

Fr. Martin's Reflection – September 11, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

You may have heard the news that we are bidding farewell to two of our most dedicated and loyal members of our parish, Deacon Ron and Peggy.



Deacon Ron has mostly served in the Roebing/Florence area of our parish. In his more youthful stage of life, he joyfully served as a cantor at Holy Assumption. Because of his love for sacred music and his commitment to the Church he was encouraged to become a Permanent Deacon. After much prayer and reflection Ron went forward for the Diaconate and has carried out his ministry of a deacon to the highest standards, assisting many in their preparation for the sacraments and administering the sacraments with great dignity and respect. I know his commitment and dedication is greatly appreciated, especially in his ministry to the bereaved.

Peggy has had many responsibilities over the years, parish secretary in St. Francis and St. Clare, Religious Education Coordinator, and with the amalgamation of St. Francis and St. Clare with St. Mary Parish, Bordentown to form Mary, Mother of the Church Parish, Peggy joined the secretarial team with responsibility for bereavement ministry, booking masses, organizing the schedule for lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and pretty much everything else that walked through the door.

I know all in our parish wish Peggy and Deacon Ron all the joy and happiness in the world as they turn a new page in their book of life as they resettle in Arizona. May the God that has loved you all your lives and blessed you, continue to bless you and guide you. May you know that you will be forever in our thoughts and prayers, and we are forever grateful for all you have done for our parish and given to each of us personally.

I know each of us would like the opportunity to say thank you and personally wish Peggy and Deacon Ron our best – on Wednesday, September 21 we will have a special Mass of Thanksgiving for Deacon Ron and Peggy in St. Mary Church, Bordentown at 12:30pm. We will also have a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, September 24 at 4pm, and Sunday, September 25 at 10:30am at Holy Assumption, followed by refreshments in the Divine Mercy Hall after Mass. If you are unable to attend any of these masses and would still like to send a card, please send it to the parish office and we will make sure Peggy and Deacon Ron receive it.

On a personal note, I want to say a deep felt thank you to Peggy and Deacon Ron for all you have done for me personally. Your words of encouragement, your willingness to help, and commitment to the parish has been so appreciated. May you both have many years of wonderful health, the blessings of great memories, and a love for each other that resembles the love between God the Father and His Son, Jesus.

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jer 29:11)

Fr. Martin