up to 44%. These are staggering numbers that mean so much.

Stewardship of the faith is so necessary for Catholic fathers, as their witness can have a huge impact on the faith of their children.

As stewards, we cannot pretend to be good stewards because we are polite to our neighbor and yet ignore those in our own home. Stewardship begins in the home.

This Father's day let us remember the foster father of Jesus, St. Joseph. St. Joseph can best be remembered for his strong faith in God, as he constantly acted according to

what God asked of him.

Whether you are a parent or not, ask St. Joseph to intercede for you as you journey as a Christian steward trying to follow God's way. Let us also pray for our fathers, living or deceased, as we celebrate fathers this month.



Prayer to St. Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph,
do we come in our tribulation,
and having implored the help of your most holy spouse,
we confidently invoke your patronage also.
Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and
through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus,
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has
purchased by his Blood,
and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.
O most watchful Guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen
children of Jesus Christ;
O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and
corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector,
be propitious to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of
darkness;
and, as once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy
Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;
shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,
so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die
holy, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

EVENTS IN THE DIOCESE



Diocese of Rockville Centre

An Evening of Prayer for Men Suffering Abortion Loss

An Evening of Prayer for Men is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The evening is directed by a spiritual team who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer.

The evening will consist of a Mass, Dinner, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Adoration.

Wednesday, June 19, 2019
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Please register by Monday, June 17, 2019.

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