



# Welcome

## Deacon Jonathan Smith



Hello everyone,

My name is Deacon Jonathan Smith and I am thrilled to be serving the people of Saint Mary Church this school year!

I was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio as the second of four children, and I have one niece and one nephew. I moved to Northern Virginia to attend George Mason University. Upon graduation in 2013, I spent two years working in campus ministry as a missionary with FOCUS (The Fellowship of Catholic University

Students) at Belmont Abbey College near Charlotte, NC.

I entered the seminary for the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia in 2015 and was sent to study philosophy and theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary here in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. After this final year of studies, I'll be ordained a priest in June in Virginia.

You'll see me around the parish on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. As a transitional Deacon I will be assisting at Mass, preaching, baptizing, and helping in any way I can. If you see me around, please be sure to introduce yourself!

Please pray for me, and know that I am praying for you!

~Deacon Jonathan

