



The Deacon as Preacher Late Winter 2019

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



On September 26,
2019, Fr. Anthony
Randazzo, Pastor,
Holy Trinity,
Westfield, NJ
presented a
Diaconate

Continuing Education event on
"Homiletics for the Deacon".

On the outset Fr. Randazzo reminded us of
St. Francis of Assisi's counsel: "Preach the
Gospel always and sometimes use words".

If you have to use words

- Listen carefully to human experiences beyond your own.
- Lectio Divina, read and sit in silence and let the text say something
- Constant opening to the Spirit, employ contemplative practices, feel God's presence
- Study the Scripture text, commentaries etc.
- Be open to current secular and religious happenings, the arts, photography, imagery and let them speak to you about the Scripture text.

Practice, practice, practice your homily so
you don't have to read from notes and get
away from the "pulpit" and are able to
deliver it with sincerity and clarity.

Fr. Randazzo placed a lot of importance on
the need to literally preach at the listener's
level, and not from a high and mighty
physicality.

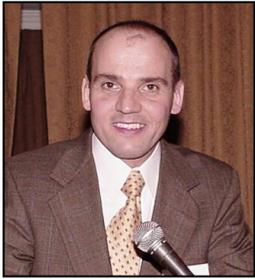
He further referred us to the dangers of
prepared and unprepared "words of
remembrance" at Funerals. Finally, Fr.
Randazzo advised us to avoid "winging it"
unless you have had an ample opportunity
to "prayerfully collect your thoughts."

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Archdiocese of Newark, New Jersey

Council President Deacon Michael York



On September 12th, the Council of Deacons met with Msgr. Thomas Nydegger,

Vicar General and Moderator of Curia to discuss how deacons across the Archdiocese of Newark can help Cardinal Tobin and the bishops with the challenges facing the church today.

One way is in the vital role that deacons will have in the implementation of the "Forward in Faith Together, Our Road Ahead". As bridges between clergy and laity, we are called to be advocates, champions of this initiative. First, this means that we should understand the vision and initiatives, so as to be able to explain them to the faithful in our parish communities. Next, we should be ready to support our pastors as they bring this vision into the fabric of the parish.

We shared the key activities of the Deacon Council, including publishing DeacoNews a minimum of four times per year, the county meetings where deacons informally come together to share their ministerial experiences, the continuing education sessions for deacons (with sessions held on bereavement and homiletics so far this year), the support of the diaconate formation program, retreats for deacons, administration of the St. Lawrence Fund and understanding the needs of deacons and deacon wives throughout the diversity of the Archdiocese.

Please don't hesitate to communicate with your county representatives (list on the cover page of this newsletter) or myself with ideas, concerns, as well as diaconal ministerial experiences.

Deacon Spotlight Jorge Montalvo



Deacon Jorge Montalvo, Saint Joseph Church in Oradell/New Milford. Ordained on May 2011 by the Most Reverend

Thomas Donato.

Jorge was born in El Salvador and migrated to the United States in 1988 at the age of 27 years old.

It all started with a dream. Don Bosco's dream. He was educated by the Salesians of Don Bosco in a Catholic school with vibrant days filled with God's presence such environment really made an impact in his life. He grew up in a practicing catholic family. After his first Holy Communion, he served as an Altar boy, and member of a young vocational group. It was during this time that he felt a call to the priesthood, but at their parents advice he did not went to minor seminary, but continue his Middle school and High School with the Salesians. He was always involved in spiritual opportunities offered at school. Serve as a catechist and organizer of spiritual activities for his school grade. He had the opportunity to meet St. Bishop Oscar Romero and attended two meetings with him. It was during this time that he seriously began to discern the possibility of becoming a Salesian and to go to the seminary after graduation.

Despite his father death during his graduation ceremony he left home to the Salesian formation seminary in another country, a new environment away from his family. He spent four years studying the Salesian's spirituality, philosophy and Education. Those years helped Deacon Jorge to increase his love for God, developed a

greater devotion for our Mother Mary, and a passion for the young people, and at the same time forging his character, spiritual and personal life. He discovered that his call was to serve the Lord in a different way and returned back home.

In 1982, he attended a Jesuit University in El Salvador where he earned a Licenciature in Psychology, where he had the opportunity to study closely with the Jesuits Martyrs of El Salvador. He also worked teaching Music and Literature in a Catholic School. He was part of team in the direction of national youth program named "Choose" for young adults. God brought Jorge and Lydia together and they began dating in 1983. He graduated from the Jesuit University in 1988 earning a Licentiature Degree in Psychology. Lydia and Jorge got married in 1988.

That same year Deacon Montalvo and his wife relocated to the United States, he began to volunteer in the various parishes as a music ministry, adult catechesis and participating in the Parish Council. He served as part of the Archbishop Lay Council. He taught the Christian Formation Ministry Course for many years, some Spanish deacons are counted among his students. In 1991 his son, Salvador, was born. Together with his wife, Lydia, they facilitated the couple's group, and baptism preparation program at , Saint Joseph Church in Oradell/New Milford. While working for an international company in sales, he attended the College Seminary at Seton Hall University and earned a degree in Pastoral Ministry in 2005. Deacon Jorge taught at College of Saint Elizabeth in Convent Station campus. He received his deaconate ordination on May 21, 2011. Jorge has been serving in ministry full time in parishes since 2003 working in the ministries of Music, Youth and Catechesis. He is currently serving as the Director of Religious Education and as Deacon at Saint Joseph Church in Oradell/New Milford.

Fall 2019 Retreat at San Alfonso's



In balmy 2019's October, from Friday, the 18th to Sunday, the 20th, our Newark Archdiocesan diaconate

community came together at the San Alfonso Retreat house in Long Branch New Jersey for a retreat organized by Deacon Andy Golden for twenty-two men of our community and specially prepared and delivered by Fr. John Collins C.Ss.R of the Redemptrous Fathers. Priests, Brothers and Sisters of this renomd religious order which was formerly led by our own Cardinal Archbishop Joseph Tobin.

The weather was spectacular. We were treated to some beautiful sun rises.

Our preacher, Fr. John Collins, C.Ss. R, a Redemptorist priest who was recently elected to be the rector of San Alphonso's led an inspiring retreat. His theme for the retreat was "The Call to Holiness". It was based on "Gaudete et exsultate" (Rejoice and be glad") which is Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation. Through a series of four talks, Fr. John explained how we deacons are answering the call to holiness and some obstacles that we may face.

We had a great deal of time for quiet reflection, walks on the beach and catching up with old friends and making new ones.



Deacon Paul Kazanecki proclaimed the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ



Deacon Nicholas Fargo



Nicholas Carmen Fargo, age 98, died on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at home with family. He was born in Jersey City and married Sarah Macdonell.

They shared 54 years of love and family until her death in 1996. He leaves his children, JoAnn (Fargo) Degnan, Sally (Fargo) Medeiros, and Nicholas Fargo and his sons-in law, Joseph Degnan and Paul Medeiros and daughter-in-law Karen (McGill) Fargo. He was blessed with seven grandchildren, Sarah Degnan, Nicholas Degnan, Alexander Degnan, Lynette Medeiros, Paul Medeiros, Nicholas Fargo, and Jennifer Fargo. He enjoyed the love of four great-grandchildren, Eleonora Degnan, Abigail Degnan, James Degnan, and Lucienne Degnan.

He graduated from Synder High School in 1939 and served as staff sergeant and gunner in United States Air Force in World War II from 1941-1945. He joined the Jersey City Fire Department in 1948 and retired with rank of Deputy Chief in 1979. He also served as Director of Fire and Emergency Services and Director of Public Safety under Mayor Paul Jordan and later as Hudson County

Public Safety Director. He then served as a Regional Director of FEMA from 1981-86.

Nicholas was ordained a permanent deacon of the Roman Catholic Church in 1974 and served in St. Patrick's Parish and Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Jersey City. He served for many years as deacon for the Jewish Hospital and worked with Sister Alice McCoy in establishing Hudson Hospice. He was well-loved and honored by his fellow parishioners at his retirement in 2011. Family and Friends gathered on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 9:15am in Our Lady of Mercy Church, 40 Sullivan Drive, Jersey City. A Mass of Christian Burial began at 10:00am. Internment followed at Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington,

Deacon Louis Acocella



Deacon Louis C. Acocella, Ed.D., 81, of West Caldwell, N.J., passed away peacefully on Sept. 27, 2019. Relatives and friends are invited for visitation on

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2019, from 4 through 8 p.m. at Shook's Cedar Grove Funeral Home, 486 Pompton Ave., Cedar Grove, N.J. 07009.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Belleville, N.J. Entombment followed at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, East Hanover, N.J. Visiting was held in the church from 9 through 10:30 a.m., prior to the Funeral Mass. Memories and condolences may be shared at shookscedargrove.com. Louis was born and raised in Newark, N.J.

Deacon Louis went on to higher education, eventually receiving his

Ed.D. in administration and supervision in education. Throughout his career, he worked in various districts in New Jersey. He will be most remembered as superintendent of Hudson County Schools.

For over 40 years, he resided in Bloomfield with his family and settled in Roseland, N.J., in 2004. Throughout the neighborhoods he lived, he was an active member of his community. He served as president and a trustee at Bloomfield Public Library, a member of the N.J. Library Association, served as vice president of the Roseland Green Condominium Association, and a member of the West Essex Board of Education.

In his spiritual life, he was a guide for so many within his church community.

He was ordained as a permanent deacon on December 17, 1978 by Most Reverend Peter Gerety and Louis served as a permanent deacon at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Belleville and St. Lucy's Church in Newark.

Louis had many accomplishments thought his life. However, he will be most remembered as a cherished husband, father, and grandfather. Louis was predeceased by his parents, Louis G. Acocella and Florence Miele. Louis is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Salvatina "Sally" Acocella (nee Battista); devoted children, Michael A. Acocella, MD, Anne R. Scroggins, Ed.D. and her husband, Christopher, and Mary Anne Halbert and her husband, David; loving grandchildren, David M. Halbert Jr. and Hannah Scroggins. Donations may be made in his memory to St. Anthony of Padua Church, 63 Franklin Street, Belleville, N.J. 07109.

Obituary was excerpted from the Star-Ledger published from Sept. 29 to Sept. 30, 2019

Did You Know?

The "St Lawrence Welfare Fund" is a donation supported fund

instituted to assist Deacons who are seriously financially challenged. Send checks made out to the St Lawrence Welfare Fund to the Diaconate Office, 171 Clifton Ave, PO Box 9500, Newark NJ 07104

Resource Review

School of Theology to Launch Online Graduate Courses

As the saying goes, "It's never too late to learn something new." These words ring especially true this fall at [Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology](#), Seton Hall University which is launching two online, graduate-level courses—Ministry of Justice and Charity and Christian Anthropology—beginning October 21. These options may be particularly appealing if you considered enrolling in a theology course this semester but thought it might be too late to enroll.

The courses are open to all laity, priests, seminarians, religious sisters, brothers and ordained deacons who possess at least a bachelor's degree. Those who complete the course will earn three credits that can be applied toward a [Master of Arts in Theology](#) or a [Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry](#). For additional information on the courses see the [course information](#) news story from Seton Hall University or the attached flyer. Don't miss your opportunity to take one—or both—of these courses. If you're interested, please e-mail theology@shu.edu for detailed course and application information.

"Understanding the Diaconate"

Historical, Theological and Sociological Foundations by W. Shean McKnight, Catholic University of America Press
ISBN978-08132-3035-1
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

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

On the Lighter Side

Signs seen on Church Lawns

The best Christian vitamin is B1.

Under the same management for over 2000 years.

Soul food served here.

Tithe if you love Jesus! Why honk!

Beat the Christmas rush, come to church this week!

Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church. Come today.

Life has many choices. Eternity has two. What's yours?

Worry is interest paid on trouble before it is due.

Wal-Mart isn't the only "saving place"!

We preach the gospel at all times and use words if necessary. (St. Francis of Assisi)

Prevent truth decay. Brush up on your Bible.

It's hard to stumble when you're down on your knees!

A clear conscience makes a soft pillow.

"The wages of sin is death". Repent before payday.

Forbidden fruit creates many jams.

Christians! Keep the faith -- but not from others!

If you don't want to reap the fruits of sin, stay out of the devil's orchard.

To belittle is to be little.