

# Congratulations!



**On June 18 Abelardo was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacon by Bishop Frank. This weekend he will preach at our 12 noon Mass for the first time.**

**After Mass all are invited to join him in the parish hall for refreshments and congratulations.**

*Praying that God will bless you  
as you begin your ministry as a Deacon.  
May the Holy Spirit shine brightly in you  
as you serve the community of God's people*



“One reason I have discerned the priesthood is because I want to answer the call of the Lord Jesus Christ,” he says. “The world needs more holy priests dedicated to serving God and his people. I want to administer the sacraments of the Church, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation, in order to bring people closer to Jesus.”  
*Deacon Abelardo*

**Deacon Abelardo** will be with us thru July 21st. Then he will visit Poland for World Youth Day and visit Bogota after Poland, returning to the Seminary in Yonkers. He will, however, spend weekends with us from Fall thru Spring and possibly Wednesdays. He will help with parish ministries by visiting the homebound, visiting Westport Rehab Center, helping feed the hungry on Fri/Sat at Merton House, training new Altar Servers and teaching Rel. Ed. on Sundays.

Abelardo will also assist at all 7:30 AM daily Masses and our 6 Sunday Masses as Eucharistic Minister and Lector. When ordained he will serve as Deacon at the Mass proclaiming the Gospel, preaching, as well as assisting me with Hospital Visitations. The Deacon will cover all Baptisms. Abelardo is not afraid of work. He is a self-starter, kind, gregarious, dedicated and a team player. We are blessed to have him here with us. He will complete his theological studies at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers, N.Y., in 2017. Gratefully, *Fr. Tom*