

Meet our newest Deacon, Tom Ryan.



I was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and raised in Silver Spring, Maryland, I attended Maryland University and was hired by IBM in 1977 as a Customer Engineer to work in downtown Washington DC., repairing Copiers. IBM moved my family and myself to Atlanta in 1986, with the forming of the IBM Network Support Center. I quickly advanced to Voice and Data communications Support, Microsoft Software Support, Staff work, Management, then ended with Analysis / SQL Query writing / Database management. I retired from IBM back in 2018 after 41 years.

I was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate on February 8, 2008, while a parishioner of St. Catherine of Siena, Kennesaw. It was through comments and encouragement from parishioners at St. Catherine's and, most importantly, Adoration time spent before the Lord that I felt the calling to do more in serving the Catholic Church. Further calling to join the Mission Church of St. Clare, came from learning her feast day; Ann and I were married on the feast day of St. Clare of Assisi, August 11, 1979! We are now excited in starting the next adventure with the people of Our Lady of the Mountains in Jasper, GA.

Ann & I have four wonderful children and four can't-do-anything-wrong granddaughters. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family, as well as golfing, camping, outdoor activities, music ... and "Bad" Dad jokes.