



DEACON'S BEACON

A Newsletter for the Permanent Deacons of the
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

January 2020

Deacon's On-going Formation Weekend Schedule:

February 7-9, 2020 Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center; Charleston, WV

May 15-17, 2020 Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center; Charleston, WV

July 31 – Aug 2, 2020 Priest Field Pastoral Center; Kerneysville, WV

October 9-11, 2020 Mary Help of Christians; Huttonsville, WV



Meet the new Secretary for the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy, Tina High . . .

I recently joined the Office for the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy as the secretary. Pat Templeton officially retired as of Jan. 1, 2020. I have been with the diocese for 19 years and previously worked in the Office of Communications. I have been a member of Corpus Christi Parish for many years and reside in Wheeling with my husband, Matt and son, Vincent. I look forward to this new adventure and assisting the priests and deacons of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.



**Meet Daniel Maul, the
Diocesan Director of Formation & Mission: I'm a "cradle"
Catholic, hailing from South Holland, Illinois. My family and
I are now relocating to Wheeling, from Hammond, Indiana,
and we're finding it a challenging process. It's our first move.
I'm the husband of Amanda and the father of Daniela (5) and
Abram (2). My parents are living and reside in Crown Point,**

**Indiana. I'm the brother of four sisters and the uncle of fourteen nieces and
nephews. I've worked as a parish youth minister, a high school religion teacher, a**

college adjunct-professor of theology, and a parish DRE. I was with the Norbertines of De Pere, WI, for about five years, trying to discern my vocation in life. Now I'm working for the Diocese, at the chancery in Wheeling, as the Director of the Department of Faith Formation and Mission. My responsibilities primarily include providing guidance, support, assistance, and leadership to parish catechetical leaders, especially DREs and Pastoral Associates. I'll also be working with pastors, catechists, religion teachers, faith formation groups, RCIA teams, as well as others in the areas of marriage and family-life ministries. I'm very excited to begin my work with the diocese, and I'm hoping to be here for years to come. I look forward to meeting you all.

FROM DEACON DAVE LESTER . . .

Puerto Rican Mission Trip in the Spring

The Ecumenical Mission Team formed in association with the Greater Fairmont Council of Churches and led by Deacon David Lester of St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church will be traveling to Puerto Rico from March 15th-21st, 2020. The island was devastated in September 2017 and due in part to its isolation from the mainland and a lack of funding for rebuilding homes and infrastructure, it has been very slow to recover.

That week coincides with Spring Break at WVU in hopes that we might attract a couple of students to go on an alternative Spring Break with the team. All people of faith are welcome to apply, but volunteers must be at least 18 years of age. The group is limited to the first 12 qualified applicants. It is not necessary for volunteers to be experienced, but we do need several experienced volunteers.

The team will be hosted by the American Baptist Home Missions who are providing housing and project management services in that area for disaster recovery. The team will be engaged in the reconstruction of homes. The fee for volunteers to participate is \$300 and knowing that some who might want to go would be unable to meet this minimum amount, we encourage them to seek a sponsor from their own church community. The actual cost per person is estimated at \$1,000 to cover all expenses, the vast majority of which is transportation. The balance of the cost over

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and above the \$300 fee will be covered by other freewill donations or from volunteers who might want to fund their own participation to a larger extent.

The itinerary for the week will be flying out of Pittsburgh on Sunday the 15th very early in the morning arriving in San Juan in the afternoon followed by the rental of vehicles to travel about an hour to our destination. We will have a meeting with our host on Sunday evening. Each day will begin with breakfast and a devotional prayer and the packing of lunches. We will work in the field about 7-8 hours each day and return for an evening meal. We will stay over Friday night and depart very early on Saturday by return flight to Pittsburgh. Volunteers who wish to fly out of another airport are free to do so, but must coincide with the group's arrival on Sunday the 15th.

This will be the 14th year that this group has performed disaster rebuild work including: Katrina/Gulf Coast 2006-2010, Tuscaloosa Tornado 2011, Superstorm Sandy on Long Island 2014-2015, and Wilmington, NC in 2019 among them. The group also works in WV during the week of July 4th each year since 2006.

An application and additional information will be sent to interested volunteers by contacting Deacon David Lester either by phone (304-592-2693) or by e-mail at (davidplester@aol.com). Those wishing to make a donation to help with the team's expenses may make a check payable to St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church at 407 Jackson St., Fairmont, WV 26554. , noting "Hurricane Maria Relief" on the check.

Our Prayers are with Deacon John Locke (formerly with our Diocese) and his family with the passing of his wife Marge . . .

Margaret Locke (Marge) died on New Year's Day, 2020 at the Wilson Health Care Center, Asbury Village from Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP). She was resting comfortably next to John, her husband for 64½ years and died in peace.

Marge was born on July 30, 1932 and raised in Chicago, the last of six siblings of parents from Lithuania. She lived about two blocks from the corner of the Stockyards, 39th and Halstead on the South Side. She went to Catholic grade and high schools and the University of Illinois at Navy Pier. She then went to the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana where she received a B.S. in Accounting, graduating with high honors. Her first job was with Price Waterhouse.

At Illinois she met John Locke and they fell in love; and are still very much in love. They married July 9, 1955 and moved to East Alton, Il., Florissant Mo., North Bethesda, Md., Rockville Md., Hedgesville WV and finally Asbury in Gaithersburg. She bore and raised six children whom she loves dearly (Bill, Barbara (deceased) Louise, Jean, Mary, and Jim). She did a lot of church work throughout her life taking

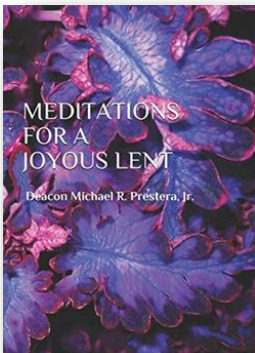
Eucharist to residents and the sick for over 20 years. At Asbury, she visited the sick and dying on a regular basis.

Marge liked to watch Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy, and often, when she watched TV, she would do some form of needlework. Her favorite was cross stitch and we have many of her works of art hanging in our apartment and on display at the Roseboro Resident Art Gallery. She was a busy woman, devoted to faith and family, concerned for those who needed a friendly face and a kind word.

Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10 am on Saturday, January 18, 2020 in Guild Memorial Chapel at Asbury Methodist Village, 221 Russell Avenue, Gaithersburg MD 20877. A reception will follow in the Park View Club Room. The internment will be at 2 PM at All Souls Cemetery, 11401 Brink Road, Germantown, MD 30987. In lieu of flowers, we suggest memorial contributions be made in her name to either Cure PSP, SOME, CNEWA, or Right to Life..

FROM DEACON JOHN WINDETT . . .

Parish of St.Mary's in Petersburg,WV visited by Bishop Brennan for dedication of their newly remodeled sanctuary including blessing of the altar and ambo. I was privileged to serve a deacon at that mass held on the fourth Sunday of advent 12/22/2019. Bishop Brennan also visited and was main celebrant at masses that same weekend for St. Elizabeth ANN Set on in Franklin & Epiphany in Moorefield.



Deacon Mike Pretera has published a book entitled, “*Meditations for a Joyous Lent.*”

You can get a copy from Amazon!

Deacon Doug is . . .

still working on a Deacon Directory. He will be taking picture of those attending the February Gathering in Charleston for our new Bishop and new Vicar for Clergy. If you have not had your picture taken recently, please use a white background and a picture of yourself and then one with your spouse. Please submit an email to dbreiding@dwc.org BY February 10TH.

If not, I will use what I have.
No matter how early . . .



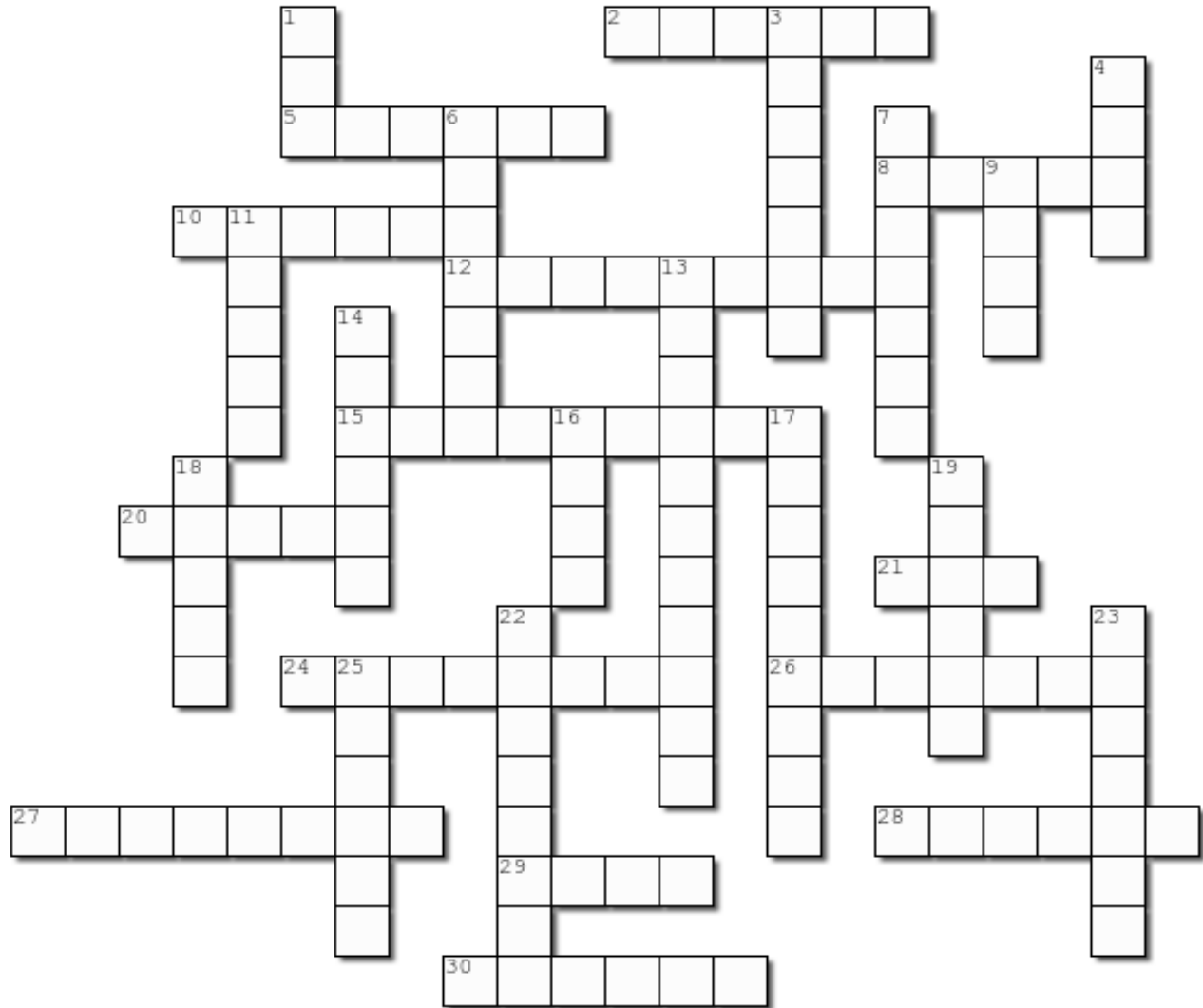
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From a Modern Catholic Dictionary

Complete the crossword puzzle below



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCorner.net

Across

2. Aromatic viscous fluid from the terebinth tree and other plants.
5. Any act of clemency towards a guilty person.
8. Book of the Old Testament
10. The first of the canonical hours.
12. A title of the Holy Spirit.
15. Feast of the Nativity of Jesus Christ.
20. A fallen angel or evil spirit.
21. A full length white linen vestment secured with a cincture.
24. Imperative of the 'to open' in Aramaic.
26. Satan.
27. A general name for a confraternity or pious association.
28. The chief singer for an ecclesiastical choir.
29. Receptacle for baptism or holy water.
30. A small cave or cavern.

Down

1. Requiescat in Pace
3. A class of well-educated Jews who studied and explained the law.
4. A symbol of Christ.
6. The sin by which a person gives up all hope of salvation.
7. Aromatic gum or resin in the form of powder or grains that give off a fragrant smoke.
9. A religious song of honor and praise.
11. The famous 'Holy Mountain' on peninsula that project in the Aegean Sea.
13. One who receives Holy Communion.
14. That which is hidden from most people but known to certain initiates.
16. The third son of Adam and Eve, born after Abel's death.
17. The deliberate violation of sacred things.
18. The disposition to be kind and forgiving.
19. An elevated stand for preaching or reading the word of God.
22. The cleric who has charge of the thurible at church services.
23. A place of prayers other than the parish church.
25. Formerly one of the minor orders, the lowest in rank.

Our Presenter for February . . .

Father Jeff Godecker was ordained in 1969 for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. He is a graduate of Saint Meinrad School of Theology and has done graduate work at Loyola University, Notre Dame University and the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley. Currently, he is the Director of Spiritual Formation for the deacon candidates of the Archdiocese. He has also served as a pastor, a high school teacher, college campus minister, Archdiocesan Director of Religious Education and Director of Continuing Education for Priests. He is retired (sort of) but is still a very active part of the Archdiocese. He lives at Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis and occasionally helps out at the Catholic High School next door. He enjoys travel, reading, hiking, good wine and good food.

PRAYER INTENTIONS . . .

OF OUR POPE:

(February) Listen to the Migrants' Cries

"We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered."

(March) Catholics in China

"We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity."

(April) Freedom from Addiction

"We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied."

INTENTIONS OF OUR DIOCESE (Ordinary Time):

- *For the Church, that we may boldly proclaim the Good News and work to bring justice, peace and hope to every corner of the world, we pray to the Lord . . .*
- *For all those in prison, that they may be treated humanely and receive the pastoral care they need today, we pray to the Lord . . .*
- *For our nation, that the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. may be a model for breaking down barriers, embracing nonviolence, and achieving justice, we pray to the Lord . . .*
- *That all human life be treated as the precious gift that it is, especially for those who are most vulnerable, we pray to the Lord . . .*
- *That all Christians, in virtue of our common baptism with water and the Spirit, may grow closer and find a new unity in our collective lives, we pray to the Lord . . .*
- *For today's prophets who shine a light on the sinfulness we would rather not see, and who challenge us to change our lives and our world, we pray to the Lord . . .*
- *For all who have consecrated their lives to proclaiming the hope and good news of God's love, we pray to the Lord . . .*
- *For all who are recovering from abuse and from the scandal of abuse in the Church, we pray to the Lord . . .*
- *That those who suffer from mental illness will find the resources they need to live healthier lives, we pray to the Lord . . .*

OUR INTENTIONS:

From Deacon Dennis Nesser (January 18, 2020)

Val will be undergoing two procedures next week - an endoscopy on Monday (January 20th) and a heart catheterization on Wednesday (January 22nd). Prayers would be appreciated.

From Deacon Al Iafrate (January 13, 2020)

This is a prayer request for our son, Michael, who was diagnosed with lung cancer. He has had radiation treatments and is now going through Chemo.

From Deacon Dave Lester

Please continue to pray for Martha.

For Deacon John Locke on the passing of his wife Marge

Eternal rest grant unto her oh Lord...

THIS YEAR 2020 THE DEACONS WILL CELEBRATE . . .

46 years of Ordination:

Rev. Mr. Ray Shaw III (October 18, 1974)

45 years of Ordination:

Rev. Mr. George Doerr (December 26, 1975)

41 years of Ordination:

Rev. Mr. Gerald B. Goetemann (April 1, 1979)

Rev. Mr. James R. Kelly (April 1, 1979)

39 years of Ordination:

Rev. Mr. Louis J. Belldina (May 24, 1981)

Rev. Mr. Truman A. Lipscomb (May 30, 1981)

Rev. Mr. George Showalter (May 24, 1981)

38 years of Ordination:

Rev. Mr. Bill Strange (May 15, 1982)

37 years of Ordination:

Rev. Mr. Robert B. Lilly (June 12, 1983)

Rev. Mr. John F. Maher (June 12, 1983)

Rev. Mr. Joseph J. Prentiss (June 12, 1983)

Rev. Mr. Paul J. Smith (June 12, 1983)

36 years of Ordination:

Rev. Mr. Larry Hammel (May 19, 1984)

35 years of Ordination:

Rev. Mr. John J. Hanna (August 17, 1985)

Rev. Mr. Albert L. Iafrate (August 24, 1985)

33 years of Ordination:

Rev. Mr. John Divita (December 11, 1987)

32 years of Ordination:

Rev. Mr. Russell J. Grant (November 5, 1988)

Rev. Mr. David Wuletich (November 5, 1988)

Rev. Mr. John Ziolkowski (November 5, 1988)

19 years of Ordination:

Rev. Mr. William Bronzi (Diocese of Rockford, IL 2001)

Rev. Mr. Doug Deem (October 10, 2001)

Rev. Mr. Rod Fagert (October 10, 2001)

18 years of Ordination:

Rev. Mr. Robert (Bob) Bittner (May 11, 2002)

16 years of Ordination:

Rev. Mr. Doug Breiding (October 2, 2004)

Rev. Mr. Dave Galvin (October 2, 2004)

Rev. Mr. Todd Garland (October 2, 2004)

Rev. Mr. Raymond Godwin (October 2, 2004)

Rev. Mr. Don Hammond (October 2, 2004)

Rev. Mr. Tony Maciorowski (October 2, 2004)

Rev. Mr. Dennis Nesser (October 2, 2004)

Rev. Mr. Steve Olenchock (October 2, 2004)

Rev. Mr. Mike Prestera (October 2, 2004)

Rev. Mr. Chuck Quigley (October 2, 2004)

Rev. Mr. John Sarraga (October 2, 2004)

Rev. Mr. George Smoulder (October 2, 2004)

Rev. Mr. Rue Thompson, Jr. (October 2, 2004)

Rev. Mr. John Windett (October 2, 2004)

15 years of Ordination:

Rev. Mr. David Lester (October 9, 2005)

4 year of Ordination:

Rev. Mr. Brian Crim (May 7, 2016)

Rev. Mr. Harry Evans (May 7, 2016)

Rev. Mr. Robert Holliday (May 7, 2016)

Rev. Mr. Peter Minogue (May 7, 2016)

Rev. Mr. James Munuhe (May 7, 2016)

Rev. Mr. Helgi Nelson (May 7, 2016)

Rev. Mr. Vince Olenick (May 7, 2016)

Rev. Mr. Luis Pagano (May 7, 2016)

Rev. Mr. Marcus Pressl (May 7, 2016)

Rev. Mr. Tom Soper (May 7, 2016)

Rev. Mr. Steve Wharton (May 7, 2016)

Rev. Mr. John Yaquinta (May 7, 2016)



Deacons that have gone before us . . .

Rev. Mr. Paul H. Bischof, Jr.

Born: April 24, 1930
Ordained: November 7, 1986
Died: December 27, 2003

Rev. Dr. Lawrence J. Cerroni

Born: Mar. 29, 1926
Ordained:
Died: May 31, 1983

Rev. Mr. John F. Ceslovník

Born: December 10, 1957
Ordained: October 2, 2004
Died: August 12, 2019

Rev. Mr. Henry F. Higgs

Born: February 19, 1922
Ordained: April 11, 1979
Died: February 16, 2005

Rev. Mr. Gary Lane

Born: March 10, 1952
Ordained: October 2, 2004
Died: November 6, 2013

Rev. Mr. John J. Lynch

Born: July 7, 1933
Ordained: August 17, 2019
Died: September 23, 2019

Rev. Mr. Richard W. Mankowski

Born: September 25, 1935
Ordained: August 24, 1985
Died: December 22, 2014

Rev. Mr. John Moses

Born: September 12, 1923
Ordained: November 17, 1987
Died: August 24, 2005

Rev. Mr. Edwin T. Mullavey

Born: November 25, 1930
Ordained: May 24, 1981
Died: September 20, 1999

Rev. Mr. Anthony P. Santilli

Born: November 16, 1932
Ordained: June 12, 1983
Died: January 26, 2005

Rev. Dr. John A. Shultz

Born: June 04, 1921
Ordained: June 12, 1983
Died: July 16, 2011

Rev. Mr. Paul J. Smith

Born: January 4, 1931
Ordained: June 12, 1983
Died: May 18, 2017

Rev. Mr. Don Wise

Born: February 20, 1928
Ordained: November 5, 1988
Died: April 19, 2019

Rev. Mr. Ron J. Wojcicki

Born: September 1, 1934
Ordained: November 7, 1987
Died: February 9, 2014

Deacon Wives that have gone before us . . .

Marie Cerroni

(wife of Deacon Doctor Lawrence J. Cerroni)
Born: July 19, 1919
Died: June 26, 2001

Angela Divita

(wife of Deacon John Divita)
Born: February 2, 1933
Died: February 11, 2014

Mary Jane Kelly

(wife of Deacon James Kelly)
Born: December 31, 2037
Died: November 29, 2018

Theresa Mankowski

(wife of Deacon Richard Mankowski)
Born: November 27, 1935
Died: February 27, 2016

Anne Shaw

(wife of Deacon Ray Shaw)
Born:
Died: April 5, 2001

Rita Anne Shultz

(wife of Deacon John Shultz)
Born: August 6, 1923
Died: February 28, 2007

Amelia Rose Smith

(wife of Deacon Paul Smith)
Born: August 24, 1933
Died: July 20, 2007

