



"Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task."
Acts 6:1-6



**We celebrate
and congratulate**

Deacon Thomas Yondolino

**on his 15th anniversary
to the Diaconate.**

We are blessed to have Deacon Tom with us here at St. Ambrose and our entire congregation wishes him love, prayers and thanks as he continues his ministry of service.

**We are blessed
to have you Tom,
and may God Bless
you always!**

Fr. Jack Grimes, Pastor
Fr. Jack O'Kane, Associate Pastor
Joan Abitabile, Parish Business Manager

Deacon Wittreich

15 YEARS

Deacon Helmut Wittreich, who serves at St. Peter the Apostle University and Community Parish, New Brunswick, was born in New York City. He is the son of Robert and Marie Wittreich of Lancaster, Pa. He and his wife, Barbara, live in Somerset. They are the parents of a daughter, Kristin, who lives in Manhattan; and a son, Brian, who lives with his wife, Gennine (nee Damanski), in East Windsor. Deacon Wittreich received his initial diaconal training at the College of St. Elizabeth, Morristown, where he earned a certificate in diaconal ministry. He was ordained June 12, 2004, by Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen.



Deacon Wittreich attended St. Matthias School, Ridgewood, N.Y., from kindergarten to second grade, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, Oakland, N.J., until

the eighth grade. He graduated from Indian Hills High School in Oakland in 1978. Deacon Wittreich earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. He earned a Master of Divinity degree from Seton Hall University, South Orange, in 2010, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Fordham University, Bronx, N.Y., in 2018. Deacon Wittreich's doctoral dissertation is titled, "An Essential Model of Pastoral Leadership Critical for Engaging the New Evangelization." His area of academic research is practical theology with a focus on parish life and leadership. He is the founder and executive director of Together On The Journey, LLC, which provides pastoral care to the diaconate community.

Deacon Yondolino

15 YEARS

Deacon Thomas C. Yondolino, who has exercised his ministry at St. Ambrose Parish, Old Bridge, since 2013, was born in Passaic.

After attending Washington Erving No. 4 School, Garfield, he graduated from Garfield High School in 1963.

After studying at Newark College of Engineering, he married his wife, Lynn, in October 1965. They settled in Fair Lawn, where they raised their two children, Jennifer and Michael. Deacon Yondolino and his wife, who died in December 2008, were actively involved in their parish, St. Ann's, as extraordinary ministers of holy Communion. They were also in charge of the confirmation program and pre-Cana program until they moved to Old Bridge.

While living in Fair Lawn, Deacon Yondolino was a member of the Fair Lawn Auxiliary Police, where he



retired as a lieutenant in 1997. He was also hired to work part time by the Fair Lawn Police Department as a Special Officer for juvenile crime.

In 1981, he co-founded Orion Manufacturing Corp., where he works as its president.

After earning a certificate in diaconal ministry, he was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. The vesting priest was Father Alfred Kowalski, a longtime friend. He was assigned to Our Lady of Victories Parish, Sayreville, where he served from 2004 to 2013.

Deacon Yondolino and his wife were also part of the formation team for the diocese's diaconate class of 2008.

He has six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Deacon Youn

15 YEARS

Deacon Ignatius Seock Ro Youn, was born to the late Augustine Myung Sup Youn and Yong Han.

He and his wife, Angela, are the parents of a son, Alexander, and a daughter, Nellie.

Deacon Youn received his diaconal training from the College of St. Elizabeth, where he earned a certificate of diaconal ministry. He was ordained June 12, 2004, by Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen. Vesting clergy was Msgr.



Charles W. Cicerale.

Deacon Youn exercised his ministry at the former Our Lady of Korea Quasi-Parish, Woodbridge, which was merged to Transfiguration of the Lord Parish, Highland Park and now at Our Lady of Mercy in South Bound Brook.

He continues to serve the needs of the Korean community through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process, and officiating at baptisms, and at funeral and wake services.