

## EVENTS FOR YOUR CALENDAR

March 19, 2026:	Installation of The Most Reverend John S. Bonnici, Sacred Heart Cathedral, 2:00PM
March 31, 2026:	Chrism Mass, Sacred Heart Cathedral, 6:00PM
May 13, 2026:	Gathering of the Ministerium, RIT Inn & Conference Center
May 30, 2026:	Diaconate Ordination, Sacred Heart Cathedral
September 11-13, 2026:	Annual SSDCA Retreat, Notre Dame Retreat House, Canandaigua

St. Marianne Cope Parish has shared the livestream link for the **Funeral Mass of Deacon Robert E. Lyons** this **Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 9:30AM**. Deacons who plan to attend and vest (alb and *violet* stole) are asked to advise me by this Friday, February 27, so that adequate seating can be arranged. For those who are unable to attend, here is the livestream link: <https://youtube.com/live/aJPgNpbnYms?>

I have attached information from St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry that may be of interest. There are limited spots (4) available to audit the *2026 Retreat Course at the Abbey of the Genesee*. Members of both the formation and ordained communities who have attended this retreat have given it very high marks and characterized it as a great experience. The half-day retreats, *2026 With the Saints*, presented by Prof. Lisa Lickona, have similarly drawn very positive feedback from folks who have attended. Remember to check the SBSTM website ([stbernards.edu](http://stbernards.edu)) regularly to see what offerings are available for continuing formation or personal interest.

Notre Dame Retreat House (<https://www.notredameretreat.org/events>) also has a series of upcoming events that may be of interest.

Thank you to those deacons who have responded to the request to update the required background check or to complete the annual requirement to update "*Preventing Sexual Harassment for Employees*" training. I appreciate your consideration. If you received a reminder from me but have yet to take care of either/both of these important requirements, please do so at your earliest convenience lest your ministry be impacted. Thank you. If you are unsure of your compliance dates for the diocesan and New York State requirements just send me an email and I can let you know.