

Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

CUSTOMARY

For Visits to Parishes by the Bishop's Deacons for Mission and Ministry

Visits to parishes will be scheduled directly with the Deacons. The Deacon may contact the parish or priest; likewise, if a parish would like to invite a Deacon to be present, they may contact them directly as follows:

The Rev. Wanda Kloza, Bishop's Deacon for Feeding My Sheep Ministries:
wkloza@diocesecpa.org or 717-236-5959 ext. 104

The Rev. Loretta Collins, Jubilee Officer and Bishop's Deacon for Micah 6:8
Ministries: lcollins@diocesecpa.org or 717-236-5959 ext. 109

Deacons will serve at the principal Sunday service only.

Deacons may be invited to make a presentation to a parish group, to preach, or both. The deacon can provide possible topics for presentations, or parishes may indicate a topic they would like to discuss.

The Deacon's liturgical role in the service will include:

- Reading the Gospel
- Introduction of the Prayers of the People
- Leading the Confession of Sin (the priest will do the Absolution)
- Preaching or offering a homily, if so invited
- Setting the Table
- Standing with the Celebrant at the Table
- The Deacon may serve the Cup
- Perform Ablutions
- The Dismissal

In parishes where there is already a Deacon in place, they will be in touch with that deacon to discuss with them the appropriate sharing of duties for the day of the visit.