

ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Spirit of St. Matthew's

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June 2021

Celebrating the Ministry of Deacon Jacques Girard



And what a celebration it was !!

Sunday June 13 was a memorable morning for the family of St. Matthew's. The pews were filled with the faithful wishing to participate in the farewell Eucharist service for Jacques as he retires.



For the processional hymn, Owen played a resounding rendition of "Life High the Cross", a personal favorite of Jacques. The Offertory hymn, *Loue Soit Dieu le Seigneur* was performed in French by Owen Davitt and Angie Cruz.

Celebrant Rev. Liz Golub spoke of the many years and various ministries that Jacques has performed in his years of ordination to the Diaconate. And many they were.

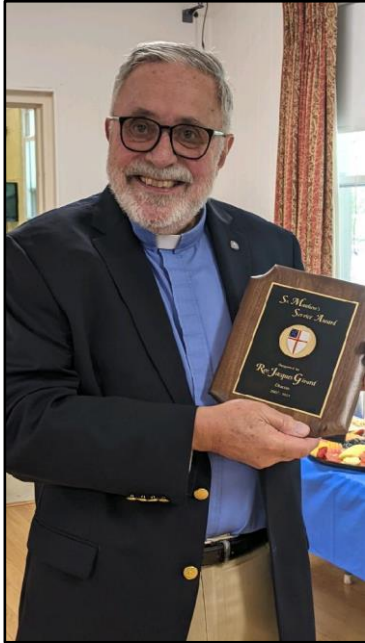
Jacques plans to move to Florida with his dear friend Kathleen Mercogliano, who was part of the celebration. He will undoubtedly begin yet another new ministry.



A brunch followed in the parish hall. It was the first time we were able to gather as a group in more than a year and everyone seemed very happy to be together after such a long time.

Farewell, our dear friend Jacques. We love you and will miss you. Enjoy the next wonderful stage of your life. Live long and prosper!

Memories of Jacques at St. Matthew's







Parish News

The new sign has been installed! In order to save the \$5,000 expense to have it done, George and his crew of tireless helpers have been at work. This involved machines to dig the hole and manpower to build the wooden frame to fit the specifications.



After the concrete had set, the wood had to be removed and a truck poured concrete to fill the hole. After this, a truck was required to move the 500 pound sign onto the concrete base. This was accomplished by George, Jim Albro, Steve Evans, Julio and others who put in a lot of time and energy for this project. Thank you everyone, for the great effort it took to have the sign ready in time for the celebration party for Jacques!



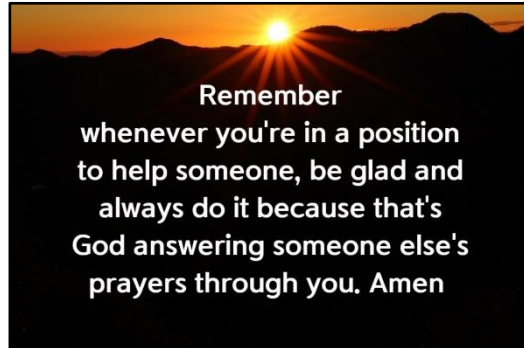
Inside the church we have a new votive candle stand. This was a response to some requests for one. Light a candle to remember a loved one or for a special occasion.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

5~Melissa Albro
7~Corinne Pinkerton
9~Gloria Jeckert
10~Kevin Cherven
13~Steve Evans
13~Savannah Trost
14~Diana Bono
15~Beryl Rose
17~Doris Higgins
20~Bob Morrisette
21~Megan Hahn
22~Gloria Gamache
26~Zachary Sternbach
28~Bob Pinkerton
29~Laura Albro Ormando
29~Kristen Rohdieck

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

4~Bruce & Thayer Woodcock
7~John & Maria Lama
27~Linda & Skip Cherven



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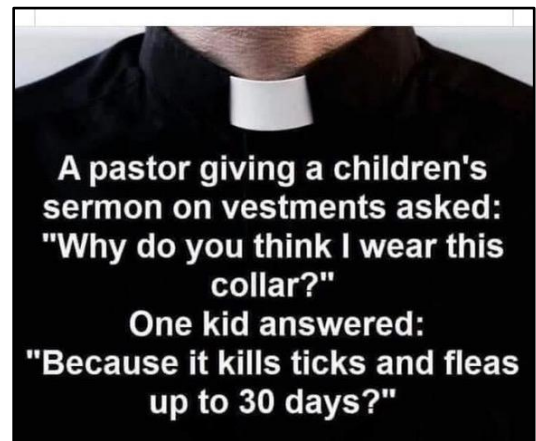
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JULY BIRTHDAYS

4~Elise Ullrich
5 ~Owen Davitt
6~Marge Lindstrom
9~Linda Tozzi
10~Bill Joosten
12~ Jacques Girard
14~Pat Johnson
14~Sarah Lightbody
17~Sandra Trost
20~Jack Stanton

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

6~Kristen & Michael Rohdieck
6~Paula & Jim Lightbody



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WELCOMES YOU



Deacon: The Rev. Jacques Girard
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*We, the Congregation of St. Matthew's, seek
to know the gifts that Christ has given us, to
use them as Christ would have us, in a ministry
of love and encouragement to each other and
the community, with God's help.*