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**IN THE
SPOTLIGHT**

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Alfred D'Angelo

On June 6, 2015, Deacon Alfred (Fred) D'Angelo was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate and a reception celebrating this milestone was held for him on Sunday, June 7th at St. Brendan's. We are fortunate to now have two Deacons in our parish.

Fred has been a parishioner at St. Brendan's for eighteen years. A graduate of St. Joseph's Preparatory School in Philadelphia, Cheyney University, and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Fred practiced family medicine in Red Lion and York Haven, Pennsylvania before moving to South Bend, Indiana. In South Bend he was the Medical Director and Family Practice residency director at Michiana Community Hospital which later merged with St. Joseph Hospital in Mishawaka. After moving to Ormond Beach Fred became involved in the parish serving as an extraordinary minister of Holy

Communion, minister to the sick, sacristan, and choir member. He has also been a long standing member of the St. Brendan Elementary School Board and serves as the current school board president.

In 2012 he was elected president of the St. Brendan the Navigator Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and oversaw the formation of the food pantry and "Hand Me Ups" thrift shop. His three year term ended in April. His "outside the walls of the Church" ministries include a weekly Communion service at Golden Abbey assisted living facility, working in the SVdP food pantry, and prison ministry at Tomoka Correctional Institute in Daytona Beach.

Fred and his wife Denise, married thirty seven years, are the proud parents of four adult children An-

drew, Matthew, Stephanie and Alexis.

When asked what inspired him to become a Deacon, Fred credited the parishioners of St. Brendan's. No matter what is asked of them, they always go above and beyond what is needed. He is proud to be able to serve such an amazing parish. Fred will serve as Deacon at various Masses and would love to meet you!



Andrew, Alexis, Deacon Fred, Stephanie, Denise and Matthew

What is a Deacon?

In the hierarchy of the Catholic Church, you have the Pope at the top (well, after God), cardinals, bishops, priests, and then deacons. Catholics recognize two types of deacons.

Permanent deacons are men ordained to an office in the Catholic Church who normally have no intention or desire of becoming priests. He can be single or married. If the latter, he must be married *before* being ordained a deacon. If his wife dies before him, he may be ordained a priest if the bishop permits and approves. Permanent deacons, especially those who are married, have secular jobs to support their families and also help

the local pastor by visiting the sick, teaching the faith, counseling couples and individuals, working on parish committees and councils, and giving advice to the pastor.

Transitional deacons are *seminarians*, students in the last phase of training for the Catholic priesthood. After being a deacon for a year, they're ordained a priest by the bishop. Deacons can baptize, witness marriages, perform funeral and burial services outside of Mass, distribute Holy Communion, preach the *homily* (which is the sermon given after the Gospel at Mass), and are obligated to pray the Divine

Office (Breviary) each day. (*The Divine Office, Breviary, or Liturgy of the Hours* are all the same thing. These are the 150 Psalms and Scriptural readings from the Old and New Testament that every deacon, priest, and bishop must pray every day and a few times during each day.) This way, in addition to the biblical readings at daily Mass, the cleric is also exposed to more Sacred Scripture each day of his life. Deacons, priests, and bishops are considered *clerics*, members of the clergy, in the Catholic Church.

In the Spotlight

Eugene Kearns Mastrangelo (Gene)

Eugene Kearns Mastrangelo was born in Manchester, Connecticut in August 1937. He married Marjorie McBrierty in 1955 (She sat two seat away from him in Manchester High School for four years, but he didn't have the courage to ask her for a date until senior year). They have four children, fourteen grandchildren and one great grandchild so far. Gene said; "Baptizing my first great grandchild Kyle three years, was a wonderful gift."

Gene served twenty four years in the U.S. Air Force retiring as Deputy Director of Counterintelligence, Air Force Office of Special Investigations. He spent ten years in the Washington D.C. area as a security consultant retiring as Managing Director of Pinkerton's Risk Assessment Service.

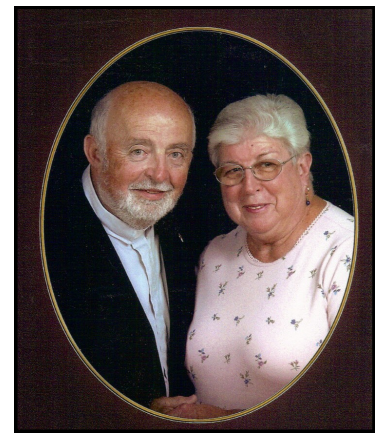
Ordained as a Deacon in September 1993 in the Archdiocese of Washington D.C., he served in Saint Pius X, Bowie Maryland 1993-2000 and Saint John Vianney, Prince Frederick, Maryland 2000-2014.

The Mastrangelo's retain a home in Maryland and spent much of their time there with family. However, they have purchased a condo unit here and hope to become permanent residents after their home is sold.

Gene has assisted in liturgies at St. Brendan's as needed, and can usually be found at the 9:30 am Sunday service when he is in town. He served as RCIA director, facilitates a grief support group, conducts grief seminars, and participates in the Saint Vincent de Paul and Horizon Prison Ministries.

Why did Gene become a deacon? He said; "The nature of the duties of my professional life often left me disappointed and discouraged. I believe the Holy Spirit and the witness of good people, especially my wife Marj, led me to believe I had to help make God's unconditional love credible to those I meet. As I told the company CEO when I announced I planned to retire: "I gave the first fifty five years to Caesar, the rest I give to God!" After attending Saint Brendan's for some

time, it was suggested I seek permission to serve in the parish. I was granted permission to serve in this diocese in 2009." I have always felt most useful serving those at the edge of the flock, those estranged from our faith community, those confined to nursing homes, hospitals, shut-ins, the sick, the dying, the grieving, most especially those in prison. As a military man I believe instructions in manuals serve as excellent guide. For me Matthew 25 31-46 has been and remains my marching orders."



Gene and Marj Mastrangelo

Knights of Columbus Student Awards



First place winners in the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest: Emma Priester, Chris Picerno, Joseph Becker, with PGK Skip Florio. Not pictured— Tia Kearney.

Basketball competition winners are Andrew Gazzoli, Ashley Santamaria, Andrew Acebal and Rodrigo Barbose, with Phil Gorassi, Principal. Not pictured—Steano Paspalakis, Lindsey Rogers).



A quick update:

Father Queen is recovering from an injury to his foot and has limited mobility. Deacon Fred also injured his foot and has limited capabilities. We should be seeing both of them up and around very soon.

Valeta Orlando has been named full-time Director of Evangelization and Formation (DRE). In addition to other duties, she will be bringing a new look to our bulletin.

We wish David Sikorra, former part-time DRE, the best as he moves to other interests.