



## Stewardship in Action at St. Bernard

### RAY GRODKIEWICZ RECEIVES 2019 CHARLIE GRILL AWARD

On Saturday, October 12th, the St Bernard Men's Ministry honored **Ray Grodkiewicz** by selecting him as the 2019 Charlie Grill Award winner. Ray is the 24th recipient of this annual award. A long time parishioner at St. Bernard, Ray was chosen for his outstanding service to both the parish and to the surrounding Somerset County community. As Christian stewards, we are called to share our time, talent and treasure with the Lord. Ray has served as an inspirational example of this through his many acts of service.



Among Ray's many contributions are:

- Serving as Treasurer of the Men's Club (now Men's Ministry).
- Cooking for the monthly Men's Ministry breakfasts and also supporting Parish Thank You Breakfasts.
- Serving for nine years as a Scrip Volunteer after Sunday masses, taking orders and selling cards.
- Working as "Counter Coordinator" for the weekly collection and recruiting new volunteers.
- Making deliveries of food to SHIP.

In all of these roles, Ray has been known to go the extra mile, filling in when there are shortages of volunteers, putting in extra hours to count the collection, or covering extra masses at the Scrip table. Ray has worked out of the spotlight, always doing whatever is necessary to get the job done, and recognition of his efforts with the Charlie Grill Award is well deserved.

On behalf of the Stewardship Council, please join us in recognizing Ray as a true disciple of Jesus Christ.

Ray Grodkiewicz pictured with his wife of 50 years, Barbara, and Msgr Randy.

### WHO WAS CHARLIE GRILL?

Charlie was a life-long, dedicated parishioner of St. Bernard dating back to the original church in Raritan, NJ. Charlie and his wife Kitty had a love of God and neighbor. This love was expressed in their service to God, church, family, country and community. Charlie succumbed to leukemia in 1993. Following his passing, the Men's Club initiated an annual award in his honor to be given to a male parishioner who demonstrates many of the same characteristics and acts of service that Charlie did for so many years. That tradition continues today in a very vibrant way.

The nominee and recipient of the award must demonstrate the following:

- Performs service in a manner that reflects the love of Christ
- Is a member of St. Bernard Church and a regular communicant
- Performs acts of service while a member of St. Bernard Church
- Performs acts of service that include but are not limited to: ministry to the homebound, nursing and assisted living facilities, the homeless, hospitals, the poor/needy, missionary work, Catholic Charities, Diocese)
- Is reliable and accountable in fulfilling service commitments



## PAST RECIPIENTS OF THE CHARLIE GRILL AWARD

1996—Bob McNamara  
1997—Gene Quinteri  
1998—Walt Steele  
1999—Fr. John Brundage  
2000—Art Sanford  
2001—Leo Delaney  
2002—Bill Coscia  
2003—Brian Roe  
2004—Bill Funkhouser  
2005—John Mahler  
2006—Ed Dobrosky  
2007—Jack Hurley  
2008—Ron Krilla  
2009—Tom Van Horne  
2010—Peter Papa  
2011—Gerry Nugent  
2012—Bernie McElroy  
2013—John Casey  
2014—Russ Nesbitt  
2015—Mark Dransfield  
2016—Ron Haikes  
2017—Joe Stevens  
2018—Tom Wisniewski

## INTER-FAITH THANKSGIVING

In the spirit of stewardship, St. Bernard parishioners are invited to join members and supporters of the Interfaith Hospitality Network as St. Bernard's hosts the annual Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday evening, November 26, 2019 at 7:00 PM. Members of the congregations of North Branch Reformed, Temple Beth-El and St. Bernard will share a service of thanksgiving for our many blessings. Following the service, we will share light refreshments and fellowship in the cafeteria.

A free-will offering will be taken to support the Interfaith Hospitality Network.



## GREEN TEAM UPDATE

The St. Bernard Green Team has completed the final "road show" presentations at Temple Beth-El in Hillsborough and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Somerville. Watch for more updates in our support of environmental stewardship!



*Interested in learning more about the Stewardship Council?*

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