



OUR WV CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ARE EXCITED FOR ONE MISSION ONE DAY ~ MAY 4TH



On May 4th, our Catholic school families, alumni, supporters, and friends will come together to help build a stronger tomorrow across West Virginia and beyond with **One Mission One Day to Make a Difference!** This 24-hour online giving campaign has our schools buzzing with excitement. This event will raise funding for tuition assistance, school renovations and classroom upgrades.

All donations will go directly to the school or schools of your choice!

Want to join in? Here are a few ways YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

- [SHARE OUR VIDEO](#) so others can see what a difference our Catholic schools are making across the state!
- [VISIT THE ONE MISSION ONE DAY WEBSITE](#) to make a gift to the school(s) of your choice and help them win extra funding!
- Post about your giving on social media with the hashtag **#OneMissionOneDay** to encourage others to do the same!

One Mission One Day was originally created by the school advancement directors and principals of the Northern Panhandle Catholic schools in 2019. In 2020, it expanded to include 19 of our schools across the state and more than \$234,000 was raised in 24 hours.

Organizers from the individual schools are eager to see which school will raise the most money and which will have the most donors, because those schools will each receive a \$500 gift from the WV Catholic Foundation.

Follow the hashtag **#OneMissionOneDay** on social media and check in on the leaderboard at [ONEMISSIONONEDAY.ORG](https://www.onemissiononeday.org).



Second in a six-part series: Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has reestablished the Diocesan Pastoral Council originated by Bishop Joseph H. Hodges in 1968. We bring to you a profile of the lay members of this commission. The membership is representative of all six vicariates in the state with three members per. Each series will highlight a single vicariate.

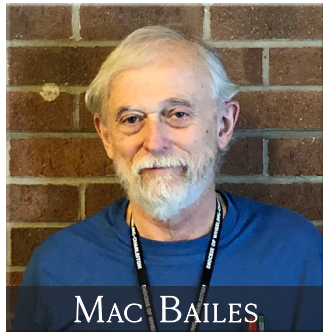
BAILES, ENDERS, BOSSIE-MADDOX REPRESENT CHARLESTON VICARIATE FOR DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

WHEELING – Charleston representatives on the reestablished Diocesan Pastoral Council are ready to represent their communities and assist Bishop Mark E. Brennan in outlining and developing priorities, initiatives, and plans to fulfill the mission of the Church.

Mac Bailes, of Sutton; Kim Enders, of Huntington; and Susan Bossie-Maddox, of Charleston also hope the council's efforts encourage the faithful to get more involved in their communities and parishes, which will

bring them closer to Christ and the Church.

Bailes is a member of St. Thomas Parish in Gassaway and will serve on the Lay Life and Ministry Committee, while on the DPC for his three-year term.



He converted to Catholicism at the Easter Vigil in 2004. His conversion story unfolded over decades, including the 30 years he served as a Methodist minister, while also working as a physician in central West Virginia.

"When I was growing up in Summersville, I knew a man I had developed a great respect for," Bailes said. "He was the uncle of a friend. He would take a group of us boys camping every summer in Pocahontas County. It was a great time, but there was one catch, if you went you knew he'd be taking us to Mass at St. Brendan's in Elkins. We would sit respectful and quiet. It wasn't the church that made the impression on me it was his person – he was just a fine fella', not pushy, just lived very honorable. He lived his faith. I'll never forget him."

A second gentleman that stirred Bailes' decision to become Catholic was the late Fr. Jerome Rawa, a Marist priest from Holy Family Church in Richwood. Father Rawa was a daily visitor at Summersville Regional Medical Center, the hospital Bailes worked at as an emergency room doctor.

"Everyone loved him and looked upon him as a positive

influence – it didn't matter if you were Catholic, Methodist, Baptist or claimed no religion, Fr. Rawa, was a great witness for Jesus," he said. After seeing the priest come into the hospital time and time again without a coat in the dead of winter, the doctors pooled their money together and bought him an expensive warm, multi-layered black coat. "He was so appreciative and wore it well," he said, and then added, "but only for a few days. He came in a week or so later without it. We asked, 'Father, where is your coat?' He told us that there was a man up on the street in Richwood who needed it way more than he did. That's who he was, always looking out for others."

"I'm in my 70s now," he said. "I went to medical school, seminary, I studied Scripture, Greek, Hebrew, Latin... but all of those things didn't totally direct me to my faith – it was also and most importantly the positive people who influenced me. Looking back, I can see that God had a great hand in all of this. In a nutshell the Holy Spirit led me."

Among the many things Bailes does for his parish, he serves on his pastoral council, teaches RCIA at his church and at Risen Lord Mission in Clay, and helps with the food pantry at both sites too.

Bailes said his outlook on life is rooted in the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Romans, "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28)."

In the ups and downs of life, family, church, and our world we need to know God is always with us, he said.

"Not everything that happens to us in life is good, but it can work to the good if we believe," Bailes said, and added that he is honored to be on the council to represent all the "little guys" in small or rural parishes and missions; and he takes his role seriously. "We realize there is a concerning shortage of priests, but folks like us in the smaller and rural areas want to be supported and not forgotten. We need to take care of all of our (faithful) and our communities spiritually, physically, and mentally."

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KIM ENDERS

Enders has been a parishioner of St. Joseph in Huntington for more than 20 years. Parish life has been an important part of who she is. When she recites Psalm 39, "Here I am Lord, I've come to do your will," she is wholeheartedly speaking directly to Christ

and takes that commitment seriously.

She has worn many hats at church, including lector, eucharistic minister, children's liturgy leader, parish school of religion instructor, and PTO president of the parish school. She will serve on the Lay Life and Ministry Committee and will serve the DPC for a one-year term.

Enders grew up in Huntington's Sacred Heart Parish community, where she was proud to serve as an altar server and assist with a middle school retreat. For the last three decades she has been active in the Cursillo and Christ Renews His Parish programs. About seven years ago she completed the Lay Ecclesial Ministry Program offered by our diocese which led to one of her most rewarding roles - a ministry at St. Mary's Medical Center, where she served as a Eucharistic minister and spent one evening a week visiting the faithful that were hospitalized at St. Mary's. She said, "I felt as if the Holy Spirit touched the lives of the patients I visited."

She said the words of St. Teresa of Avila speak to her, encouraging her to live like Christ.

Christ has no body but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks
compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

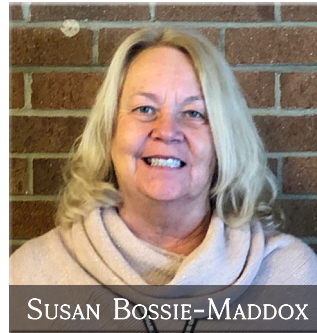
Yours are the hands, through which he blesses all
the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
yours are the eyes, you are his body.

"With all of the problems that have come as the result of the Church's priest scandal, it is very important that the laity work with religious to rebuild the Church," she said. "The Diocesan Pastoral Council is just the beginning of this process and I am very honored to be part of the process."

She added she believes we are all called to serve and spread the joy of Christ in our actions.

"I feel called to be involved with spreading the Good News within our church and community," Enders said. "If I don't participate with church activities, I am not doing what God has called us to do. We just need to take the time to listen to God's whisper that guides us in life."



SUSAN BOSSIE-MADDOX

Bossie-Maddox, of Charleston, is on the Justice and Peace Committee and will sit on the DPC for two years.

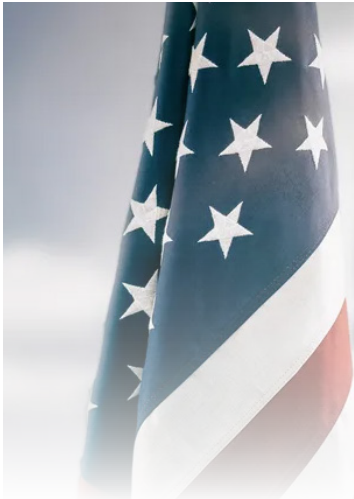
For more than 50 years Susan Bossie-Maddox has attended St. Anthony Parish in Charleston. Her giving heart and selfless compassion

made volunteering a natural fit for her. She taught faith formation classes, while her kids were growing up; headed up the youth group; worked bingo; served fish dinners; and organized the Christmas play and May crowning. To this day she sings in the choir, coordinates funerals and weddings at the church, and volunteers as the event organizer for the church Mardi Gras and Wine tastings. Before the pandemic she helped plan and host Faith, Food, and Fellowship after Mass on Sundays.

She stepped up to help the church by volunteering as a part time parish secretary and even took the priests from India assigned to St. Anthony's under her wing, teaching them how to drive, where to get their Social Security cards, and how and where to buy a dependable car. This doesn't even complete the list of what she does and has done at her parish but looking at her long list of service it is evident her heart belongs to God and the Church. Her hope is others learn from her example, as well as the example of Bishop Brennan by reinstating this council.

"If the Diocese is active the parishes will be active," she said. "We can't live in the past but can change the future. Any change that is meaningful must include all the parts. I get tired of hearing why we can't do something, when we need more people to step up and just do it."





U.S. CELEBRATES 70TH NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

TAKE THE DAY TO GROW IN FAITH AND PRAYER LIFE

While we are used to seeing people gather for a prayer service in honor of the National Day of Prayer on the first Thursday of May every year, take the day a step further and grow in faith and expand your prayer life.

On May 6th we celebrate the 70th National Day of Prayer for America and pray the theme, “Lord, Pour Out Your Love, Life, and Liberty.”

The theme is based on 2Corinthians 3:17, “Now the Lord is the Spirit,* and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”



The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that anytime, anywhere we are free to pray (CCC, 2743), because prayer and Christian life are inseparable (CCC, 2745).

In liturgical theology we reference, *lex orandi, lex credendi*, which means “the law of prayer (is) the law of belief (CCC, 1124).” Prayer is our voice of our faith, a dialogue with God, and our developing a personal relationship with the Trinity. Prayer is how we connect.

In our Catholic faith we are blessed to not only have so many prayers we can pour our hearts and minds into, but we also have a countless army of saints we can call upon to pray with and for us.

Last fall for All Saints Day we shared in our FaithInWV e-bulletin the story presented by Father Mike Schmitz, of the Diocese of Duluth and with Ascension Media. He used the analogy to consider the saints your own personal cheering section in a grueling marathon – one you often want to quit. He said the communion of saints have already run their races, and although they can’t run our race for us, they can pray and intercede for us. “They are on our side.”

So, no matter how exhausted or discouraged we are or how impossible the task at hand may seem, concentrate on prayer and rely on the saints with confidence, knowing they are ready, willing, and able to intercede for us.

Take time to stop your running and pray to God, read the bible, and lean on the saints.

“Give me a man of prayer and he will be capable of everything. He may say with the apostle, ‘I can do all things in him who strengthens me.’” - St. Vincent de Paul.



NEWS FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES WEST VIRGINIA

WELCOMING THE STRANGER

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“I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” – Matthew 25:35

At Catholic Charities West Virginia, we honor the strength and courage of millions of refugees who are forced to flee their native lands due to conflict, violence and persecution.

“We celebrate the spirit and perseverance of those who have been displaced from their homelands and denied the human right to a safe place to live,” said Beth Zarate, Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) President and Chief Executive Officer.

CCWVa works in coordination with government and regulatory agencies to provide refugee resettlement and immigration services to newcomers to West Virginia.

Our refugee case managers assist families with job placement, housing, immigration assistance and other services to help families assimilate to their new communities.



Kellie Rogers, CCWVa Managing Attorney/Director of Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services, provides a client consultation over the phone during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cultural orientation is an important part of the services we provide. Learning about the American culture is essential for newcomers to integrate into our society. By providing cultural orientation, we assist our clients in their journey to success in the United States.

We keep in mind that refugees were at one time self-sufficient in their native countries. They wish to regain that self-sufficiency; we

are here to help them along their journey.

Our team also works closely with volunteers, parishes and sponsors of refugee families. Volunteers are crucial in welcoming refugees and helping them settle and adjust in their new home.

“The Works of Mercy give us a model for how to treat one another,” said Zarate. “Through our Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services program, we are welcoming the stranger and practicing our faith.”

To learn more about Catholic Charities West Virginia, visit www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org.

SS PHILIP AND JAMES THE LESS ~ PRAY FOR US

The feast of Saints Philip and James on May 3 is a day to celebrate two men who chose to be followers of Christ and upon the Resurrection went out into the world to preach the gospel.

Jesus chose both men to be his apostles. Philip is mentioned in the gospel of John. He tells us Philip was from Bethsaida (the same as Andrew and Peter) and was the third man approached by Christ to “Follow me.” He was also the apostle that went to Nathanael and affirmed Jesus was indeed the Messiah “We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, and also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth (John 1:43-51).”

James, who was also called “James the Less,” was either younger or smaller than the other Apostle named James. His mother was close to our Blessed Mother and stood



with her at the cross. Christ appeared to James after His Resurrection. After Christ’s Ascension it was James who went out to begin the Christian church community in Jerusalem. He was the author of the first Epistle and was then referred to as “James the Just.” St. Paul refers to him as one of the

pillars of our faith. In his letter (James 5:13-20) writes about the significance our role in the faith is by specifically addressing the power of prayer, confession, intercession and conversion.

Both men were martyred for the faith. Even though they did not die at the same time or place the Church honors these men together, because their remains/relics were moved and buried at the Basilica of the 12 Holy Apostles in Rome, on the same day.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ MAY 2

First Reading ACTS 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

Responsorial PSALMS 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

R. (26a) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD. The lowly shall eat their fill; they who seek the LORD shall praise him:
"May your hearts live forever!"

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of the nations shall bow down before him.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; before him shall bend all who go down into the dust.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him.
Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Second Reading 1 JOHN 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but indeed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

Alleluia JOHN 15:4a, 5b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel JOHN 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For the Church, that we may continue to blossom on the true vine that is Jesus Christ, exercising true discipleship and bearing fruit in the world, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all those who live in countries or regions where they are persecuted or oppressed, who live in fear of bearing fruit, that justice and peace may bloom in the darkness, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all the newly baptized this Easter season, that they may form strong and fruitful branches on the true vine, let us pray to the Lord. . .

For all who are lonely or isolated, that their connection to the true vine may be sustained and strengthened and they may know their value in God's eyes, let us pray to the Lord. . .

Lord hear our prayer



LET US GO *Rejoicing* TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

PSALM 122

UPDATED GUIDELINES RELEASED

Bishop Mark E. Brennan released updated guidelines for our churches and facilities.

- New Norms for Reopening Parish Facilities for Meetings and Gatherings
- Updated Liturgical Guidelines
- Music Protocols for Liturgical Celebrations

These are available online at www.dwc.org.

Liturgy of the Hours LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Pray the prayer for this day, this hour!

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MASS ONLINE

Saturday 6pm Masses will continue to be livestreamed from the Cathedral of St. Joseph, and will be available on our website each Sunday at DWC.ORG.

Below are four options for enriching your spirit through daily Mass online.

- EWTN airs daily Mass from Our Lady of Angels Chapel, in Irondale, Alabama, at 8am, noon, and 7pm: [HTTPS://WWW.EWTN.COM/TV/WATCH-LIVE](https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live)
- St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York has daily Mass live streamed at 7am: [HTTPS://SAINTPATRICKSCATHEDRAL.ORG/LIVE](https://saintpatrickscathedral.org/live)
- Catholic TV also streams its daily Mass: [HTTP://CATHOLICTV.ORG/MASSES/CATHOLICTV-MASS](http://catholicTV.org/masses/catholicTV-mass)
- Daily Mass Online at Notre Dame' Basilica of the Sacred Heart is live at 11:30 am Monday-Friday: [HTTPS://CAMPUSMINISTRY.ND.EDU/MASS-WORSHIP/BASILICA-OF-THE-SACRED-HEART/WATCH-MASS/SPECIAL-MASSSES/](https://campusministry.nd.edu/mass-worship/basilica-of-the-sacred-heart/watch-mass/special-masses/)