

# What Is Stewardship?

“Stewardship is the ability to share one’s gifts of life; **time, talents, and resources** with others with no strings attached and no conditions.”

-the late Archbishop Thomas Murphy, Seattle

“Come you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. Then the righteous will answer him and say, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?” And the king will say to them in reply, “Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”

(Matthew 25:34-40)

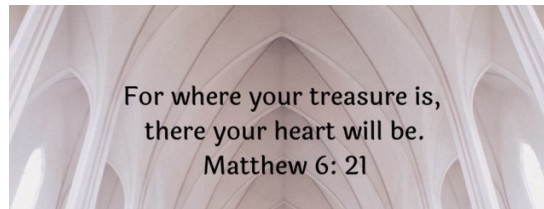
## Treasure

1. Making a Consistent Gift to the Offertory
2. Re-Igniting Our Faith Capital Campaign
3. Bishop’s Appeal

As always thank you for your sacrificial offerings. Through these weekly offerings we typically meet our goal to cover expenses.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we are reminded that all things including life itself are a gift from God. As responsible stewards, we recognize the needs of God’s Church here on earth, both within our parish and in the greater community. By recalling that all have is gift from God, we therefore must strive to be generous with the financial gifts, both great and small, that God has bestowed upon us.

As we move into the future, blessed by your generous support, we will need to focus on the Re-Igniting Our Faith Capital Campaign and the Bishop’s Appeal.



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*Please complete this brochure and return by placing in the offertory basket, dropping off at the parish office or mailing to the parish office. Thank you!*

# Time

## Spending Time With God in Prayer


Prayer is the beginning of stewardship. Only when we spend time with God in prayer are we spiritually prepared to offer ourselves in service to others.

- ◆ Attend Mass every Saturday/Sunday & on Holy Days
- ◆ Attend weekday Mass at least once a week
- ◆ Spend 15 minutes in personal prayer
- ◆ Pray together with loved ones
- ◆ Read the Bible for one hour a week
- ◆ Pray the Rosary at least weekly
- ◆ Go to confession regularly
- ◆ Schedule time for a retreat
- ◆ Attend Bible Study

# Talent

## Using My Talents in Parish Ministries

Please read about the ministries listed below on our website at [stmarysballsstonspa.org](http://stmarysballsstonspa.org). Please place a check mark next to the ministries which you would like to join. Once you sign up for a new ministry, the leader of that ministry will contact you to explain how to get involved.

 = Interested in Joining

### Life Long Faith Development

- \_\_\_\_\_ Becoming Catholic (R.C.I.A.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Faith Formation Catechist (1st-5th Gr.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Faith Formation Catechist (6th-10th Gr.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Ministry (6th & above)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Women's Book Group
- \_\_\_\_\_ Men's Group
- \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Faith Formation

### Liturgical

- \_\_\_\_\_ Altar Servers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Environment, Art and Flower Ministry
- \_\_\_\_\_ Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ushers/Greeters
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lectors
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sacristans
- \_\_\_\_\_ Visitation Ministers of the Eucharist
- \_\_\_\_\_ Altar Cleaning

### Music

- \_\_\_\_\_ Choir
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cantor
- \_\_\_\_\_ Musician
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bell Ministry

### Service

- \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Service Outreach
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitality and Fellowship
- \_\_\_\_\_ Knitting Group
- \_\_\_\_\_ Social Concerns
- \_\_\_\_\_ Respect Life
- \_\_\_\_\_ Outreach Ministry

### Spiritual

- \_\_\_\_\_ Funeral Ministry
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bereavement Support Group
- \_\_\_\_\_ Our Lady Queen of Peace Prayer Group
- \_\_\_\_\_ Prayer Shawl Ministry

### Administrative

- \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Office Work
- \_\_\_\_\_ Buildings and Grounds

