

MEET THE DEACONS

Fred Crawford

Deacon



Deacon Fred has been a member of St. Johns since May of 1995. He was ordained in the archdiocese of Miami on December 12, 1992. He came to St. John's and Marion County after his retirement from law enforcement in Broward County where he was a police officer for 27 years, retiring at the rank of Commander. His family, together with his wife Martha, son Fred and daughter Amy enjoyed the activities and love found within the parish. Both Amy and Fred were confirmed here. Although he still worked full time, he was involved in active ministry until April of 2008 when his Martha was diagnosed with advanced stage four breast cancer. His responsibility to family is and was intended to be, by way of the permanent deacons calling, his first consideration. His hero (his Martha) fought a battle that few could ever imagine, never complaining, always smiling and remaining positive to the last moment of her life on earth. She is now his and his children's "special angel". Fred now lives in St. Augustine, and Amy (now Mrs. Amy Crawford Resteri) lives near High Springs where he has, and will spend, as much off time as he can with them.

He has been blessed to have known several pastors at our parish, including Fathers, Emilio Garcia, Donald Mainardi and Joseph Pinchock. Father Emmanuel, however, has taken a special place being there for his family, with his smile and laugh that they all love. He thanks all at St. Johns for their support and love and hopes to be a part of this parish for some time.

Joseph Interlandi

Deacon



Deacon Joe was born of Charles and Antoinetti Interlandi on June 14th (Flag Day) in Garfield, New Jersey. He has three children: Gina, Carri, and Joe. He also has five grand-children and a few great grand-children.

Deacon Joe was ordained by James Cardinal Hickey, Archbishop of Washington on September 17, 1994 at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. He moved to Florida around 1998 and joined St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. He served as Deacon with Father's Emilio Garcia, Donald Mainardi, Joseph Pinchock and Emmanuel Akalue. He also helped train the altar servers for the Children's Mass. Deacon Joe enjoyed working with the children.

Santos Santiago

Deacon



Deacon Santos was born in Puerto Rico but, came to the U.S. with his parents when he was 6 months old. He graduated from High School and decided to serve his country by serving in the military. He came out of the military, went to college and received a degree in accounting.

He married his present wife in 1969 and has two children, a son Brian who is a policeman in Pensacola, Florida and a daughter, Linnette, who is the manger of Perioperative-Services at Munroe Regional Medical Center.

Deacon Santos was ordained a permanent deacon in the Diocese of Orlando in 1988 and was assigned by the Bishop to serve at St. Jude Catholic Church in Ocala [Marion Oaks]. At the present time he is serving both St. Jude and St. John the Baptist at the invitation of Fr. Emmanuel.

He feels fortunate to include St. John the Baptist as one of his parish family. At St. Johns he has truly found a second home. The community has welcomed him with open arms and he feels that the love of God and the Holy Spirit is surely present here at St. Johns. He thanks God for such a blessing and looks forward to serving St. Johns as their humble servant.