

St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

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April 3, 2016 Sunday of Divine Mercy



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Last year on this Sunday, Pope Francis declared this year a *Jubilee Year of Mercy*. Saint John Paul II named the Second Sunday of Easter “Sunday of Divine Mercy” in response to Saint Faustina Kowalska’s Divine Mercy devotion, which offered spiritual comfort to hearts worldwide. But Francis challenges us to make that comfort we receive a gift we gladly share: “We are called to show mercy because mercy has first been shown to us.” The clearest expression of merciful love, says Francis, is pardoning others. “At times how hard it seems to forgive!” he acknowledges. “And yet pardon is the instrument placed into our fragile hands to attain serenity of heart” (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 9).

The necessary condition for living joyfully? “To let go of anger, wrath, violence, and revenge.” May Divine Mercy Sunday in this *Jubilee Year of Mercy* remind us that Jesus made mercy our life’s ideal and a criterion for our faith’s credibility: “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy” (Matthew 5:7).

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NEW PARISHIONERS

New to the parish? Please call the rectory for an appointment to register.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES:

Saturday: 5:15 PM Vigil Mass
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30, and 6:00 PM
Children’s Liturgy of the Word: at 9:30 Mass
Daily, Monday to Friday: 9:00 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM.
Holy Day Schedule: 7:00PM Vigil Mass, 7:00AM, 9:00AM, and 7:00PM.
Special Schedules for Christmas, New Years & Easter

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 4:00 to 5:00 P.M.
Eves of First Fridays: 7:00 to 7:30 P.M.
Eves of Holy Days: 6:30 P.M.
Confessions will also be heard at any reasonable time on request.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the rectory at 215-493-3377 ext. 211 if someone is sick. The Holy Eucharist will be brought to anyone homebound.



Once I was dead,
but now I am alive
forever and ever.
-- Revelation 1:18a

Baptisms

The Sacrament of Baptism is normally administered on the second and fourth Sundays of each month at 12:45P.M. Pre-Jordan class, for the first child only, is required for parents. Class is held on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 PM in room 2B on the 2nd floor of the Meeting Center. Parents, please call the rectory to register for the class.



Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Please call the rectory to make an appointment with one of the parish priests.

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

For those who would like to inquire about the Catholic Faith,

information is available. Please contact the Director of Religious Education, Annmarie Flanagan, at 215-493-5204 or 215-370-5701.

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Christian Giving



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APRIL 9TH AND 10TH

Our second collection next weekend will be taken to support our Parish Religious Education Ministry.

Thank you for your generosity!

ROSARY



All are invited to recite the rosary after the 9:00am Mass. For those who can stay longer, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is also recited.

From the Desk of Father Jon...

Reflection for the 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday):

Rejoice for the Lord has truly risen! Alleluia!

Once, in a Seminary class, a professor asked this question. "What are the only man-made things in Heaven." This question or riddle has an answer that gives one much to contemplate. The answer is the wounds from the nails and the spear on Christ's body. These wounds will be visible to us – if we are blessed to enter Heaven. The viewing of these wounds are not for condemnation but to show the great love that the Heavenly Father has for us in offering His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in payment of the debt owed by our sinfulness. That beautiful sacrificial love takes away our fears and renews us in our strength and courage.

This overcoming of fear is displayed in our readings on this Divine Mercy Sunday. We begin with the Apostles fearlessly preaching at Solomon's portico. Many people were attracted to their message – the Truth of Jesus Christ – and hearing the Truth overcomes their fear. The portico of Solomon was part of the Temple in Jerusalem and faced the east. This was the gate that the Messiah, in Jewish belief, would come through to enter His Temple. We see the Apostles entering doing the work of Christ healing the sick and exorcising demons and overcoming fears.

But before they could do the work of Christ their own fears had to be silenced. This is the scene in our Gospel this day. Saint John gives a detailed account of this. We see the Apostles and disciples in the upper room behind locked doors out of fear. It is in to this room of fear that our Lord passes through the barrier set and offers His peace AND THEN shows the marks humanity has put on Him. And once again offers His peace. These wounds do not condemn but invite. They are an invitation to the peace of God and a life without fear. A life of living in the courage of Truth that Christ offers to us. The Apostles accept this offer and fearlessly live out the Gospel and preaching the Goods News.

Many of us know what it is to live in fear and lock ourselves away both physically and metaphorically. Jesus Christ can pass through any barriers we erect to offer us a life to be fully lived. A life lived bravely with courage knowing that we are following the Lord's plan for us. For us to be fully alive we must be without fear. To accept Christ is the only way we can achieve that life.

May we respond to Christ invitation and respond in the same manner as Saint Thomas, "My Lord and my God!"

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTIONS
They begin today at 2:50PM with a Eucharistic Procession from the Adoration Chapel to the Church. It is followed by the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary.

The devotions should be completed by 4PM.



Monday

9:00AM

Timothy Breslin (William and Eileen Murphy)

Tuesday

9:00AM

Herbert Baker (Ernest Pellegrino)

Wednesday

9:00AM

James Fulci (Mary Geraciotti)

Thursday

9:00AM

All Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

Friday

9:00AM

Timothy Breslin (The O'Brien Family)

Saturday

8:00AM

Jurij and Maida Burka / living (Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pryor)

5:15PM

Lauren Nicole Young (The Young Family)

Sunday

7:30AM

Deceased Members of the Wassum Family (Janet Wassum)

9:30AM

Ed Atkins (Phyllis Atkins)

11:30AM

Helen Mercado (The Tuccillo Family)

6:00PM

Timothy Breslin (Home and School Association)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult faith formation is about learning and refreshing and reinforcing; it is not an academic exercise; it is not a class; it is not a lecture. A small group of dedicated parishioners (for the past 15 yrs!) come together to select programs and topics that would be judged to be of interest to **all** members of our parish. We invite all to become a member to share ideas. We invite all members of the parish, no matter how young or old, to join us for monthly meetings for about one hour from September to June to put these programs together. Come join us for some coffee, snacks and topics that are important to our spiritual health and our souls. Please let us know if there is a topic of interest for us to consider. Our next meeting is April 6th at 7:30PM at the Parish Meeting Center.

The Church's catechetical mission aims to help the faithful of all ages to grow in both human and Christian maturity, enriching the whole of life with the leaven of the Gospel. Consequently, appropriate goals and content will embrace all the faith dimensions of an adult life—for example, understanding and communicating the faith, skills needed for personal growth, the experience of family life, relationships, public service, and concern for the common good.

St. Thomas Aquinas, Pray for us.

Intercessory Prayer:

For all who desire a closer relationship to Jesus; may God enlighten them through the Holy Spirit that they may come to understand and know who Jesus is; we pray to the Lord.



NEW RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

The Rectory Office is now open from 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm Monday through Friday.

SUNDAY COUNTERS NEEDED

Adult volunteers are needed on Sunday mornings to help count the weekly collection. A time commitment of 3 -4 hours once a month is all that is needed. Please contact Greg Lucidi at 215-493-3377, ext. 213 or pbm@siparish.org.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP



All are invited - as we sing God's praises and share in His Word and His Love in an intimate community of faith. We meet every Tuesday from 7:00-8:30PM in Room 2F in the Meeting Center. Deacon Bob Skawinski is our spiritual Prayer Group Director.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

	<u>Palm Sunday 2015</u>	<u>Palm Sunday 2016</u>	
Sunday	\$16,229.00	\$15,545.00	415 env.
Latin America	\$ 616.00	\$ 1,144.00	
Church in Eastern Europe		\$ 1,699.00	
	<u>Easter Sunday 2015</u>	<u>Easter Sunday 2016</u>	
Sunday	\$71,748.50	\$52,962.00	568 env.
Easter Flowers	\$ 2,412.00	\$ 1,859.00	
Holy Thursday	\$ 3,309.00	\$ 1,836.00	
Holy Land	\$ 3,183.00	\$ 1,645.00	

TRIVIA NIGHT IS BACK! SAVE THE DATE!



Time for us to test all the knowledge we have in our heads! Join us on **Saturday, April 16th in the St. Ignatius auditorium.** Just \$15.00 per person. Doors open at 6:30pm - Trivia starts at 7:00pm. Topics span movies, history, sports, science, and more! Form a team - up to 8 people per team, and you can bring your own food and drinks. All proceeds benefit the Father McCafferty Scholarship Fund. Look for full details in the bulletin insert in early April. Questions? Send an email to robertgsims@aol.com.

2016 CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE



Mother of Mercy, Make Our Hearts Like Yours
Saturday, October, 29, 2016
8:30am to 4:00pm
National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa
654 Ferry Road, Doylestown, PA
Visit the website:
www.catholicwomensconference.org



Clothing Collection

You can donate wearable, used clothing at the Thrifty Irishman clothing bin in our parking lot. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS



Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at the 5:15pm Vigil Mass with Archbishop Charles Chaput presiding. This mass is to pray for and with all married couples who are newlyweds, or who have been married 25 years or more, or 50 years or more. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend. **Registration Required.** To register visit: www.phillycatholiclife.org or call: 215-587-0500.

**FATHER McCAFFERTY
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

A suggestion to our parishioners - see if the company you work for might consider a matching gift to your donation to our Scholarship Fund. We are in need of several donations to the fund in order to assist needy families with school tuition.

PLEASE REMEMBER

The first day each week for Catholic Education in School and PREP begins on Saturday/Sunday with attendance at Mass.

AID FOR FRIENDS

"To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us."—Pope Francis

Aid for Friends provides **free meals** for the elderly, ill and homebound in the greater Philadelphia area. Our next meeting to assemble meals will be held on **Thursday, April 14th** from 9 am – noon in the church auditorium kitchen. *We are truly blessed, but more helping hands are always needed and welcome.* If you can't stay to help assemble the meals, a main dish or starch can be delivered on the morning of the meeting or a donation can be given to help us buy supplies. Your gifts and talents are always appreciated. If you would like additional information on how you can help, please call Kathy, 215-321-0116 or Jayne, 215-321-5739. See you on April 14th!

Chosen Fathers: A Retreat for Fathers of Children with Disabilities:

Saturday, April 30, 2016 at St. Charles Seminary, the Office for Life and Family and the Office for Persons with Disabilities will host a retreat for fathers and grandfathers of children with disabilities. The retreat will be led by Doug Keck, a *Chosen Father*, who is the president of EWTN and an award winning TV/Radio host. To register online go to www.opdarchphilly.org. For more information call 215-587-3530 or email mcullinan@archphila.org.

ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH SCHOOL
"High Achievement ~ Higher Purpose"

**ST. IGNATIUS
OF ANTIOCH
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**
Pre-K - 8th Grade

OPEN HOUSE
April 10th: 12:30 - 2 p.m.
May 18th: 9 - 11 a.m.
May 18th: 6 - 8 p.m.

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IMAGINATION [LEARN MORE](#)

From the Religious Education Office ...

The Religious Education Office is open Sunday through Thursday. Note that the office is closed on Friday.

Parents of students who will be entering grades 7-12 in the fall: Please encourage your sons and daughters to continue their Religious Education after Confirmation. Confirmation is a beginning, not an end. Don't deprive your older kids the chance to learn more about God. We all know how much we need God in our lives.

"Special Needs" PREP class: Parents, are you aware that we have a PREP class for students with special needs? This class meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.? If we could help to give your child a religious education in a small group environment, please give Annmarie a call at 215-493-5204.

VACATION BIBLE CAMP: (June 27 – July 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon) – **CAVE QUEST: Following Jesus, the Light of the World** is our program and theme this year. This camp is for children who will be entering kindergarten to grade 5 in the fall. We need lots of adult helpers and junior aides. If you're interested in helping, please contact Annmarie at 215-493-5204.

REGISTRATION FOR 2016 – 2017 PREP YEAR

All PREP families should have picked up registration materials for the 2016-2017 PREP year. You can also download these materials from the parish website at www.siparish.org. Please bring completed registration forms (1 per child) and tuition fee to the PREP Office or mail registrations to St. Ignatius as soon as possible. If you are new to the parish or will have children entering kindergarten or grade 1 in the fall, please stop in our office for information and registration materials or call 215-493-5204. We will also need a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate unless he/she was baptized here at St. Ignatius Church.

Our Religious Education program is open to students in **grades K through 12** and includes a *Special Needs class* for students who would work better in a small group environment.

SACRAMENTS:

CONFIRMATION: Our Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for this **Tuesday, March 29, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in the auditorium under the Church. Father Jim DeGrassa will be our retreat director.**

FIRST COMMUNION: Our First Communion Retreat is scheduled for **Thursday, April 14, 12:15 – 3:00 p.m.**

ROSE INTENTION

For those who suffer for righteous sake.

A red rose can be placed by the Respect Life Altar

The Respect life committee is looking for new members. Do you respect life? Do you honor life? Have you been silent on life issues? Our committee meets once monthly on the first Monday of each month September through June. We coordinate prolife activities such as Respect Life weekend, special events on Mother's day and Father's day, NFP Awareness week, the March for Life Bus trip as well as allocation of generously donated funds to local prolife organizations. Come join us and let your voice add to ours to speak out against the culture of death.

This weekend is Divine Mercy Sunday and an opportunity to seek God's mercy through a plenary indulgence which offers complete remission of any temporal punishment due to any sin.....wow!, how merciful is our God? He loved us to the death, His death on the Cross. He is risen. Give thanks.

"You may be thinking, 'I don't deserve to be forgiven. My sins are too great!'

Thankfully, God's love is greater than all the sins of all time, Jesus offers His grace and forgiveness to every repentant heart."

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.



PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY



Matthew Bauer, Melissa Bishop, Christian Blaydon, Sara Brill, Mark Buckley, Michael Joseph Buckley, Brad Bullman, Evan Cumming, Brent Cummings, Kevin O'Brien Darby, Staten DeTemple, Jamie Drennen, Ronald Ernst, Kevin Frawley, Anthony Fuscarello, Joe Galle, Jessica Garcia, Shane Gibbons, Stephen Greene, Jonathan Grubb, Edward Hill, David & Christine Kawoczka Krueger, Matthew Krall, Justin Kumor, Daniel LaMorte, Matt Leonardo, James Limer, Michael Lowe, W. Kyle Magrisi, Joseph Marchand, Greg Marolo, Matthew McGurk, Phil Melandez, Chris Merrick, David Morgan, Kevin Nash, Stephen Neder, Fred Olivari, John O'Rourke, John Parente, Laura Perazzola, Gregory B. Procaccini, Jason Propst, Matthew Rieser, James Tams, Scott Toro, John Worman.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Please consider visiting our Adoration Chapel. You will never regret spending some quiet time to reflect and pray. Our Chapel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. At least one person is assigned to every hour and visitors are always welcome. Please consider assisting us by becoming a substitute adorer or by covering one of the following hours:

Monday at 9am, Tuesday at 3am, 10am, and 2pm, Wednesday at 1am, Saturday at 12pm and 1pm.

For more information about how to substitute or become a weekly adorer, kindly call Marianne Kloc at 267-346-0152. Lastly, remember to call 215-493-3377, ext. 221 to find out if the Chapel is open or closed. A special thank you to all of our Adorers.

God Bless You!



H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People Everyday)

H.O.P.E. is a group of concerned parishioners who are willing to help anyone in the geographical boundaries of our parish.

What we do: Visit shut-ins; prepare meals in a crisis situation; grocery shop or run errands for shut-ins; take others to the grocery store; take people to Mass one day a month; drive to medical appointments, bank, post office, etc.

What we CANNOT do: Transport people in wheelchairs, be called as an emergency ride, do personal care (feeding, bathing, toileting, house cleaning, or respite care), respond on short notice. (If possible, please give us 2 weeks notice).

To volunteer for **H.O.P.E.** or to use **H.O.P.E.**, call Pat Furst at 215-801-0820.

BOOK 'N BEAN

Wish you had more time to read great books? How about one per month? Join us on the last Tuesday of each month to discuss the club's book of the month!

Our group meets in the Religious Education Office (across from the school cafeteria) from 7:30 - 8:45pm for a relaxed discussion. Bring your own refreshments. Contact Linda Stewart at dremom@verizon.net or call her at (215) 968-3577 with any questions. Our schedule for the 2015-2016 academic year is:

April 26: The Light Between Oceans (M. L. Stedman)

May 24: Black Diamonds (Catherine Bailey)

PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED

DECEASED, all of our service personnel killed while serving our country, those who have no one to pray for them and the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

2016 EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

All are Welcome to Participate

**Holy Mary, Queen and Mother of
Mercy**

Sunday, April 23, 2016

**Basilica of the National Shrine of the
Immaculate Conception in
Washington, D.C.**

Program begins at noon and includes confessions, procession and crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Rosary, and concludes with a Solemn Mass at 3:00 PM. Archbishop Charles Chaput is the celebrant and homilist. Contact the parish office for more information. Let's fill the Basilica as the sons and daughters of Mary!

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY that

they return to the comfort of good health: Elizabeth Alvino, Loretta Amerine, Sabrina Amerine, Phyllis Atkins, Frances Barkocy, Mary Barrett, Mary Beck, Brian Benedict, Ethel Beres, William Bodnar, Theresa Bond, Anthony Bonanno, John Borges, Carolyn Bowers, Brian Bruder, Connie Buettler, Grace Burke, Jackelyne Carder, Ruthann Carroll, Florence Cebula, Anna Cibenko, Peggy Ciulla, Michele Coleman, Kathleen Ann Collins, Lynda Collins, Brynn Clare Connor, Josephine Consalvo, Cliff Conway, Terry Darby, Bill & Theresa Derisi, Helen Dillon, Louie DiTanna, Loretta & Sharon Douglas, Mary Ann Dougherty, Jenee Dwyer, Hannah Einwechter, Rosanne Ferrante, Grace Filak, Olga Fleming, Carol Foley, Casey Foley, Carol Fry, David Fry, Maureen Gallagher, Adam Gill, Sherry Golden, Liz Gomes, RoseAnn Grall, Jeff Greenly, Doris Gross, Madeline Guarnieri, Lou Gunkel, Karl Hagermann, Jim Holmes, Craig Inducci, Charles Jacobson, Meryl Jacobson, Samia Jordens, Andrew Kelly, Diane Kelly, Alex Kersha, Elizabeth Keys, Elizabeth Koch, Dolly Kratz, Barbara Lawless, Mary Ledwith, Jane Liwoch, Elvia Luna, Mia Marchesani, Michael Martell, Genevieve Marvuglio, Ellen Masterson, Bettie Mayer, Bernadette McBeth, Jim McCarthy, John McConnell, Ed McDonough, Carol McDonnell, Ellie McGee, Regina McHugh, Betty McNichol, Laurence Meo, Elizabeth Merrick, Marybeth Meyer, George Monti, Phyllis Moser, Michael Murphy, Robert Murphy, Sharon Murphy, Christine Nassar, Ursula Nieland, Daniel O'Brien, Tim O'Reilly, Mignon Parham, Nerissa Pepito, Alex Peters, Thelma Pisano, Mike Pompei, Susan Prager, Sara Puca, Joseph Queenan, Mary Ramsey, Ralph Repoli, Don Roth, Joseph Russo, Jen Shipp, Esperanza Sikorski, Ardene Smith, Joan Smoluk, Hanz Starkl, Jay Steiger, Ryder Sternagel, Rita Stine, Darwin Stout, Pat Straub, Olivia Sullivan, Eileen Sutton, Jonathan Sutton, Doris Tarquinio, Jeanne Tobin, Butch Torres, Catherine Torres, Bernadette Valko, Pat Van Dine, Melvin Vangilder, Jane Wallace, Jessica Walters, Natalie Ward, William Ward, Mark Wassum, Charlene Weaver, Donald Weston, Molly White, Marie Yorkus, Patricia Yorkus, Dorothy Young, James Young, Linda Zadnik, Barbara Zenno.

Please call the rectory to submit prayer requests for the sick, and also to remove a name from the list. Names will be removed after a month, unless you request otherwise.

**SPRING FURNITURE DRIVE
MONDAY, APRIL 18TH**



The Saint Ignatius Furniture Drive will be conducted on Monday, April 18th, beginning at 9am and will conclude when all furniture has been collected. We choose the most efficient routing so we cannot guarantee a specific pick-up time. We appreciate your understanding. All furniture and furnishings in good condition WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MATTRESSES, are welcome. It is a violation of government regulations to accept used mattresses. The furniture you donate will be given to the Fox Chase Cancer Center to help offset the expenses of patients who cannot afford their treatment.

If you have items to donate, please contact one of the following by April 11th AT THE LATEST:

- Barbara Lawless - 215-295-8890
- Barbara Scherer - 215-321-3519
- Joan O'Brien - 215-493-6889
- Dillon Costa - 215-962-3994



YOUR CHARITY IS CONTAGIOUS -A STORY WORTH TELLING

The continuing generosity of St Ignatius parishioners does a tremendous amount of good in alleviating the plight of those less fortunate . It also has many unforeseen benefits. As reported many times ,we often respond to Catholic Social Services requests for help by purchasing items (food ,clothes etc.) from major outlets . Typically we purchase clothing items at 10%-15% of original costs by getting them from the clearance racks and employing every discount we can find .Recently one of the stores, with whom we work , called us and said that they had six racks of children's clothing at great prices .We went to the store and said we would, based on available funds, take five of the six racks The employees said they were greatly impressed with the YOUR CHARITY AND GOOD WORKS. They took up a collection and contributed to the purchase of the sixth rack for us. We were stunned. There are many good people in this world and your charity helps bring out the best in them. By the way, the clothes are already in the hands of the CSS clients Hope you had a Happy Easter knowing that you continue to make life better for these wonderful people in need.

Thank You
Your Social Action Committee

**Are You Called to Be a Deacon?
Archdiocese of Philadelphia
Minister of the Word · Minister at the Altar ·
Minister of Charity**



While all of the baptized are called to share in the mission of Jesus Christ according to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, those who are ordained also offer service in a way proper to the Sacrament of Holy Orders. A deacon's ministry entails proclaiming, preaching and teaching God's Word, assisting the bishop and priest at the Liturgy, assisting at funerals, ministering to the sick and dying, leading the community in prayer and in sacramental liturgies, baptizing, witnessing marriages, and exercising administrative leadership in the Church. *A permanent deacon, who may be married, is a member of the clergy and shares in the hierarchy of the Sacrament of Holy Orders.* Through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, the deacon is configured to Christ the Servant. It is Christ the Servant who acts through the ministry of the deacon.

Learn More...
**2016 Permanent Diaconate Information Night, Thursday, April 21, 2016
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Vianney Auditorium
100 East Wynnwood Road
Wynnwood, PA 19096
REGISTRATION REQUIRED**