



Mr. Michael A. Chirichella, 55, of Our Lady of Mount Carmel-Annunciation of the B.V.M. Parish in Brooklyn, was born in Brooklyn. He has been married to Judith for 31 years and they have two children and one granddaughter. Chirichella is a UPS service provider. He is involved in his parish's youth ministry, homeless ministry, nursing home ministry, and catechist. A Mass of thanksgiving will

be celebrated on Sunday, May 30 at 11:00 a.m. in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Brooklyn.

BISHOP DIMARZIO TO ORDAIN 10 PERMANENT DEACONS

Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio will ordain 10 men into the permanent diaconate at a May 29 ceremony at the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Prospect Heights. • During the ceremony, the sacrament of Holy Orders will be conferred upon the men who are ordained to serve the people of God through proclaiming the Gospel, assisting at Mass, and performing acts of charity for the community. The title, “deacon,” comes from the Greek word for service, “diakonia.” • Here’s a look at the men who are enhancing the mission of the Church and assisting God’s people, including the plans for the first Masses of thanksgiving in their home parishes:



Mr. Edwin A. Rivera, 56, of Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary & St. Stephen Parish in Brooklyn, was born in Brooklyn. He has been married to Sondra for 35 years and they have two children and two grandchildren. Rivera is a retired subway conductor. He is involved in his parish's RCIA, St. Stephen's men's fellowship, and parish council. A Mass of thanksgiving will

be celebrated on Sunday, May 30 at 10:00 a.m. in Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary & St. Stephen Church in Brooklyn.



Mr. Robert Fedorowicz, 51, of Our Lady of Consolation Parish in Brooklyn, was born in Poland. He has been married to Ewa for 30 years and they have two children. Fedorowicz is a plumber at Star Cities Plumbing & Heating Company. He is involved in his parish as a lector, eucharistic minister, and acolyte. A Mass of thanksgiving will

be celebrated on Sunday, May 30 at 11:00 a.m. in Our Lady of Consolation Church in Brooklyn.



Mr. John P. Kramer, 60, of Holy Trinity Parish in Whitestone, was born in Queens. He has been married to Bethann for seven years and they have four children. Kramer is a teacher at Archbishop Molloy High School. He is involved in his parish as a lector, acolyte, minister of holy Communion, marriage prep, and faith sharing. A Mass of thanksgiving will

be celebrated on Sunday, May 30 at 11:00 a.m. in Holy Trinity Church in Whitestone.



Dr. Harry W. Lopez, Jr., 57, of St. Fortunata Parish in Brooklyn, was born in Queens. He has been married to Maria for 32 years and they have three children and one grandchild. Lopez is a podiatrist. He is involved in his parish as a eucharistic minister, director of lectors, pastoral council, and is in charge of pre-baptismal classes (English and Spanish).

A Mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated on Sunday, May 30 at 9:15 a.m. in St. Fortunata Church in Brooklyn.



Mr. Jacob Rodriguez, 55, of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Astoria, was born in Puerto Rico. He has been married to Elenita for 27 years and they have one son. Rodriguez is involved in his parish as an acolyte, and sacrament of initiation (Baptism: Spanish and English) instructions. A Mass of thanksgiving will

be celebrated on Sunday, May 30 at 12:30 p.m. in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Astoria.



Mr. Antonio Gordon, 65, of Our Lady of Grace Parish in Howard Beach, was born in Ecuador. He has been married to Aura for 43 years and they have three children and four grandchildren. Gordon is a nurse manager at Maimonides Medical Center. He is involved in his parish as an extraordinary minister of holy Communion and hospital chaplaincy. A Mass of thanksgiving will

be celebrated on Sunday, May 30 at 8:00 a.m. in Our Lady of Grace Church in Howard Beach.



Mr. Fil Myron M. Lapinig, 63, of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Queens Village, was born in the Philippines. He has been married to Maria for 35 years and they have three sons. Lapinig is an accountant. He is involved in his parish as a lector, founder, and leader of the Magnificat Prayer Group of Our Lady of Lourdes. A Mass of thanksgiving will

be celebrated on Sunday, May 30 at 12:00 p.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Queens Village.



Mr. Michael J.B. McCarthy, 47, of St. Joan of Arc Parish in Jackson Heights, was born in Queens. He has been married to Erica for 15 years and they have five children. McCarthy is a religion teacher at Archbishop Molloy High School. He is involved in his parish as a lector, Lenten reflection, baptism formation, and altar servers.

A Mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated on Sunday, May 30 at 12:00 p.m. in St. Joan of Arc Church in Jackson Heights.



Mr. Jose Manuel Tavarez, 51, of Transfiguration Parish in Brooklyn, was born in the Dominican Republic. He has been married to Maria Teresa for 25 years and they have three sons. Tavarez works as a machine operator. He is involved in his parish as a reader, minister of the Eucharist, family pastoral, shelter service, charismatic group server, and altar server. A Mass of thanksgiving will

be celebrated on Sunday, May 30 at 10:00 a.m. in Transfiguration Church in Brooklyn.