The 2016 Diaconate Formation class had their Installation as Lector on October 14, 2013, 7:30 pm, at Our Lady of the Lake in Verona, NJ. The Most Reverend Thomas A. Donato D.D. presided and conferred the office of Lector to this class while many priests, deacons, relatives and friends joyfully shared this special occasion.

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A complete list of all deceased deacons and deceased spouses is listed on this newsletter’s website under http://www.sjanj.net/rcan_deacon/necrology.pdf

Retreat News
By Deacon Ken DiPaola

The fall Deacon Retreat took place early this year to free up the last weekend of the October for all to attend the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to Washington. The retreat, held at the San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, was well attended with 25 deacons.

Monsignor Gerard McCarren S.T.D., Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, Spiritual Director at Immaculate Conception Seminary was the presenter. Msgr. McCarren focused his talks on different aspects of the Mass.

In 2014, the retreat will be held during its usual time, October 24, 25 & 26.

The next Deacon Retreat will be held on March 14, 15 & 16 at St. Mary’s Retreat House in Sloatsburg, NY. The presenter will be Very Reverend Michael Walters, J.C.L., V.F. Father Mitch is the Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies, a Canon Lawyer and Defender of the Bond of the Office of Metropolitan Tribunal. He taught courses in Church History and Cannon Law to the ordination class of 2011.

Additional information and registration will be available in January.

“Year of Faith Pilgrimage”
Archdiocese of Newark – 10/26/13
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Washington, DC
By Deacon Herb Gimbel

Our pilgrimage began at 7:00 am boarding our buses in front of our churches. We the faithful found our seats on the bus and prepared ourselves for the journey of this year of faith to celebrate the new evangelization in praise of our Lord Jesus the Christ. To help us on our journey, we said prayers and recited the Rosary.

We arrived in Washington at the Shrine around 11:30 am, smiling as we saw his Excellency Most Reverend John J. Myers, the auxiliary bishops, priests and deacons. We had our schedule in hand for the events taking place during our stay which included confession, an outdoor concert, an organ recital in the upper church, the procession of the parish banners, the Luminous mysteries of the Rosary and a concelebrated Mass at 3:00 pm.

Our free time was spent going about this most beautiful shrine looking at all the different alcove shrines dedicated to Mary the mother of God; each one just as enchanting as the next. One may have a favorite dedication such as the Miraculous Medal; however all were magnificent in their own right.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, an estimated 4000 pilgrims from the archdiocese of Newark came together in a multitude of believers. It was with great joy that we were there as one Holy Catholic community celebrating our faith.

Deacons’ Wives & Widows Day of Renewal
By Peg O’Neill

On October 26, 2013, fifteen diaconate wives and widows came together for their annual Day of renewal at St. Mary’s House of Prayer, Watchung,
NJ which is equipped with a living room, kitchen, chapel and ample parking to fulfill the needs of the group.

Ms. Judy Schiavo, who is a full-time spiritual director and retreat director, coordinated the program for our group. The topic was, “How to Remain a Good Christian in a Dysfunctional World”.

Msgr. Ed Bradley and Deacon Dan O’Neill joined the group for lunch and Msgr Ed then offered the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Mass followed and Deacon Dan served as deacon for the Mass. In addition a free will offering of $250 was collected and donated to the Diaconate’s St. Lawrence Fund.

This annual Day of renewal for Deacons wives and Widows is coordinated by Misty Mantineo, Peggy O’Neill and Mary Stark. Next years Retreat is scheduled for October 25, 2014 and is open to all Deacons wives and widows. Please think about joining us.

Deacon Stephen P. Marchese Class of ’99

Deacon Stephen P. Marchese, 86, of Lodi entered eternal life on October 21, 2013. Steve graduated Seton Hall University and Ithaca College where he studied Teaching and Speech Therapy. After completing his degrees he became an Elementary School Teacher in Washington School, Lodi. He was also a Speech Therapist at Lodi High School. Later on, Steve became Principal at Memorial School, and Superintendent of Schools, South Hackensack. He also served in the U.S. Army, was a Lodi Councilman for two terms, a member of the St. Michael’s Knights of Columbus, a former Lodi Letter Carrier and served on the Lodi Redevelopment Agency. Steve also had a passion for acting, performing in community theaters, summer stock and off Broadway. He attended acting classes with actor Gavin McLeod at Ithaca. He was ordained a Deacon on June 5, 1999 by The Most Reverend Theodore McCarrick and served at St. Joseph’s in Lodi. Stephen was predeceased by his parents Joseph and Assunta. He was the beloved husband of the late Marcella “Ginger” (nee Laurentino). Devoted father of Vincent S. of Lodi, the late Stephen P., Jr. and Patrick J. Dear brother of Joseph, the late Pat, John, Vince and Ann Marie Marchese. Funeral Mass was concelebrated on Thursday October 25, 2013 at St. Joseph R.C. Church in Lodi, with committal at St. Mary’s Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer’s Association, 400 Morris Ave., Suite 251, Denville, NJ 07834.

Deacon Guy Paredes Class of ’75

Guy J. Paredes, 91, devoted husband, father and deacon, entered eternal life peacefully at home on October 22, 2013.

He was a man of strong principles, unwavering faith, humility and integrity, who taught by example. He enjoyed dancing with the love of his life, Florence, cooking for la famiglia, and surfcasting for bluefish at the Jersey shore. He had a wry sense of humor with a deadpan delivery that startled those who didn’t know him and delighted the ones who did.

Dad, thanks for the love you gave us, the lessons you taught us and the countless family outings that were filled with havoc, hilarity, and mishaps, but most of all for the legacy of wonderful memories that will sustain us.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., he served as a decorated soldier in the Army Air Force during World War II, and then attended City College of New York. Guy moved to Cranford, N.J. in 1955, where he and his beloved wife, Florence, raised eight children.

After a 30-year career in transportation sales management, he entered the first class of the Archdiocese of Newark permanent Diaconate Program. Following his ordination in 1975, he ministered to the sick at Elizabeth General Hospital. In 1981 he was assigned to St. John the Apostle as the first full-time Pastoral Minister in the Archdiocese. Along with his many parish duties, he served as the Director of Religious Education and took great delight in both marriage and baptism preparation.

Guy is survived by his loving children: Grace Marcus, and her husband, Al Sirois, Susan Paredes, Teresa Lanowich and her husband, Fred, John Paredes and his wife, Carolyn, Guy Paredes, Joanne Brunquell and her husband Philip, Thomas Paredes and his wife, Kate, Mary Hom and her husband, Henry.

He is also survived by his sisters, Grace Fiara and her husband, George, and Ann Buonagura; 13 grandchildren: Melinda Austein and her husband Chad, Allison and Sarah Paredes, Nick and Gina (Sr. Fidelis Marie)
Prison Ministry

Something to consider

“Those in city, county, state and federal jails and prisons are our neighbors, brothers, sisters, fathers, mothers, wives, husbands, children, grandchildren, loved ones - all are members of God’s family and all needing our prayers and support to encourage conversion, rehabilitation and return to our cities, towns, parishes and families as vibrant caring members of our communities.”

Blessed Mother Teresa is quoted as stating that the greatest disease today is not Tuberculosis or Leprosy but the feeling of being unwanted.

Visits to the incarcerated, if nothing else, responds to this disease in a very special way and provides a doorway for them begin to consider there is a God who loves them and cares for them.

Without discussing crimes and criminality, but by providing basic Catholic prayer and praise in the

Celebration of the Holy Mass, the Rosary, The Divine Mercy Chaplet, reading and discussing scripture and Holy Hours of Adoration they can begin the process of change – true internal change toward a life that begins and ends each day in prayer and thanksgiving and sees others not as things to be taken advantage of but as equals in God’s eyes deserving of love, respect and service. But this takes time, sometimes a lifetime, but it can begin with you.

The opportunities to serve in this rewarding ministry are vast and most require background investigations. The commitment can be monthly or weekly and the rewards are immense though in many ways not obvious. There isn’t a visit that does not leave you with a sense that in some small way you have reached a heart yearning for peace.

Refer to the Archdiocesan 2013 Almanac page 179 and 180 for all the locations and persons involved for any interest this discussion may have cultivated in your heart. What so ever you do to the least of my brothers you do to me.

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

“The mysteries of the Jesus Prayer” by Drs Chumley and McGuckin – This is an excellent DVD see: mysteriesofthejesusprayer.com/home.php

Lighthouse Catholic Media has an excellent selection of CDs for individuals or parish “book racks” See: http://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/

There is an excellent Catechetical DVD called “Our Catholic Faith” by Matthew Arnold offered by St. Joseph Communications. See: http://www.saintjoe.net/9111.

Topics are covered in DVD chapter format:


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, and Forever.” More information will follow as it becomes available.

The Deacon Council encourages all counties to have deacon meetings. Please contact the deacon representatives in your county for more information on scheduled meetings.

Very Important

If you change your e-mail address, send your new e-mail address to the Diaconate office to hongfran@rcan.org and to edcampy@comcast.net.

Please Note: If you are in need of a new ID card please call Deacon John McKenna 973-497-4125