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Due to the ongoing pandemic, all events are by invitation only. To find the livestream for spring and summer events, visit:
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May 21 | 7:00pm
Diaconate Ordination
Vespers Service
St. Thomas the Apostle, Delmar

May 22 | 11:00am **Diaconate Ordination** *Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception*

June 18 | 7:00pm **Priesthood Ordination Vespers Service**
St. Michael the Archangel, Troy

June 19 | 11:00am
Priesthood Ordination
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

June 22-24
Seminarian, Aspirants and Discerners Retreat *Pyramid Life Center, Pyramid Lake*

July 13 | 6:00pm **Seminarian Drop In**
St. Matthews Church, Voorheesville

July 27 | 6:00pm **Seminarian Drop In**
St. Clements, Saratoga Springs

August 3 | 7:00pm **Seventh Annual Concert for Vocations**
Virtual Concert

Grow a Garden at Home

A message from the Vicar of Vocations, Fr. Anthony Ligato

Parents play a crucial role at home (the “Domestic Church,” as Saint John Paul II called it), in faith formation, and helping children understand and discern their vocation is a part of that.

Happiness is doing the will of God! And because you desire your children’s happiness, it’s vital to help them discover and accept their vocations. Here’s a simple “growing guide” to help your family bear fruit:

Prepare the soil: Call a special family meeting about your priorities. Pray, “Lord Jesus, we consecrate our family and our futures to you.”

Plant the seed: Say, “I would be proud of you if God called you to be a priest/sister/brother and you said yes.”

Water the garden: Infuse faith into your environment. Pray as a family; get involved in youth group; invite priests and sisters to dinner.



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If you feel called to be a priest, be not afraid! Pray daily, seek the sacraments, and talk to a priest. If I can help you in any way to discern your vocation, please contact me at (518) 453-6690 or anthony.ligato@rcda.org

Very Rev. Anthony F. Ligato, Vicar of Vocations



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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

*Ordinations to the Priesthood
Saturday, June 19, 2021*



**Dcn. Matthew
Duclos**

“Ordination to the priesthood is simultaneously an end and a beginning. It concludes the preparatory years spent in the seminary, university, and parish placements and it begins the unique role of priestly ministry: becoming the hands of Jesus Christ at the altar with the responsibility to share God’s love, presence, and mercy. I am grateful for your continued prayers.”



**Dcn. Kyle
Gorenski**

“I’m honored and excited to serve the church and the people of God. I thank all the people in the Albany diocese for all their love, prayers and support. God Bless you all.”



**Dcn. Daniel
McHale**

“This pandemic has given us a great witness for serving the common good in the thousands of doctors, nurses, and front-line workers who have selflessly dedicated themselves to healing the sick. I will dedicate myself to serving the people and healing the spiritual health of those who are ill. As Pope Francis said of our Church, “We are a hospital for sinners.”



**Dcn. Nathaniel
Resila**

“As I joyfully await my Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ, I am left with an overwhelming sense of both awe and gratitude: awe at the prospect of being able to call Heaven down to earth through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and the Sacraments, and gratitude to God for asking and enabling me to do so.”



**Dcn. Stephen
Yusko**

“As I approach ordination to the Sacred Priesthood I find myself slowly turning the final few pages of a trying, and yet beautiful chapter of my life. A chapter, in which God has allowed my heart to break, so that He could mold it anew in order to make it like unto His own. Therefore, as I ponder upon the question of what ordination means to me I can only respond by saying everything.”

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*Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate
Saturday, May 22, 2021*



**Russell
Bergman**

“My ordination means so much to me; a public embrace of the awesome responsibility of ministry by trusting in God to help me be His instrument to witness Christ’s love in the world. I am deeply humbled to be considered for a life of service for the Church, despite my human limitations, to cooperate in His work for the salvation of souls.”

*Ordinations to the Permanent Diaconate
Saturday, May 22, 2021*



**James
Agnew**

“I am excited, and humbled to be ordained a deacon! For me, ordination is simply my response to God’s call to draw closer to Christ, through service to His Church. My only ambition is that my ministry will inflame others with a passion for Christ and love for His Church.”



**Craig
Dempsey**

“I am overjoyed to serve Jesus publicly as an ordained minister. The gifts my parish family saw so many years ago have been brought to fruition through the tireless efforts of my formators. I am thankful for my wife’s support as I share my passion for Christ’s mission in serving Bishop Ed and the people of God in the Albany Diocese.”



**Thomas
Poznanski**

“When I survey the landscape of my life, I see God’s love, graces and blessings. The greatest expression of His love is found in the Cross of Christ where we all have forgiveness of sin and the promise of eternal life. His graces and love are what sustain me, and apart from Him, I have nothing. I am a sinner, but I prayerfully ask God for His graces and blessings.”



**Gregg
Wilbur**

“It is humbling to contemplate the many ways in which a deacon is called to serve the Church. But our Lord accomplishes through us that which we could never do on our own. My prayer is to ever be a willing instrument through which His love and grace are manifested to His people.”