

This is the letter I received from Deacon Tony. I've assured him of all our prayers during his time of prayer and discernment.

Dear Fr. Barry:

As you know, on May 24, 1997, I was ordained a permanent deacon. It is now ten years that I am ordained. I would like to take a sabbatical from June 2, 2007 until November 10, 2007. As I reflect on the permanent diaconate, I am reminded of what Cardinal O'Malley said to me when I was ordained. The deacons are the Levites of the church. Levites are occasionally referred to in the Bible as being spiritual. A common element in most conceptions of piety is humility. In addition, Levites were chosen by God to be a part of his priestly tribe.

I would like to take the time to reflect on my call as the "minister of God's Church". It is a ministry that is twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. My commitment to God is full time regardless of the various other commitments that I may have. I have always felt that it is my responsibility to be a part of the secular environments and structures. I must foster closeness between the ordained and the lay activity in common service to the Kingdom of God.

Following Christ in the diaconate is an attractive but difficult undertaking. I believe that Jesus Christ is telling me "there is something more". What does that mean? I don't know? This is the reason why I feel I am called to reflect in silence about how I can be more of an effective minister to Jesus Christ. Spending my time in silence and in prayer allows me the opportunity to talk to Christ intimately. It is my responsibility to give priority to my spiritual life.

I would like to continue to serve St. Mary's while on sabbatical if you need me for baptisms, wake services, or funerals and committals. This is a time for me to bring all the prayers of the parish to the throne of God.

Fr. Barry, you have been a constant inspiration to me. You are always in my prayers. I will always be there for the parish. However, I must spend time in silence to better understand the meaning of "something more".

I ask you to keep me in your prayers as I enter the spiritual desert of the soul. I promise to keep you and St. Mary's parish in my mind and heart every day.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Deacon Tony Cipriano

Here is his email address and he would welcome hearing from you: rev.mr.tcipriano@tyga.com

The stained glass windows as well as the fire alarm system will be finished soon.
Please remember we have "Adoration" in the chapel on Wednesdays – a cool spot to pray.
Congratulations to all who are graduating! Well done!



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| Saturday, Jun. 2 nd 4:00 PM | Joseph, Gertrude and Joseph Cruz, Jr. requested by their family |
| Sunday, Jun 3 rd 8:30 AM | Lucy Wallace (3 rd anniversary) requested by her family |
| 10:00 AM | Bill Tirpaeck (4 th anniversary) requested by his family |
| 11:30 AM | Emily R. Correira (1 st anniversary) requested by Manny & Bunny Correira |
| Monday, Jun. 4 th 8:00 AM | Evelyn Teixeira requested by her sister-in-law, Sr. Joeline RSM |
| Tuesday, Jun. 5 th 8:00 AM | Cecilia Borges requested by Edmund and Estelle Oliver |
| Wednesday, Jun 6 th 8:00 AM | Ida and Jack Boyle |
| Thursday, Jun. 7 th 8:00 AM | Sister Barbara Hanna RSM requested by Sr. Edwin and Sr. Joeline RSM |
| Friday, Jun. 8 th 8:00 AM | Leo Vitale Sr. and Leo Vitale Jr. requested by Sean Deviney |
| Saturday, Jun. 9 th 1:30 PM | Wedding: Raymond A. Bilodeau and Courtney A. Clark |
| 4:00 PM | Manuel S. Rapoza (birthday remembrance) requested by his family |
| Sunday, Jun. 10 th 8:30 AM | Pat and Sadie Guida requested by their children |
| 10:00 AM | Theresa Kievman requested by Ed and Kim Mendenhall |
| 11:30 AM | Deceased members of the Bristol High School Class of 1967 and the deceased members of the Bristol Fire Department & Division of Emergency Medical Services |



This week the Sanctuary Lamp will burn in memory of **Manuel C. Silvia** requested by his family. Please remember him in your prayers.

Processional: **717** All Hail, Adored Trinity
 Responsorial **408** Oh, Who Can Know...
 Offertory **676** Healing River..Spirit
 Recessional **713** All Praise..thanksgiving



PRAY FOR PEACE

Those who are sick:

Joan Roth, Louise Oliveira Barker, Lynn Perry, Beth Baker, Helga and Arthur P. Sousa, Jr., Joseph D. Santos, Sr., Ann Marie Fortin, Adam McCauley, Doug Wilkey, Bob Carmone, Bette Ann & Joseph "Muffy" Moreira, Christopher McCarthy, Doreen Ruggiero, Fr. Chris Davis OSB, Dr. Francis Commette, Arlene Krave, Harold Bannister, Margaret Schattle, Enna Bill Pineda, David Smith, Madeleine Simonds, Stephen Doris Baggett, Bella Wendy Foley, Ali Stott, Sarah Winn, Joan Girard, Marie Rondeau, Lima, Clare Correira, Lamora, Marie Manchester, Dorothy Kowal, Frank and Doris Silvia, Cheryl Carvalho, Pat Faria, Ann Ennis, Valerie Bazinet, Makalya Rose Bennett, Alfred Ferreira, Sister Hope Warburton, Ruth Parella, Mike Davis, Alicia Arevalo, John F. McKenna III, Jerry Bergeron, Mary Santos, Catherine Cabral, Dorothy Montaro, Edward Raposa, Mike Panarello, Peggy Morris, Dan Mello, Deacon Paul Bisbano, Kate Richard, Josephine Favro, Peter Drolet, Joseph Silva, Bob Larisa, Paul Theroux, Margaret Haray, and Angela Lynn Aubin



Scripture Study

You are welcome every Sunday following the **8:30AM** Mass in the rectory basement meeting room for scripture discussion.

Fatima High, a NEASC-accredited, co-ed school serving grades 7-12, is hosting an **open house next Saturday, June 9th** from 10:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Fatima High, located at 360 Market St. in Warren, offers both college prep and honors programs integrated with more than 25 co-curricular clubs as well as varsity and junior varsity athletics. Call:245-4960 for more information, or visit their web site at: www.fatimahs.org.



Our Harbor Lights group in conjunction with Conway Tours will have their monthly bus trip to **Foxwoods** on Monday, June 18th. The trip departs at 7:30 AM and returns at 5:00 PM. The cost is \$17 including food and keno coupons. Contact Dave Barboza at 253-6696 for information/reservations.



IT'S A SMALL WORLD

Our parish webmaster, parishioner Rick Taft, reports that our website www.stmarybristolri.org had it's busiest month ever during the month of April. The most popular areas are the church bulletin and the picture slide gallery. We've had visitors not only from the US, but from Great Britain, Italy, Hungary and the European Union!