

Deacon Bill Fredrick

1. What was your home parish?
Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church in Tremont was my church of baptism. I have been member of St. Joseph Church in Brecksville since 1995.
2. Who is your favorite saint and why? St. Francis, because he loved and respected all of God's creatures.
3. What is the last good book you read/are reading? The Art of Racing in the Rain, by Garth Stein.
4. What do you like to do on your day off? Garden, play with and train my dogs, nature photography. Nancy and I also like to visit wineries.
5. What's something we don't know about you? I raise blueberries that often end up as blueberry wine. I also enjoy watching the bats come out just before dusk, as I sit on my front porch with my wife Nancy.
6. What is your favorite devotion? Divine Liturgy (Mass).
7. What is your favorite season and why? Autumn – cool, crisp weather and beautiful scenery.
8. Who is your favorite superhero? Superman, of course.
9. What 3 words best describe you? Creative, driven, impatient.
10. What career would you choose if you were not a deacon? Veterinarian. Presently, I work part-time as a Vet Technician.
11. If you could have lunch with Jesus today, what would you want to talk about? What can we as human beings do to stop Abortion?
12. With which Apostle or Saint do you most closely identify and why? Paul, because he loved to talk and spread the word about Jesus. I enjoy giving homilies that are to the point and that provide a message that you can use in everyday life. That's how I pattern my reflections.
13. What is the richest blessing of your diaconate to date? Being able to bring the Holy Eucharist to the sick and shut-ins of our parish has been both gratifying and humbling. I see real faith in God when I look in the eyes of someone who is suffering, and who willingly accepts that suffering.