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A MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR CARR

Dear Parishioners,

Our Annual Parish Stewardship Appeal continues to bring God's blessings to our parish. While many have yet to make their pledge, our goals of increasing the number of pledges, increasing the amount of those pledges and gaining new pledges are being met. Thank you!

I am very grateful to the Stewardship Committee for their hard work. Countless hours of meetings and prayers reveal their own stewardship of our parish. Their vision and example inspire me and I am thankful to God and to them.

Those who have not yet pledged may expect our phone call over the next few weeks. If you have not already done so please join in this effort and be a generous supporter of this parish which does so much for so many.

Please know of my prayers for everyone in the parish and my hope that as Lent progresses you will be blessed.

Sincerely in Christ,
 Monsignor Carr

LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR FAST & ABSTINENCE

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday by all 18 years of age & older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk & juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age & older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent & Good Friday are days of abstinence.

Note: If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, other suitable forms of self-denial are encouraged.

Fasting, almsgiving, & prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful & catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance & of preparation for baptism or of renewal of baptism at Easter.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 3, 2011

Saturday	8:00 a.m.: Kenneth Harold Jamerson, 5:30 p.m.: Bernard and Marie Franko
Sunday	7:30 a.m.: Emil Lenzi, 9:00 a.m.: Charles Sweeney 10:30 a.m.: Nikki Foster, 12:00 p.m.: Charles J. Fiden, 5:00 p.m.: James Cox
Monday	The Steiner Family
Tuesday	Domenick D'Adamo
Wednesday	Fabian Gonzalez
Thursday	Mary Giovenco
Friday	8:00 a.m.: Stanley McCaughan, 6:15 p.m.: The People
Saturday	8:00 a.m.: Denise Ryan Zambuto, 5:30 p.m.: Special Intention
Next Sunday	7:30 a.m.: Leo Astyk, 9:00 a.m.: Mary Helen Conroy 10:30 a.m.: Philip Shaheen and Katherine Oley Shaheen, 12:00 p.m.: Kevin Conron, 5:00 p.m.: Special Intention

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, INFIRM & THOSE IN NEED****OUR PARISHIONERS**

Janet Alston, Ann Arkesteyn, Lisa Bacon, Evelyn Binns, Chuck Bogatie, Michael Buseck, Lamar Dotter, Jerry Gerloff, Jackie Glasscock, Claire Hart, Joe Jowaisas, Lethe Kazi, Mitzi McDowell, Mary Jo McRoberts, Ida Saxby, Margaret Shaia, Jimmy Smith, Elston Startt, Lauren Trotter, Bonnie Ware, Selma Whitfield, Cliff Wyman, those facing long term illness and disability.

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES OF PARISHIONERS

Mary Frances Adair, Tracy Amato, Ryan Armstrong, Charlotte Baxter, Mary Ann Beck, Robert U Blum Jr, Paulina Bolton, Dr. George Chiang, John Coggins, Karen Dynia, George Flournoy, Hope Foley, Gretchen Gwynette, Nicole Hunter, Patty King, Nick Kuriger, Joyce McClintock, Katy Wilson Measell, Danny Mizelle, Grant Mountcastle, Charles Oliverio, John Rupel, Jarrod Russell, Evelyn Byrd Selby, Cassidy Scott, Ryleigh Scott, Mary Schindel, Kenzie Scott, Ray Stencil, Elizabeth Story, Janine Thompson, Sandra Toot, Jeanne Tribble, Kay Meyer Webber, Lynn Wray, Rebecca Williams.

DECEASED

Mae Fortner, Catherine Fowler



**WHAT SHALL I RETURN TO THE LORD
FOR ALL HIS GOODNESS TO ME?**

PSALM 116:12

2011 Stewardship Commitment Campaign - Reflections

During March and early April, while our Annual Stewardship Appeal is being conducted, we offer reflections by our fellow parishioners on why they choose to make a stewardship commitment to St. Bridget Parish. We thank Joe Borzelleca, long term parishioner of St. Bridget, for his reflection.

As parishioners for over 50 years, Mary and I believe that we really did not choose St. Bridget Church, but that God directed us to it, and what a blessing it has been. Our children and grandchildren have benefited from attending our parish school, blessed with very competent and compassionate teachers beginning with (Saint) Mother Presentation. How can we ever repay them? And what about the many other services provided by our Church? We have seen an explosion of services and activities provided by our priests and parish staff and the increasing number of volunteers who are stepping up to the plate to help. Monsignor Carr has done an outstanding job in motivating parishioners to get more involved in reaching out to the parish and community. What an exciting Church we are! But all of this comes at a price, doesn't it? How much should one give to support our Church? Should we tithe? It just seems like so much!

Here is what changed my attitude toward tithing. My first secretary was a devout Baptist lady who was raising 3 children and supporting her husband, a ministerial student. One morning we were discussing giving to our respective churches and I shared that it was difficult raising 6 children and trying to be generous to the church. She said it was simple for her; she simply gave her church 10% of her bi-weekly salary; that was the first check she wrote. She then paid the other bills. She had been doing this for years and her utilities were never cut off and everyone was fed and clothed. She said that I really needed to have more faith in God and He would provide. So Mary and I tried it (almost tithed) and somehow bills were paid, children were clothed and fed and eventually graduated from college and beyond, and no one was in debt. It worked for my friend, and it works for us. Are you willing to give it a try?

I read recently "God prospers us not to raise our standard of living but our standard of giving." Do we view our personal wealth as a special gift for our own personal use, or what does God expect us to do with it? Jesus said "...it is more blessed to give than to receive." If St. Bridget is to continue to meet our needs (spiritual and otherwise), we must continue to support it to the best of our abilities by sharing time, talent and treasure. May the Good Lord continue to bless all of us here at St. Bridget with an overabundance of His choicest blessings.

- Joseph F. Borzelleca

2011 Annual Stewardship Commitment Campaign Parishioner Pledges as of March 28, 2011

Total Parishioner Pledges Received to Date	936
Total Amount Pledged to Date	\$1,347,644
Number of New Pledges	255

*We have approximately 2,300 families and individuals in our parish.
Thank you for hearing the call to stewardship and for
generously responding to this year's Annual Stewardship Appeal.*

Please make your Stewardship Pledge to St. Bridget at your earliest convenience.

Reminder phone calls to parishioners will be made in April.