“For nothing will be impossible for God.” (Lk 1:37)

Merry Christmas
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
LUKE 2:14 KJV

AND A

HAPPY NEW YEAR
GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW DEACON EXTERNS

Please welcome the newest Deacons to join our Diocese:

1. Deacon Michael & Nyann Dordan - Deacon Mike was ordained in 2002 for the Diocese of Grand Rapids, Michigan. He is a Seasonal Deacon assigned to St. Paul Catholic Church, Leesburg effective December 05, 2018.

2. Deacon Pedro & Carmen Nieves - Deacon Pedro was ordained in 2003 for the Diocese of Newark, New Jersey. He is assigned to St. Clare Catholic Church, Deltona effective December 15, 2018.


TRANSFERS

Deacon Antonio Torres transferred from Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, Ocala to St. Theresa Catholic Church, Belleview effective October 28, 2018.

ADMINISTRATIVE

2019 DEACON RETREATS

This year’s retreats will be focused on the Eucharist and be held at San Pedro Center on the following weekends:

- February 1 - 3, 2019  Retreat Master: Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary
- March 1 - 3, 2019  Retreat Master: Rev. Ivan Olmo, Pastor St. Mary, Rockledge
- April 5 - 7, 2019  Retreat Master: Rev. Ivan Olmo, Pastor St. Mary, Rockledge

San Pedro Center has 48 rooms. Rooms are booked on a first come first serve basis. If you need first floor accommodations, please note this in your room request.

You can register online or by emailing: jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org.
DEACON SAFE ENVIRONMENT & BACKGROUND CLEARANCES

A couple of reminders when you are notified to renew your background check (fingerprints):

1. You must pass the online Safe Environment training & get fingerprinted.
2. You must be fingerprinted as a “Deacon”. It is a different search than a parish “Volunteer”. Be sure to use the correct parish code.
3. The system is parish specific for clearance responses. This is why the Diaconate office requests that you forward the clearance email. We do not receive these unless you send them.

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

DEANERY MEETINGS FOR 2019

Many of the written comments from the 2018 Convocation expressed the desire to plan time to do a Deanery Breakout session. This is very difficult with the limited time we were unable to incorporate this into the program.

We encourage you to attend at least 1 of the quarterly Deanery gatherings. Your Deanery Lead Deacon have sent email notifications of with the scheduled meetings for the year. If you are unaware or lost the email, please contact your Deanery Lead Deacon listed below.

- Central North: Deacon German Romero 7886knight@gmail.com
- Central South: Deacon Rick Chabot rchabot@holyfamilyorlando.com
- Eastern: Deacon Nick Amicone nickamicone@yahoo.com
- Northern: Deacon Chuck Lee mrchuckolee@gmail.com
- Southern: Deacon Tom Flavell tflavell55@gmail.com
- Western: Deacon Eddie Cruz famcruz300@msn.com

WORLD YOUTH DAY

If you are participating at World Youth Day in Panama, January 21-28, 2019, and need a Letter of Good Standing, please email Jennifer at jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org or submit the request online.

NOTE: To be considered a Deacon in Good Standing you must have submitted your SME, Continuing Education, Funeral Arrangements and Policy Acknowledgement documents.
E-SCROLLS AND FAITHFIT

If you aren’t signed up for the Diocese of Orlando E-SCROLLS, we suggest you sign up. [Click here to sign up for the E-Scroll]. Tune into faith-filled podcasts by local Catholics plus special presentations featuring Catholic speakers, singers, musicians & more! Listen via our FREE Faith Fit App available on the App Store and Google Play. The newly redesigned Faith Fit app puts prayers, spiritual reflections, videos, podcasts and the latest news from the Diocese of Orlando right at your fingertips. Search “Faith Fit App” and download it today! If you previously had the older Faith Fit app, please delete it and download our newest version.

LITURGICAL CORNER

DIOCESAN LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Coming Soon

SPECIAL COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Coming Soon

CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

[Click here]

LITURGY ADVISORY

Advent & Christmas (2018-19)

CONTINUING FORMATION

SAN PEDRO SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

[Click Here]

MINISTRY PROFESSIONAL GATHERING featuring Dr. Joe Paprocki and the Effective Catechetical Leader series.

- Promotional Flyer [Click Here]
- Register Now [Click Here]

FULLY ENGAGED Training opportunities for Fully Engaged Mentor Couples!

Saturday, January 12 @ Blessed Trinity, Orlando, FL

[Click here for flyer]

[Register Here]

8:30 AM Check-in
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Presentation
$65 per couple, includes materials, continental breakfast and lunch
Please contact me at 407.246.4882 or lmonckton@orlandodiocese.org if you would like to set up a training at your parish.

ORLANDO LITURGICAL CONFERENCE  
Click Here  
Liturgy in Action: Crossing the Threshold  
SAVE THE DATE! August 22nd - 24th, 2019  
Location: Hilton Orlando, 6001 Destination Parkway. Orlando  
The Orlando Liturgical Conference is committed to evangelize, inspire, form, and educate diverse liturgical ministers. "Liturgy in Action: Crossing the Threshold" will explore how encountering Christ through the progression of the Mass leads to thresholds of transformation, inspiring us to become missionary disciples. More information will be forthcoming at www.orlandoliturgicalconference.org.

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON offers 5-week online classes and 3-week seminars. Click Here to see the 2019 Cycle Calendar. Another option is the face-to-face format. If you would like to implement face-to-face format in your parish you need to have 15 participants. Face-to-face format uses the same online material so there is no difference in the content. If you have any questions about this please contact our office.

UNIVERSITY OF LOYOLA offers a certificate in Theology and Ministry and several master degrees. The Loyola Institute for Ministry also offers this opportunity in Spanish. The certificate can be attained after completing 6 courses of 10 weeks each. We are now having several information nights, where we will answer all your questions, please check our events calendar below for event and registration details.

OUTSIDE THE Walls  
Ministry of Charity & Justice  
MINISTRY TO THE INCARCERATED The Diocesan Ministry to the Incarcerated has recently updated its ministry service lists for mentoring and sacramental services to the incarcerated. We are in particular need of priests willing to celebrate Mass and Deacons to provide Eucharistic services in select prison and jail facilities throughout the Diocese. For information or inquiries please contact Deacon Richard Dodd at volunteermti@orlandodiocese.org.

Click here for New & Events
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES Catholic Charities of Central Florida Employment Opportunities

Behavioral Health

- Mental Health Services Coordinator/Counselor - Three Positions. Three locations Polk County, St. Augustine & St. Petersburg [Apply Here]

Family Stability

- Rapid Rehousing Case Manager, Orlando - Two positions available [Apply Here]
- Front Desk Receptionist, Orlando - Two positions available (20 hours a week) [Apply Here]

Pathways to Care

- Assistant Chef, PTC - Casselberry [Apply Here]
- Resident Assistant, PTC - Casselberry - Two Positions [Apply Here]

FORMATION DONATIONS MADE AT UGLY SWEATER PARTY:

The men in formation and their wives had their annual Christmas party and their theme was “Ugly Sweater”. They did a great job and raised $890 for Fr. Fred Ruse’s Mission in the Dominican Republic. Specifically to assist the two newly ordained deacons with vestments, baptism candles and baptismal bibs.

FORMATION WEEKEND: January 12-13 @ San Pedro Center.

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DEACON MENTORS:

We are STILL in need of deacon mentors. We would like to keep the one-on-one, Mentor: Mentee ratio as we find it most beneficial for both the mentor and mentee.

We are willing to travel to the deaneries to do the Mentorship Workshop. If you are interested in hosting a mentor workshop for your deanery, please contact me to schedule a date. Interested in becoming a deacon mentor contact: jgassman@orlandodioce.org
UPCOMING EVENTS
Mark Your Calendars

DIOCESAN BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS  (English / Spanish)

Mass For Marriage  Whether you have been married for one year or 81 years, Bishop Noonan invites you to join him at The Cathedral of St. James to celebrate marriage!

Saturday, February 9, 2019. 10:00 a.m. with reception to follow in Parish Center

We will be requesting deacon assistance to serve as Ministers of the Cup.

Marriage Preparation Announcements 2019  Click Here

2019 Convocation  October 5, 2019 @ Annunciation in Altamonte Springs.
Mass @ 8:00 a.m. with the Rite of Acolyte (Cohort 2020)
Bishop John Noonan presiding
Keynote Speaker: TBD

For a complete list of calendar of events visit the Deacon Webpage.

Questions? If you have particular questions you would like to see addressed by this office, you may email your question(s) to jgassman@orlandodiocese.org or jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org.

“I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now.” (Jn 16:12)