



Fall 2018 Issue

## *Diaconate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

### **Christ the Servant: Yesterday, Today, Forever.**



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All of the keynote and breakout sessions were recorded and are available to view or listen, at no charge, on the Diaconate Congress website (click on it):

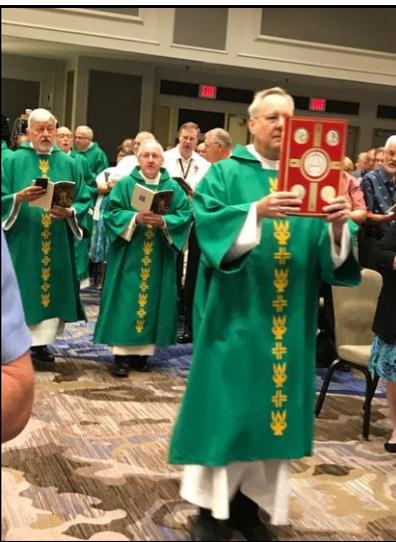
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On Sunday, October 7, 2018, at 12 noon, Cardinal Tobin will celebrate Mass, at the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Newark in commemoration this 50<sup>th</sup> Diaconate Anniversary. See You there!

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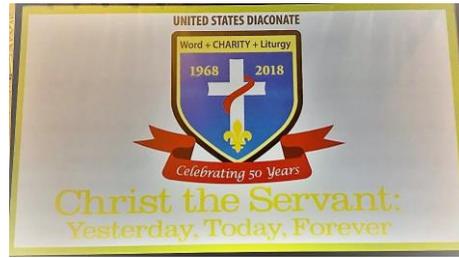
Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey



Deacons and wives from the Class of 2016, along with Deacon and Mrs. Andy Saunders, and Kim Mailley and her husband John, gathered for dinner on Sunday night at a restaurant appropriately named for a patron saint of deacons, The St. Lawrence Restaurant.



Mrs. Marcia Reina, wife of Deacon Kevin Reina, served as a lector for Monday liturgy.



## 50th Anniversary 2018 Deacon Congress

Photos and article by Deacon Walter Wiggins

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Keynote speakers included Bishop W. Shawn McKnight, Bishop of the Diocese of Jefferson City, Missouri, and author of a new book on the diaconate titled “Understanding the Diaconate”; Teresa Tomeo Pastore, host of the Ave Maria Radio program, “Catholic Connection” and her husband Deacon Dominic Pastore; Deacons Bill Ditewig, Greg Kandra, and James Keating; and our own archbishop, Cardinal Joseph Tobin.

Cardinal Tobin affirmed the necessity of the ministry of the diaconate in his address saying that, “service is a constitutive element of the Church”, and that deacons “can help bridge the chasm between faith and life”.

The Archdiocese of Newark was well represented by fourteen deacons and wives, and a number of seminary faculty members.

All of the keynote and breakout sessions were recorded and are available to view or listen to for free at the Diaconate Congress website at;

<https://www.deacon2018.org>

## Deacon Spotlight David Farrell



Church of the Assumption, Roselle Park, New Jersey  
Ordained June 2016.

David was born and raised in Sayreville, NJ, attended Saint Mary's South

Amboy Grade School and Sayreville War Memorial High School. David received a Bachelor of Science from Rutgers and an MBA from St. John's University.

David and Linda have been married for 45 years. His personal interests include Golf.

Growing up as the oldest of five in the 60's had its own set of special responsibilities for David. His Mom was the homemaker and dad the breadwinner and the oldest was always expected to take the lead. Although not realized until much later in life, formation started early on, with a devout mother who never allowed anyone to miss Mass, to a great aunt who was a Sister of Mercy, and a regular regimen of Catholic education.

Married in 1973, the settling period for David began with a career in the food industry and a gradual involvement in Parish ministry, CCD, Bible study, Cursillo, the Knights of Columbus, and wherever a need arose.

Without a Deacon in the Church of the Assumption Parish, for a number of years, there was no apparent need or expectation, so when David was approached by the Pastor Reverend Father Jim Spera and asked to prayerfully reflect on it, there was a bit of apprehension and uncertainty.

Discernment was an arduous task with much of the direction coming with the help of the Holy Spirit. The thought of reentering the world of academia was a bit unnerving, especially with a full-time job, but the words of Pope Saint

John Paul II, shared by a fellow Deacon kept the flame burning – “Be Not Afraid.” Throughout the years of study, preparation, and formation, the blessings continued to grow exponentially. Today’s opportunities seem to be limitless with a caring and loving Parish Community, a loving wife who says “you can do this,” and a nurturing Pastor who is always there to lead, guide, and offer support no matter what the challenge.

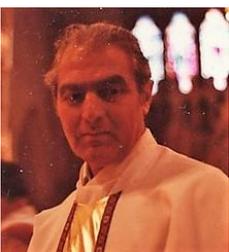
## Deacons Wives & Widows Memorial



Mark your Calendars! The annual Diaconate Wives Day of Renewal is scheduled for Saturday, October 27, at the House of Prayer in Watchung. All deacons wives and widows (Archdiocese of Newark) will be receiving the letter and registration information early in September. Pre-registration is required and we have a limit of 25 women.

Our Memorial Mass will be celebrated in the Spring of 2019.

## Deacon Pasquale F. Vuolo



Pasquale F. “Pat” Vuolo, 93, formerly of Verona, died on August 25, 2018 at home in Pompton Plains, surrounded by his loving family. A Funeral Mass was

offered in Our Lady of the Lake Church in Verona, NJ. Born in New Haven, CT, Deacon Pat lived in Jersey City prior to moving to Verona in 1954 and then retiring to Pompton Plains in 2003.

He was a metal cutter for Kellogg’s in Jersey City before working as a boiler estimator for Foster Wheeler in Livingston, NJ. Deacon Pat proudly served in the US Navy during World War II. A man of faith, he was ordained a Deacon April 11, 1981 and served at Our Lady of the Lake Church in Verona for 22 years. He was also a member of the Father James J. Kelly Council 3632 of the Knights of Columbus.

Deacon Pat was predeceased by his parents, Antonio & Lucia (nee Costanzo) Vuolo and seven siblings, Giovannina (Jennie) Giove, Mary C. Vuolo, Nancy Vuolo, Charles Vuolo, Anthony (Ame) Vuolo, Francesco (Francis) Vuolo and Salvatore Vuolo. He is survived by his beloved wife of 67 years, Loyola (nee Thielbar) Vuolo, loving daughters, Agnes M. Vuolo and Loretto V. Schuessler (and her husband, Glenn) and cherished granddaughter, Kimberly Schuessler.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the [Alzheimer’s Association](http://www.alz.org), 225 N. Michigan Avenue, Fl 17, Chicago, IL 60601 would be appreciated.

## Deacon Richard Searls

Rich was born in Jersey City, NJ to Richard and Mary Jayne Searls on November 26, 1945. He grew up in Kearny, NJ with his two younger brothers and two younger sisters. He



married Joann Coccozza on November 7, 1970 in Belleville, NJ. He worked in Quality Control for multiple companies for over 40 years. He served in the Air Force and was

stationed in Bangor, Maine before being Honorable Discharged. In 2002, he found is calling and was Ordained as a Permanent Deacon in the Archdiocese of Newark, NJ. He and his wife moved to Powder Springs in 2010, and soon after he began his service as a Deacon in St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Smyrna, GA. He became a member of the American Legion Post 294, as well as the Sons of the American Legion Post 294. He loved to play bingo and eat Swedish Fish, and was once an avid golfer. But most of all he loved spending time with his grandchildren. Rich is preceded in death by his father, Richard and his mother, Mary Jayne.

Rich is survived by his wife, Joanna, a son Richard and his wife Lisa, a son Michael and his wife Sandy; a son David and his wife Giovanna; his brothers Ron and Brian with their wives Eileen and Cindy; his sisters Colleen and Lisa with their husbands Mike and Roger; his sisters-in-law Lucille and Marie; his seven grandchildren Gianna, Jake, Haidyn, Jordyn, Callie, Dominic and Joslyn; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

## Deacon Robert Puglisi



Robert Puglisi, 87, peacefully passed away at home surrounded by his loving wife and family on Thursday, July 6, 2018. Born on May 12, 1931, to Joseph and Maria

Puglisi, he was one of 13 children. Bob graduated from West Side High, Newark, N.J., where he received the City Championship, Essex County Championship, and the New Jersey Interscholastic Association Championship as a member of the cross country team. Bob proudly served his country in the Army National Guard. He was ordained as a

deacon in April 1981, and served as the first deacon for St. Thomas More Church in Fairfield, N.J. Bob continued to serve Christ and his community for over 25 years. Bob was a devoted husband to his beautiful wife, Frances, for 62 years; loving father to Doreen, Maria, and Melisa; and father-in-law to Bill and Denise; grandfather to Vincent, Alex, Melanna, and Alicia, and great-grandfather to Sophia, Levi, Selah, and Nora. Bob brought forward the gift of love, integrity, honesty, and kindness and his strength was the cornerstone, his smile the light, his magic the prism to our world. His love for music introduced us all to his world. His footsteps will dance in our hearts forever. His love for God guides us all. His faith is testimony that we shall meet again. In celebration of Bob's life, a memorial service was held at 10:30 a.m., on Saturday, Sept. 15, officiated by Father Bob Grodnicki, at St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church, 1674 Old Freehold Rd., Toms River, N.J. 08755. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Catholic Charities:

[www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org).

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## Two Wolves

by Marci Shimoff  
From [avani-mehta.com](http://avani-mehta.com)

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people.

He said, "My son, the battle is between two "wolves" inside us all.

### One is Evil.

It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.

### The other is Good.

It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith.

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

## Did You Know?

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

## Resource Review

Pope Francis wrote two new books for deacons: "Serving with Joy: lessons from Pope Francis for deacons today" (available as a Kindle book for \$4.99) and "Pope Francis Deacons, Servants of Charity." Written through the eyes of a deacon. Available after August 17, 2018 from USCCB for \$19.95. (code 7-583)

Grief Awareness & Counseling: A very helpful site for those grieving and those supporting the greiving, particularly in immediate loss: [www.refugeingrief.com](http://www.refugeingrief.com)

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](mailto:edcampy@comcast.net)

## Very Important

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

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

## Archive News

An oxymoron for sure, we have added three back issues to our archive, Feb & Mar 78 and June 79, interesting reading, find them at:

<https://www.stbartholomewchurch.org/permanent-deacons>

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A complete list of all deceased deacons and deceased spouses is listed on this newsletter's website under <https://www.rcan.org/sites/default/files/files/necrology.pdf>