



DIAKONIA

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ORDINATION



Upcoming Events

Rite of Candidacy

Saturday, September 3, 2016
4:00 PM
St. Mary Church, Hollidaysburg

Rite of Lector

Saturday, October 1, 2016
5:00 PM
St. Bernard Church, Hastings

Gathering of Deacons and Wives with Bishop Mark

Monday, September 12, 2016
5:30 PM
Our Lady of the Alleghenies Church Hall
Lilly

Pictured (left to right): Fr. Mathew Reese, Vocations Director; Deacon Peter Crowe; Deacon Johnathan Dickson; Bishop Mark; Deacon Donald Gibboney and Deacon Michael Russo, Director of the Office of the Permanent Diaconate

The Most Reverend Bishop Mark Bartchak ordained Donald Theodore Gibboney to the Sacred Order of the Permanent Diaconate on Saturday May 14, 2016, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. Deacon Don is a member of Most Holy Trinity Parish in Huntingdon and will now be in temporary diaconal service at that location.

Also ordained as Transitional Deacons were seminarians Peter Crowe and Johnathan Dickson. Deacon Peter is a member of Our Lady of

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~BIRTHDAYS~

JULY

- 09 Jim Leap
- 11 Carol Albarano
- 17 Chuck Ahearn
- 18 Steve Luke
- 18 Fred Weaver
- 25 Dave Hornick
- 25 Lisa Wagner
- 26 Bob Killoren
- 26 Chip Young
- 28 Grace Lux

AUGUST

- 01 Stacey Valerio
- 01 Jerry Nevling
- 05 Anthony Wagner
- 09 Joe Visinsky
- 21 Helen Luke
- 22 Patti Gill
- 23 Frank Schuette
- 25 Ron Kolonich

SEPTEMBER

- 05 Rick Golden
- 12 Joan Cammarata
- 12 Jim Janosik
- 14 Anna Tiernan
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- 30 Lori Nevling

~WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES~

Bruce & Sarah Becker
7/10/76

Jim & Pat Leap
7/11/49

Joe & Bernadette Visinsky
7/17/76

Tom & Carol Papinchak
7/21/62



Dan & Beth O'Dowd
8/1/81

Herman & Grace Lux
8/4/56

Bob & Pat Killoren
8/5/72

Tom & Helen Buige
8/9/69

Victory in State College and is currently attending St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, PA. Deacon Johnathan is a member of St. Therese of the Child Jesus in Altoona and is currently attending St. Mary's Seminary and University In Baltimore, MD.



The Deacons lay prostrate in front of the altar as the Litany of Saints is prayed over them by the congregation.

In his homily, Bishop Mark reflected on the reading from the Acts of the Apostles and the meeting place between God and his people. That like the Apostles, it is essential to be devoted to the word of God "a ministry that is absolutely vital to fostering the growth of the Church established by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Diakonia, service is at the heart of the ministerial functions and responsibilities of a deacon. It applies to Donald, who today is ordained deacon in a stable and permanent way. It applies to Jonathan and Peter, who are ordained deacon in a manner that is often characterized as transitional, because God-willing, they will be ordained priests next year."

God's blessings upon Don, Peter and Johnathan as they continue their ministry. May they be men of prayer, stay firmly rooted in their faith and lead others to discover the true meaning of hope that comes from God.

HOSPITAL MINISTRY

"Being With Others As A Caring Presence"

"Patient Visitors" are persons who have a desire to grow spiritually through serving the sick in the hospital. The **Hospital Ministry** course prepares volunteers to be good listeners; to be broadminded people capable of "being with" patients in physical and emotional distress.



The eight week course, taught by Sr. Marilyn Welch, CCW will be held Wednesdays from 6:30-9:00 PM beginning September 7th at the Caremlite Community of the Word Incarnation Center, Gallitzin. This 20 hour course is an excellent opportunity for **ongoing formation credit.**

For further class information and registration form please [click here](#) or contact The Office of Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000/email mheinze@dioceseaj.org

Gary & Patti Gill
8/13/77
Steve & Helen Luke
8/21/76
Dave & Diane Lapinski
8/22/87
Laszlo & Linda Ivanits
8/27/67
Sam & Carol Albarano
8/28/71



Allan & Joanna Duman
9/6/91
Mike & Barb Condor
9/10/76
John & Lisa Roth
9/13/85
Mike & Nancy Russo
9/14/69
Mike & Janine Anna
9/14/91
Rick & Jane Golden
9/28/74
Ron & Jill Kolonich
9/30/95

"THE WAY OF ST. JAMES"



Saint James the Greater
by Guido Reni
Feast Day July 25

James, son of Zebedee, was one of the Twelve Apostles and traditionally considered the first apostle to be martyred. The brother of John the Apostle, he is also called James the Greater or James the Great to distinguish him from James, son of Alphaeus and James the Just. The

Want to be a
good servant?
Be generous,
Pope Francis
tells deacons

Vatican City,
May 29, 2016
[\(CNA/EWTN News\)](#)



Pope Francis celebrates Mass for the Jubilee of Deacons May 29, 2016 St. Peter's Square.
Credit Catholic News Agency

Pope Francis celebrated a special jubilee for deacons, telling them that a good servant is one who forgets themselves, letting go of their own plans and humbly placing their lives at the disposal of those to whom they are called to minister.

One of the first steps in becoming "a good and faithful" servant is that "we are asked to be available. A servant daily learns detachment from doing everything his own way and living his life as he would," the Pope said May 29.

"One who serves cannot hoard his free time; he has to give up the idea of being the master of his day," he said, adding that one who serves "is not a slave to his own agenda," but rather, is "ever ready to deal with the unexpected, ever available to his brothers and sisters and ever open to God's constant surprises."

A true servant must train themselves every day to be generous with their lives and their time, realizing that "the rest of the day will not be his own, but given over to others," he said.

"Dear deacons, if you show that you are available to others, your ministry will not be self-serving, but evangelically fruitful."

Francis spoke to the thousands of deacons and their families present in St. Peter's Square for a special Mass in honor of the Jubilee for Deacons, which is part of the Pope's wider Jubilee of Mercy.

The mini-jubilee was marked by three days of events beginning with a Friday, May 29, meeting with the deacons and their families during which the topic of deacons as an "Image of Mercy for the Promotion of the New Evangelization" was discussed.

Saturday, May 28, the deacons, divided into different language groups, made a pilgrimage through the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica. They later visited other parishes deemed "Jubilee churches" around Rome, participating in Eucharistic Adoration and receiving Confession before calling it a night.

Francis' Mass marked the end of the official celebrations for the deacons. In his homily, he said that the terms "apostle" and "servant" can never be separated.

"They are like the two sides of a medal. Those who proclaim Jesus

patron saint of Spain, his life and deeds are celebrated on Saint James' Day (Santiago Apostol) his feast day.

It is believed that St. James traveled to the area in Spain that is now **Santiago de Compostela**.

Commonly known as Santiago, it is the capital of the Region of Galicia in northwestern Spain. After he was martyred in Judea in the year 44 CE, some Christians believe that his disciples carried his body by sea to the town of **Padron** on the Galician coast and buried it under what is now the **Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela**.

Relics discovered sometime between 791 CE and 842 CE were thought to be those of St. James, making Santiago de Compostela a place of pilgrimage. In a **papal bull** published November 1, 1884, Pope Leo XIII asserted that the relics of St. James at Compostela were authentic.



El Camino de Santiago
(The Way of Saint James)

Today *peregrinos*, (pilgrims) of every spiritual persuasion walk this 450 mile trek from the French border town of Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port to Santiago.

The 2010 movie **The Way** tells a powerful and inspirational story about the challenges faced while journeying through this changing and challenging world. Martin Sheen plays Tom, an irritable American doctor who must go to France to recover the body of his son who has died tragically while traveling the "Camino". Rather than return home,

are called to serve those who serve proclaim Jesus," he said, noting that Jesus, who "came not to be served but to serve," was the first one to show us this.

"A disciple of Jesus cannot take a road other than that of the Master," Francis observed, adding that if we want to follow Jesus, we must first imitate him, becoming a servant to others.

This, he said, "is the only way to be a disciple of Jesus. His witnesses are those who do as he did: those who serve their brothers and sisters, never tiring of following Christ in his humility, never wearing of the Christian life, which is a life of service."

Pope Francis pointed to the figure of the centurion in the day's Gospel passage from Luke, who asks Jesus to heal his dying servant.

Jesus, he said, is amazed by the centurion's declaration of faith in saying that "I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof," and "only say the word and my servant will be healed."

Given the centurion's troubles, he could have been anxious and demanding, using his authority to get what he wanted, the Pope said. Instead, "he was modest and unassuming; he did not raise his voice or make a fuss."

Without even realizing it, the centurion acted like God himself, who is "meek and humble of heart," Francis said, explaining that God, who is love, is always ready to serve us and meet our needs.

"This, dear deacons, is how your vocation as ministers of charity will mature: in meekness."

Francis then pointed to the image of the sick servant himself, who serves as a reflection of each one of us.

"Each of us is very dear to God, who loves us, chooses us and calls us to serve," he said, but cautioned that before serving others, we must be healed ourselves first.

"To be ready to serve, we need a healthy heart: a heart healed by God, one which knows forgiveness and is neither closed nor hardened," he said, and encouraged the deacons to ask for the grace to be healed during their daily prayers.

"In this way, available in life, meek of heart and in constant dialogue with Jesus, you will not be afraid to be servants of Christ, and to encounter and caress the flesh of the Lord in the poor of our time."

Article written by Elise Harris for [Catholic News Agency](#)

**PREACHING IN ORDINARY TIME:
CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES**

By Deacon Tom McFee

Tom decides to embark on "The Way of St. James" to honor his son's desire to finish the journey. Through unexpected and often times amusing experiences along "The Way", Tom discovers the difference between "the life we live and the life we choose".

A PILGRIMS PRAYER For the Feast of St. James

Be for us our companion on the walk,
Our guide at the crossroads,
Our breath in our weariness,
Our protection in danger,
Our refuge on "our" Camino,
Our shade in the heat,
Our light in the darkness,
Our consolation in our discouragements,
And our strength in our intentions.

So that with your guidance
we may arrive safe and sound
at the end of the Road and enriched
with grace and virtue,
we return safely to our homes filled
with joy.
In the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord
Amen.

St. James the Greater, pray for us.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for
us.



"Buen Camino!"

Traditional greeting used on the
Camino, translated - "the right track"

THE BOOK SHELF



Hiking the Camino: 500 Miles With Jesus
by Father Dave Pivonka T.O.R.

33 Days To Morning Glory
by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC

33 Days to Merciful Love
by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC

Hello again! I wanted to share a short reflection with all of you on the importance of preaching during the season of Ordinary Time.



Deacon Tom McFee

As Deacons, one of the most important roles we fulfill in our ministry is that of preacher. Preaching the good news of Jesus Christ in today's world often presents us with daunting challenges as we attempt to help the faithful make sense of the world we live in.

In our preaching we strive to touch the hearts of the faithful in a way that helps them to understand that Scripture proclaimed at Mass is more than just a retelling of an ancient story. As homilists we must find a way to help the faithful know that Sacred Scripture is a road-map that will help them navigate the complexities of modern life with the attitude of Christ.

The Liturgical season of Ordinary Time provides both challenges and opportunities as we study the Sacred Scriptures in our preparation for preaching. It is especially important that we prepare well for our homilies during Ordinary Time.

During this season we have the chance to explore the many different aspects of our incredibly rich faith in our preaching. On one hand...this is a challenge. It is a challenge because we do not have a major seasonal theme to offer a concrete sense of what our homilies should cover. But it is also an opportunity as we are not held to a specific theme such as the Liturgical seasons of Christmas and Easter.

Because of the freedom to expand our homiletic skills, Ordinary Time helps us to grow as preachers. This growth benefits the faithful in the pew, whom we serve, to discover the love of Jesus Christ in the most "ordinary" circumstances of their daily lives.

So...let me conclude by saying that Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary! Have a wonderful summer!
God Bless You!
Deacon Tom

PILGRIMAGE

The One Thing is Three
by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC

A Step Along the Way
by Stephen J. Pope

Signs of Life: 40 Catholic Customs and Their Biblical Roots
by Scott Hahn

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World
by Joanna Weaver

Engagement with God: The Drama of Christian Discipleship
by Hans Urs von Balthasar

The Case for Jesus
by Brant Pitre

Morning Homilies
by Pope Francis

Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter
by Michael J. White, Thomas W. Corcoran



You Have Called Me by Name

Oh, Lord my God.

You called me from the sleep of nothingness merely because in your tremendous love you want to make good and beautiful beings.

You have called me by my name in my mother's womb. You have given me breath and light and movement and walked with me every moment of my existence.

I am amazed, Lord God of the universe, that you attend to me and, more, cherish me. Create in me the faithfulness that moves you, and I will trust you and yearn for you all my days.

Amen.

-Father Joseph Tetlow, SJ



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Day 5: Jordan River

Day 6: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Mt Olives, Church of the Visitation, Shepherd's Fields, Church of the Nativity.

Day 7: Chapel of Ascension, Pater Noster, Palm Sunday Road, Dominus Flevit, Gethsemane, Mt Zion, King David's Tomb, Palace of Caiaphas.

Day 8: Via Dolorosa, St Anne's Church, Ecce Homo, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Notre Dame Center.

Day 9: Bethany, Jericho, Mt Temptation, Dead Sea.

Day 10: Return Home

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