



Spring 2018 Issue

New Deacon Council Installed

“He is Risen, Risen indeed”

Office of the Permanent Diaconate

Deacon News

Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey



Council. The council consists of two deacons from each of the four counties and two deacons who represent the Hispanic community. The council represents all the deacons in the Archdiocese of Newark, as well as serving the needs of deacon wives. It is my great joy to be serving the deacon community as the President of the Council. Deacon Walter Wiggins is the



Deacon Joe Yandoli. Their great service to the diaconate community is an inspiration and witness to all of us. Additionally, I would like to thank also, Deacon John McKenna for his leadership, commitment and dedication to serving the needs of all the deacons for so many years. The new members Deacon Council met on April 12th for the first time. There was a lot of enthusiasm and energy amongst the

Greetings, brother deacons in the Lord! As you probably know by now, ten deacons have been elected to serve on the

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council members at our first meeting. Please remember that in representing the deacons throughout the entire Archdiocese, we would like to hear from you. What’s on your mind? Council members will be reaching out within their respective counties to listen and understand your concerns and needs on an ongoing basis. Based on your input, we will be prioritizing these items and working to effect improvement and/or change accordingly. Please don’t hesitate to contact us directly.

I look forward to hearing from you. My contact information is via email: myork@sjanj.net or deacon061105@msn.com. I will be glad to meet in person with you or speak on the phone. Please pray for us, that we always have the servant heart of our Lord Jesus Christ.

These are your council representatives.

- Essex** Emy Anyanwu Walter Wiggins
- Bergen** Andy Golden Andy Zucaro
- Hudson** Steve Lipski Michael Missaggia
- Union** Michael York David Farrell
- Hispanic Community** Jorge Montalvo Pedro Herrera

I also wish to announce that Deacon Ed Campanella, now recovered, and out of retirement, has agreed to continue on the council handling advertising and revitalizing this publication. To bring this publication up-to-date this issue includes articles, news and necrology since 2016, when this newsletter entered a hiatus.

Director's Column



Deacon John McKenna

Easter is a time of new beginnings and that includes a new beginning for the Deacon News! Special thanks to Ed Campanella for coming out of retirement!

2018 is a special year in which we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Restoration of the Diaconate in the Church. The cap stone of our celebrations this year will include a Mass with Cardinal Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Sunday, October 7 at 12:00 p.m. with a reception immediately following in the Archdiocesan Center. Please invite your wives, children and pastor to celebrate this special event with the Diaconate Community.

I want to thank all of you who voted for the newest members of the Deacon Council. Deacon Michael York is President of the Council and Deacon Walter Wiggins is Vice President. Deacon Steven Lipski is Secretary. Your Council representatives will be contacting you to get your input and invite you to participate in local gatherings of deacons in your county. Please participate in these important gatherings. Your Deacon Council representatives are your elected voice in the community. Let your voice be heard!

Deacon candidate, Rodrigo Soriano, who was not ordained with his class in 2016, has been given approval, by

Cardinal Tobin, to be ordained with the transitional deacons at 12 noon on May 20, 2018 at the Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica in Newark

The Annual Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in the Archdiocesan Chapel with a lunch reception following. We remember and pray for all deceased Deacons and Deacon Wives. We recall, most recently, the death of Mary Stark, wife of Deacon Henry Stark. Mary had been a longtime supporter and advocate for this Mass and many other activities involving the Diaconate Community over the years. Mary will be missed. May she rest in the Peace of Christ!

A blessed Easter season to all!

Christ is Risen!

Diaconate 50th Anniversary

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." If you want to attend this exciting Congress [register at http://www.deacon2018.org/](http://www.deacon2018.org/)

Our local commemoration of the 50th anniversary will take place at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Newark, on Sunday, October 7th at the Noon Mass with a reception to follow. This is a special celebration and we would like to see a great turn out of deacons, and their wives with their families, parish priests women and men in consecrated life, and parishioners. Please help spread the word about attending this important commemorative Mass.

Deacons Wives & Widows Memorial



Mary Stark entered eternal life on February 16, 2018. After her beloved husband Deacon Henry Stark's entrance into eternal life in 1998 Mary continued as an avid diaconate supporter and contributed to the Deacon & Wives Memorial mass, organizing, welcoming and commiserating at all events.

Irene Walsh 87, the widow of Deacon John Walsh - Class of '76 – entered eternal life on March 12, 2016. Mass was celebrated at St. Thomas the Apostle on Friday March.

Mary Beirne Wall 84, New Hope Ky. Widow of Deacon Joseph Wall who entered eternal life on January 29, 2016. A Funeral Mass was celebrated Monday, Feb. 1, 2016, at 11 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, New Hope, Ky.

This year's memorial mass and reception will be on Saturday April 28, 2018 in the Archdiocesan Chancery Chapel at 11:00 am. [Annotate your calendars and join us for this solemn remembrance.](#)

Turn Around and Be Converted

On the third weekend of May, 20 men of Kenosis (an interdemotional prison ministry) will be offering an Encounter with Christ Retreat at Northern State Prison in Newark to 40 men. The team will prepare and pray at St. John the Apostle's McGuinness

Center. As in Cursillo and TresDios retreats, “Agapes” (Palancas) are presented to the attendees for encouragement for their walk with Christ.

You can offer encouragement and prayers by writing a short note, addressed to “My Brother in Christ” and signed only with your first name. Please do not include full names, addresses or a date.

Please send “Agapes” (Palancas) to Deacon Ed Campanella at edcampy@comcast.net

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Deacon Retreat Spring 2016

Linwood Spiritual Center, Rhinebeck, NY

By Deacon Paul Carris



From Friday April 22nd till Sunday April 24th, a small group of deacons wandered north and participated in a Spring weekend retreat at the Linwood Spiritual Center in Rhinebeck, NY led by Retreat Director Fr. Mariusz Koch, a Franciscan Friar of the Renewal and organized by Deacon Ken DiPaolo.

What may have been lacking in quantity was made up for in quality. Insightful and motivational talks were provided by Fr. Mariusz, inspirational music from Deacon Anthony Liguori, fantastic weather, a beautiful setting overlooking the Hudson River and wonderful conversation as we all were given this opportunity to get to know each other better by breaking bread and sharing stories.

What Fr. Mariusz unveiled for us as a theme for the weekend was “Go

deeper into our Love of Jesus.” In going deeper into our Love of Jesus, we can find joy. According to Pope Francis, we should use that joy as our means to evangelize and pull people from a culture of restlessness – starting with ourselves. Even though surrounded by a nation that is always seeking personal happiness, we live in a joyless society. Fr. Mariusz encouraged us not to fall into joyless ministry and to seek the source of Joy in prayer. He paraphrased Pope Francis – “There is no holiness in sadness” and Mother Theresa – “If you can’t smile – leave.”

There is sadness because there is fear. Our faith, while it does not destroy fear, does overcome it. Faith is what we develop during this pilgrimage that is our life. We are on pilgrimage because this world is not our home. Our retreat was meant to give us perspective on that reality. The reality that there will be an End Times and that we must use our lives and our ministry to prepare for it.

Fr. Mariusz pointed out that many of us work for Jesus, but how many of us love Him. We are only worthy to take care of God’s Sheep if we love him and we can only love him because he loved us first. It is our defining moments as Catholics when we truly experience that God loves us.

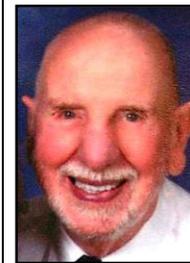
God’s love comes to us through Jesus, who expressed that love throughout the New Testament by doing little things: changing his plans at Cana to keep a young couple from embarrassment, making breakfast on the shore for his apostles, washing their feet and touching those he healed physically, emotionally and spiritually. He showed us by example how a word, look, or gesture can change a person’s life. Do we do these little things for others, whether appreciated or not? Do we do these things in our marriages? The little things done for us are what we remember in our own lives.

Lastly, we heard how the Father is revealed in everything that Jesus did and still does today through the Holy Spirit. With Jesus, our Joy is constantly renewed. By going deeper into his love on this wonderful retreat, I saw that joy and renewal in each of my brothers faces. Renewed, we now are ready to go out and reveal that love and joy to others in our Ministry.

Deacon Frederic (Fritz) Kautz

Frederick (Fritz) Kautz, 77, entered eternal life on June 10, 2016. Ordained 17 years ago in 1999 by His Eminence Theodore Cardinal McCarrick (then Archbishop of Newark).

Deacon Joseph James Wall



Joseph James Wall 83, of New Hope, Ky, entered eternal life, on January 21, 2016 at The University of Louisville Hospital. A U.S. Army veteran who served as deacon at St. Teresa's in Summit and St. John's in Newark. Deacon Joe was born Jan. 17, 1933, in New York City. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a retired employee of American Water Works in New Jersey. In 1975, he was part of the first permanent diaconate class ordained in the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J. He served as a deacon for many years at St. Teresa's Church in Summit, N.J., and at St. John's Church in Newark. Since 2002, he served as a deacon in Nelson County at St. Vincent de Paul in New Hope, Basilica of St. Joseph Proto-Cathedral in Bardstown, Ky., and Windsor Gardens Retirement Community. He was also a Third Order Dominican. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Bedelia Wall, and two sons, Joseph and Thomas Wall.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Mary Beirne Wall; his daughter, Mary Manion (Francis) of Bardstown, Ky; two sons, David Wall (Leal) of Harrington, Del., and Samuel Wall of New Jersey, along with 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016, at 11 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, New Hope, with burial in the church cemetery.

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Daniel J. Wilverding



Daniel J. Wilverding 87, an Metallurgical engineer at AT&T/Bell Labs and faculty member at Union County College, ordained Catholic deacon

with Archdiocese of Newark who served at St. Michael's in Cranford since the 1970s Deacon Daniel J. Wilverding passed away on Monday, Feb. 22, 2016, in the Little Flower Manor, Wilkes Barre, Pa.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, Feb. 29, at 1 p.m. at the Little Flower Manor Chapel, 200 S. Meade St., Wilkes Barre, Pa. Interment was in St. Teresa of Avila Cemetery in Summit, N.J., where Deacon Wilverding will be buried next to his beloved wife, Ruth.

Daniel was born and raised in Sugar Notch, Pa.; however, he spent a good amount of his adult life in Cranford, N.J. St. Charles Borromeo Roman Catholic Church in Sugar Notch, Pa., held a special place in his heart because it was where he was baptized, received Holy Communion, received Confirmation, and was married to his best friend and love of his life, Ruth Ginley. After 37 years of a very happy and fulfilling marriage, Daniel's heart was broken when his wife, Ruth, passed away on July 27, 1998. Daniel

attended St. Charles Borromeo Elementary School and graduated from St. Mary's High School in Wilkes Barre, Pa., in 1947.

He was always a very hard worker; as just a young man, he dug graves, and performed janitorial duties to pay his tuition for his attendance at St. Mary's High School. Upon graduating from high school, Daniel entered St. Peter's Seminary in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. He then attended King's College in Wilkes Barre, Pa., until he was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served for two years at Fort Richardson, Alaska. After his honorable discharge from the military.

Daniel graduated from the Stevens Institute with a master's degree in metallurgical engineering and Seton Hall Immaculate Conception Seminary with a master's degree in Theology and a master's degree in Divinity. At U.S. Steel, Daniel held the position of metallurgical engineer; at RCA as an electrical magnetics expert, and at AT&T, Bell Labs. Daniel also taught metallurgy and mathematics at Union County College for many years. Daniel was a member of the first permanent diaconate class in the Archdiocese of Newark, N.J. He was ordained as a deacon by Archbishop Peter L. Gerety on Dec. 12, 1976, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Daniel was a member of both Holy Family Roman Catholic Church in Sugar Notch, Pa., and St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church in Cranford, N.J., where he served as deacon since his ordination.

Daniel was a member of the American Legion Post 0796 in Sugar Notch, Pa.; a lifetime member and past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 6226 in Cranford; a past member of the Deutscher Club of Clark Inc. in Clark, N.J., and a former chairman of ASTM. Daniel's generosity extended beyond family, giving to many religious and charitable organizations and to individuals in need.

Daniel is survived by his sisters-in-law, Janice Ginley, Alice Holmes, and Rose Meade; his brother-in-law, John Ginley, and by his many nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to the loss of his wife, Ruth, Daniel was preceded in death by his brothers, Francis, Jerome, John, and Joseph Wilverding; his brothers-in-law, Joseph Cybuch, Daniel Eugene, Michael, and Thomas Ginley, Joseph Greiner, James Holmes, Jack Kearns, Harry Meade and Benjamin Solomon; his sisters-in-law, Eleanore, Joan, and Marion Ginley, Mary Greiner, Elinor Kearns, Margaret Solomon, Marie, Peggy, and Terry Wilverding; his nephews, Daniel Ginley Jr. and Michael Ginley II, James and Robert Meade, and Francis Wilverding Jr.; his niece, Janet Keefe, and his great-niece, Melanie Petruchovas. The family would like to thank Rev. Richard Ghezzi, Chaplain, the Carmelite Sisters, and the staff of Little Flower Manor for the loving and expert care given to Daniel during his time as a resident there, where he was able to attend Mass daily. Also, the family would like to extend their gratitude to Rev. Joseph R. Kakareka, pastor of Holy Family Parish in Sugar Notch, Pa., for his spiritual care, and to the clergy and others in residence at Little Flower Manor/St. Therese Residence for their companionship and support, as well to the Rev. Msgr. Timothy J. Shugrue, pastor of St. Michael's Church in Cranford, N.J., and other friends for their visits and calls during his stay in Wilkes Barre, Pa. Those wishing to make a donation in Daniel's memory are asked to please consider giving to Holy Family R.C. Church, Sugar Notch, Pa. 18706; St. Michael's R.C. Church, Cranford, N.J. 07016, or the Little Flower Manor, Wilkes Barre, Pa. 18702.

Did You Know?

The "St Lawrence Deacon's Fund" is a donation supported fund instituted to assist Deacons who are seriously challenged financially.

Deacon Lou Rusignuolo



Deacon Louis Rusignuolo, of Bloomfield, NJ, entered eternal life on Friday, March 18, 2016 at his residence. He was

69. Deacon Lou was born in Newark and was a lifetime resident of Bloomfield. He received a degree in business management from Rutgers University, Newark, in 1978. He was the Data Processing Manager for Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company in Newark for 32 years. He then was an administrative assistant for the Rutgers University School of Nursing in Newark for 10 years prior to retiring in 2013.

Deacon Lou was an Army Veteran, serving during the Viet Nam Era; coached Bloomfield little league and softball and a member of the Home and School Association at Carteret School in Bloomfield.

Deacon Lou served as an active member of Saint Valentine's Church for over 25 years and was called to the diaconate in 2011. He participated in all major Liturgies and ministries conducting baptisms, wake and cemetery services and was the moderator of the rosary society. Deacon Lou was on the father's committee, social concerns committee and the Emmaus retreat committee.

Deacon Lou was the beloved husband of 44 years to Jean A. (nee Taylor) Rusignuolo; loving father of Lynn Harvey & her husband Brian, Brian Rusignuolo & his wife Shira and Peter Rusignuolo & his wife Amy; cherished father figure to his sister-in-law Lori (nee Taylor) Rose; loving grandfather of Peter, Lorna, Neil, Alana and Logan; dear brother of Nick Rusignuolo & his wife Bobbi and Rosalie Kamprath & her husband Ted.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated at Saint Valentine's Church, Bloomfield Entombment was at Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington.

In lieu of flowers please make donations in Deacon Lou's memory to the Clara Maass Medical Center Foundation (c/o Chris Coyne), 1 Clara Maass Drive, Belleville, N.J.

FUNERAL OF A DEACON

Archdiocese of Newark Guidelines

The funeral rites for a deacon, an ordained minister of the Church, should be celebrated with the decorum and propriety befitting a member of the clergy. This is to be done with sensitivity to the wishes of the family as well as of the deceased.

Upon the death of a deacon, a member of the family or the funeral director should call the Office of the Permanent Diaconate and provide details for the notification of the clergy. (973.497.4125 or 4225 or 4135)

The three services outlined in the Order of Christian Funerals (Vigil Service, Funeral Mass and Committal Service), should be meticulously observed.

Viewing A deceased deacon may be vested in liturgical vestments: alb (cincture), white stole and white dalmatic. A knowledgeable person should assist the family and funeral director to insure correct vesting.

The date of the deacon's ordination should be included on the memorial card.

It is customary that clergy be waked in the church the evening before the funeral Mass.

The Vigil (OCF, 69 ft) may take place in the funeral home or in the church and it may be repeated. A vigil service may take the form of Evening Prayer for the Deceased (OCF, 385 if).

If the deceased is to be waked in the church, the body is received according to the Vigil for the Deceased with Reception at the Church (OCF, 82). If the casket is to be opened, the placing of the pall (and Christian symbols) is omitted. It is customary to view the body of the deceased from the position which the person occupied in the liturgical assembly, namely, the faithful facing the altar and sacred ministers facing the people.

The Funeral Mass - If the viewing takes place in the church, the casket is not removed prior to the funeral Mass. The casket is closed and the pall is placed without ceremony before the funeral Mass begins. If a Christian symbol is used (OCF, 163), it may be placed on the casket after it is covered with the pall (Cf. OCF, 400). Ordinarily only one symbol should be used. If the viewing takes place in the church, the Mass begins in the usual way (entrance procession, sign of the cross, greeting, penitential rite, opening prayer).

If the viewing did not take place in the church, the Mass begins with the reception of the body (OCF, 158 ft).

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/>