

DEACONS

The Diocese of Pittsburgh has seven vocational deacons actively leading others in the care of the poor, sick, lonely and needy and in the advocacy for those who have no helper. They also serve in many common ministries throughout the diocese and as parish deacons. In addition, one transitional deacon, Brandon Mozingo, serves as Deacon-in-Charge at St. Stephen's, McKeesport.

In Service to the Diocese

Deacons Linda Wilson and Jean Chess serve on the Disciplinary Board for the diocese. Deacon Christine McIlvain serves as a Title IV Intake Officer. Deacons Ann Staples and Lorena Ringle serve on the Commission on Ministry. Deacon Jean Chess serves as secretary for Diocesan Council and Deacon Linda Wilson serves as a clergy member of Council.

In Service to Parishes and the Community

Deacon Jean Chess continues at St. Andrew's, Highland Park, as parish deacon, with a focus on pastoral care of parishioners in need who have no family in the area.

Deacon John Mark Feuerstein continues to serve every Sunday at Good Shepherd, Hazelwood.

Deacon Wade Lawrence served every Sunday at All Saint's Brighton Heights, faithfully visiting the sick at home, in hospitals, and in nursing homes until his retirement from that position earlier this year. Currently, he is serving as Deacon at Trinity Cathedral under the direction of Dean Scott Quinn, where he had previously served for 12 years, from 1992 to 2005.

Deacon Christine McIlvain, Christ Church, North Hills, continues to lead the Women in Discipleship group. Each October she leads the parish in prayer for those who suffer with cancer, and each spring she leads a Woman's Retreat.

Deacon Lorena Ringle, Christ Church, North Hills, continues to serve as Director of Christian Formation; with literacy initiatives; and serves as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for children who are abused and neglected.

Deacon Linda Wilson serves as Pastor-in-Charge of All Souls, North Versailles.

Deacon Ann Staples has finally retired after 33 years in active parish ministry, most recently at St. Thomas, Northern Cambria. But recognizing that Deacons never actually retire, but rather just shift emphasis, she is still serving as executive director for Coal Country Hangout Youth Center (see separate report).

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Lorena Ringle, Deacon