



OFFICE OF THE PERMANENT DIACONATE



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

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

These young men are celebrating a birthday. Let's wish them a very happy birthday.

Deacon Bruce Dwyer, Holy Spirit, Mims, is turning 91

Deacon Henry Libersat, St. Mary Magdalen, Alt. Spr., is turning 86

Deacon Charles Mallon, Holy Family, Orlando, is turning 83

REMINDER: MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS FOR OUR DECEASED PRIESTS

The Office of Senior Priests celebrates a monthly Memorial Mass for our priests who have passed into eternal life. Masses are held at San Pedro Spiritual Development Center and are a beautiful way to remember the lives of these faithful servants. All are welcome to attend. Deacons are especially encouraged to be present to honor our brothers in Orders. The next scheduled Memorial Mass is:

Wednesday, July 14th - 10:30am

CONVOCATION

Please mark your calendars....

Diaconate Convocation Saturday, October 2, 2021 Holy Family Catholic Church

We look forward to assembling as a community for our annual convocation. We are finalizing the details which will include Mass with Bishop Noonan with the renewal of our promises and the institution as acolyte for Cohort 2022; a keynote presentation by Dr. Michael Tkacik, professor at St. Leo's University, and author of Forming Deacons: Ministers of Soul and Leaven and Deacons and Vatican II: The Making of a Servant Church; and time for Q&A with the Bishop. *A Friday evening social is in the works!*



ADMINISTRATIVE

QUESTIONS ON DIOCESAN POLICIES OR PROCEDURES

When questions arise about Diocesan policies or procedures, the fastest way to get an answer is to use our office as your first point of contact. Emails or letters sent to the Bishop or the Chancellor are immediately directed to us to respond. We are happy to assist.

If you have any such inquiry, please feel free to contact our office by emailing dcamous@orlandodiocese.org.

KEEP THOSE ANNUAL FORMS COMING!

Thank you to all the deacons who have been working diligently to get annual forms turned in. It is not too late to complete these simple forms which recap the current status of your ministry. By turning in your signed self-evaluation, pastor's evaluation, and continuing education form, you are able to communicate to us how things are going and we are able to confidently declare you in Good Standing when you wish to obtain a letter allowing you to serve in other dioceses when you travel.

IN MEMORIAM

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Dcn. Marshall Gibbs, St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, Altamonte Springs

Father Peter Henry

Sister Elizabeth Patricia Murphy, O.S.F.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

CONTINUING FORMATION

SAN PEDRO SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

San Pedro Spiritual Development Center offers a variety of online resources to help you continue spiritual development during this time of social distancing.

<https://www.sanpedrocenter.org/at-home-retreats>

[FREE INTERACTIVE THEOLOGY WORKSHOP: “The Deacon as Preacher”](#)

Wednesday July 14 from 7-8:30 PM EST

RSVP and receive the link to the seminar- Email: randall.woodard@saintleo.edu

This interactive seminar will share ideas from three deacons on the importance of prayerful preparation and delivery of homilies and practical suggestions for continued development of preaching. Featuring: Deacons Mike Miller, Bob Pierce and Glenn Smith. Deacon Mike Miller is a staff chaplain at the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa, and previously served for several years as a parish pastoral associate. Along the way Mike earned an M.A. in Pastoral Studies from St. Leo's and an M.Div. from St. Bernard's School of Theology. He was ordained a deacon in the Diocese of St. Petersburg in 2019. Deacon Bob Pierce is a permanent deacon of the Diocese of Charleston and one of the instructors for homiletics training for permanent deacons. Deacon Glenn Smith a permanent deacon (Diocese of St. Petersburg), ordained in 2015. He attended Cardinal Glennon Seminary (philosophy) and Kenrick Seminary (theology), earning degrees in pastoral theology and divinity while discerning priesthood.

[POPE FRANCIS ADDRESS TO THE PERMANENT DEACONS OF ROME](#)

Recently Deacon Joe Gassman forwarded the PDF transcript of Pope Francis' address to the deacons of Rome. I would encourage everyone to read and reflect on the Pope's words.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2021/june/documents/20210619-diaconi.html>

FREE SOUTHEAST CATECHIST CONFERENCE AUGUST 12-15



Bishop Noonan invites you to deepen your spirituality while learning how to evangelize, be a disciple, reach intercultural ministries, youth, and those with disabilities. Join parents, catechists, volunteers and ministry leaders for this four-day free virtual conference and become empowered to give a stronger testimony of your faith through your life and actions.

[Register Today!](#)

ORLANDO LITURGICAL CONFERENCE AUGUST 27-28



The Orlando Liturgical Conference is committed to evangelize, inspire, form and educate diverse liturgical ministers. Liturgy in Action: Claiming Our Baptism, the theme for the 2021 conference, will explore how liturgical ministry and liturgical participation is the response to our baptismal call to be “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people”.

Friday, August 27, 2021 - 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Clergy and all liturgical ministers will be nourished through participation in liturgical prayer and inspiring keynote presentations by Father Paul Turner; pastor of [Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception](#) in Kansas City, Missouri and director of the Office of Divine Worship for the [Catholic Diocese of Kansas City-St Joseph](#). He holds a doctorate in sacred theology from Sant’ Anselmo in Rome and is a prolific writer in the area of Liturgical Theology and praxis. Also, there will be a panel discussion addressing the celebration of liturgy in a post-pandemic world. Join us for the celebration of Mass; Midday Prayer; and Evening Prayer.



Saturday, August 28, 2021 – 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



Liturgy Training Publications (LTP) will facilitate a day of enrichment for liturgical ministers with a focus on ministry and participation in response to our baptismal call to be “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people”. This day will feed and nurture all liturgical ministers as we renew ourselves in liturgical service. Sessions will be led by Dr. Patricia Hughes and Michael Ruzicki.

Join us for the celebration of Mass, as well as further time for prayer and reflection. [View invitation from Bishop John Noonan.](#)

[Register Today!](#)

Save the Date February 5, 2022!

Dear friends and partners,


The Diocese of Orlando will hold an in-person Ministry Formation Conference in 2022 for our parish leaders, catechists, clergy, and volunteers. You have partnered with us in the past and we wanted to let you know so that you can...

SAVE THE DATE

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INTO THE DEEP
Luke 5:4

February 5, 2022
8:00am-4:00pm

• Ministry Formation Conference •  • Bishop Moore Catholic School •

Keep an eye out for more information about partnering with us.

In Christ,
Daniel Boyd and the Laitry, Family, and Life Team

LITURGICAL CORNER

Ministry of Liturgy

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OUTSIDE THE WALLS

MINISTRY OF CHARITY & JUSTICE

TOURISM MINISTRY



In the last few decades, Central Florida has topped the list of places to vacation. Reports show there is an ever-increasing number of tourists heading to Central Florida, traveling through Orlando International Airport (OIA), visiting theme parks and other local attractions. This is why we formalized the Diocese of Orlando Tourism Ministry.

The Diocesan Tourism Ministry focuses on serving the spiritual and sacramental needs of travelers at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary Queen of the Universe (the Shrine), Orlando International Airport (OIA), and Port Canaveral.

- **At the Shrine** we have several deacons assisting assigned priests at Mass, blessing articles purchased at the gift shop, and being present to the visiting public. We maintain a list of deacons willing to serve once each quarter for a weekend. Mass times are Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. and Sunday @ 8:00, 10:00 and Noon. When I serve a weekend, my wife and I get a hotel room near the Shrine and make it a date weekend! A scheduling request should be made 30 days prior to the next quarter so the deacon can inform their parish of their commitment. The diocesan men in Diaconate Formation also have the opportunity to serve as altar servers and, once elevated, as acolytes.
- **At OIA** Fr. Bob Susann is the airport chaplain. He conducts a weekly Sunday Mass for the traveling public in a conference room of the Hyatt Regency. Currently we have no deacons assisting in this ministry. We would like to have a list of deacons willing to assist Fr. Bob and to get deacons trained as Airport Chaplains to continue the ministry of presence Fr. Bob has so faithfully established with the OIA staff and traveling public.
- **At the Seaport** there is a need for a Catholic presence to not only serve the tourists, but the spiritual and sacramental needs of the cruise and cargo

crewmembers. This particular arm of the diocesan Tourism Ministry is still under development.

Deacons interested in either of these outside the walls ministry can contact, Deacon Joe Gassman @ jgassman@orlandodiocese.org.

FORMATION

SUMMER SCHOOL

Cohort	Saint Leo Course	Dimensional Workshop
All		
2022	Worship, Sacraments, & Liturgy	
2024	Christian Scriptures	
2026		

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars

For a complete calendar of events visit the [Deacon Webpage](#).

QUESTIONS? If you have questions you would like to see addressed by this office, you may email them to dcamous@orlandodiocese.org or jkuhn@orlandodiocese.org.

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