

# Developing Stewardship as a Way of Life

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church



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## Developing Stewardship as a Way of Life

The ultimate mission of the Church is to bring people into a living relationship with God and each other, through Jesus Christ.

At St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Fort Mill, SC, we believe that the message of stewardship and establishing a stewardship spirituality in the parish is essential to furthering that mission.

We are three years into this journey and we're here today to share what we have done and are doing to develop Stewardship as a way of life in the parish.

## A Little Bit About Us:

- Established in 1994
- Located in Fort Mill, SC
- 2800 Registered Families
- 41% of parish between 22 and 54 years of age
- 25% of parish age 55 and older
- 300 New Families per year
- 87 Ministries & Affiliated Organizations



Welcoming  
Parishioners  
into our Faith  
Community



# Hospitality: The Cornerstone of Stewardship

*"We are here to serve –  
not to be served."*

At St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, we strive to be a welcoming parish that reflects the heart, mercy and teachings of Christ, the traditions of the Catholic Church and the spirit of joy manifested by our patron saint, St. Philip Neri.

We pray that you find St. Philip Neri Catholic Church a warm, **welcoming home** and a place where you can deepen your faith and become a special part of our Catholic faith community.

*"I came as a guest, and you received me." ~ Matthew 25:35*

Name Tag  
Weekend

Hospitality  
Sunday



**I Have Called You By Name**

(Isaiah 43:1)

**Hello, My Name Is**

# Welcoming New Parishioners Into Our Faith Community



- New Parishioner Welcome Bag
- Welcome email
- Newcomer's Luncheon
- Role of New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry – Area Reps
- Name Tag Weekend – Hospitality Sunday
- Role of Parish Staff



# Welcoming New Parishioners Into Our Faith Community



Welcome to Saint Philip Neri. If you have any questions about the church or its activities, please call your area rep. Your area representative is Kristine Wade; 803-255-2496. Your envelope number is 5532. You will receive your supplementary envelopes from our envelope company. Your bi-monthly imprinted envelopes will arrive the middle of April for May and June. If you run out of supplementary envelopes, they are available in the church office. We have many different volunteer opportunities and ways to get involved here at Saint Philip Neri. I would love to help you find something that fits your interests and schedule. If you haven't done so already, pick up a blue new member bag at the information desk in the church. Look through our stewardship book and see all that we have to offer. Again, welcome to our parish.

# Educating Parishioners & Encouraging Involvement



## Modeling the Behavior

- Monkey See, Monkey Do
- Pew Cards – Mass Etiquette and Hospitality
- Hospitality Ministries:
  - Hospitality Committee, Stewardship Committee, Greeters Ministry, New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry (Area Reps), Welcome, Desk Ministry, Usher Ministry, Funeral Ministry

# Our Stewardship Journey



# Our Stewardship Focus 2017 - 2019



**2017-18**

- Renewal Month Focus
- No Theme
- Limited Messaging



**2018-19**

- Renewal Month Focus
- Giving, Praying, Serving Theme
- Increased Messaging



**2019-20**

- Renewal Month Focus
- Let Christ's Light Shine Through You Theme
- Stewardship Homilies
- Increased Messaging

**Stewardship Materials: Ministry of Stewardship Book; Commitment Card with Covenant; Stewardship Tri-Fold Brochure; Pastor's Letter**

# Our Stewardship Results 2017-2019

## 2017-18

- 496 Commitment Cards
- >19% of parishioners

## 2018-19

- 430 Commitment Cards
- >15.25% of parishioners

## 2019-20

- 562 Commitment Cards
- >20% of parishioners

### Year Over Year Results:

Measurement	2018/2017	2019/2018
Commitment Cards	(-66)	+132
% of Parish Responding	(-4.41%)	>+5.00%

## Stewardship Going Forward

- Focus on Developing Stewardship as a Way of Life through increase communication, education and evangelization
- Our ultimate goal is to encourage parishioners to deepen their relationship with Christ and express this conversion through gifts of time, talent and treasure to the parish.
- So . . . how do we get there?

# Stewardship Going Forward

2020-2021

## Working with Catholic Stewardship Consultants

- 2020-2021 Stewardship Annual Plan
  - Social Media Content
  - “This Week at St. Philip Neri” eNews
  - Pastor’s Weekly 1 Minute Video
  - Monthly Newsletter
  - Stewardship Committee Development
    - Special focus on spiritual formation of committee members
  - Parish Spiritual Retreat
  - Stewardship Renewal & Comprehensive Follow-Up

# 4 Pillars of Stewardship & Commission Alignment



Basis of St. Philip Neri Pastoral Plan





## Stewardship Sharing: Paying It Forward



## Stewardship Sharing Within Our Faith Communities

- 2017-2018, 2018-2019 & 2019-2020  
St. Philip Neri Stewardship  
Materials:
  - Ministry of Stewardship Books
  - Annual Commitment Cards
  - Stewardship Tri-fold Brochures
  - Pastor's Stewardship Letters

Questions ?

