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A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR CARR

Dear Parishioners,

Today, we bring forward to the altar the stewardship pledges of our parishioners, and offer them to God as a sign of our thankfulness for his blessings and gifts to us. It is fitting to do this as we near the time when we recognize His Gift to us, His Only Son.

Please do make your annual stewardship pledge as soon as possible, so that we may celebrate your commitment of financial stewardship, too.

Blessings,

Monsignor Carr

ST. BRIDGET STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your many blessings on St. Bridget Parish, and pray that You will help us to answer Your call to Stewardship.

We ask that you . . .

. . . Open our ears, that we may hear the Gospel message of sacrifice and giving;

. . . Open our eyes, that we may recognize the needs of our church and our community;

. . . Open our hearts, that we may respond with love to what You ask of us; and,

. . . Open our hands, that we may return to You a meaningful measure of what You have blessed and entrusted to us.

We ask all of this in the name of Jesus Christ Your Son, knowing that all things come from You and Him through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2011**

Saturday 8:00 a.m.: Joan Marie Lenzi, 5:30 p.m.: Rhonda Carney

Sunday 7:30 a.m.: Jack MacKara, 9:00 a.m.: Margaret Lee Anderson,
10:30 a.m.: Frank Uvanni, 12:00 p.m.: Kevin Conron,
5:00 p.m.: Philip Francis McGovern

Monday John Ray Wolfe

Tuesday Gene Kastelberg

Wednesday Anthony Hibey

Thursday The People

Friday 8:00 a.m.: Special Intention, 6:15 p.m.: Special Intention

Saturday 8:00 a.m.: Kenneth Harold Jamerson, 5:30 p.m.: Bernard and Marie Franko

Next Sunday 7:30 a.m.: Emil Lenzi, 9:00 a.m.: Charles Sweeney

10:30 a.m.: Nikki Foster, 12:00 p.m.: Charles J. Fiden,

5:00 p.m.: James Cox

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, INFIRM & THOSE IN NEED****OUR PARISHIONERS**

Janet Alston, Ann Arkesteyn, Lisa Bacon, Evelyn Binns, Chuck Bogatie, Michael Buseck, Lamar Dotter, Jerry Gerloff, Jackie Glasscock, Claire Hart, Joe Jowaisas, Lethe Kazi, Mitzi McDowell, Mary Jo McRoberts, Ida Saxby, Jimmy Smith, Elston Startt, Lauren Trotter, Bonnie Ware, Selma Whitfield, Cliff Wyman, those facing long term illness and disability.

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES OF PARISHIONERS

Mary Frances Adair, Tracy Amato, Ryan Armstrong, Mary Ann Beck, Robert U Blum Jr, Paulina Bolton, Dr. George Chiang, John Coggins, Karen Dynia, George Flournoy, Hope Foley, Gretchen Gwynette, Nicole Hunter, Patty King, Nick Kuriger, Joyce McClintock, Katy Wilson Measell, Danny Mizelle, Grant Mountcastle, Charles Oliverio, John Rupel, Jarrod Russell, Evelyn Byrd Selby, Cassidy Scott, Ryleigh Scott, Mary Schindel, Kenzie Scott, Ray Stencil, Elizabeth Story, Janine Thompson, Sandra Toot, Jeanne Tribble, Kay Meyer Webber, Lynn Wray, Rebecca Williams.

DECEASED



**WHAT SHALL I RETURN TO THE LORD
FOR ALL HIS GOODNESS TO ME?
PSALM 116:12**

2011 Stewardship Commitment Campaign - Reflections

During March, while our Annual Stewardship Appeal is being conducted, we offer reflections by our fellow parishioners on why they chose to make a stewardship commitment to St. Bridget Parish. We thank Elizabeth Martin for her thoughts below.

A Heart of Faith and Reliance on Him

I realized the other day that even though my husband and I are alike in many ways, there is a big difference. It's not our faith, but rather our approach to faith. I'm a questioner, often asking why something is the way it is, seeking an explanation, context or history. He's a rock-solid believer – it is, and it's not more complicated than that.

As we discussed our stewardship pledge to Saint Bridget, my questions led me to read about what God calls each of us to give, to revisit Jesus' parables, and to try to understand giving in the context of faith (not religion or rules). As it became clearer to me that everything we have, whether it is financial means, the talents that have allowed us to earn what we have, or simply another new morning, they are each from God, entrusted to us for His purposes. It's not that he wants us to give to follow the rules, but to share a small portion of what He's given us in the first place, reflecting a heart of faith and reliance on Him.

Scripture is clear that how we spend our time and energy demonstrates our priorities. Keeping God the central point can be very difficult in our day-to-day living and He understands this. He asks us to give back to so that we remain close to Him. Think about who we choose to buy gifts for – it's those we love. Giving to His family is an important way we connect as a body of believers to share in His love. From the earliest part of the creation story, He asks us to trust Him, rely on Him, and obey Him... for our own good. We were created for His glory, not our own, and each time we reflect His light by demonstrating our faith, we share His Son with those who don't know Him yet. Giving our time, talent and treasure back to our parish is an important means of lighting the way for others.

While I needed to think through all that, when I asked my husband why we give to Saint Bridget, his answer was simple, "Because it is the right thing to do."

- Elizabeth Martin

**2011 Annual Stewardship Commitment Campaign
Parishioner Pledges as of March , 2011**

Total Parishioner Pledges Received to Date	841
Total Amount Pledged to Date	\$1,230,238
Number of New Pledges	224

*We have approximately 2,300 individuals or families in our parish.
Thank you for generously responding to this year's Annual Stewardship Appeal.*

Thank you for continuing to pray and reflect on the call to stewardship – the giving of our gifts in response to all that God has entrusted to us.

Please make your Stewardship Pledge to St. Bridget at your earliest convenience.