

# Stewardship Renewal Month at St. Philip Neri Church

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## Time, Talent & Treasure

Throughout the month of October, our parish is celebrating Stewardship Renewal Month. As faithful members of our parish, we are all called to be good stewards. It is important that we annually renew our stewardship commitment, and affirm our gratitude to God by sharing His gifts of our time, talent and treasure with others.

### Our Stewardship as Disciples of Christ

At our Baptism, all of us were called by name and received our life-long vocation as Disciples of Christ. Stewardship is a disciple's response to the gifts God has given to each of us. As Christ's friends, followers and grateful disciples, we have been asked to not only worship on Sunday but also consciously decide to live in a way that follows in Christ's footsteps. As grateful stewards that devote time and resources to faith-filled prayer, charitable service and generous sharing, our lives exemplify Jesus' life since we pray like Jesus prayed, we serve like Jesus served, and our generosity imitates his.

#### • Stewardship of our Time - Live Prayer!

We are disciples of Jesus, and we nurture this relationship through both personal and community prayer. Jesus prayed without ceasing, and we are called to engage in daily personal prayer, through prayers of thanksgiving, praise, petition and forgiveness. The center of our community prayer is the Eucharist, with prayer at adoration, prayer groups, retreats, and devotionals such as the Stations of the Cross also offering the opportunity to pray together.

#### • Stewardship of our Talent – Live Service!

To be a steward of service means that we nurture and actively share our many talents with each other, as we imitate Jesus' life of service through our actions. Jesus was a servant - He came not to be served, but to serve. Our church offers numerous unique ministries to serve within the parish as well as in the local community and beyond. Information about volunteer opportunities may be obtained by contacting the Volunteer Coordinator.

#### • Stewardship of our Treasure – Live Sharing!

Jesus has shared everything with us, including His life when He died on the cross. We are called, as good stewards, to share our treasure by financially supporting our Parish, Diocese and other charitable organizations. As generous disciples, we are asked to return a portion of our financial blessings back to the Lord, remembering that equal sacrifice, and not equal giving, will enable us to fulfill the mission to which we have been called.

#### Live Gratitude!

We as stewards must live a life of gratitude, in thanksgiving to God for His generosity and all of our gifts. Through our stewardship way of life, we show our gratitude and joy for all God has done for us.



**Coming Up...Next Week**  
**Discernment of our Gifts of**  
**Time, Talent & Treasure**