**Vocation Bulletin Blurbs**

**First Sunday of Advent 2016 to Feast of Christ the King 2017**

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## Attn: Bulletin Editor and Parish Vocation Promoter

***First Sunday of Advent – November 27, 2016***

“They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks….” If you think that God is calling you to serve the Lord of the harvest as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org)

***Second Sunday of Advent – December 4, 2016***

Are you called to be “A herald’s voice in the desert” preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people?

If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Third Sunday of Advent -- December 11, 2016***

“I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you.” Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Fourth Sunday of Advent -- December 18, 2016***

“When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him.” Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Christmas -- December 25, 2016***

“He gave power to become children of God.” If you think you may be called to share the Father’s love as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Feast of the Holy Family – (moved to Friday, December 30, 2016)***

***Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -- January 1, 2017***

“God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts.” If the Spirit of Jesus is prompting you to love and serve Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***The Epiphany -- January 8, 2017***

“God chose us before the world began to be holy.” God has chosen each person in Christ for a particular vocation. If He may be calling you to be holy through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***The Baptism of the Lord – (moved to Monday, January 9, 2017)***

***Second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 15, 2017***

“To you who have been consecrated in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people.” Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to consider priesthood or consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 22, 2017***

“Reform your lives! The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Are you being called to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- January 29, 2017***

“Consider your own calling…” and do not be discouraged by others when considering the consecrated life or priesthood. Call the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454, or write: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- February 5, 2017 - World Day for Consecrated Life***

“Let your light shine before others” perhaps as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- February 12, 2017***

“It is loyalty to do His will.” Are you considering following the will of God in the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -- February 19, 2017***

“Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy.” Is your vocation to holiness to be lived out as a priest or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Eigth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 26, 2017***

“Thus should one regard us, as servants of Christ.” Are you being called to serve the Lord and others in the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***First Sunday of Lent -- March 5, 2017***

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the state in life God has prepared for you? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Second Sunday of Lent -- March 12, 2017***

“God has called us with a holy calling…according to His own purpose and grace.” If you think God is offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Third Sunday of Lent -- March 19, 2017***

“But whoever drinks the water I give, will never be thirsty.” Are you thirsting for an understanding of your vocation? If you think Jesus may be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Fourth Sunday of Lent -- March 26, 2017***

“The Lord looks on the heart.” Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life, proclaiming the reign of the loving mercy of God our Father? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Fifth Sunday of Lent -- April 2, 2017***

“Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” Do you believe Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion -- April 9, 2017***

“Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord!” Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, religious brother or sister? If you think this may be so, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Easter Sunday -- April 16, 2017***

“The Lord is risen, it is true!” Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, brothers and sisters. If you think God may be inviting you to such a vocation, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Second Sunday of Easter – April 23, 2017***

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” Is God inviting you to live the gift and mystery of being sent as priest, sister or brother to proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Third Sunday of Easter -- April 30, 2017***

Do you recognize Christ in your life and hope to make Him known to others? Perhaps you are being called to the priesthood or consecrated life. If you are considering this possiblity, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Fourth Sunday of Easter -- May 7, 2017 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations***

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Fifth Sunday of Easter -- May 14, 2017- Mother’s Day***

“Who has faith in Me will do the works I do, and far greater than these.” Are you being called to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you are considering this possiblity, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Sixth Sunday of Easter -- May 21, 2017***

“Those who love Me will keep my word.” Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Seventh Sunday of Easter -- May 28, 2017- Ascension of the Lord***

“They received the Holy Spirit.” The Blessed Virgin Mary intercedes for your faithfulness to the vocation to which the Spirit is leading you. If you think God may be offering you the grace of serving Him and His people as a priest or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Pentecost Sunday -- June 4, 2017***

“There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.” Is the Lord inviting you to share your gifts as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***The Most Holy Trinity -- June 11, 2017***

“God so loved the world, He gave His only Son.” How can you give yourself to God the Father in a response to that love? Could God be calling you to live His love as a priest or in the consecrated life? If you think God may be offering you this grace, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ -- June 18, 2017 – Father’s Day***

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink so as to nourish us on our journey towards Heaven. All are called in Christ, but some are chosen to nourish His body as priests and in the consecrated life. Could you be among them? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 25, 2017***

“So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” God is always looking out for what’s best for us. If He is calling you to be a priest, sister or brother, there is nothing to fear. Take a risk and and contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 2, 2017***

“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” Could God be calling you to follow after Him in this life and into the next? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 9, 2017***

“You are in the spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you.” Is the Holy Spirit leading you or someone you know to serve Christ and His Church as a priest or in the consecrated life? If you are discerning your vocation, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 16, 2017***

“Let everyone heed what they hear.” Is the Lord inviting you to know, love and serve Him more closely in the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 23, 2017***

“The Spirit too helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought.” Do you approach the Lord in prayer with the confident strength given by the Holy Spirit asking that He make known your unique vocation? If God may be inviting you to consider the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- July 30, 2017***

"Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find. Knock and it will be opened to you." Ask in prayer to know your vocation! Seek and find ways to serve! Knock on the doors of those who can help guide you! If you think God may be offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 6, 2017 – Transfiguration***

“This is my Son, the Beloved: listen to Him.” Do you approach the Lord in prayer, confident that He will make known your vocation if you listen to Him? If God may be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 13, 2017***

“Get hold of yourselves! It is I. Do not be afraid!” Uncertainty can sometimes bring fear along with God’s call to consecrated life or priesthood. If the Lord is truly calling you, what is needed is trust. If you are discerning your vocation, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 20, 2017***

“Woman, you have great faith.” It takes faith to hear God’s call in our lives. And His call takes us on unexpected paths of deeper trust and love. Is God calling you to life as sister, brother, deacon or priest? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time -- August 27, 2017***

“Who has known the mind of the Lord?” Through prayer our minds become better aligned with the mind of Christ and His will for us. If the Spirit is prompting you to know Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 3, 2017***

“What profit would a man show if he were to gain the whole world and ruin himself in the process.” Are you being called to be a priest or deacon, brother or sister? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 10, 2017***

“Where two or three are gathered in My name …” The community who gathers in Christ needs leadership. Might He be inviting you to consider a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Twenty-fouth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 17, 2017***

“Whoever believes in the Son of Man will have eternal life.” Are you called to bring faith in Christ and eternal life to others as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454, or write: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- September 24, 2017***

“Seek the Lord while He may be found…” While seeking Him in prayer and the sacraments, listen to Him. Could it be you are being called by Jesus to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you think He may be offering you this grace, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 1, 2017***

“He humbled Himself and became obedient….” If the Lord invites you to follow Him in humble odedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 8, 2017***

“This is the Lord’s doing and it is amazing in our eyes.” Being chosen to serve as a priest or in the consecrated life is an amazing work of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit and our Blessed Mother to help you recognize and be faithful to your vocation. Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 15, 2017***

“Many are called, but few are chosen.” Consider following Christ more closely as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life. Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 22, 2017***

“Give to God what is God’s.” You belong to Christ and Christ is God’s! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 29, 2017***

“Love God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind.” Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time -- November 5, 2017 (National Vocation Awareness Week Nov.6-12)***

“We proclaimed to you the gospel of God.” Will you proclaim the truth of God’s mercy as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454, or write: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time -- November 12, 2017***

“For we are God’s co-workers….” How are you being called to build the kingdom of God as His co-worker? Consider the generous service of priesthood or consecrated life. Call the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454, or write: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time -- November 19, 2017***

“Well done, good and faithful servant.…” How are you called to use your talents? If Christ may be inviting you to faithful service as a priest or consecrated religious, contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).

***Solemnity of Christ the King -- November 26, 2017***

“I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me to drink.” Is Christ calling you to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, deacon or priest? Contact the Vocation Office at (718) 827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:b.bashista@arlingtondiocese.org).