

# MEMO – Office of Stewardship

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## STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS

**TO:** All Pastors/ Administrators  
**FROM:** Deacon Russell Davis, Director  
**CC:** Mariann Gilbride  
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**DATE:** August 1, 2019  
**RE:** **SEPTEMBER** Stewardship Bulletin Reflections

The attached information is provided as a way of presenting the message of *Stewardship* and is recommended for use for the five weekends in September 2019.

Please review the **Stewardship Prayer of the Faithful Petitions** provided. These petitions are dated and provided to match the weekly scripture readings.

**We now provide Prayer of the Faithful Petitions for Teens and Young Adults.**

These weekly **Stewardship Reflections & Prayer of the Faithful Petitions** are available in **Spanish**. Please contact Robin Carpenter at 856-583-6140 or [rcarpenter@camdendiocese.org](mailto:rcarpenter@camdendiocese.org)

**The *Stewardship* Bulletin Reflections and Prayer of the Faithful Petitions (in Word and PDF formats) can be found on the Diocesan website**

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Stewardship Bulletin Reflections**

Thank you for using *Stewardship* materials in your parish liturgy. For further information or assistance, please feel free to contact the Office of Stewardship. You will receive a weekly email reminder that directs you to a diocesan webpage where you will find all documents in an easy to understand and downloadable format: <http://www.camdendiocese.org/weekly-mailing/>

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## *Weekly Bulletin Announcements*

Please insert the appropriate weekly bulletin announcement for the five weekends of *September*:

**September 1, 2019**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Stewardship Blessings**

*“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.” LUKE 14:13 -14*

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, a chance to play golf or our name in print. Yet, as Christian *Stewards*, we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

**September 8, 2019**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Stewards Renounce Possessions**

*“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” LUKE 14:33*

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to live *Stewardship* and share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

**September 15, 2019**

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Stewardship Brings Lasting Values**

*“Everything I have is yours.” LUKE 15:31*

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on *Stewardship* and all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

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**September 22, 2019**

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Stewardship Devotion**

*“No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth).” LUKE 16:13*

Is money a “god” that you put before God? Giving money in *Stewardship* to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from being a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

**September 29, 2019**

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Stewards Comforted**

*“My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established...” LUKE 16:25-26*

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today’s Gospel we see that with our own *Stewardship* we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

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## *Weekly Prayer of the Faithful Petitions*

### **September 1, 2019**

That generous giving in *Stewardship* means sharing with those who cannot repay us. Let us pray to the Lord.

### **September 8, 2019**

That we may come to recognize that everything we have is a gift from God and we are called in *Stewardship* to generously share all of our gifts. Let us pray to the Lord.

### **September 15, 2019**

That we understand each of us has a unique role through *Stewardship* to build God's kingdom and to share our gifts beyond our parish boundaries. Let us pray to the Lord.

### **September 22, 2019**

That we recognize everything we have is a gift from God, including our money, and to generously live *Stewardship* by sharing our wealth to support the mission of our Church, locally and around the world. Let us pray to the Lord.

### **September 29, 2019**

That our eyes may be open to the needs around us and our hands and hearts may be open in *Stewardship* sharing our gifts to make this world a better place for all of us. Let us pray to the Lord.

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## ***TEENS and YOUNG ADULTS***

### **September 1, 2019**

For all *Teens and Young Adults* who come from broken homes, may God help them to become whole again. Let us pray to the Lord.

### **September 8, 2019**

For the healing of all *Teens and Young Adults* struggling from a loss of a close friend. Let us pray to the Lord.

### **September 15, 2019**

For *Teens and Young Adults* who are dealing with divorce in their families. Bless them with hearts that are healing from the pain of separation. Let us pray to the Lord.

### **September 22, 2019**

For *Teens and Young Adults* who are experiencing depression. Fill them with hope and help them receive and accept the help they need. Let us pray to the Lord.

### **September 29, 2019**

For those *Teens and Young Adults* who are homeless, that they find loving homes and safety. Let us pray to the Lord.