

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE DEACON IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

I am sure many of you have often wondered, but never had the opportunity to ask, who is that man standing next to the priest during mass? Is he a priest in training, or one of our more senior altar servers, or perhaps a quality inspector sent by the Vatican? None of the afore mentioned, that man is a Deacon, an ordained minister in the Catholic Church.

The Second Vatican Council stated that the diaconate, when it was restored as a permanent order, could be opened to married men over the age of 35. This is in keeping with the ancient tradition of the Church, in which married men were ordained into ministry. It is also in keeping with the ancient practice that while a married man may be ordained, an ordained man, if his wife should die, may not marry again.

Besides being a father and husband, I had a calling throughout my life that was impossible to ignore, a calling to serve God and his people, that's you, in a greater way. After serious thought, prayer and conversation with our previous pastor Fr. Peter Doody, I began my journey to ordination.

To be ordained a Deacon, I had five years of discernment, learning and prayer, all in preparation for this new ministry. I was the one ordained, but my wife Sharon attended classes and retreats along with me, a requirement at the time, for married men entering the Diaconate. Today she plays an active role in my ministry.

Besides getting a great seat every Sunday at mass, my role as Deacon has offered me a number of opportunities to serve; Deacons can baptize, perform marriage ceremonies, assist at mass, proclaim the gospel and preach. Deacons can perform various funeral services for families in the funeral home, at the graveside and in Church. I have also completed Marriage Canon Law Training offered by the Archdiocese of Newark, so I am able to work with and advocate for individuals who need

to have previous marriages annulled, so they can enter marriages blessed by the church. Since permanent deacons can be married prior to ordination and have children, they have a unique first-hand perspective when it comes to family life.

While there is only one diaconate, the length of time spent actively practicing this ministry varies. A transitional deacon, one who is preparing for priestly ordination, practices only a short time. Permanent deacons are as the title suggests, permanent and will generally not advance to the priesthood. All priests, bishops, cardinals and even the pope began their service to God's people being ordained to the diaconate, a role that stays with them throughout their consecrated lives.

The diaconate is an answer to a call from God, a ministry of service to his people. I hope this has given you a better understanding of the role of the deacon.

If you feel that you are being called to the diaconate, please do not hesitate to contact me or Deacon Bob.

Deacon Nick Veliky



Our Jubilee Prayer

Rejoicing in you, O Lord, with thankful hearts we pray as . . .
We Remember gratefully our past companions on the Journey whose sacrifice inspires us.
We Celebrate the good news of love in action that empowers spiritual, service and social ministry.
We Believe In God's providence as faithful stewards who continue Christ's work using the Keys to the Kingdom. Amen

JUBILEE YEAR 2018

The Year of our Lord 2018 is our parish Jubilee commemorating 75 years of fulfilling our mission of *Opus Christi – which is Latin for Christ's Work*. During the decades our parish has been love in action, bringing good news through spiritual, service and social ministry. Jesus said to our parish patron St. Philip, *"Whoever believes in me will do the works I do and even great works."* John 14:22

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2018-2019 year is now open. **New families are welcome!**

There are two ways to register:

- Online: Please visit www.stphilip.org. The registration forms and fees can be submitted electronically.
- In Person or by Mail: Download and Print the registration form and return with fees to the Parish Office.

Please be sure that you are registered with the parish prior to registering your child/children for class. Contact Barbara Salzer, parish secretary at 973 779-6200.

Please contact dleach@stphilip.org with any questions about our Religious Education program.

- Registrations closes on August 15th!

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT & MINISTRY

A support group for people grieving the death of their spouse. Next meeting: **Tuesday, July 24th** at 7:00 PM in the RUSSO ROOM. Please contact Dr. Rachel Rengifo at 201-500-2068.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

1st and 3rd Wednesday - 8:00 PM: *The VFW Hall* - 491 Valley Road, Clifton

WIDOW/WIDOWERS

Monday, July 16th – 6:30 PM – Please note: We will be meeting in the *Molloy Center* at 6:30 PM.

CARNIVAL APPRECIATION



The Carnival Committee wishes to thank all workers and parishioners who helped at the 39th Annual Carnival.

There will be a **Carnival Appreciation Night on Monday, July 23rd at 7:00 PM** in the **Auditorium**. Carnival results will be reviewed followed by refreshments.

PRAY FOR

THE RECENTLY BAPTIZED:

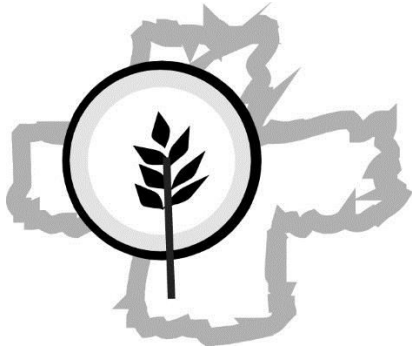
Giovanni Henry Ventura, child of Henry and Marianna

THE NEWLY MARRIED:

Donald Eugene Lopuzzo and Melissa Lindsay Ayers

THE SICK: Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Margaret Sikora, Sister Beverly Aiazzino, Antoinette Van Setters, Alexander Bancey, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenko, Evelyn Wescott, Annette Wanamaker, Mildred Nerone, Eugene & Lorraine DeBellis, Bob Rose, Jack Steffans, Fred Van Duyne, Dave Miller, Sr. Giovanni Aiazzino, Maya Hilario, John Pepe, Ron Kuruc, George Biondi, Katie Gerber, Theresa Buhler, Chloe LoPresti, Cathy Papuzenski, Roberta & Al Dressner, Eloise Stampoulos, Pina Basile, Jim Weis, Loretta Latona, Rita Latona, Eileen Kirschner, Roger Greff, Maryann Greff, Peg Chambers, Dorothea Stepka, Vivian Hart, John Thievon, Alice Negron, Janet Irizarry, Ryan G. Micale, Vincent Caragliano, Domenico Cirilli, Lori Liskowicz, Eileen Gerber, George Heyrich, Angelo Masino, Monique Tommaro, Paul Pairo

THE DECEASED: Michael Scienski, Stephanie Corbo, Tina Hill



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10; Mk 6:7-13

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2018

- 8:00** Albert Levendusky
Silvestri & Laterza Family
- 10:00** Sergio Sangari
Norma Llanes
Paul Doviak
Marlene Rush
- 12:00** All the People of the Parish

MONDAY, JULY 16, 2018

- 9:00** Francis, Miriam & Kevin O'Brien

TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2018

- 9:00** Malcolm Hall

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2018

- 9:00** Domenico Pagano

THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2018

- 9:00** Charles Gruber

FRIDAY, JULY 20, 2018

- 9:00** Barbara Kondracki

SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018

- 9:00** Barbara Brockie
- 5:30** Ceil Hopper - 3rd Anniversary
James Carolan
Clara Maffei

SUNDAY, JULY 22, 2018

- 8:00** Charles Gruber
Richard Kochan
- 10:00** Norma Llanes
Special Intention: Andrea Oishi
Marie Cox
Paul Doviak
- 12:00** All the People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle: In memory of
Albin Rybolowik
Loving husband and father
From his family

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: JULY 22, 2018

5:30 PM	Fr. Matt	8:00 AM	Fr. Matt
10:00 AM	Fr. Joseph	12:00 N	Fr. Kevin

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: JULY 9, 2017	\$18,679.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: JULY 8, 2018	
Envelopes	\$11,987.00
Cash	\$ 1,334.50
Online giving donation	\$ 5,310.50
Total	\$18,641.00
Second Collection: Project Faith	\$ 2,212.00

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Gospel Today

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Mark 6:7-13

Jesus knew the apostles would not be welcomed everywhere. He instructed them to go in pairs (2) and only stay where they were accepted. So with only the clothes on their backs, sandals on their feet and stick in hand, they went out to continue Jesus' work (preaching and healing).

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Draw a line from the Apostles to what they took on their journey.

Circle what you would bring on a journey.

Would you need more than the Apostles took? Why?

We can be just like the Apostles, minus a long journey with no provisions. Each day when we leave home for work or school, we can spread God's love, peace, happiness and good will to everyone we meet.



Drinks



Extra Clothing



Ipad / Cell Phone



Health Items



Sandals



The Good News



Food / Bread

In their hearts & minds

Faith in God

In their minds & hearts

The Good News



Money



Faith in God



Walking Stick

