



## BLESSED IN THE MOUNTAIN STATE DIACONATE ORDINATION

After years of discernment, formation, and prayer 20 men will now receive the title of deacons as of their June 7th ordination at the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston.

This is a great blessing for the Mountain state and the first permanent deacon class ordained for the diocese since 2016.

From this weekend forward they will assist the bishop and his priests in the celebration of the divine ministries, distribute holy Communion, assist, and bless marriages, proclaim the Gospel and preach the good news, preside at funerals and, most especially, dedicate themselves to the ministry of charity. They can be they can be married, have families and secular jobs, in addition to being ordained to the clergy.

Our newest permanent deacons in West Virginia come from all across the state:

**Martinsburg Vicariate:** Bryce Timberlake is a member of St. James the Greater Parish in Charles Town; Patrick Michel is a member of St. Joseph Parish in Martinsburg; and David Torlone is a member of St. Leo Parish in Inwood.

**Charleston Vicariate:** Tony O'Leary and Tommy Ross of Blessed Sacrament, South Charleston; Rick Allen of St. Francis de Sales Parish in Beckley, EJ Brucal of Sacred Heart Parish in Williamson, Michael Kawash of the Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Charleston, and Ronald Piaskowski of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Huntington.

**Clarksburg and Parkersburg Vicariates:** Michael Brumley of St. Patrick Parish in Weston; John Butler of St. Matthew Parish in Ravenswood; Victor Cwynar of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Parkersburg; James McCullough of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Stonewood; and Aaron Talbott of St. Brendan Parish in Elkins.

**Wheeling Vicariate:** Dr. John Basil of St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Weirton; William Klug of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in New Martinsville; Robert Krall of St. Michael Parish in Wheeling; Jacob Manning of the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling; Thomas McFadden of St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Wheeling; and Jason Miller of St. Paul Parish in Weirton.



# FAITH FORWARD

## SAINTS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR JOURNEY



**THE MEMORIAL OF ST. BARNABAS THE APOSTLE - JUNE 11.** Saint Barnabas can fittingly be described as the forgotten one, because we only know a few details of his life.

However, because he is mentioned repeatedly with Saint Paul does signify his importance and gives us a reference point of what his character may have been like.

As an apostle we know he was a leader sent out by Christ and the Holy Spirit to evangelize the world. His original name was Joseph (Acts 4:36), but he became known as Barnabas, which means “son of encouragement” – which illuminates his personality.

Learn about this “Good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and faith” by reading Acts 4:36-37; 11:24-26; and 15:36-40.

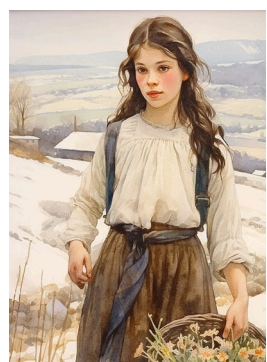
**JUNE 13 IS THE FEAST DAY OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA.** Catholic children learn at a young age to call out to him in a sing-song prayer “Tony! Tony! Look around. Something’s lost but must be found,” reciting it over and over. As adults, many of our prayers to St. Anthony are more desperate, calling upon him to go to Christ with our needs.

Born Fernando Bulhom in 1195 in Portugal, he entered the St. Augustine Monastery at the age of 15 for a “proper formation” of faith and mastered theology as an Augustinian for the 11 years he was with the order. One day he witnessed the bodies of five Franciscans who had been beheaded and martyred in Morocco being carried back to Portugal. That horrific sight motivated Fernando to defend the faith and not just be a scholar of it. He realized his longing – his hunger – was to bring souls to God. He left the order and became a Franciscan, and his name became Anthony.

After being sent on a missionary trip he became very ill. He was taken in by the friars in Sicily who knew nothing about his intellect and accomplishments for he was too lethargic. However, one day at an ordination celebration of Dominicans and Franciscans, he seized an opportunity to be the homilist. He surprised and impressed all by his fire, knowledge, and holiness. From then on he became known as an influential preacher in northern Italy and ultimately Padua.

He is quoted as saying, “The creator of the heavens obeys a carpenter; the God of eternal glory listens to a poor virgin. Has anyone ever witnessed anything comparable to this? Let the philosopher no longer disdain from listening to the common laborer; the wise, to the simple; the educated, to the illiterate; a child of a prince, to a peasant.”

He proved himself genuine, willing to live the gospel not just preach about it.



**Saint Germaine Cousin’s life had the outline of a fairytale - evil step mother, cruel treatment, and yet - a beautiful disposition.** She was born with a deformed right hand and neck; her dear mother died when Germaine was only five; and her devoted father died soon after he had remarried a woman that detested the sight and thought of her. Her living quarters was in the family barn.

She was a shepherdess tending to sheep in the field every day, trusting God so much she would leave the flock and walk to daily Mass, knowing the sheep would not stray in God’s care. It was even witnessed that the flooded river in her village parted for St. Germaine to cross so she wouldn’t be late for Mass. Because of this and many more miraculous events the townspeople looked upon her as extraordinary in God’s sight, which only angered her stepmother even more.

It’s recorded that one day when she went off to town to share her bread for the day with the poor her stepmother had followed her. Once she got to the town square, the nasty woman accused the child of stealing food and made her in front of all around open her apron to reveal the bread. However, when she did it wasn’t bread that was inside the apron it was beautiful flowers that would not have been in bloom at that time of year. The child handed her stepmother one of the prettiest blooms saying, “Please accept this flower, Mother. God sends it to you in sign of His forgiveness.”

Saint Germaine died at the age of 22. On the night she died two monks reported seeing the night sky above the barn she slept in light up and angles descending. Forty-three years after her death her body was found incorrupt.

On June 15th, we honor her on her feast day.

*Editor’s note: the painting of St. Germaine by Anna-Marie of The Catholic Creative, Topeka and available at: [WWW.ETSY.COM/SHOP/THECATHOLICCREATIVE](http://WWW.ETSY.COM/SHOP/THECATHOLICCREATIVE)*



Jesus said,  
"It was not you who chose me,  
but I who chose you..."  
John 15:16

*Fr. John Sopinski*

Ordained 5-31-2024





# NATIONAL Eucharistic Pilgrimage

**Be Part of this Historic Event!**  
*The pilgrimage comes to the Northern  
Panhandle of West Virginia June 20-24*

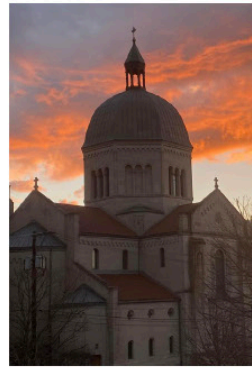
FROM THE EAST

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Route



### Welcome perpetual pilgrims to the Mountain State!

Gather with them for Masses, Eucharistic Adoration, Eucharistic Processions, praise and worship, and special programs as they share their experiences. Watch the Eucharistic Procession on the Ohio River led by Bishop Mark Brennan and Bishop Paul J. Bradley and receive a blessing. Pilgrimage events are open to all! Full schedule is on the right.



### Participating Northern Panhandle Parishes

#### *Weirton:*

St. Joseph the Worker  
Sacred Heart of Mary  
St. Paul's

#### *Wheeling:*

Cathedral of St. Joseph  
St. Alphonsus



### Pilgrimage Events

#### **Thursday, June 20, National Eucharistic Pilgrimage Kickoff in Weirton**

**St. Joseph the Worker Church:** Meet the perpetual pilgrims and gather for Mass, Adoration, and praise and worship—8-9 a.m.

**Eucharistic Procession** from St. Joseph the Worker to Sacred Heart of Mary Church with Adoration and Benediction to follow—begins at 9:30 a.m.

**Sharing Session & Reflection by Perpetual Pilgrims** at Sacred Heart of Mary—11 a.m.-noon

**Eucharistic Adoration** with praise and worship at St. Paul Church—7-8 p.m.

#### **Friday, June 21**

**Morning Mass** with the perpetual pilgrims at Sacred Heart of Mary—8:30-9 a.m.

**Breakfast with Perpetual Pilgrims** at Sacred Heart of Mary—9:30-10:30 a.m.

#### **Sunday, June 23**

#### **"Put Out into the Deep" on the Ohio River!"**

Bishop Mark Brennan and Bishop Paul Bradley, apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Steubenville, will board a sternwheeler and lead a Eucharistic Procession down the Ohio River. Boatercade with the two bishops leaves the Steubenville Marina at noon and will stop at four sites on both sides of the river where faithful can receive a blessing. Blessing sites: Steubenville Marina, Wellsburg Wharf, Wellsburg-Brilliant Bridge, Mazeroski Park (Ohio), Pike Island Lock and Dam, and Heritage Port in Wheeling. Final destination is Bellaire Marina in Bellaire, Ohio.

**Arrival of National Eucharistic Pilgrimage in Wheeling**—7:30-8:30 p.m. Cathedral of St. Joseph. Bishop Brennan and the faithful of Wheeling will welcome the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at the cathedral.

**All-Night Eucharistic Prayer Vigil**—8:30 p.m. (June 23) -8 a.m. (June 24) at the cathedral.

#### **Monday, June 24**

**Mass at the cathedral** celebrated by Bishop Brennan—8:30-9:30 a.m.

**Solemn Eucharistic Procession** through the streets of Wheeling from the cathedral to St. Alphonsus Church—9:30-10 a.m.

For more information, visit:  
[www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/st-elizabeth-ann-seton-route](http://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/st-elizabeth-ann-seton-route)

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## TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading: Genesis 3:9-15

We are a sinful people. Acknowledge failures and resist blaming others and God like Adam and Eve chose to do.

### Responsorial: Psalm 130

“With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.”

### Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

St. Paul reminds us that as we grow older may we never tire of learning, so we can be “renewed day by day.” Grow stronger in God’s work and by doing God’s will.

### Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

Let the Holy Spirit within us since baptism drive out the evil spirits who threaten to destroy us.

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## PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, Pope Francis, Bishop Mark Brennan, our priests, religious, deacons, and laity who work unselfishly to bring more souls to Heaven, may their efforts bring the hope and joy of the kingdom of God on earth, let us pray to the Lord. . .

That nations work tirelessly together to cast out evil in our world, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For Fr. John Soplinski and all newly ordained around the world, fill their hearts and minds with the wisdom and understanding to speak and act like Christ, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For our newly ordained Deacons for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston may they never lose the joy of being Christ’s servant leader; and may all whom they serve never tire of praying for their protection as they preach the Word of God, let us pray to the Lord. . .

*Lord hear our prayer*

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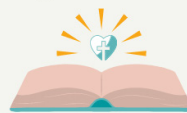
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