

**Bulletin Article for Holy Cross, Our Mother of Sorrows, St. Charles Borromeo, St. John the Evangelist,
St. Lawrence, St. Leo the Great, St. Mark**

For Weekend of 5/6-5/7/23

Pastoral Planning: Sharing Our Reality—Deacons Serving Locally

Our 7 parishes are blessed to be served by 10 permanent deacons in a variety of capacities. Dcn. Frank Pettrone leads St. Mark's as its pastoral administrator. Dcn. David Squilla is the full-time pastoral associate at St. Lawrence. Six others are also appointed by Bishop Matano to serve our parishes by volunteering ideally 10 hours per week: Dcns. Tom Jewell and Joseph Placious (Holy Cross/Our Mother of Sorrows), Dcn. Dan Callan (St. Charles), Dcn. Elmer Smith (St. John the Evangelist), Dcn. Jose Rivera (St. Leo), Dcn. Gerard de la Fuente (St. Mark). In addition, 2 senior deacons assist locally—Dcn. Dick Lombard (St. Charles) and Dcn. Manny Asis (St. Lawrence). Deacons are ministers of Word, Sacrament, and Charity who can proclaim the Gospel, preach, preside at baptisms, and witness marriages. For a fuller definition of the role of a permanent deacon visit <https://holycrossrochester.org/index.php/taskforce>