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STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS

TO: All Pastors/ Administrators

FROM: Deacon Russell Davis, Director

CC: Mariann Gilbride

DATE: February 10, 2020

RE: ***MARCH*** Stewardship Bulletin Reflections

The attached information is provided as a way of presenting the message of *Stewardship.* It is recommended for use for the five weekends in March 2020.

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

The weekly **Stewardship Reflections & Prayer of the Faithful Petitions** are also available in **Spanish.** Please call 856-583-6125 or email stephanie.kelton@camdendiocese.org for more information.

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

Go to:
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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 ***March:***

March 1, 2020 **Stewardship Service**

1st Sunday of Lent

"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." MATTHEW *4:10*

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, as Christian **Stewards**, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things. Ask God how he is calling you to serve.

March 8, 2020 **Faithful Stewardship**

2nd Sunday of Lent

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." GENESIS *12:1*

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way when we live **Stewardship** as a way of life. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

March 15, 2020 **God-Centered Stewardship**

3rd Sunday of Lent

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." JOHN *4:13*

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become His **Stewards**, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".

March 22, 2020 **True Stewardship**

4th Sunday of Lent

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." 1Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure to live **Stewardship** here on earth.

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March 29, 2020 **Stewardship Faith**

Fifth Sunday of Lent

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'' JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of **Stewardship**, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need. It opens our hearts to see God's active presence in our daily lives.

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Weekly Prayer of the Faithful Petitions

March 1, 2020
That as Christian **Stewards**, we prune ourselves of earthly things and ask God how he is calling us to serve.

Let us pray to the Lord…

March 8, 2020
That we, as Christian **Stewards,** may learn the difference between what we want and what we need, trusting that God will provide all that we need.

Let us pray to the Lord…

March 15, 2020
That we, as Christian **Stewards,** become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" in our daily actions and decisions.

Let us pray to the Lord…

March 22, 2020
That we, as Christian **Stewards,** are less concerned about our outward appearance and more concerned with our interior conversion of heart.

Let us pray to the Lord…

March 29, 2020
That we, as Christian **Stewards,** open our hearts to see God's active presence in our daily lives.

Let us pray to the Lord…