



Office of the Permanent Diaconate

Deacon News

Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey

Special Fall 2014 Issue Class of 2016 Acolyte Installation



The Permanent Diaconate formation class 2016 of the Archdiocese of Newark NJ had 27 men installed as Acolytes. The installation was on Columbus Day, Monday, October 13, 2014 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Ridgewood, NJ. The Most Reverend Bernard H. Hebda, D.D., J.C.L., J.D, Coadjutor Archbishop of Newark presided.

Laurence	Bonnemere	St. Anastasia, Teaneck, NJ
Brian	Burke	St. John the Evangelist, Leonia, NJ
George	Carbone	St. Catherine, Glen Rock, NJ

Michael	Cavallo	St. Michael the Archangel, Union, NJ
Douglas	Christmann	St. Francis of Assisi, Hackensack, NJ
Reynaldo	Escalon	Guardian Angel, Allendale, NJ
Meynardo	Espeleta	Our Lady of Mercy, Jersey City, NJ
David	Farrell	Assumption, Roselle Park, NJ
Thomas	Flanagan	St. Paul, Ramsey, NJ
Michael	Giuliano	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Tenafly, NJ
Steven	Greydanus	St. John, Orange, NJ
Edmond	Harrison	St. Rose of Lima, Short Hills, NJ
Paul	Kazanecki	St. Peter the Apostle, River Edge, NJ
Anthony	Lafranca	St. Joseph, Lodi, NJ
Kurt	Landeck	Holy Spirit, Union, NJ
Stephen	Lipski	St. John the Baptist, Jersey City, NJ
Roberto	Liwanag	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Ridgewood, NJ
Efrain	Orleans	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Jersey City, NJ
Paul	Pak	Our Lady of the Lake, Verona, NJ
Michael	Pontoriero	St. Thomas More, Fairfield, NJ
Ralph	Powell	Our Lady of the Lake, Verona, NJ
Kevin	Reina	St. Teresa of Avila, Summit, NJ
Charles	Simmons	St. Joseph the Carpenter, Roselle, NJ
Rodrigo	Soriano	St. Peter's, Belleville, NJ
Walter	Wiggins	Our Lady of Sorrows South Orange, NJ
David	Yoon	Church of Korean Martyrs, Saddle Brook, NJ
Andrew	Zucaro	Church of the Presentation, Upper Saddle River, NJ

From Deacon John McKenna Director of Deacon Personnel

Brothers, the Diaconate Community has been very active this fall. On Monday, October 13th 27 deacon candidates were installed as acolyte at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Ridgewood, by Archbishop Hebda. The church was filled and there were many deacons on hand to pray for and support the men as they continue their journey to Ordination in 2016.

With the help of Karen Clark, Director of the Office of Youth and Child Protection, we kicked off our series on Critical Conversations. This program developed by Virtus, the company responsible for Protecting God's Children training. They have developed a program specific to deacons, which includes four real life case studies that are then analyzed and discussed in a group setting. Based on the feedback I received, the program was well received by the deacons in attendance. The second half of the series will be presented on Thursday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Archdiocesan Center auditorium. Those attending will receive credit for continuing education under the Protecting God's Children program. As a reminder, every three years you will need to recertify your PGC certificate.

The annual deacon retreat at San Alfonso on October 24-26, 2014 was a great success and was well attended. The retreat master was our very own, Father Mitch Walters, Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies. Thanks to Ken Di Paola for organizing the retreat.

Let's keep each other in prayer as we approach this Advent season that just as the Word became flesh in Our Blessed Mother, Jesus will become in fleshed in us so that we can proclaim

Him as Lord and King to everyone we meet!

Two Deacons are Appointed Auditors for the Metropolitan Tribunal

Deacon Nicholas Valdez of St. Rocco's in Union City, NJ and Deacon James Tobin of the Church of Saint Mary, in Closter, NJ, have been appointed Tribunal Auditors. Both men knew each other in law enforcement and even worked together on occasion and say that their investigative experiences helped them as they compile cases in the Tribunal. They will continue to work as Procurator/ Advocates. An auditor is able to take sworn testimony directly from petitioners and witnesses. The Judge, at his discretion, may then use the testimony to help decide the sentence. It is believed that this is the first time in the history of the Archdiocese that Permanent Deacons have been appointed as Tribunal Auditors.

Deacon Nicholas Valdez became active in the Church as an altar server in Assumption Parish. After receiving the Sacrament of Matrimony, he became a Lector and then an Extraordinary Minister of Holy



Communion. Deacon Valdez has been married to Caroline for 44 years; they have 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren. Nicholas and Caroline were part of the original pre-cana team at Assumption Parish.

A former Marine and retired Police Lieutenant, Nicholas also served as a Councilman in Wood-Ridge, NJ.

He was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate in June, 2005 and currently teaches Religion at Immaculate

Conception High School and serves as the school's chaplain. Nicholas's home parish is Our Lady of the Assumption in Wood-Ridge and he is assigned to St. Rocco's, Union City.



Deacon Jim Tobin graduated from Good Shepherd Grammar school in the Inwood section of Manhattan, NY where he was an altar server in the time of the Latin Mass. His

family then moved to Dumont, NJ in Bergen County where he again served as an altar server but attended public high school. After high school Jim joined the US Army, became a paratrooper and served a 12 month tour in Vietnam in 1968.

After he was discharged from the Army in 1970 he began attending college and married his girlfriend, Elizabeth. They have been married for 42 years and have three adult children: Thomas, Joseph and Kathryn and two grandchildren: Michael and James.

Jim spent 27 years in law enforcement and retired as a Captain of Investigators for the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office.

Jim also spent a number of years as a Lector and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in Assumption Parish, Emerson, New Jersey.

He was ordained a Permanent Deacon in 2002 by Archbishop John J. Myers and is assigned to the Church of Saint Mary in Closter, NJ.

Among other things Jim and Elizabeth are very active in Baptism ministry. Jim trains Lectors and Altar servers and has been placed in charge of parish liturgy by his Pastor, Fr. Paul Cannariato.

Region III Diaconate Assembly

The Region III Diaconate General Assembly Conference will take place this year on December 5 -6, 2014 at Eden Resorts, Lancaster, PA. The theme for our Assembly is Holy Orders, Family and the New Evangelization with our featured speaker, Most Rev. Ronald W. Gainer, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Harrisburg. The hotel is fully accessible

for handicapped persons with guest rooms on the first floor with the conference rooms and restaurants and modern elevators serving the upper floors. The reduced rate for conference attendees is \$119.95 for a standard room. The reduced rate is also available for the days preceding and following the conference. Make your reservations directly with the hotel. Their telephone is 717 569-6444. The deadline for the reduced rate is November 4, 2014. Mention that you are attending the NADD Region III Assembly. The cost for the conference will be \$120 for deacons and \$100 for wives. This includes registration, materials, Friday dinner and Saturday breakfast and lunch. Your registration form and check should be sent to Diocese of Camden, Office of the Diaconate, 631 Market Street, Camden, NJ 08102 prior to November 21, 2014. Questions? Call the Diocese of Camden at 856-583-2858
Fax: 856-966-5957
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Deacon Ernesto Abad Class of 2002

Deacon Ernesto Abad III, 62 entered eternal Life on April 27, 2014

Visitation was held on Friday May 2, 2014 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1 Eagle Rock Ave. in West Orange from 2:00 to 8:00 PM, with a Vigil Service at 8:00 PM. A Funeral Mass was offered on Saturday 10:00 AM. Entombment followed at Gate of Heaven Mausoleum, 225 Ridgedale Avenue in East Hanover. Arrangements were entrusted to The Dangler Funeral Home of West Orange, 340 Main Street, West Orange.

Deacon Ernest was born and raised in Manila, Philippines before moving to New Jersey in 1983 where he resided for 24 years in West Orange, NJ. He earned his Master's Degree at LaSalle University (Philippines) and, as a part of diaconate studies, a Masters at Immaculate Conception Seminary in South Orange, NJ. He was ordained a Deacon in 2002; he served the Archdiocese of Newark and Our Lady of Lourdes Church in West Orange

until 2014. Deacon Ernesto also served as a member of the Archdiocesan Filipino Pastoral Team. Deacon Ernesto is survived by his wife Margo Abad and her children, Gina and Frank.

He is a loving "Lolo" to granddaughter, Ava. Loving brother of Arlene (Victor) Gisbert, Maribeth (Vince) Arnaldo, Marissa (Tony) Matias, Marilou, Renato and Robert Abad, and the late Eric Abad.

Deacon Thomas Gilheany '76

Thomas Joseph Gilheany, 85, of Pompton Plains, N.J., passed away on Friday, April 25, 2014. Relatives and friends was received at the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, (www.swbrownandson.com), 267 Centre St., Nutley, N.J., on Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. Deacon Gilheany was in repose at All Saints on the Hudson Church-St. Peter's, 895 Hudson Ave. Stillwater, N.Y., on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 12 noon at the church followed by burial at St. Peter's Cemetery in Stillwater, N.J.

Born in Troy, N.Y., Mr. Gilheany grew up in Stillwater, N.Y., and then resided in New York City; Tokyo; Califon, N.J.; Nutley, N.J., and Belleville, N.J., before moving to Pompton Plains three years ago. He was licensed as a registered architect and professional planner. Thomas earned a master's degree in English from SUNY Albany and a master's of architecture degree from Columbia University.

Mr. Gilheany was ordained a Catholic deacon in the Archdiocese of Newark in 1976 by Bishop Jerome Pechillo after studying at St. Andrew's Minor Seminary, Rochester, N.Y., and earned a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy and a bachelor of sacred theology degree, both from Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore, Md.

Deacon Gilheany served the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Nutley;

he was incardinated in the Metuchen Diocese, serving at the Catholic Community of St. John Neumann in Califon, N.J., and actively served the Catholic Community at Cedar Crest in Pequannock, N.J.

Tom designed and supervised the construction of restaurants in Japan and worked on large and small projects in New York and New Jersey. Projects included hospitals, high rise housing, nursing homes and a school for the handicapped. He also surveyed buildings for handicapped code compliance.

Mr. Gilheany was a member of the planning board in Belleville, N.J., then on the planning board in Nutley, N.J., for 15 years, serving as chairman for two years. He also served for about 20 years as a director on the board of New Jersey Planning Officials. An Army veteran, Deacon Tom served during the Korean War as a member of the honor guard at Governor's Island and a chaplain's assistant in Tokyo, Japan.

The son of the late Thomas Joseph and Louise (Hiland) Gilheany, Deacon Tom is survived by his beloved wife, Rosary (Scacciaferro) Gilheany, and his brothers, James Francis and William Edward Gilheany.

Did You Know?

The "St Lawrence Deacon's Fund" is a donation supported fund instituted to assist Deacons who are seriously challenged financially. To donate, contact Deacon John McKenna.

The Congress heralding the 50th anniversary of the Permanent Diaconate in the United States will take place July 22-26, 2018 in New Orleans. The theme for the congress is: "Christ the Servant: Yesterday, Today, Forever." More information will follow as it becomes available.

Wives & Widows Memorial Mass and Day of Renewal

By Mary Stark



A Memorial Mass for all deceased Deacons and Deacons Wives was offered at 11 am on April 26, 2014, at the Archdiocesan Center by Msgr. Bradley. Lunch was provided after Mass, The gathering was coordinated by Mary Stark and Ann DeMaio.

A Day of Renewal was held on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at St. Mary's House of Prayer, 1651 US Highway 22, Watchung, NJ, 908-753-2091. The day began with coffee at 9:00 am. Fr. Tom McLaughlin offered a Reconciliation Service and Mass.

Resource Review

If you have resources that you use and feel would be beneficial for the community to be aware of, please let us know so we can highlight them in this new column of the DeacoNews. Send submissions for this column to edcampy@comcast.net

Divorce and Separation Support

For those overwhelmed by the pain of grief and loss through separation or divorce and for those in this support ministry see this Christ-centered website. It is designed to assist with the journey that those grieving a loss through separation or divorce travel through.

“There is truly light at the end of the dark tunnel”

See:

<http://www.catholicsdivorce.com/>

2014 Deacons Retreat San Alfonso, Long Branch, NJ

By Deacon Herb Gimbel, Contributing Editor

Our annual Deacon's retreat is always a fulfilling, spiritual experience. Some of us arrive early to spend some quiet time in reflection and contemplation. Whatever time we arrive, we can't help but smile as we see the vast ocean before us. As the San Alfonso motto goes, it truly is a place “Where God and Sea come together.”



Our retreat master, Fr. Mitch Walters, J.C.L. guided us with the reflections of Meditation on the Rich Young Man, Personality and Prayer, The Joy of the Gospel, and The Diaconate and Marriage. These topics were a real refreshing talk, reminding us about prayer, and the deeper meaning behind the parables of Christ. Fr. Mitch also pointed out how married deacons need to work a balance between home and church.

As deacons on retreat, it gives us all the opportunity to come together as brothers and renew acquaintances from past retreats. It is great to catch up and to share our own experiences with our parishes, the ministry, and the sacraments we are most involved in. The retreat also gives us some solace from the everyday duties of work, family, and church. We can sit in the chapel or even in our rooms to pray, meditate, and take a little inventory of where we are in this juncture of our lives. When we sit outside or walk along the boardwalk we can be in a reflective mood or say a Rosary.

Peering out into the vast ocean seeing calm water, the clouds in the air, breathing the salt air and taking a breath, we ponder God's providence, saying YES Lord, I thank you for this day.

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website under
http://www.sjanj.net/rcan_deacon/necrology.pdf

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George Carbone – St. Catherine, Glen Rock
 Andrew Zucaro – Church of the Presentation, Upper
 Saddle River
 Rodrigo Soriano – St. Peter, Belleville
 Douglas Christmann – St. Francis of Assisi,
 Hackensack
 Anthony LaFranca – St. Joseph, Lodi

Second Row

Michael Giuliano – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Tenafly
 Stephen Lipski – St. John the Baptist, Jersey City
 Michael Pontoriero – St. Thomas More, Fairfield
 Kevin Reina – St. Teresa of Avila, Summit
 Meynardo Espeleta – Our Lady of Mercy, Jersey City

Third Row

Bob Liwanag – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Ridgewood
 Walter Wiggins – Our Lady of Sorrows, South Orange
 Ralph Powell – Our Lady of the Lake, Verona
 Michael Cavallo – St. Michael, Union
 Kurt Landeck – Holy Spirit, Union

Fourth Row

Efrain Orleans – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and St. John
 the Baptist, Jersey City
 Thomas Flanagan – St. Paul, Ramsey
 Reynaldo Escalon – Guardian Angel, Allendale
 David Yoon – Roman Catholic Church of Korean
 Martyrs, Saddle Brook
 David Farrell – Church of the Assumption, Roselle
 Park

Fifth Row

Brian Burke – St. John the Evangelist, Leonia
 Paul Kazanecki – St. Peter the Apostle, River Edge
 Charles Simmons – St. Joseph the Carpenter, Roselle
 Steven Greydanus – St. John, Orange
 Paul Pak – Our Lady of the Lake, Verona

Not shown

Laurence Bonnemere – St. Anastasia, Teaneck
 Edmond Harrison – St. Rose of Lima, Short Hills